Communitas

MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter October 11th, 2004

MVCCFaces

Mary T. Noti, Senior Typist, Center for Community and Economic Development

Mary provides clerical support for CCED.
She began working on Oct. 4th.
She worked for 9 years for the Oneida County Health dept.
She holds an AAS in Court Stenography from Herkimer County Community College.
In her spare time, she enjoys walking, reading and traveling with her husband, Frank.

Mohawk Valley Import/Export Assistance Center Announces November 10th Seminar - October 27th Registration Deadline

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Commerce (U.S. Commercial Service), Trans-Border Global Freight Systems, Inc., InfoTrade, LLC, and MVCC will present a breakfast seminar on international trade on Wednesday, November 10th, at the Utica Campus. The 8:00 a.m.-12 noon event will include a breakfast.

International Trade Specialist Rosanna Masucci from the U.S. Department of Commerce (U.S. Commercial Service) will discuss export assistance programs available to small and medium-sized businesses from the federal government.

International Chamber of Commerce Interpretation of Trade Teams will be the topic for Marty Hellwig, president of Trans-Border Global Freight Systems, Inc. He will be joined in the presentation by the firm's vice present, Jeffrey Millens. The international rules of terms apply to the contract of sale and can add costs and liabilities if misunderstood by importers and exporters.

Beverly Seif, a compliance specialist and owner of InfoTrade, LLC, will discuss Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT). This is a U.S. Customs & Trade initiative developed after 9/11 to strengthen the U.S. supply chain and border security.

The C-TPAT application, certification and validation process will be presented, along with the benefits of certification, and the added costs of not being certified.

Registrations for the seminar will be accepted until October 27th. Information is available by calling the Center for Community & Economic Development at 731-5752. There is a fee of $25.

The Mohawk Valley Import/Export Assistance Center is a division of MVCC, founded to assist small to medium sized firms in central New York with all phases of import/export development. Since 1990, the Center has consulted with over 150 businesses.

MVCC Student Wins Rome College Foundation Mid-Career Incentive Award

Bobbi J. Race, of Rome, received the Rome College Foundation's Mid-Career Incentive Award on Tuesday, October 5th. She was joined for the luncheon presentation at the SUNYIT campus by award winners from Hamilton College, Utica College and SUNYIT.

An honors student in the MVCC/SUNY Oneonta Childhood Education major, she hopes to become an elementary school teacher here in the Mohawk Valley.

The Mid-Career Incentive Award is supported, in part, by the annual "Food For Thought" dinner at the MVCC Rome Campus, scheduled this year on October 28th. The dinner is prepared and served by students in the Hospitality Programs, under faculty supervision.

Information on attending the dinner is available by calling the Rome Chamber of Commerce at 337-1700.

News from Administrative Services
Vice President Ralph Feola

Roof replacement work on the Alumni College Center should be completed during the first half of October. Over the summer, three catch basins in the Payne Hall student parking lot were replaced, and a number of walkways on the Utica Campus were repaved.

Parking

We are aware that parking on campus is tight this fall, especially for students, and we are exploring ways of alleviating the problem. One reason for the situation is that we have lost approximately 100 spaces due to construction of our new residence hall. A fenced off area has been created to provide a staging area for the substantial amounts of construction material being brought in, currently concrete block. To replace this, we have created about 100 temporary spots on part of the athletic field, adjacent to the temporary classrooms.

Residence Hall Construction

Part of the construction project includes replacement of boilers in the existing residence halls. The new, more efficient boilers, will serve the new building as well as existing facilities. The boiler replacement work should be completed during the first half of October, before major heating requirements set in.

On behalf of the Dormitory Corporation, we continue to work on permanent financing for the project. Work has begun under funding from a construction loan from Partners Trust. For the longer term, financing will be provided through bonds, issued by the Oneida County Industrial Development Authority on behalf of the Dormitory Corporation. In connection with this, Standard & Poors visited the College over the summer, meeting with Trustees, administration and Dormitory Corporation representatives. Following those meetings, S&P awarded the Dormitory Corporation a BBB- rating, making our Dormitory Corporation the first New York State organization of its type to receive an investment grade rating. This will allow 30-year bonds to be sold at a competitive interest rate, and should help to keep room rents at an affordable level. The $6.2 million dollar project will be funded completely from the bonds, and will not involve obligations from either Oneida County or New York State.

Capital Plan

The College recently presented a five-year capital project request to Oneida County. The plan includes proposed major renovations at the Rome Campus, to provide new space for Hospitality Programs and Carpentry & Masonry, and Student Services, and to improve general classroom space. It also includes long term significant improvements to athletic facilities on the Utica Campus. This is only the first step of many in getting approval and funding for proposed projects from both Oneida County and New York State.

Budget

As many of you know, Governor Pataki vetoed the State legislature's restoration of increases in basic state aid for community colleges. For MVCC, this resulted in a reduction of $65/FTE, or approximately $298,000 in state aid for 2004-05.

However, as noted by President Schafer, despite the many difficulties faced by the County, with the support of the County Executive, Board Chair, Majority and Minority Leaders, and Chair of the Education and Youth Committee the legislators unanimously approved our budget reaffirming their support and confidence in the College and its role in training and educating the County's workforce. The College is grateful for that very positive news.

MVCC First

William L. Appler, **an individual studies-business grad, is employed by Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceutical in North Carolina.**

Rome Community Theater
Upper Turin Road
Rome, NY
presents

Rodger's & Hammerstein's
The Sound of Music

Directed by
Barbara Seaton
(Technical Assistant on the Rome Campus)

October 7-9 at 8:00pm
October 10 at 2:30pm
October 14-16 at 8:00pm
October 17 at 2:30pm

Tickets: $10.00

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 10/12
~ Transfer Day, 10:00am-1:00pm, MV Commons.
~ College night, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Gym.
~ Women's Soccer vs. Columbia-Green, 4:00pm.

Wednesday, 10/13
~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Test Taking and Test Anxiety," 11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.
~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "Safari Fare from Sub-Saharan Africa." Seating begins at 11:45am in RA 108, Rome Campus.
~ Poet's Recluse, 2:00pm-3:00pm, PH Lobby.

Thursday, 10/14
~ Cultural Series Event: PLAY: "R.U.R." (Rossum's Universal Robots), 8:00pm, IT Theater.
~ Volleyball vs. Onondaga, 7:00pm.

Friday, 10/15
~ Cultural Series Event: PLAY: "R.U.R." (Rossum's Universal Robots), 8:00pm, IT Theater.

Saturday, 10/16
~ Cultural Series Event: PLAY: "R.U.R." (Rossum's Universal Robots), 8:00pm, IT Theater.
~ Defensive Driving Class, 9:00am-4:00pm, PC 211, Rome Campus.

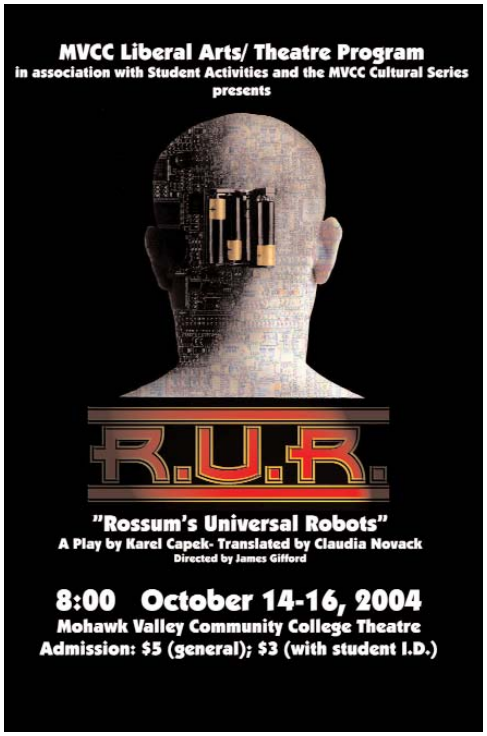
Tuesday, 10/19
~ Cultural Series Event: CONCERT: "The Amelia Piano Trio," 8:00pm, IT Theater.

Wednesday, 10/20
~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Making Decisions About Your College Career," 11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.
~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "Macarthur Returns to the Philippines." Seating begins at 11:45am in RA 108, Rome Campus.
~ Poet's Recluse, 2:00pm-3:00pm, PH Lobby.

Thursday, 10/21
~ Law Enforcement National Training Service Workshop, 3:00pm-4:30pm, 6:00pm-7:30pm, PCA 10, Rome Campus.
~ Volleyball vs. Tompkins-Cortland, 7:00pm.

Friday, 10/22
~ Law Enforcement National Training Service Workshop, 9:00am-10:00am, PCA 213, Rome Campus.

Saturday, 10/23
~ MVCC Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Wall Unveiling, 6:00pm, IT theater, Lobby. Make reservations by October 15th in the Office of Institutional Advancement.



Coming Nov. 6 & 7:
NJCAA Division III National Women's Soccer Championship Tournament.

MVCC Facilities Staff Gets Involved With Children of Kiddie Campus

Mike Kopec and Mike McHarris took time to teach the children in Preschool Group 1 about the different construction vehicles used on campus.

Marcel Bembry stopped by to read a story to the children in the Preschool Group 2 Classroom.