

# Communitas



MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

March 8th 2004

## Poet Li-Young Lee to Read from his Works at MVCC

Poet Li-Young Lee will read from his works during a special appearance at Mohawk Valley Community College's Utica Campus at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11th. The event is open to the public in the Theater, in the Information Technology/Performing Arts/Conference Center Building. There is a \$3 admission charge for the general public, \$2 for students. His poems have appeared in a variety of major literary journals, including American Poetry Review, Grand Street, The Iowa Review, Ironwood, and Tri-Quarterly.

Rose, his first book of poems, was awarded New York University's Delmore Schwartz Memorial Poetry Award. The City in Which I Love You, his second collection, was The Academy of American Poets' Lamont Poetry Selection for 1990.

Li-Young Lee was born in 1957 in Jakarta, Indonesia, of Chinese parents. In 1969 his father, after spending a year as a political prisoner in President Sukarno's jails, fled Indonesia with his family. Between 1959 and 1964 they traveled throughout Hong Kong, Macao and Japan before arriving in the United States.

## MVCCFaces

### Morris Pearson, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Services.

Maintains and implements student conduct policies and procedures; acts as college conduct officer and supplemental conduct officer for the residence halls; acts as a liaison with Auxiliary Services Corporation and the campus food vendor, Sodexo. Assists the VP in organizing commencement and special projects.

Began as placement director in Dec. 2002, and began working in current position on Feb. 17th.

He holds an AAS in Data Processing from MVCC; a BS in Business Public Management from SUNY IT. He plans on pursuing a Masters in Social Policy through SUNY Empire State College.

Morris is a member of the United Way of Greater Utica Board of Directors, MV Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors for the School and Business Alliance, the Utica Neighborhood Housing Board, the Young Scholars Advisory Board, and he is the President of the Utica Kiwanis Club.

He is the Young Peoples President for the Holy Temple Church. He has received several awards and honors throughout the years. He lives in Utica.



## MVCC Women's History Month Events

**March 10:** "From Rosie the Riveter to Harriet the Happy Homemaker," [MVCC Cultural Series event], IT 225, 2:00 p.m.

**March 25:** "Toaster Ovens to White-out: Women Inventors," PH 212, 11:00 a.m.

**March 31:** "Not Just a Pretty Face," Payne Hall Lobby, photography exhibit, opening reception, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

## In Tribute: Willard R. Peterson, Jr.



The MVCC community was saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Willard R. Peterson, Jr. in November, 2003. Mr. Peterson, or "Pete" as he was affectionately known by his colleagues, retired from MVCC's Engineering Technologies and Trades Department in May, 1997 after ten years of service, but continued as an adjunct instructor from the spring of 1997 until the fall of 2000.

Willard Peterson joined MVCC as a full time instructor in 1987, following his retirement as an electrical engineer from Rome Air Development Center. His extensive background in RF and microwaves brought significant enhancements to the telecommunications courses in the department, and this knowledge was of great value to the college in the development of guidelines for the Verizon NextStep Telecommunications Technology degree program at MVCC.

A forward thinking and highly motivated individual, Mr. Peterson's vision was also responsible for the introduction of Fiber Optics courses to the electrical service technology program offerings and for the eventual creation of the Fiber Optics Degree Option in the Electrical Service Technology program. Mr. Peterson collaborated with local leaders in the fiber optic industry to determine needs, develop partnerships, and cultivate the necessary competencies in his students for future employment in the field. His continuing interests in upgrading his own skills through professional development activities resulted in his regularly updating courses within the department to meet changes as the technology changed. These efforts enabled him to teach a diverse breadth of technology courses.

From Telecommunications to Wiring and Codes to Digital Logic, when the need arose, "Pete" would call upon his experience and energy to prepare and provide a course with his trademark "hands-on" approach to technical education that was appreciated by his students, colleagues, and employers alike. His students knew him to be accessible and genuinely interested in them, and his colleagues could always count on him to be genuinely interested in working for the mutual improvement of our programs, and ready to contribute. Our gratitude goes to him for his many contributions to the Technologies and the Trades programs at MVCC, and our sympathies go to his friends and family on his passing.



## MVCC Raises Funds for the American Heart Association

With over 40 people registered, Team MVCC raised approximately \$2000.00 for the American Heart Association.

Those who participated were: **Ann Smallen, Julie Dewan, Don Willner, Lori Hodge, Rosemary Mink, Michele Hare, John Wittenmyer, Shawn Ortis, Pam Evans, John Evans, Maryanne Milograno, Jerome Brown, Nancy Gerzonich, Marissa George, Donna Sawyer, Catherine Paul, Barbara Scantlebury, Stephen Frisbee, Diana Wilcox, Eileen Dailey, Dennis Rahn, Jim Harpis, Ivan Smith, Donna Yaghy, Doreen Nicholls, Ruth Drews, Lynn Igoe, Cynthia and Anthony Villanti, Anne Perry, Jerimi Walker, Robert Lacell, Santiago Machuca, Kathy Kelly, Mike Sewell, Fritz Barns, Chad Williams, William David, Mariane Buttenshon, Randall White, Mary Hartz, Margaret Decker, John Rosicky.**



The students of Kiddie Campus react to a surprise visitor: the Cat in the Hat.



Royal Smith takes a big bite of green eggs and ham.

## Kiddie Campus Celebrates Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Last Tuesday, the Kiddie Campus Child Care Center celebrated the 100th Birthday of Dr. Seuss' with a visit from the Cat in the Hat and a special breakfast of green eggs and ham.

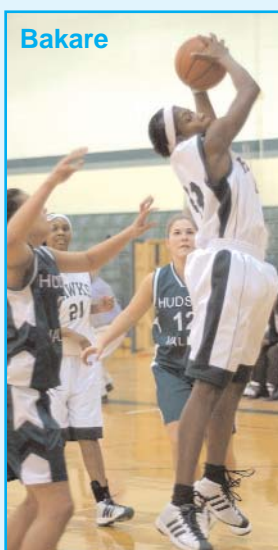
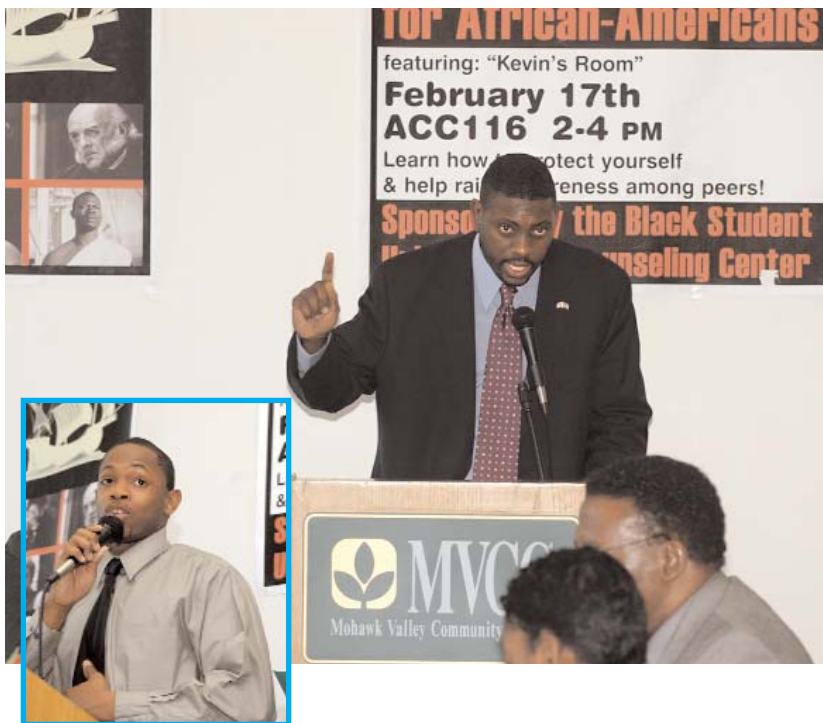


Xavier Dart meets the Cat in the Hat as Kiara Henderson and Terry Kipers Szatko look on.

## College Community Celebrates Black History Month

On Friday, Feb. 27th, over 100 people attended a Black History Month Luncheon in 116 of the Alumni College Center. Speaker John Wesley Daniels (far right) gave a motivational speech on the state of education for African American youth. Student Lashawn Jasper (right) sang "Lift Every Voice And Sing" the Negro National Anthem.

Other events that rounded out the celebration were the showing of the movies "Amistad," "Malcolm X," and "Kevin's Room." On Saturday, March 6th, an Apollo Night Talent Show was held in the MV Commons.



Bakare

## Post-Season Honors for MVCC Women's Basketball Players

Several members of the women's basketball team have been selected for post-season honors. The Hawks compiled a 29-2 record, including a one-point loss in the NJCAA Region III Championship game last weekend.

Senior Eniola Bakare of Staten Island was named Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference Player of the Year and was selected for the All-Conference First Team. She was also selected for the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region III Tournament First Team, and was runner-up for Player of the Year in Region III. During the first week of February, she was selected as the NJCAA Division III Player of the Week nationwide. A 5' 11" forward, Bakare closed out her MVCC career with a school record 978 points and 955 rebounds. She is studying sports medicine in the College's Liberal Arts & Sciences curriculum.

Freshman Natasha Box of Brooklyn was named to the Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference and NJCAA Region III Second Teams, setting single game and season records for assists. A 5' 2" guard, Box is an accounting major at MVCC.

Freshman Clarissa Newton of Albany was also named to the NJCAA Region III All-Tournament First Team. A 6-foot forward, she also established school records for blocked shots in a game, season and career. She is enrolled in MVCC's business management program.

Freshman Latoya Coley of Brooklyn was named to the Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference Second Team, and the NJCAA Region III All-Tournament Second Team. She was named MVP in two tournaments during the 2003-2004 season. She is an office technologies student.

The MVCC Hawks set a school record with 21 consecutive wins, and fewest losses, with two. Hawks Coach Robert Allison was named Coach of the Year in both the Mountain Valley Collegiate Conference and NJCAA Region III. Crystal Bass and Tom Torchia served as assistant coaches. During Allison's first two years as the MVCC head coach, the Hawks have compiled a 59-7 record.



## Upcoming Events

Monday, 3/8

Cultural Series Event: MOVIE: "Matchstick Men," 3:30pm, IT Theater. Admission is \$2 with MV ID; \$4 without.

SAVE School Violence Prevention Course, 4:00pm-6:00pm, PC A10, Rome campus.

Tuesday, 3/9

Cultural Series Event: MOVIE: "Matchstick Men," 7:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is \$2 with MV ID; \$4 without.

CCED Computer Security Seminar, 8:30am-4:00pm, Wednesday, 3/10

Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Making Decisions About Your College Career," Noon - 1:00pm; 1:00pm - 2:00pm, ACC 116.

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

Cultural Series Event: LECTURE: "From Rosie the Riveter to Harriet the Happy Homemaker: Women On Screen During And After World War II," 2:00pm, IT 225.

Thursday, 3/11

Cultural Series Event: POETRY READING: "Li-Young Lee," 7:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is \$2 with ID; \$3 without.

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

RSAA St. Patrick's Day Party, 12:30pm-2:30pm, PC Atrium, Rome campus.

Sunday, 3/14

"Isn't It Grand?" with David Kim, 3:00pm, IT Theater. Suggested Donation is \$10.

Tuesday, 3/16

Ted Moore Memorial Exceptional Senior Basketball Games; women at 6:00pm, men at 7:30pm, Gym.

Sunday, 3/21

"Isn't It Grand?" with Monk Rowe, 3:00pm, IT Theater. Suggested Donation is \$10.

## DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NOTICE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

### THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

February 13, 2004

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

**TO:** All Concerned Individuals

**FROM:** Mr. Thomas F. Egan, Chairman, Board of Trustees  
State University of New York

#### **DATE, PLACE AND TIME:**

March 16, 2004 (In conjunction with the March, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting)  
Federal Court Room, Third Floor, State University Plaza, Albany, NY  
(This facility permits barrier-free access to the physically handicapped.) 3:00 p.m.

#### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the State University of New York Board of Trustees Public Hearing is to receive testimony and statements from concerned individuals about university-wide issues only.

#### **IN ORDER TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE HEARING:**

1. Persons wishing to present prepared testimony to the Board are requested to write to Mr. John J. O'Connor, Vice Chancellor and Secretary of the University, State University Plaza, Albany, New York 12246; such communication to be received no later than noon on Friday, March 12, 2004. In your letter, please identify in a brief fashion the subject of your testimony and provide Mr. O'Connor with a telephone number, as well as an address, so that he can confirm that you have a reserved place on the agenda. Such testimony will be limited to five minutes, and the speakers will be requested to provide six copies of their written testimony to the Hearing Registration Officer on the day of the Hearing.
2. Persons who wish to make brief extemporaneous comments (no more than three minutes) are requested to file their names with the Hearing Registration Officer on the day of the Hearing. Time for such comments will be set aside at the end of the Hearing, and such persons will be called upon in the order in which they register with the Hearing Registration Officer.

