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The Mohawk Valley Police Academy at MVCC Serving Police Departments and Residents Throughout Central New York

If you're on the Utica campus at 7:00 a.m. on a Wednesday morning, you may see what looks like a military group on the march. Dressed in gray uniforms, these young men and women are actually trainees in the Mohawk Valley Police Academy. They are preparing for duty as officers with law enforcement agencies throughout central New York, from the Oneida County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) and the Utica Police Department (UPD) to police departments in cities, towns and villages around Oneida, Madison, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Otsego, Oswego, Montgomery and Onondaga Counties. Most will work as full-time officers, although a few may be part-time.

Academy Prerequisites

Before coming to the Academy, the trainees must pass a rigorous screening process by their home department, part of the hiring/appointment procedure. They have undergone a thorough background



investigation, and must not have any felony convictions. They must pass a physical fitness test before coming to the Academy, and another, more difficult test before graducontinued on page 2

MVCC Announces 2004 Hall of Fame Selections -Induction Ceremony and Reception Scheduled for October 23rd-New Hall of Fame Wall to be Unveiled

Dr. Rose Danella, a former professor and head of the MVCC Social Science & Criminal Justice Department, and former Oneida County Legislator Robert Kelly, of Utica, have been selected for induction into the MVCC Hall of Fame.

Both will be honored at a reception and induction ceremony Saturday, October 23rd, at MVCC's Utica Campus. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a continued on page 3

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Melissa Kolb, **Employment Specialist**

Melissa works with students with disabilities and assists them in obtaining their employment goals. Some of these services include resume and cover letter writing; interview skills: and job searching and linkage to the Working Solutions One-Stop Center. Her goal is to prepare the students with the skills they will need to become successful in obtaining meaningful employment.

She has worked at the college for three months.

She lives in New Hartford with her husband of one month, Jeffrey.

She holds a BA in Psychology from SUNY Oswego.

She is a member of the Weed & Seed Committee and the Section 8 Committee.

She enjoys reading, camping, biking and any outdoor summer activity.

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ating. They are tested for evidence of drug use, and undergo a psychological evaluation. They must also understand and accept the risks and hardships associated with a law enforcement career, including frequently missing special occasions with their families, and working on holidays that most of us take for granted.

A Partnership Serving Much of CNY

The Academy, started in 1968 by former Sheriff Joseph Piccola, is a joint venture involving the Utica Police Department, the Oneida County Sheriff's Department, and MVCC.

Today, the Academy works with departments from Auburn, Baldwinsville, Boonville, Camden, Camillus, Canastota, Cazenovia, Central Square, Chenango County, Chittenango, Cicero, Clay, Cooperstown, Cornell University, Dewitt, Dolgeville, East Syracuse, Earlville, Frankfort, Fulton, Geddes, Hamilton County, Herkimer County, Herkimer, and Homer.

Other departments served by the Academy include Ilion, Inlet, Jordan, Kirkland, Lewis County, Little Falls, Liverpool, Lowville, Madison County, Manlius, Marcellus, Mohawk, Montgomery County, Moravia, New Hartford, New York Mills, North Syracuse, and Norwich. New York State Troopers use the Academy for in-service and/or regional training as well.

They also work with trainees from the New York State Park Police, NYS Forest Rangers and Department of Environmental Conservation, Oneida County, Oneida Indian Nation, Oneida, Oneonta, Onondaga County, Oriskany, Oswego County, Oswego, Oxford, Phoenix, Port Byron, Pulaski, Rome, Sherrill, Skaneateles, Solvay, Saint Johnsville, SUNYIT, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Morrisville, SUNY Plattsburgh, Syracuse, Utica, Vernon, Webb, Whitesboro, Whitestown, and Yorkville.

Sgts. Bailey (UPD) and McCarthy (OCSD) Direct the Academy

Co-directors of the academy are Sgt. Mike Bailey of the UPD, and Sgt. James McCarthy of the OCSD.

Sgt. Bailey earned an Associate degree in Criminal Justice from MVCC, and is close to completing a Bachelor's degree at Utica College. A Utica Police officer for 14 years, he has been assigned to patrol duty, community policing, bike patrol, and briefly commanded the Juvenile Aid Unit of the Utica Police Department.

Sgt. McCarthy has been with the Sheriffs' Department for 24 years, serving as a patrol officer, an investigator and a supervisor. He has also taken courses at MVCC. Both have been with the Academy for about three years. Their office is in Room 212-A of the Gym. Adjacent classrooms, 212 and 213, are dedicated to Academy use.



Sgt. Bailey



Sgt. McCarthy

A Full Schedule for Trainees

While the marching mentioned above tends to happen only about once a week, the trainees - all recent appointees of police agencies served by the Academy - participate in physical training each morning from 7:00a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

This is followed by a full day of classroom instruction or activities outside the classroom, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m., although the day is frequently longer. The Academy operates Monday through Friday, including periods when the College is closed or classes are not in session.

The Curriculum

Instruction in the 23-week program covers a wide range of topics mancontinued on page 3

Highlights of September 13th Board of Trustees Meeting

The MVCC Board of
Trustees met in regular session on
Monday, September 13th. New
Board Chair David Mathis presided.
Chairman Mathis thanked the Board
for the opportunity to again serve as
chairman, having served previously
in the post 21 years ago. He proposed a new Committee structure.
The committees and their composition:

-Audit & Finance Committee: Mr. Yagey, Chair. Other members: Mrs. Falvo, Mr. Stetson.

-Student Services Committee: Mrs. Wolf, Chair. Other members: Mr. Austin, Mr. Koba.

-Academic Affairs Committee: Mrs. Vandeveer, Chair. Other members: Mr. Calli, Mr. Koba.

-Millennium Policy Board: Mrs. Falvo, Chair. Other members: Mr. Yagey, Mrs. Wolf.

-Joint Liaison Committee/MVCC Foundation: Mr. Stetson, Chair. Other members: Mrs. Wolf, Mr. Austin.

-Compensation Committee: Mr. Mathis, Chair. Other members: Mr. Stetson, Mrs. Vandeveer.

-MVCC Foundation Executive Committee representative: Mrs. Falvo.

-Auxiliary Services Committee representative: Mr. Calli.

-New York Community College Trustees/Association of Community College Trustees representative: Mr. Mathis.

-Nominating Committee: Mr. Copeland, Chair. Other members: Mr. Calli, Mr. Yagey.

The Board plans to meet on these dates during the 2004-2005 academic year: October 18 (Rome Campus), November 15, December 20, February 21, March 21, April 18 (Rome Campus), May 16, June 20, and July 18. No meetings are currently planned for January or August. Three 2005-2006 meetings were also scheduled: September 19, October 17 and November 21.

Police Academy, cont.

dated by the Office of Public Safety within the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. A sampling includes basic law, history of law enforcement, jurisdiction, police responsibilities, specific legal topics such as vehicle and traffic law, and penal law, defensive tactics,



domestic violence, ethical awareness, emergency vehicle operation, use of force, and use of firearms. Weapons firing is done currently at the Trenton Fish & Game Club. The current group of 16 trainees is scheduled to complete the program in January 2005.

The Academy not only trains new police officers, but also provides ongoing training for officers at various points in their law enforcement careers. It could be recertification, refresher or update training in areas such as interview and interrogation, defensive tactics, computer use or other topics. The Academy puts emphasis on providing up-to-date training with a high level of quality. Training is generally provided free of charge, unless specific costs are incurred which require reimbursement from the trainees' home departments.

Support for the Academy from MVCC - and from YOU

Sgts. Bailey and McCarthy are quick to acknowledge the assistance they and the Academy receive from the College. In addition to space on campus, they frequently receive assistance from a variety of College departments, ranging from the Print Shop, Office Services, Facilities and Operations, and others. They also wish to thank the Physical Education & Athletics faculty and staff, including Gary Broadhurst, Gary Parker, Bob Gould, Mike Hayes, Kelly Cornmire, Donna Felitto and Jennifer Krohn.

Successful graduates of the Academy also receive 17 hours of credit from MVCC, in the Criminal Justice curriculum. "Everyone in the College, from President Schafer and Vice President Larson on down, has been very supportive. The cooperation has been fantastic. We could not do this without that support. We really appreciate it," both say.

They also point out that members of the College community are free to speak with the trainees when they see them on campus. However, the trainees have very little free time, and must follow rules about the length of such conversations, as well as restrictions on fraternizing with the College's students.

Everyone Benefits

Not unexpectedly, trainees develop strong bonds during the Academy experience, relationships which continue well past the Academy and through careers in law enforcement. They also receive the best initial and continuing training possible, a foundation for their career success.

Communities throughout the region are better protected, and law enforcement agencies are better staffed, because of the work of the Academy.

For MVCC, it is yet another expression of our mission to serve our community and region, in partnership with other organizations when appropriate, to provide the best possible education and training, in the best facilities and with the best instructors possible.

Hall of Fame, cont.

reception in the lobby of the Information Technology/Performing Arts/Conference Center building. The induction ceremony will follow at 7:00 p.m., in the nearby Theater. David Mathis, MVCC Board of Trustees chairman, and chairman of the College's Hall of Fame committee, will serve as emcee.

The event will also include the first unveiling of a completely new Hall of Fame Wall display, also in the Information Technology/Performing Arts/Conference Center building, featuring plaques for all 43 inductees since creation of the Hall of Fame as part of the College's 50th anniversary celebration in 1996.

Past inductees have included distinguished alumni, present and past faculty members and administrators, and members of the community who have played an important role in the College's development.

Reservations for the event are required by October 15th, and can be made by calling Institutional Advancement, ext. 5340 or 5648. The cost is \$30 per person. Checks should be payable to the MVCC Foundation.

Selection for the MVCC Hall of Fame is based on overall support for the College and its objectives, community service, general leadership and impact on the institution.

Dr. Danella, now a North

Carolina resident, joined MVCC's faculty on a full-time basis in 1969, after several years of service as a part-time faculty member.



Among the

courses she taught at MVCC were History of World Civilization, Modern European History, American History, American Studies, American Government, State & Local Government, American Intellectual Thought, Humanities & Technology, International Relations and Cultural Anthropology. She also taught courses in Introduction to Sociology, Research Methods, Race & Ethnic Minorities, Urban Sociology, Marriage & Family

Trustees Highlights, cont.

President Schafer briefed the Board on continuing discussions in Albany concerning the State budget and its impact on aid to MVCC, including its potential effect on Oneida County support for the College.

During its regular monthly meeting on September 13th, the MVCC Board of Trustees took the following actions:

- Approved a new contract with the Association of Mohawk Valley Administrators for the period September 1, 2003-August 31, 2006. Approval is contingent on approval by AMVA members, and by Oneida County.
- Voted to accept notices of retirement from Associate Professor Anna Diana, Health Services Department; Thomas Maneen, Technical Assistant, Art Department; Professor Ann Smallen, Mathematics Department, and Professor John Snyder, Business & Information Technology Department.
- Approved submission of a program title change, from Banking & Insurance AAS to Financial Management Services AAS, to the State University of New York. The program is administered by the Business & Information Technology (BITS) Department.
- Approved the submission to SUNY of the discontinuance of three Certificate Programs, in Merchandising, Word Processing Management and Case Management. The discontinuances were previously approved by the Academic Program Review Committee and the College Wide Curriculum Committee.
- Authorized the College to fill the position of Assistant Coordinator, Child Care services. The position is vacant because of the resignation of Susan Rubino.
- Authorized the College to fill the position of Technical Assistant in the Art Department. The position will become vacant on December 31st with the retirement of Thomas Maneen.
- Approved salary adjustments for exempt administrators by an aggregate amount of \$52,341.
- Ratified the term appointment of Colleen Bolton as Instructor in the Humanities Department. An adjunct instructor at MVCC since 1999, she holds an A.A. degree in Advertising Design from Montgomery College, Maryland, and two degrees from SUNYIT, a B.P.S. with an Emphasis in Fiber Art, and an M.A. in Liberal Arts.
- Ratified the term appointment of Carmella Edwards as an Instructor in the Humanities Department. An adjunct instructor since 1997, she held a previous term appointment in 2000. She graduated from Utica College with a B.A. degree in English, and from SUNYIT with an M.S. degree in Education.
- Ratified the term appointment of Andrew Keiser as an Instructor in the Humanities Department. He held previous term appointments in the Spring and Fall of 2003, and has been an adjunct instructor since 1993. He holds a B.A. degree in English Literature from Utica College, and an M.A. degree, also in English Literature, from SUNY Binghamton.
- Ratified the grant-funded appointment of David Kolb as a Tutor/Mentor in the Learning Center. He previously served as an adjunct instructor and tutor in the Mathematics Department, and held a term appointment in 2003-2004. His B.A. degree In Mathematics and Music is from Hamilton College.
- Ratified the term appointment of Rosemary Mink as an Instructor in the Humanities Department. She has served MVCC at various times as a tutor, adjunct instructor and term appointee since 1999, and has also taught at Utica College and Syracuse University. She has a B.A. degree in English and Professional Writing from SUNY Fredonia, and an M.A. degree in English Literature from Syracuse University.
- Ratified the term appointment of Rafael Salas as an Instructor in the Art Department. He holds a B.A. degree in Art and Education from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, and an M.F.A. degree from The New York Academy of Art.
- Ratified the term appointment of Brian Judycki as an Instructor in the continued on page 5

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Living, Contemporary Issues in Sociology, Juvenile Justice, Criminology, Technical Report Writing, and Freshman Seminar.

At MVCC, she also developed an interdisciplinary humanities course, a team-taught American Studies program, a "culture clinic" designed to expose technical career students to the liberal arts. Dr. Danella served for many years on the College's General Education Committee.

She designed and moderated a nationally-distributed eight-part video production for the State University of New York on the relationship between technology and the humanities. She also coordinated the College's International Studies curriculum, which includes a semester study-abroad option.

The former MVCC professor and department head directed the Mohawk Valley Police Academy, and provided seminars for area law enforcement officers, using national experts, on a wide range of topics. In recognition of her work with the Police Academy, the New York State Federation of Police presented her with its President's Award in 1989.

She was an elected delegate to the MVCC College Senate and served on many of its committees. She was also the elected MVCC representative to the New York State Faculty Council of Community Colleges from 1977 to 1981, and its President from 1981 to 1983. In 1990, she was elected Northeast Representative to the National Council of College Administrators. A National Endowment for the Arts Scholar, she conducted post-doctoral studies at Columbia and Princeton Universities in race relations and ethnic studies.

While at MVCC, she also served as a member of the Utica Board of Education from 1970 to 1975, including service as Board President. She also served as a trustee of the Utica Public Library and the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute of Art.

Trustee Highlights, cont.

Engineering Technologies & The Trades Department. He has experience as a GIS (Geographic Information Systems) specialist and CAD designer or technician at Harza Engineering Company, Montgomery Watson Harza and Shumaker Consulting Engineering. He has taught previously for this department at MVCC on a term appointment and as an adjunct instructor. He holds a B.A. degree in Geography from SUNY Albany, and has received an Undergraduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems/Spatial Analysis.

- Authorized the College to fill a vacant Instructor position in Nursing (Health Services Department), created by the retirement of George May.
- Ratified the appointment of the following individuals as members of the adjunct faculty:
- ~Mireille Aboumrad, to teach Intermediate French on a dual credit basis at Waterville Central School. A native speaker of French, she holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from St. Joseph University in Lebanon.
- ~Julie Barker, to teach Fundamentals of Nursing. An MVCC Nursing graduate, she also holds a B.S.N. degree from SUNYIT, and is a nurse manager with Lutheran Care Ministries network. She worked previously as an ER/ICU staff nurse for Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare.
- ~Nadia Caleo, to teach College Seminar for the MVCC Humanities Department at Proctor High School, where she has been a member of the faculty since 1970. She holds a B.A. degree in English from Utica College, and an M.S. degree in English from SUNY Cortland.
- ~Sarah Cotter, to teach Intermediate Spanish on a dual credit basis at Waterville Central School, where she has been a Spanish teacher since 1996. She is permanently certified in Spanish for grades 7-12. She holds a B.A. degree in English/Psychology and an M.A. degree in Education, both from the University of Michigan, and an M.S.W. degree from Syracuse University.
- ~James Davis, to teach History of Civilization I. A social studies teacher at Clinton Central School, he holds a B.S. in History and an M.S. in Social Studies, both from the University of Rochester.
- ~Naomi R. Gates, to teach Introduction to Psychology. A special education teacher at Westmoreland High School, she earned a B.A. degree in Psychology from Ithaca College, and an M.S. degree in Special Education from Syracuse University.
- ~Mary Herzog-Spanneut, to teach Introductory Mathematics. She has taught mathematics previously at SUNY Canton, and at Schalmont and Schodack Central Schools. She earned a B.A. degree in Mathematics & Spanish from SUNY Potsdam, and an M.A. degree in Secondary Education Teaching from Cornell University.
- ~Katherine Hooper, to teach Introductory Mathematics. A former system analyst/manager for Pacific Bell, she has also taught at Coleman College. She received a B.A. degree in Mathematics from Nazareth College, and an M.A. degree in Educational Administration & Curriculum from Chapman University.
- ~Lewis J. Kahler, to teach English 1. He holds a B.A. degree in English from Utica College, and an M.A. degree, also in English, from SUNY Cortland.
- ~Nancy Ketz, to teach Intermediate French at Holland Patent High School on a dual credit basis. She holds National Board Certification in French. She graduated from SUNY Albany with a B.A. degree in French Education, and an M.S.Ed. in Education from the University of New England.
- ~Stephen Lachacz, to teach Introductory Mathematics. A Liberal Arts & Sciences graduate of MVCC, he also holds a B.S. degree in Paper Science & Engineering from SUNY ESF, and an M.B.A. from RPI.
- ~Judith Latour, to teach Basic Math Skills. Currently a mathematics teacher at Holland Patent Central School, she has also taught in Utica and Whitesboro schools. An MVCC graduate in Liberal Arts & Sciences (Mathematics emphasis), she also holds a B.A. degree in Mathematics from Utica College, and an

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She was honored as "Woman of the Year" in 1974 by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Utica. She received the "Women of Merit: Justice Award" in 1990, and the Federation of Italian-American Societies' "Outstanding Italian-American Woman Award" in 1990. Following her 1992 retirement from MVCC, after 23 years of service to the College and its students, she was appointed Professor Emerita at MVCC. She then began a second career as a clinical research studies specialist in the Viral Epidemiology Branch of the National Cancer Institute. In 1995, she moved to the University of Maryland School of Medicine as part of the team headed by Dr. Robert C. Gallo, discoverer of the AIDS virus. As an assistant research professor there, she facilitated cancer and AIDS research projects and was managing editor of the scientific publication, Journal of Human Virology.

From 1997 to 2001, she was the principal investigator for two World AIDS Foundation Foundation grants involving HIV/AIDS research using behavioral approaches with adolescents in the Caribbean. She retired in 2001. Dr. Danella received her B.A. degree in history and political science from Alfred University. She received M.A. and Ph.D. degrees on social science from Syracuse University.

Kelly, of Utica, served as

vice president of sales at the F.X. Matt Brewing Company prior to his retirement. He served as a member of the Oneida County Board of



Legislators for 15 years, from 1988 to 2003. He was a member of the Education & Youth Committee from 1988 to 2000, serving as vice chair from 1988 to 1991, and chairman from 1998 to 2000. In his role as a legislator, he was a strong advocate for funding the College operating

Trustees Highlights, cont.

M.A.T. from SUNY Binghamton in Teaching Mathematics.

~William Luppino, to teach Ethics, Policy & Law for the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. A program service specialist with United Cerebral Palsy, he is also a former program coordinator with Human Technologies Corporation. He received a B.A. degree from Utica College in Political Science, and an M.S. degree from New School University, in Health Service Management/Policy.

~Sheila B. Martin, to teach American National Government. A social studies teacher at Remsen High School, she holds a B.A. degree in history from Trinity College, and an M.S. degree in Education from George Washington University.

~Rafael Perez, to teach Two-Dimensional Design. He holds a B.F.A. from the California College of Arts & Crafts and an M.F.A. from the Graduate School of Figure Art. He has extensive free-lance experience in painting and drawing in New York and California.

~David Roberts, to teach Chemical Dependencies. A clinical supervisor at McPike Addiction Treatment Center, he is a New York State certified social worker and alcoholism and substance abuse counselor. He received a B.A. degree in Psychology from Utica College, and an M.S.W. degree in Social Work from SUNY Albany.

~Dr. Richard Simons, to teach General Biology 1 (lab). He has previously taught biology at Xavier University of Louisiana, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the College of West Virginia. His Ph.D. in Biology is from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He also holds a B.S. degree in Biology from Hobart College, and an M.S. degree in Science Education from Syracuse University.

~Susan D. Smith, to teach English 1. She holds a B.A. degree in English from Villanova University, and an M.A. degree, also in English, from the University of Rochester.

~Daniel Tauroney, to teacher

Upcoming Events

Monday, 9/20

~ Drinking Driver Program, 6:00pm-9:00pm, RA 302.

Tuesday, 9/21

- ~Dept of Defense Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Testing, 4:30pm-8:00pm, RA 302, Rome Campus.
- ~ Voter Registration Table, 11:00am-2:00pm, AB Lobby.
- ~ Volleyball vs. Herkimer, 6:00pm.
- ~ Women's Soccer vs. Jefferson, 4:00pm.

Wednesday, 9/22

- ~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "Hobbit Day." Seating begins at 11:45pm in RA 108, Rome Campus.
- ~ Voter Registration Table, 11:00am-2:00pm, AB Lobby.
- ~ Poet's Recluse, 2:00pm-3:00pm, PH Lobby.

Thursday, 9/23

- ~ Cultural Series Event: CONCERT: "The Devin Garramone Band," 8:00pm, MV Commons.
- ~ Women's Tennis vs. Herkimer, 4:00pm.
- ~ Rome Campus Voter Registration, 10:00am-2:00pm, Plumley Atrium. Saturday, 9/25
- ~ Oneida County Dept. of Traffic Safety Defensive Driving Course, 9:00am-4:00pm, PC 211, Rome Campus.
- ~ Falling Leaves Golf Scramble, 9:00am, Valley View Golf Club
- ~ Men's Soccer vs. Genesee, TBA.
- ~ Women's Soccer vs. Genesee, TBA. Monday, 9/27
- ~ Women's Soccer vs. SUNY Cobleskill, 4:00pm.
- ~ Drinking Driver Program, 6:00pm-9:00pm. RA 302.
- ~ Open Mic Night, 7:00pm-9:00pm, ACC 116.

Tuesday, 9/28

- ~ "Censorship in Children's Literature, presentation, 3:00pm-4:30pm, PH 212. Wednesday, 9/29
- ~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "Colonial American Cooking." Seating begins at 11:45am in RA 108, Rome Campus.

- ~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Memorization Techniques," 11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.
- ~ Poet's Recluse, 2:00pm-3:00pm, PH Lobby.
- ~ Volleyball vs. Fulton-Montgomery, 6:00pm.

Thursday, 9/30

- ~ Night Hawk Cafe, "The Remedy Session, 8:00pm, MV Commons. Friday, 10/1
- ~ Women's Soccer vs. Morrisville, 4:00pm.

Saturday, 10/2

- ~ Oneida County Court Judges Town Justice Training, 8:00am-5:00pm, PCA 10, Rome Campus.
- ~ Men's Soccer vs. North Country, 2:00pm.



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

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Introductory Mathematics. A former engineer at Rome Lab, he has taught previously at Rome Catholic High School, Whitesboro High School and SUNYIT. He holds an A.B. degree in Mathematics from SUNY Albany, and an M.A. degree, also in Mathematics, from Syracuse University.

~Thomas E. Thomas, to teach Introductory Mathematics. A former teacher at West Canada Valley Central School, he is a Utica College graduate, with a B.A. in Mathematics, and from SUNY Cortland, with an M.S. degree in Education, majoring in Mathematics and Administration.

~Alfred Valentini, to teach College Seminar at Proctor High School, for the MVCC Humanities Department. He has been an instructor at Proctor since 1976, and has also taught previously at MVCC and Utica College. He has B.A. and M.A. degrees in Italian from SUNY Albany, and a C.A.S. from SUNY Cortland, in School Administrator/Supervisor.

~Jean Wyatt, to teach Introduction to Psychology. A New York State certified social worker, she has been employed previously at the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center and The House of The Good Shepherd. She holds a B.A. degree in American Studies from the University at Old Westbury, and an M.S.W. degree from Adelphi University.

-Approved minutes of their July 19th meeting.
 - Approved warrants and investments covering College operations during July and August.

Stetson Reappointed to Board

John Stetson has been reappointed to MVCC's Board of Trustees by Governor Pataki. He was first appointed to the Board by Governor Pataki in 1997. He was president of Stetson-Harza Architects, Engineers & Construction Managers from 1963 to 1992. Prior to establishing Stetson-Harza in 1963, he was an officer in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps. He has served on a variety of area boards of directors, including those of the former Savings Bank of Utica, Commercial Travelers Mutual Insurance Company, Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute. and the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce. He also served on the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Home, and as a member of the Holland Patent Central Schools Board of Education, A Barneveld resident, he is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He also holds a B.C.E. degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and an M.S. degree in engineering from Princeton University. His new term will expire on June 20, 2011.

Staff Development Travel Requests Information

Throughout the past two years, the Staff Development Committee has streamlined its travel funding process. It is anxious to fully utilize its funds by enabling as many staff and faculty members as possible to travel to worthwhile conferences and other enrichment experiences. Last year, it awarded \$16,350 in travel funding to faculty and staff members on both campuses. Additionally, the Foundation, directed by Fritz Barns, generously donated an additional \$5,000 to augment this sum. The Committee encourages everyone to utilize these valuable resources to assist their travel funding.

Please follow this procedure:

- " Please complete the usual College travel authorization form as well as a Staff Development Travel Request (available in the VPI's Office) and submit them to your supervisor.
- " Your supervisor will sign the requests and write a brief statement of support; the departmental monetary allotment will be noted on the forms.
- " Submit both forms to the VPI's Office.
- " The Committee will vote within one-two weeks; you will be notified by email of your approval and the amount.
- "The paperwork will be forwarded to the Business Office by the VPI's Office; you may submit the usual payment vouchers to the Business Office for any requested prepaid fees, such as conference fee, flight, hotel, etc.
- " Upon your return, please submit the usual travel voucher to the Business Office, including all receipts.
- "The Business Office will adjust any figures as necessary, and will process a check to you for funding allotted by your department and Staff Development (and not already pre-paid for conference fees, hotel, etc). It will notify the VPI's Office of the remaining amount not covered by your department and Staff Development funding.
- " The VPI's Office will authorize the Foundation to pay you the additional amount.

Please contact Patty Fox if you have any questions.

Hall of Fame, cont.

budget and capital projects at both the Utica and Rome Campuses, and was a key supporter of the Millennium Project involving MVCC and the Utica School District. He was involved in providing Oneida County support for the "Ready, Set, College!" project at MVCC, which introduced disadvantaged children to a range of career fields and college preparation. He also played an important role in long-range planning that led to major renovation of MVCC facilities, and to construction of the Information Technology/Performing Arts/Conference Center building on the College's Utica campus.

He also served as chairman of the Board of Legislators' Laws & Rules and Human Relations Committees. He has also been active for years in support of many community endeavors and organizations, including the United Way and Utica Symphony, where he was chairman of the board of directors. He is a founder of Utica's St. Patrick's Day parade and a past grand marshal, and a founding member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Emerald Society. He has been an officer with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, served on the board of what is now Mohawk Valley Community Action, and serves on Utica's Charter Revision Commission.