



MVCCFaces



David Perry, Building Maintenance Mechanic

Dave does carpentry, masonry, electrical, plumbing and other phases of building maintenance.

He started on June 7th of this year. He lives in Sauquoit with wife Mary Jane (of the Business Office) and children Victoria, 10; and David Jr., 7. He enjoys snowmobiling, fishing and camping.

MVCC Grads Among "Accent on Excellence" Honorees



What do Utica Mayor Timothy Julian, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Francis Manfredo, and Morris Pearson, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Services at MVCC all have in common? They are all MVCC graduates. They are also among the 10 individuals honored last week at the annual "Accent on Excellence" luncheon recognizing community leaders under the age of 40.

At least two MVCC graduates were among the judges. They were Dr. Michael Wicks, a research scientist at Rome Lab, and Nancy Pattarini, president of the Paige Group.

MVCC, Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism/Addictions, Receive Grant Targeting College Students

MVCC and the Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism and Addictions (MVCAA) have jointly received a three-year grant for \$236,000 from the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. The funding will be used to create and operate a program entitled "Challenging College Alcohol Abuse," a State Incentive Grant Enhancement (SIG-E) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) CFDA #93-243.

Announcing the grant during a news conference at MVCC last Tuesday were Frances Harding, Associate Commissioner of Prevention, New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services; Paul Dunn, chairman of the MVCAA Board of Directors, and MVCC President Michael I. Schafer.

Included in project activities between now and 2007 will be communications programs to more fully educate MVCC students and the community on social norms and an environmental management approach for college and community under-age drinking prevention. Other activities will include mobilizing non-alcohol events across the campus and the community.

MVCC Vice President for Student Services Denise DiGiorgio, MVCAA Executive Director Rochelle A. Cardillo, and Christopher Destito, owner of the Beeches and the Savoy Restaurant in Rome, have all been named co-chairs of the project.



left to right, Dr. Schafer, Frances Harding and Christopher Destito.

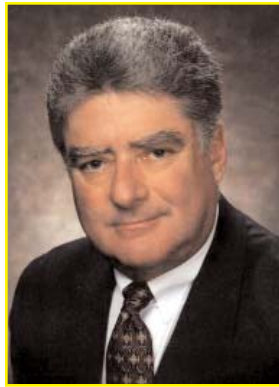


Construction continues on the new Residence Hall

An Upward Trend in MVCC's Relationship with SUNYIT

Michael Schafer, President

I am pleased to report that our relationship with the SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome has improved significantly over the past few months. I have known President Spina throughout my career here at MVCC. We were colleagues previously, when he served as president of Monroe Community College, and we work well together.



In addition, our Board of Trustees and the SUNYIT Council are working diligently to achieve and sustain an even more mutually beneficial relationship between our two institutions with stronger educational opportunities for area residents as a primary goal. Already this fall, the MVCC Board and the SUNYIT Council have met, at the invitation of SUNYIT, together with SUNY Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer Elizabeth "Betty" Capaldi.

We have discussed the potential for SUNYIT to develop new programs that will serve as a better conduit for our students. This includes fields such as Human Services, Public Policy, the technologies and others. One of our objectives is better transfer opportunities for students in a number of MVCC programs that currently do not have a good upper level match at SUNYIT. We have also discussed the possibility of developing new and unique programs jointly. We understand that the only way to do that properly is to bring together the faculty and departments at both institutions for their involvement. Vice President Larson has met with his counterpart at SUNYIT, President Spina and me, as well as the SUNYIT director of admissions and Denis Kennelly, to narrow the field of possible new programs.

We have also discussed other ways in which our two institutions might cooperate for our mutual benefit. Our discussions have been very candid, and we have been outspoken when they seem to compete with our existing programs. While they understand our concerns, they are facing serious ongoing enrollment challenges, including a decline in the number of transfer students. Our interest in collaborating with them is not altogether altruistic. We have a strong interest in creating more high quality, low cost transfer opportunities for our students, especially those who are place bound. In that context, if they become stronger, we are also strengthened. Our goal is to be able to tell students seeking a Bachelor's degree in this area's public colleges that they can do this by coming to MVCCFirst, then transferring to SUNYIT in custom designed programs.

The chairman of the SUNYIT College Council, Jim Brock, Jr., has been enthusiastically outspoken in his belief that SUNYIT should remain, first and foremost, a transfer institution. One strategy for achieving that is to nurture its relationship with MVCC. We couldn't agree more, and look forward to announcing new developments that do just that.

OSSD Office Relocates to AB 153

The Office for Services to Students with Disabilities will be relocating during the week of October 18. Watch for an e-mail later in the week giving the exact date of the move.

The new office will be in AB 153, directly across the hall from CCED and Public Information and right next to the building entrance nearest to the Administration Parking Lot. Office telephone numbers will remain the same. The move is being made so that Security can move into OSSD's former location in AB 109, a larger and much more accessible location.



Julie Barker, Class of 1993, nursing, now nurse manager with Lutheran Care Ministries Network. Was previously ER/ICU staff nurse with Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare. She also earned B.S.N. from SUNYIT.

Coins and Cash for Cancer

Once again the Student Health Center is going to have a fund-raising campaign in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Last year, with the help of student and staff donations, we were able to donate over \$300 to the Comprehensive Breast Care Center at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Facility. That money was used to buy hats and scarves for patients with cancer undergoing hair loss as a result of treatment.

This year the Student Health Center will be putting money containers by the cash registers in the Snack Bar in AB, ACC and the Interlude. We will have the containers at an informational table on the Rome campus in the Plumley Complex across from the snack bar on Wednesday, October 20th from noon until 2 p.m. and on the Utica campus in Payne Hall Wednesday, October 27th from noon-2 p.m.

We hope that people will enter into the "spirit of giving" to this worthy event by donating spare change or any type of "Coins and Cash for Cancer"!

Upcoming Events

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.

Monday, 10/25

~ MVCC Cultural Series Event Cult Classics Film Festival, "A Clockwork Orange," 4:30pm and 7:30pm, IT Theater. Admission \$3; students free with ID.

Tuesday, 10/26

~ SUNY IT Information Table, 10:00am-1:00pm; 4:00pm-6:00pm, PC Atrium, Rome Campus.

~ MVCC Cultural Series Event Cult Classics Film Festival, "Pink Floyd: The Wall," 4:30pm and 7:30pm, IT Theater. Admission \$3; students free with ID.

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

Wednesday, 10/27

~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Managing Your Time," 11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.

~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "Hunter's Moon." Seating begins at 11:45am in RA 108, Rome Campus.

~ Poet's Recluse, 2:00pm-3:00pm, PH Lobby.

~ MVCC Cultural Series Event Cult Classics Film Festival, "Blue Velvet," 4:30pm and 7:30pm, IT Theater.

Admission \$3; students free with ID.

~ Distance Education Dept. MVOnline workshops for ED100 classes,, 1:00pm, PCA10, Rome Campus.

Thursday, 10/28

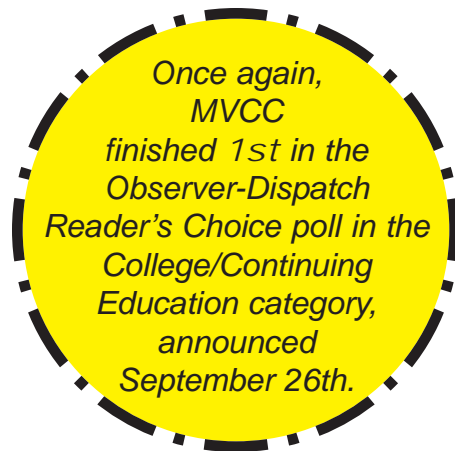
~ MVCC Cultural Series Event Cult Classics Film Festival, "Army of Darkness," 4:30pm and 7:30pm, IT Theater. Admission \$3; students free with ID.

~ Distance Education Dept. MVOnline workshops for ED100 classes,, 1:00pm, PCA10, Rome Campus.

~ Hospitality Programs and Rome College Foundation "Food for Thought" Scholarship Dinner, 6:30pm, RA 108, Rome Campus.

Friday, 10/29

~ MVCC Cultural Series Event: CONCERT: "Mecca Bodega," 8:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is \$5; \$3 with student ID.



**ATTENTION 2005
EXCELLENCE IN
TEACHING!**

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, NOVEMBER 10, 2004. An electronic link will be available on the MVCC home page to nominate faculty for the award. Please look for the electronic form.

**Reservations for the
Hall of Fame on
Saturday, October 23rd can
be made until
Wednesday, October 20th
by contacting
Marie Kohl at x5340 or
Cathy Hardy at 5648.**

Phi Theta Kappa Inducts 37

On Friday, October 8th, the fall class of the Lambda Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was inducted in IT 225. Established in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest Honor Society in America with more than 1.3 million members and 1,100 chapters in 50 United states, U.S. territories, Canada, Germany and Japan.



Christina M. Vetal takes the oath of membership into the International Honor Society Phi Theta Kappa.