# Communitas

MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter February 2nd, 2004



## **MVCCFaces**

#### Bob Musante, English Instructor

Bob teaches English I and II, developmental writing and report writing. He also does advisement.

Bob began teaching here last semester, but has 10 years experience teaching at various levels.

He holds a BA in Political Science, and an MA in English from Clemson; a teaching certificate in English for grades 7-12 from Southern Connecticut State University, and an ABD from Middle Tennessee State University. He's currently working on his dissertation.

He is a member of the Summer Institute committee.

He received the Smith Award for Academic Excellence as a grad student from MTSU; a Doctoral fellowship from MTSU. He has published over 50 poems, a book of sonnets and two essays entitled "Touching Earth and

He is currently fine tuning two full length manuscripts.

Last fall he participated in Reader's Theater's "Transformations"; he also enjoys chess, swimming, tennis, raquette ball, and hiking.

He lives in New Hartford with his wife Karen and son Robert Joseph IV.





#### Steve Getchell, Instructor, Life Science dept.

Steve teaches biology, and environmental science; which include field trips to the Utica marsh and the Rome sand plains.

He has taught at the College parttime for many years, and had four term appointments before becoming full-time in September.

He holds an MPP in land planning and environmental science; a BL in landscape architecture; and a BS in environmental studies from SUNY ESF. He also holds a respiratory therapy certificate from MVCC.

He is on the campus beautification committee and the PA's LAP, political action and community outreach committees.

In his spare time he enjoys reading, gardening and brewing beer. He lives in Munnsville with wife Dianne. He has two sons; Devin and Erich.

## Become Part of MVCC's 1st Annual Heart Run & Walk Team!

(Let's Beat HCCC, SUNYIT!!)

MVCC is forming a team to participate in this year's Heart Run & Walk, on Saturday, February 28th, and you're invited! Donna Lee Sawyer is team captain.

#### How the Funds You Raise Will Be Used

The College's participation will help fight heart disease, stroke, and related ailments by supporting research and educational efforts at both the local and national levels. Heart disease has been the nation's #1 killer since 1919, and currently claims approximately 960,000 Americans every year.

A special focus for the team's efforts is to recognize Heart Run & Walk Inspirational Honoree Sarah Milograno, 12 years old, niece of Maryanne Milograno, Center for Community & Economic Development. Sarah has had four open-heart surgeries since the age of two.

The team is also committed to topping the funds raised by our colleagues at HCCC and SUNYIT in a friendly competition, and to have a larger team of walkers and runners. You can also just participate in the collection of pledges or contribute in the name of Team MVCC.

College employees will be joined by students -- members of Phi Theta Kappa and Student Congress as members of the team.

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#### News from Student Services

#### Vice President Denise DiGiorgio

#### Health Center

New York State has once again mandated a requirement that has College nurses all across the state crazy. Now, in addition to the MMR requirement that we have had since 1990, we now must inform all students about meningitis. Informing also means that



all students must sign a statement saying they received the information and either 1) decline to have the inoculation or 2) will get the inoculation and submit proof. Failure to have this information on file in the Health Center will result in an administrative withdrawal from all classes on February 19th.

The defibrillators have arrived on campus. With their arrival comes training and very specific protocols on record keeping and monitoring of their use. A committee is working hard to get the protocols and training accomplished as quickly as possible. Several recent articles document that defibrillators do indeed save lives. Location of their availability and trained staff names will be shared with the entire campus.

Dr. Dang continues to be our staff physician. He is available in the Health Center on Thursday afternoons beginning at 3:30pm.

#### Marketing

Our most recent target markets for January were reverse transfers and the part-time student. You may have seen a commercial, heard a radio ad or seen one of the advertisements in the cinema, at the mall or in a local newspaper. What we have learned is that continuity of slogan and pictures/graphics is important. The MVCCFirst is being used in our marketing efforts, when applicable. The Marketing team is now focusing on strategies, taglines, and messages for the traditional age student (recent high school graduate), parents and high school guidance officers.

#### WebDesign

Work continues on the task of designing a new site for the College. Unfortunately, the way in which the current site was designed makes it impossible to infuse the "new" with the "old." We are all too aware that many aspects of the current site are not user-friendly and information is very difficult to find. Easy navigation and links without pages and pages of text is top priority for the new site. The timetable calls for a new site to be active on August 1. Web design is an ongoing activity and therefore additional features to the site will be added after that date.

#### Housing

We will soon be breaking ground for a new 155-bed Residence Hall on the far side of the Dormitory Quad. Occupancy is expected in the Fall of 2005. Renovations on the remaining two existing dorms will continue this summer with cable TV, new doors, new overhead lighting and soundproofing between rooms. These are just some of the projects that will complete the close to \$1million in renovations. The Housing office continues to work from a fairly large waiting list each Fall. The "New Hall" will feature 5-bed clusters with a shared bathroom and a small, but private living area. It is our intention to offer this as second year housing, allowing us to accommodate additional freshmen.

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#### Heart Run and Walk, cont.

#### Buy a "Heart" Card"

You may also purchase a "heart card." Cards will be on sale at the cash register in the MV Commons, the Utica campus Bookstore, the Office for Services to Students with Disabilities and CCED. On the Rome campus, you can pick one up in Dean Smith's office. Student Congress may also have a table on campus to sell the "heart" cards. After you put your name on the cards, they will be displayed on bulletin boards on both campuses.

Information on registration and pledges will be made available shortly, or feel free to contact a team member.

Members of the committee include: Dennis Rahn, Student Activities; Luther Riedel, Humanities Department, Gary Broadhurst, Athletics/Physical Education, Fritz Barns and Cathy Paul of the Office of Institutional Advancement, Donna Yaghy and Eileen Dailey of the President's Office, Bob Lacell, Public Information, Lynn Igoe, Office for Services to Students with Disabilities, Maryanne Milograno, CCED, Patty Fox, Vice President for Instruction's Office and Nancy Gerzonich of Human Resources.

### Is My Drinking Risky?

Do you sometimes wonder if you're drinking too much too often? Has drinking caused you problems with school, personal relationships or the law? Take a few minutes to check out your concerns at www.alcoholscreening.org. It's a quick and easy online test to let you know where you stand with your drinking habits. It's a service of Join Together, a project of the Boston University School of Public Health and is completely private and confidential----you don't have to identify yourself. If you find you need or want help with a drinking problem, contact the Counseling Center, (792-5326) make an appointment to see Gary Cohen, Substance Abuse Coordinator.

#### Student Services News, cont.

#### July Scheduling

Mark your calendars. The week of July 26th will be Freshmen Orientation. Last year, over 5 days, we scheduled close to 800 freshmen. We hope to exceed that number this year. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please let me know.

Health Center MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) Vaccination Clinic Wednesday, February 11th 1:00pm-3:00pm, ACC 104

Cost: Sliding fee scale- The following insurance are NOT accepted: AETNA, Blue Care Plus, Child Health Plus, Empire, HMO Blue Option, Equitable Life, Liberty Mutual, MetraHealth (Empire), MVP, PHP, Prudential and Travelers Insurance.



The Rector of a community college in Vietnam spent four days in the area January 26-29, braving the temperatures to learn about our community college. He had an opportunity to meet faculty and staff, tour facilities such as the nursing and cadaver labs, IT computer classrooms, and visit two ESL classes. He also took a tour of a local manufacturing facility, Fiber Instrument Sales in Oriskany, a company that uses the services of CCED.

Mr. Trung was invited here by Dr. Sandy Engel, who spent last Spring as a Fulbright scholar at his college advising on the development of community colleges.

January 6, 2004

Hello Faculty,

We hope you had a restful Holiday time and are already taking off.

As colleagues, we need your assistance in identifying students "AT RISK". As in past semesters, we want to draw your attention to the needs of our students in the areas of a) severe depression, b) self-injurious behavior, and c) domestic violence and excessive absences. These problems are in addition to those students facing the more moderate problems of lack of educational directions, relationships, adjustment and general stress. If you become aware of students who seem lost or in need of our services, PLEASE refer them to the Counseling Center.

If available, Counselors will come to the student in any emergency situations; to your class or office. Counselors are also able to visit classes to discuss transfer options, study skills or other counseling issues. If you would like us to speak to your class, or if you would like to have your class meet in our Counseling Center Resource Room in Payne Hall, we will do our best to meet your schedule. We also have a part-time staff member from the Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism/Addiction, Gary Cohen, an MVCC graduate, to address substance abuse and offer personal guidance.

We thank you for your support and hope we can count on your assistance in identifying "at risk" students. Please be aware of EARLY ABSENCES, as these patterns are often early indicators of problems that could inhibit academic success, and that is why we're ALL here! Help us get to these students to address and assist in their problems, BEFORE mid terms. Just give us a call or e-mail! Let us help you teach!

Thank you,

Maimun Khan, EdM in Counseling x5485
James Maio, MS Ed in Counseling Psychology, x5401
Mary Percacciante, MS in Counseling ED, x5576
Gary Cohen, Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism/Addictions, x5380
Rose Button, MS Ed/ Counseling, Assistant Dean of Campus Life x5325
Joanna Clark, Counseling Secretary, x5326

## **Upcoming Events**

Monday, 2/2

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

Tuesday, 2/3

Men's Basketball vs. Herkimer CCC, 7:00pm, Gym.

Wednesday, 2/4

Department of Art student exhibit opening, 4:30pm-6:00pm, IT Small Works Gallery and library on the Utica campus. Exhibit ends Feb. 27th.

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

Thursday, 2/5

Cultural Series Event: LECTURE: "Experience Taiwan at First-Hand, by Dr. John Rosicky, 3:00pm, IT 225.

Women's Basketball vs. Fulton-Montgomery CC, 7:00pm, Gym.

Saturday, 2/7

Men's Basketball vs. Adirondack CC, 2:00pm, Gym.

Sunday, 2/8

Ice Hockey vs. Monroe CC, 2:00pm, Utica Aud.

"Isn't It Grand?" concert with the Rick Montalbano Trio, 3:00pm, It Theater. Suggested donation, \$10 at the door.

Women's Basketball vs. Morrisville State, 2:00pm, Gym.

Monday, 2/9

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

Wednesday, 2/11

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

Thursday, 2/12

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

Men's Basketball vs. SUNY Delhi, 7:00pm, Gym.

Saturday, 2/14

Women's Basketball vs. Hudson Valley, 1:00pm, Gym.



Heather Berger, a 2001 liberal arts & sciences: humanities & social science grad, is a commercial buyer for JGB Enterprises.

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