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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter March 22nd 2004

Second After Hours Reception A Success

The Spring (well almost Spring) employee celebration was a great success thanks to the efforts of many people. Special thanks to all those who prepared the delicious food and drink – Fritz Barns, Toni Carbone; Delores Caruso, Denise DiGiorgio, Patty Fox ,Donna Yaghy, Gabriel Melendez, President Schafer, Celia Domser, Bill Newman, Alina Gruebel, Janet Visalli, Claudia Hartz and Pam Nigro who coordinated all the food tables as well as Jim Suriano and the Sodexho folks. Thanks to those who donated prizes including Helen Madden, Toni Carbone, Jonathan Meeter, Delores Caruso, Ann DiFabio, Jerry Pecorello and the MVCC Bookstore, the MVCC Foundation, Dave Warren, Pepsi, Casa Too Mucha,(thanks to Fritz) Rio Grande (thanks to Joe Basi) Piggy Pat's Barbecue(thanks to Don Willner), Joey's Restaurant (thanks to Pam Nigro), and Marr Logg House (thanks to Delores Caruso.) Thanks to the PA for a monetary donation as well as to a number of MVCC employees who made donations. Mary Ellen Hart made the place truly look festive and David Katz and his wife inspired us with their wonderful dance. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Devin Garramone Band and hopefully, if you think this type of thing is a good idea we'll have another event in the Fall.

"Not Just a Pretty Face"

Photo by Jill Atkinson

Photography Exhibit

In Honor of Women's History Month

Opening Reception

Wednesday, March 31

3:00pm -5:00pm, Payne Hall Lobby

Photographs by MVCC Photography Students

Baseball, Soccer, Softball and Basketball Summer Camps Announced at MVCC

MVCC will hold several youth sports camps this summer on its Utica Campus.

A baseball camp for boys aged 7-15 is scheduled for July 26th-30th. The camp will operate from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day, under direction of MVCC baseball coach Dave Warren, and former MVCC coach Joe Milazzo, who has also coached at other colleges and at Notre Dame High School and for Adrean Post American Legion. Members of MVCC's current baseball team will also be on hand to work with campers. Camp t-shirts will be presented, along with special achievement awards in each age group. There is an $80 fee.

A softball camp for girls aged 7-15 will take place July 19th-23rd, also 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Dave Warren will direct the camp, assisted by Joe Milazzo. The fee is $80.

A soccer camp for both boys and girls aged 7-13 is planned for July 12th-16th, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. each day. MVCC men's veteran soccer coach Bob Gould will direct the camp, assisted by a number of other college and high school coaches and collegiate soccer players. The camp will include basic and small group skills, team tactics, small-sided camp games and full field games. Each camper will also receive a soccer ball and camp t-shirt. There is an $80 fee. For teams of five or more players, the fee will be reduced to $70 per camper.

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MVCC STUDENT AWARDED RPI MEDAL

Carole F. Bakhos, a second year student in the Engineering Science program at Mohawk Valley Community College was recently awarded the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Professor Joseph H. Smith, Jr. '45 Engineering Science Medal.

Bakhos is one of 25 community college students nationwide to receive this year's medal from RPI, in Troy, New York. The award recognizes excellence in engineering and science, and carries a minimum scholarship of $5,000 per year, should the student decide to continue their education at the college. Bakhos is the daughter of Fersan and Jacqueline Bakhos of 927 Mary Street, Utica.

MVCC's Associate Degree in Engineering Science provides students with the first two years of a bachelor's degree in a wide range of engineering fields including civil, mechanical, chemical, electrical, aerospace, petroleum, industrial and nuclear engineering.

Faculty and staff participate in last week's Wellness Fair

Highlights of Trustees' March 15th Meeting

During their regular monthly meeting on March 15th, the MVCC Board of Trustees took the following actions:

o Approved minutes of their February 16th regular meeting.

o Approved the Treasurer's report, including warrants and expenditures for college operation during January. They also approved Budget Amendment #3 to the 2003-2004 Operating Budget. The amendment increased the current year operating budget by $81,282. The increase includes two new grants: Coordination of MVCC/BOCES Nursing Career Ladder, SABA ($30,288), and NSF Building Excellence for Federal Cyber Service, Utica College ($24,247), and an amendment to increase funding under the FY'04 Perkins III VATEA grant ($26,747).

o Ratified appointment of the following individuals as members of the College's adjunct faculty for the Spring 2004 semester:

- James Doherty, to teach Child Development (ED205) for the Psychology, Human Services & Education department. He is a former psychotherapist and group facilitator at Cayuga Counseling Services, a former psychology instructor at Cazenovia College, and is currently employed in training and teaching for the NY State Office of Mental Health. He holds a B.A. in Psychology from Southern Illinois University, and an M.S.W. in Clinical Social Work from Syracuse University.

-Mary Jo Ferrare, to teach Study Reading and Reading Techniques for the Humanities Department. She also teaches English, writing and composition at MVCC and at Hamilton College. She holds a B.A. from Hamilton in Women's Studies/Environmental Studies.

- Robert Fransman, to teach Computer Operating Systems & Environment for the Business & Information Technology Department. He holds a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from SUNY Alfred, an M.S. in the same discipline from Alfred University, and is Microsoft-certified.

- David Gallagher, to teach History of Civilization 1 for the Social Sciences Department. He holds an MVCC Associate degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies, a B.A. in History from Hartwick College, and an M.A. in History from the University of Massachusetts. He also serves as a writing tutor at MVCC.

- Thomas J. Gannon, to teach Principles of Microeconomics for the Business & Information Technology Department. He is employed as manager of finance and business for ACS Government Education Services, Inc, and holds a B.A. degree in Economics from St. John Fisher College.

- Elizabeth Hawley, to teach Digital Photography 2 for the Art Department. A professional photographer with her own studio, she holds a B.F.A. degree in Fine Arts/Photography from The College of St. Rose.

- Correne M. Holmes, to teach ED155 Teaching Assistant/Paraeducator for the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. A teacher in the Academic Intervention Services program of the Utica City School District, she holds an A.A.S. degree in Human Services from MVCC, and two degrees from SUNY Cortland, a B.S. in Elementary Education and an M.S. in reading.

- Eugene l. Horst, Jr., to teaching MT107 Basic Machine Shop for the Engineering Technologies & The Trades Department. A former manager of process engineering for Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company, he is currently manager of manufacturing for the Riverhawk Company. He is an MVCC graduate, with an A.A.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He also holds a B.S. from SUNYIT in Industrial Engineering, and an M.S. from SUNY Binghamton, also in Industrial Engineering.

- Peter E. Howe, to teaching Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics for the Business & Information Technology Department. He

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holds an M.S. degree in Management from SUNY Oswego, and an M.A. degree in Economics from Syracuse University, where he has taught for several years.

- Dr. Carlo LoGalbo, to teach Elementary Italian 1 for the Humanities Department. He successfully completed the Italian Proficiency Exam for the University of Bologna, where he earned both Ph.D. and M.D. degrees. He is an interpreter in Italian for local industry, and is an approved sub-teacher for several area public high schools. He previously taught in the medical field at the University of Miami and at the Ministry of Health in the Marshall Islands.
- Andrew J. Longway, to teach MT107 Basic Machine Shop for the Engineering Technologies & The Trades Department. An associate engineer at the Riverhawk Company, he is a graduate of two MVCC Associate degree programs, Mechanical Engineering Technology and Drafting Technology. He also holds a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from SUNYIT.
- Nancy W. Mandry, to teach Introduction to College English for the Humanities Department. She holds a B.S. from Syracuse University in English, and an M.A. degree from SUNY Cortland in Reading. She is retired from the Audio Visual Department at Utica College, where she also teaches English and Freshman Seminar.
- Mark Montgomery, to teach PY212 Adolescent Psychology for the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. He also works as an education and supportive services counselor at Hamilton College, and teaches on a part-time basis at SUNY Morrisville and Oneida County BOCES. An MVCC graduate, with an A.A.S. degree in Human Services, he also holds a B.A. degree in Psychology from SUNYIT and an M.S. degree in Education from the University of New England.
- Michael Oriolo, to teach Concepts in Mathematics from the Mathematics Department. A fulltime faculty member at HCCC, in mathematics, he holds a B.S. degree in Mathematics Education from Manhattan College, and an M.S. degree in Mathematics from SUNY Cortland.
- Maria Sabatini, to teach Introduction to Sociology for the Social Sciences Department. An MVCC graduate, with an A.A.S. degree in Media Marketing & Management, she also holds two degrees from SUNYIT, a B.A. in Sociology, and an M.S. in Business Management.
- James W. Sutliff, to teach MT240 Auto CAD for the Engineering Technologies & The Trades Department. Previously an engineering employee for General Electric Co and D.C. Power Products/New Hartford Sheet Metal, he holds an A.S. degree in Physics from HCCC.
- Charles H. Williams, to teach MT170 Oxy-Acetylene Welding Procedures for the Engineering Technologies & The Trades Department. He has been employed at MVCC since 1978 as a technical assistant in Welding, and holds a certificate from the Combined Welding program at the Career Development Center.

o Ratified the probationary appointment of Lisa K. Rieth as Laboratory Assistant in the Health Services Department. She is a Registered Nurse, and a graduate of MVCC's Associate degree program in Nursing. She is also an emergency room staff nurse at Faxton Hospital, and held a similar position previously at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

o Approved an amendment to the College Staffing Plan to create a grant-funded position of program assistant in the Center for Community & Economic Development. Under terms of a customized employment grant from the Workforce Improvement Board, the program assistant will help students with disabilities with job placement as they graduate.

o Approved a resolution increasing the full-time student activity fee of $5 per semester, to $65, and allocating the existing part-time student activity fee of $1

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Sports Camps, cont.

The girls' basketball camp will take place from June 28th through July 2nd and the boys' camp will follow from July 6th through July 10th. Both camps run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and have a $115 fee. MVCC men's basketball coach Phil Gaffney will lead both camps. His 2003-2004 MVCC's men's basketball team compiled a 22-8 record, including an appearance in the NJCAA Region III championship tournament.

To receive a free brochure or to register for a camp, contact Therese Vella at X5472.

MVCC First

Mark Montgomery, Human Services, 1998, is now an Education & Supportive Services Counselor at Hamilton College. Also holds a B.A. in Psychology from SUNYIT, and an MS in Education from University of New England.

Trustees, cont.

per credit hour in its entirety to Student Congress. The additional $5 full-time fee will support cultural programming at the College; its use will be overseen by a group including equal representation from the Student Congress and the Cultural Committee. The change in the part-time fee will allow its use for all student activities, not only those specifically designed for part-time students. Both changes take effect in the Fall of 2004.

President Schafer reported to the Board that he has received a letter of resignation from Stephen McDaniel of the Purchasing Office , and letters of retirement from Don Reese, executive director of the Center for Community & Economic Development and Assistant Professor Mark Kotary of the Engineering, Computer & Physical Sciences Department, and that Samuel Smith would be leaving the position of Dean of the Rome Campus later this year. The Trustees authorized each of the positions for filling, and directed that qualified candidates be sought.

President Schafer also made a presentation, including photos, on problem areas in the physical plant at the Rome Campus and discussed potential remedies as envisioned in the master plan. No action was taken on the plan pending development of additional cost information.

A proposed policy and set of procedures pertaining to Peace Officer status for selected Campus Security Officers was lodged with the Board for action at their April meeting.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 3/24

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

Thursday, 3/25

"Toaster Ovens to White-out: Women Inventors," 11:00am,PH 212,

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

Saturday, 3/27

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

SUNY Cortland SAVE Workshop, 9:00am-11:15am, PC 217, Rome Campus.

Sunday, 3/28

"Isn't It Grand?" The Four-Hands Concert with Bruce Smith and Joann Geller, Colleen Pellman and Joyce Ucci, 3:00pm, IT Theater. Suggested Donation is $10.

Monday, 3/29

Cultural Series Event: MOVIE: "Swimming Pool," 3:30pm, IT Theater. Admission is $2 with MVCC ID; $4 without.

Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism Drinking Driver Program, 6:00pm-9:00pm, AB302, Rome Campus.

Tuesday, 3/30

Cultural Series Event: MOVIE: "Swimming Pool," 7:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is $2 with MVCC ID; $4 without.

Wednesday, 3/31

"Not Just a Pretty Face," photography exhibit opening, 3:00pm-5:00pm, PH Lobby.

Brown Bag Lunch Series, theme: "Preventing Plagiarism, " Noon and 1:00pm, ACC 116.

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

Thursday, 4/1

Women's Softball vs. SUNY Cobleskill, 3:00pm.

Lacrosse vs. Herkimer CCC, 4:00pm.

Friday, 4/2

Cultural Series Event: CONCERT: "Charlie Hunter Trio," 8:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is $4 with MVCC ID; $8 without.

Saturday, 4/3

Men's Baseball vs. Schenectady CC, 1:00pm, Murnane Field.

Sunday, 4/4

"Isn't It Grand?" Local Musicians, Maestro Charles Schneider, Carleton Boone, W. Anthony Mandour, M.DD., and Vivian Harvey Slater, 3:00pm, IT Theater. Suggested Donation is $10.

Women's Softball vs. Hudson Valley CC, 1:00pm.

Men's Baseball vs. Columbia Greene CC, 1:00pm, Murnane Field.