



## MVCC to Participate in National Science Foundation Teacher Education Project

MVCC has been chosen to participate in the National Science Foundation funded project Preparing Tomorrow's Science & Mathematics Teachers at Community Colleges. This project, the second round of a teacher preparation program, is administered by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, in cooperation with the American Association of Community Colleges.

The overarching goal is to expand and enhance community college teacher preparation programs for future K-12 science and mathematics teachers, and identify the best practices within these programs.

Participating colleges were selected competitively. Other selected colleges are located in New York City, Kansas, Texas, Georgia, Michigan, Arkansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Ohio, California, Kentucky and New Mexico. The following abstract from

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## MVCCFaces



### Jeff Gauer, Instructor, Business and Information Technology

Jeff develops and teaches business and management courses at the Utica and Rome campuses. He teaches intro to personal computers, professional selling and database design and management. He joined the college in the Fall 2003. He holds a BA from Virginia Tech, an MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is working on his PhD from Capella University. He enjoys writing, traveling and music composition in his free time. He lives in Rome with his wife Wendy and daughter Laura.



### Audrey Yakuboski, Sr. Typist, Health Services Dept.

Audrey performs secretarial services for the faculty and staff of the dept. such as copying, filing, typing, transcribing, making appointments, setting up meetings, receiving and directing students. She joined the college on January 12th. She lives in Floyd with husband Stanley. Her family includes her mom and dad and daughters Krissy and Shelly, son Jessie and her grandchildren Kelsey, Micah, Brooke, Kalee and Lauren. She has three kitty's Mister, Tabby and Peaches.

\* **10 years ago**, there was no laser angioplasty or atherectomy to remove plaque from arteries and no coronary stents to keep arteries open.

\* **15 years ago**, there were no effective anti-rejection drugs to help heart transplant patients.

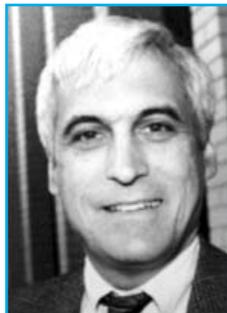
\* **25 years ago**, there was no balloon angioplasty to open clogged arteries.

\* **35 years ago**, there was no CPR to revive heart attack victims, no heart bypass surgery and no coronary care units.

**Research made all this possible, with support from America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk. Join or support "Team MVCC."**

## News from Administrative Services

Vice President Ralph Feola



### 2004-2005 Budget Requests

Forms and instructions for developing 2004-2005 budget requests have been distributed to department heads and directors, and are due to the appropriate vice president or dean by February 27th. Again this year, requests must be tied to the seven College-wide goals. At this point, our budget development is based on several assumptions:

- Student enrollment for 2004-2005 will remain flat based upon the current year's 2003-2004 projection of 4,618 full-time equivalent students.
- The Governor presented a budget calling for a 5% (\$115) reduction in base state aid to community colleges from the present level of \$2,300 to \$2,185 per student funded FTE.
- The full-time tuition rate will increase by one-third of the Higher Education Price Index (.83%) or \$30 to \$2,830, while the part-time rate will remain at \$115 per credit hour.
- At this time, we are projecting the availability of a modest appropriation from the fund balance, approximately \$500,000, to support 2004-2005 operations. However, despite this appropriation and with little or no increase expected from Oneida County, and a possible reduction in State support, revenues may not be sufficient to offset contractual and inflationary increases in the coming year.

The College will, of course, be working with public officials at both the County and State level to seek increased budget support. In the meantime, departments are being asked to approach the 2004-2005 budget development process with appropriate restraint acknowledging the assumptions outlined above.

### Snow Removal and Parking

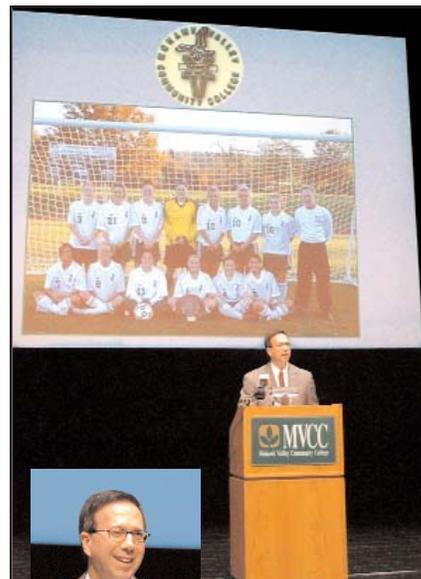
The heavy snow of recent weeks has, as usual, stolen away a number of parking spaces on campus. Recently, members of the Facilities & Operations Department have gone beyond simple plowing, using a payloader to move snow back and open up additional spaces. In the near future, we will be working with the Oneida County DPW to load some of the snow on trucks and remove it from campus completely, to improve the situation even further.

### Peace Officer Legislation

State legislation was approved late last year making it possible for community college security officers to qualify for peace officer status. Peace officers have increased authority including the ability to conduct searches and detain suspects and make arrests. The College is working to develop policies and procedures needed for implementation at MVCC. Those policies and procedures will require Board of Trustees approval.

When candidates for peace officer status on MVCC's Safety & Security staff are identified, they will need to complete an 11-week 320-hour SUNY training program. Examples of topics to be covered in the training will be constitutional and penal law, justification for the use of force, laws pertaining to arrest, search and seizure, interviewing and interrogation, use of appearance tickets, juvenile law, civil liability vehicle and traffic law, domestic violence issues, and others.

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**County Executive Joe Griffo delivered**

**the State of the County Address in the IT Theater last Thursday.**

**Top photo shows the National Champion MVCC Women's Soccer Team.**

## Black History Month Events

### February 17, 2004

AIDS Community Resources will be in A.C.C. 116 from 2-4 p.m. to show the movie "Kevin's Room". This movie focuses on HIV/AIDS awareness for the African-American community.

### February 27, 2004

There will be a luncheon by invitation with speaker John Wesley Daniels in A.C.C. 116 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The topic for the speaker will be the state of education for African-American youth.

### March 6, 2004

There will be an Apollo Night Talent Contest held in the MV Commons from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Students are encouraged to put together "acts" involving poetry, dancing, singing, etc. There will be prizes for the first, second and third place winners.

## **Admin. Svce. News, cont.**

### **Upgrades for Classrooms and Other Areas**

During the break between fall and spring semester, staff members from both Facilities & Operations and Information Technology worked to upgrade seven classrooms in the Utica Campus Academic Building, to give them "smart classroom" capabilities. Each "smart classroom" includes a digital light projector, a PC with PowerPoint for lecture notes and presentations, a PC with Internet connection, a VCR, and stereo sound speakers. The classrooms are AB157, 158, 223, 234, 242, 245 and 246.

New chairs were placed in the Payne Hall Board Room, and tables for the room are being refinished. Carpeting in the Board Room will be replaced due to a manufacturing problem which made it unsatisfactory. Carpeting has also been replaced recently in Room 212 of the Library, and in the office of the Vice President for Instruction.

### **Carpet Cleaning**

Over the past few weeks, Facilities has been involved in routine carpet cleaning in Payne Hall offices. We appreciate your assistance in moving items from the floor to facilitate the cleaning.

### **New Diplomas**

MVCC has begun issuing a new type of diploma to recognize students who graduate with honors. To make maximum use of current supplies, a special honors designation sticker will be added to December 2003 diplomas scheduled for mailing soon, and to diplomas distributed to May 2004 graduates. Sometime after that, a quantity of diplomas imprinted with honors recognition will be purchased and distributed to qualifying students.

## **National Science Foundation Teacher Project, cont.**

MVCC's application for the project describes the planned MVCC activities in more detail:

### **Abstract - National Science Foundation / Phi Theta Kappa Mentor Project**

The fifteen public school districts in Oneida County, New York, have a total population of 38,000 students. A critical need exists for secondary mathematics and science teachers in grades 7-12, with New York State labor statistics indicating that the second largest number of projected net job openings during the next 5-7 years in the Mohawk Valley will be for secondary school teachers. No baccalaureate programs in teacher education/secondary certification are available at public institutions in the region other than the MVCC-SUNY Oneonta jointly registered program, which is for grades 1-6 only.

The SUNY System is cultivating 2-year transfer degree programs in Education through the development of a statewide transfer template. Current research indicates that up to 40% of K-12 teachers come from the community college, with 60% completing their science and mathematics coursework before transfer. MVCC desires a more active participant role in that conduit, identifying students early, providing them with a liberal arts foundation, integrating teacher training into coursework, and encouraging them to attend 4-year SUNY campuses for baccalaureate degree completion.

MVCC is uniquely positioned to engage high school and college students. Proctor High School, located immediately adjacent to the Utica campus, is being radically transformed through the Millennium Project. This comprehensive, urban high school has been reorganized into a career pathways approach with four academies of 600 students each. With a focus on smallness, personalization, safety, equity, relevancy, rigor, and post-secondary programs, Proctor and MVCC are addressing mutual barriers, so that all 9,200 students of the Utica School District would be afforded the requisite skills to enter college and/or the workforce. A similar effort is underway with the Synergy Project in the Rome School District.

MVCC offers several Education courses and has developed a transfer program for childhood and adolescent education. It seeks articulation partners, primarily at SUNY 4-year campuses. Although the Education courses now are offered as electives in the Human Services program under the Liberal Arts: General Studies degree, the new program would identify students as Education majors.

The MVCC action plan includes the following items:

1. Develop an associate degree program in Education based on the SUNY template
2. Establish two or more articulation agreements with SUNY baccalaureate degree programs
3. Create an Education program advisory board
4. Revise designated mathematics and science courses to include educational training objectives
5. Receive departmental and curriculum committee approval of the Education program
6. Receive Board of Trustees and SUNY System approval of the Education program
7. Train the faculty with revised course material and pedagogy, including best practices
8. Identify Proctor High School students who would enter the Education program
9. Restrict course sections in mathematics and physics to Education students, with topics including lesson plans, curriculum weaving, career application points, and practice presentations

## AFLAC Visits

•AFLAC New York will visit the Utica campus on Tuesday, Feb. 17th and 18th from 8:30am-4:30pm, in PH104F. Information sessions for full time employees about AFLAC's Personal Long-Term Care Plan, Personal Accident Expense Plan, Cancer Plan, & Supplemental Dental Insurance. For an appointment call the AFLAC Benefit Specialist William Cole at 363-7200. Walk-ins welcome.



Elizabeth Harrison, a 1998 office technologies grad, is a secretary/transcriptionist at Oxford Medical Imaging.

## Upcoming Events

Monday, 2/16

Drinking Driver Program, 6:00pm-9:00pm, RA302, Rome Campus.

Tuesday, 2/17

AIDS Community Resources presents movie "Kevin's Room," at 2:00pm in ACC 116.

Wednesday, 2/18

Hospitality Dinner, theme-"Adirondack Adventure." Seating begins at 5:45pm in AB 108, Rome Campus. Price is \$18. Call 334-7702 for reservations.

Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Strategies for Success," Noon - 1:00pm; 1:00pm-2:00pm, ACC 116.

Cultural Series Event, LECTURE: "Masterpiece Comics," 9:30am, IT Theater.

Saturday, 2/21

Oneida County Dept. of Traffic Safety Defensive Driving Course, 9:00am-4:00pm, PC 211, Rome Campus.

Men's Basketball vs. Columbia Greene, 2:00pm, Gym.

Women's Basketball vs. Columbia-Greene CC, 4:00pm. Gym. Both the men's and women's games are the final regular season home games.

Sunday, 2/22

"Isn't It Grand?" Dr. Kevin Moore, 3:00pm, IT Theater.

Monday, 2/23

Health Center Automatic External Defibrillator Info Table, 10:00am-Noon, PC Atrium, Rome Campus.

Cultural Series Event: MOVIE, "Persona," 3:30pm, IT Theater.

Tuesday, 2/24

Cultural Series Event: MOVIE, "Persona," 7:00pm, IT Theater.

Wednesday, 2/25

Hospitality Dinner, theme-"Traditional German." Seating begins at 5:45pm in AB 108, Rome Campus. Price is \$18. Call 334-7702 for reservations.

Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Memorization Techniques," Noon - 1:00pm; 1:00pm - 2:00pm, IT 137.

Thursday, 2/26

Cultural Series Event: LECTURE, "Vietnam Then and Now," by Ken Herrmann from SUNY Brockport, 9:30am, IT 225.

Open Mic Night, 7:00pm, ACC 116.

Friday, 2/27

Black History Month Luncheon, 11:30am, ACC 116. By invitation.

DDSO Training for Workers, 9:00am-1:00pm, PCA10, Rome Campus.

## Pianist Kevin Moore to Perform at MVCC February 22nd - Part of "Isn't It Grand?" Concert Series

Dr. Kevin Moore will perform in concert at Mohawk Valley Community College's Utica Campus on Sunday, February 22nd. His performance is part of the "Isn't It Grand?" concert series developed to showcase MVCC's new Steinway Model D concert grand piano. The concert is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. in the Theater, in the Information Technology/Performing Arts/Conference Center Building.

Dr. Moore is the brother of the late Professor Ted Moore of the MVCC Mathematics Department.

The program will include pieces by Chopin and DeBussy, including Chopin's "Funeral March Sonata," Mazurkas and etudes, and the DeBussy pieces "Joyous Isle" and "Reflections in the Water."

Dr. Moore holds degrees from the Crane School of Music and the Manhattan School of Music. He has performed extensively throughout central New York, including full-length solo recitals and many chamber music, choral and vocal programs. He has performed at Carnegie Hall, and appears often in the Syracuse area under the auspices of Civic Morning Musicals, Syracuse Camerata, Syracuse Vocal Ensemble, and Syracuse Society for New Music.

He is Professor of Music at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, and is a studio associate at the Setnor School of Music at Syracuse University.

There is a suggested \$10 donation for the February 22nd concert. All musicians in the concert series are donating their services. Concert proceeds will be used to help meet the purchase cost of the Steinway Model D concert grand piano.