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60th Anniversary Logo

Students in Professor Robert Clarke's Professional Practices in Graphic Design class submitted approximately 25 designs for a special 60th anniversary logo. The quality of their designs made the choice difficult, but a winner was finally selected. The winning logo design is shown, left. It was submitted by student Joelle Cianfrano of Rome, NY. Congratulations to Joelle, and to all the other students who submitted outstanding designs. Watch for this anniversary logo to appear on MVCC publications, advertisements and other places throughout 2006!

Nursing Students Help Out With Flu Clinic

On Tuesday, November 29, the Oneida County Health Department offered a Flu Clinic on the MVCC Utica campus. Assisting with the clinic were the MVCC Nursing students led by their instructor Julie Wells BS, RN. Approximately 60 flu vaccines were given.

Dan Porcelli gets a flu vaccine at the clinic last month.

Influenza is a very contagious disease which is spread from infected persons to the nose or throat of others. It can cause mild symptoms such as fever, sore throat, chills, fatigue, cough, headache, and muscle aches; but it can cause more serious conditions such as pneumonia and can be dangerous for people with heart or breathing conditions. Getting immunized with the Influenza vaccine can help prevent the occurrence of the illness and is recommended for those at high risk or for those who can spread the virus to those at high risk. The Oneida County Health Department offers the vaccine through community based clinics or in their walk-in clinic at the main Utica office (a fee is charged). For more information, contact any of the following: MVCC Nursing faculty, Oneida County Health Department, your Primary Care Provider, or log on to www.cdc.gov/flu. (Reference: CDC; 2005; Inactivated Influenza Vaccine: What You Need to Know.)

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Eileen Dutcher, **Learning Disabilities Specialist**

Eileen provides and facilitates accommodative services for students with learning disabilities, ADMD and traumatic brain injury. She holds a BA in English with a minor in secondary education, and an MS Ed., both from Utica College. She lives in Rome with her husband and seven year old daughter and three year old son.
In Eileen's spare time, she enjoys skiing, biking and kayaking.

MVCC Library computer system update is scheduled for December

ALL Library Materials are Due December 14th, 2005
VIDEOS and DVDS Not Available December 15th - December 21st

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time of transition.

News from the Office of Student Services

Denise DiGiorgio, Vice-President for Instruction

Admissions

We had a successful recruitment season with approximately 1700 new students starting classes this past Fall. While "recruitment" is everyone's responsibility, the lion's share of recruitment falls to the Admissions Counselors and support staff. Dan Ianno, Paul Andrews, Phil Benson, Rebecca Cooper all contribute time, talent and energies to bringing in a freshmen class. Karen Kuznia, Karin Capuana, Sandy Fiebiger remain back at the ranch to process applications, answer inquiries and make appointments. All headed up by Denis Kennelty, we recruit and process at the same level of colleges that have double the staff. Thanks to each of you for another successful recruitment rotation.

Our attention for January now turns to approximately 500 new students who will start in the Spring semester. Working with the Institutional Marketing Integration Team, there are three groups that we are specifically marketing to for Spring. 1) Students who went away in the Fall and are having second thoughts (REVERSE TRANSFERS) and 2) Students who rejected college for Fall and are working in minimum wage jobs and 3) those individuals living in our area who are "under-employed." We are using a variety of media venues including the weather channel, late night TV, and print ads.

Residence Life

We are winding down on a successful Fall 2005 semester with 510 resident students. New Hall has

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Malinowski Elected Student Trustee at MVCC

Paul Malinowski of Whitesboro has been elected by students to the position of Student Trustee on the MVCC Board of Trustees.

A Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies major at MVCC, Malinowski has served as vice president of governance for the MVCC Student Congress. He has also chaired the Student Congress Nomination and Evaluation Committee, and is a community college representative on the SUNY Student Assembly, which represents students at SUNY campuses statewide.

He is a 2004 graduate of Whitesboro High School.

Malinowski succeeds Douglas Koba of Munnsville, NY, who is scheduled to graduate from MVCC on December 21st.

FYI From Dennis Gibbons

The Residence Hall students are required to vacate the halls within 18 hours of their last exam or by Tuesday, December 20th at 5:00 p.m., whichever comes first. The 18 hour deadline exists so that the halls remain quieter for those still taking exams. Anyone with an exam ending after 2:00 p.m. on the 20th will be allowed to remain in the halls until the 21st.

Students received this information in a letter and e-mail, and a copy was sent to parents/guardians.

It specifically noted on their letters that later housing accommodations will be provided for any exam related purpose. They are not being asked to make “special” arrangements for late exams due to Residence Hall closings.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

INTERNATIONAL BOOK PROJECT

Sponsored by the Business Club

You can help those less fortunate than you by donating your old books.

Dates: December 12 - 19, 2005
Time: 10am - 5pm
Place: The College Book Store

You can also help by "adopting a box." Donate as much as you can towards the shipping costs of the boxes, (a 35 pound box costs $11.04 postage). Contact Patricia Cummings at 731-5769, or stop by PH345 to donate.

News From Student Services, cont.

proven to be popular with second year students, the links connecting the existing buildings have proven to be a welcome addition for our freshmen (and for us) and our new guest efficiency apartment is being used for the first time by a visiting professor. Dennis Gibbons, our Housing Director has literally worked day and night changing handbooks, manuals, policies & procedures to accommodate New Hall. Our Resident Directors, Dave Kramer, Jamie Schwabenbauer and Ushona McClean as well as our Maintenance & Housekeeping staff have done a tremendous job in putting all the pieces into place for the Residence Hall complex. In addition, our student staff has been supportive of our efforts and they deserve equal thanks.

Our occupancy rate for Fall was 99% and we anticipate a higher than expected occupancy for Spring 2006. New Hall has the luxury of air conditioning and a lot of amenities that will make it attractive for summer conferences. If you are involved in an organization looking for overnight accommodations during the Summer of 2006 at a very reasonable cost, we may be able to help.

College Works

Working in partnership with the ARC of Oneida-Lewis Counties, this Fall semester saw the establishment of the College Works program. Designed for students who have graduated from high school with an IEP diploma, College Works provides a college environment to conduct classroom instruction in several career fields, as well as an internship and life skills training. Currently, there are 15 students in attendance and in talking with some parents during a recent meeting, they are seeing growth in maturity and in responsibility from these young adults. While not a college program, the fact that these students are on a college campus is making a world of difference.

Unfortunately, the woman who headed this up from its inception has left (Patrice Joslin), but Maggie Hansen has taken over and has her sights set on some new and exciting ventures for the program in the next several years. We are thrilled to be a part of this collaboration.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 12/13
~ Placement Test, 6:00pm, IT Theater.
Wednesday, 12/14
~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: “Welcome Home to Rome: A Holiday Buffet,” 11:45am, on the Rome campus. Price is $9.50, call 334-7702 for reservations.
~ International Human Rights Day Presentation, 2:00pm, IT Theater.
~ Accommodative Placement Test, 5:00pm, AB 153.
~ Placement Test, 6:00pm, Plumley Complex Aud., Rome Campus.
~ MVCC Concert Band Holiday Concert, 7:30pm, IT Theater.
Friday, 12/16
~ Accommodative Placement Test, 9:00am, PC 252, Rome Campus.
Saturday, 12/17
~ Accommodative Placement Test, 9:00am, AB 153.
Monday, 12/19
~ ASSET Test, 6:00pm, PCA10, Rome Campus.