

Communitas



MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

November 21st, 2005

Benefit Concert Raises Funds for Hurricane Victims



On Sunday, November 13th, local bands Gridley Paige, Jomama and the Funkdaddy's, WoodenSpoon, Idol Hands, Modus, and The Reuben James Band, performed at a Hurricane Benefit Concert in the MV Commons. The event was sponsored by MVCC, SUNYIT, Pratt at Munson-Williams-Proctor.

Concert-goers also participated in silent art auctions and raffles. Over \$1300 was raised.

PERKINS FUNDING AT WORK IN THE LEARNING CENTER

The Learning Center Perkins Retention Initiative has developed a variety of activities to enhance student learning and retain students. This major effort provides students the opportunity to continue to upgrade and enhance their academic skills. Students work closely in a one-on-one relationship with professional tutors who are trained to work with students who have unique learning needs. These tutors give academic support by strengthening the students' ability to become independent and resourceful learners.

David Kolb is the full-time math tutor/mentor in the Learning Center Math Lab, where he oversees peer math tutors and other professional math tutors. David also provides additional study supports to encourage student success in all math courses. Students benefit greatly when they are afforded a one-on-one opportunity to work with a tutor/mentor who is knowledgeable about effective academic interventions.

In addition, Jamie Clark, has been hired as a part-time Technical Assistant. Jamie will develop workshops on critical thinking and reading that are specifically oriented to meet the needs of social science students. This will include organizing guest speakers and tracking students' grade point analysis.

Rhona Patterson, a part-time Professional Generalist Tutor, has been hired to meet the needs of the students in the dormitory. Rhona will work evenings and weekends to help students with their reading, writing and math skills. She will serve as a

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Erica Brindisi CSTEP Coordinator



Erica coordinates the Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP), designed to increase the numbers of economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented undergraduate students in the science and technology fields. Her responsibilities include providing tutoring in study skills, reading, writing and the sciences; assisting students

with academic and career planning; develop internships, job shadowing experiences; and providing workshops.

Erica started in October.

She teaches BI 101, General Biology.

Erica holds a BS in Biology from Utica College and an MS in Immunology and Microbial Disease from Albany Medical College.

Erica and her yellow lab, Jeter visit nursing homes through the Therapy Dogs program, and participate in the READ Program- visiting schools and libraries to read with children experiencing reading anxiety.

Rome College Foundation makes \$8,000 donation to MVCC

One-hundred and fifteen people attended the Foundation's 7th annual "Food for Thought" Dinner, Nov 2, at the Rome campus. Dr. Ronald Cantor, left, holds a plaque acknowledging the Foundation's support of MVCC over several decades.

Mona Rice, President of the Foundation, right, presented a donation of \$350 to MVCC's Hospitality Programs for helping to make the fund raising dinner possible.

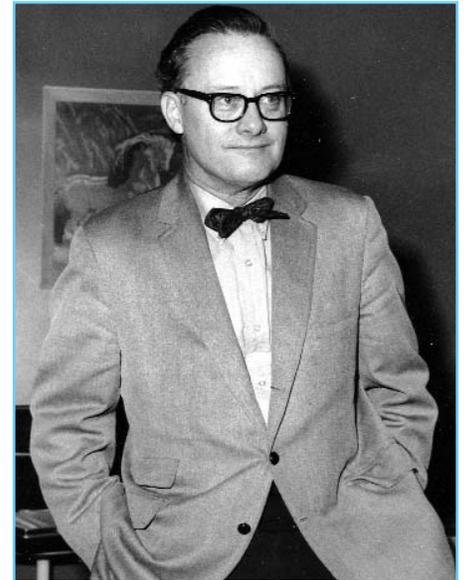
Attendees applauded when it was announced that the very chairs on which they were seated were recently purchased with an \$8,000 gift from the Foundation.

Proceeds from the dinner itself raised approximately \$2,000 for the Foundation. The Rome College Foundation was established in 1966 and has developed financial assistance programs for Romans attending Utica College, SUNYIT, Hamilton College, MVCC, and others. The Foundation contracts with the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce for staff services.



In Memoriam

Roy L. Mitchell
1918-2005



Dean Emeritus Roy Mitchell passed away on November 10th at the age of 87.

Dean Mitchell joined MVCC in January 1947, as an instructor in communication, when it was known as the New York State Institute of Applied Arts & Sciences at Utica. In 1955 he was named head of the General Education Department. He was promoted to Professor in September 1965, and in 1975 was named Associate Dean, overseeing the Division of Humanities & Communication. He was named Dean Emeritus on his retirement in 1978, and was inducted into the MVCC Hall of Fame in 1999.

1.5.3.1 Procedures, Open Forum

In the interest of improved communications and access to the Board of Trustees, the Board wishes to provide an opportunity for citizens to address the Board at their regular meetings. As of August 1, 1986, the Board will provide such opportunity, under the following guidelines.

A. Persons wishing to speak to the Board should notify the Secretary to the Board not later than the close of the business day prior to the Board of Trustees meeting, with a written statement of the topic they wish to address. The Secretary to the Board of Trustees is presently located in Room 305, Payne Hall.

B. Each individual will be permitted a maximum of 10 minutes for their presentation. The aggregate amount of time for the presentation of viewpoints at any one Board meeting will not exceed 30 minutes. The Chair of the Board will call upon those who wish to speak immediately following the correspondence section of the Board meeting.

C. Because of the maximum and aggregate time limits, only three individuals can be accommodated at any specific Board meeting. The Secretary to the Board will accept all requests to speak and maintain a continuing list of petitioner for subsequent Board meetings. If a petitioner wishes to withdraw a request, he/she must notify the Secretary to the Board.

D. While the Trustees may take up the issue raised under New Business, dialogue with the Trustees is not part of the Open Forum.

E. The format of the Open Forum is subject to change by the Trustees if it proves detrimental to the conduct of the Board's business.

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liaison between the instructional departments and the dorm students. Rhona will help these at-risk students connect to the academic world in a way that will help them to find academic success.

In addition, the Learning Center will continue to build on the existing and comprehensive support services provided to all MVCC students, enabling improved student retention and increased graduation rates. The Learning Center also coordinates the training of all Tutor/Mentor Positions in the Perkins Grant through training workshops. The next workshop will take place on December 8th at 9:00 am.

Kiddie Campus Sponsors Child Safety Day November 30th

On Saturday, November 30th, the Kiddie Campus will host a Child Safety Day from 10:00am-11:30am in the Gymnasium Lobby.

The program, which is specifically for children enrolled in the Kiddie Campus, will include a free Child ID and fingerprinting for parents to take home, with the option of allowing the photograph and biographical information to be stored in the NYS database.

"Truckie the Clown" and friends will be doing a fire safety demonstration for the children and parents.

The Oneida County Sheriff's Department will present a safety talk for the children on "Stranger Danger."

Upcoming Events

Monday, 11/21

~ Art Department Open House, 6:00pm-8:30pm, various AB classrooms and labs.

Tuesday, 11/22

~ Women's Basketball vs. Cayuga CC, 6:00pm, Gym.

~ Men's Basketball vs. Cayuga CC, 8:00pm, Gym.

Thursday, 11/24

~ Thanksgiving

Monday, 11/28

~ Placement Testing, 6:00pm, ACC 116.

Tuesday, 11/29

~ Oneida County Health Department Flu Clinic, 10:00am-11:30am, ACC 116.

~ Placement Testing, 6:00pm, PC Aud, Rome Campus.

Wednesday, 11/30

~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "Anniversary of the Joy of Cooking: A Joyful Tribute to American Classic Cooking," 11:45am, on the Rome campus. Price is \$9.50, call 334-7702 for reservations.

~ Hockey vs. Hudson Valley CC, 7:00pm, Utica Aud.

Thursday, 12/1

~ Men's Basketball vs. Fulton-Montgomery CC, 7:00pm, Gym.

~ "SantaLand Diaries & Season's Greeting," 8:00pm, IT Theater.

Friday, 12/2

~ "SantaLand Diaries & Season's Greeting," 8:00pm, IT Theater.



Jamie Ray, a class of 1999 Respiratory Care grad, is a staff therapist at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, and serves as a preceptor for MVCC's Respiratory Care program.

Speakers Bureau

The 2005-2006 Issue of the Speakers Bureau Pamphlet reveals the excellent talents and expertise of the College's faculty and staff. Did you know that.....

Rich Lamasney will share his knowledge of Irish History?

Celia Domser will discuss the science and technological history of popular toys?

Maria Ramos offers tips to help manage stress?

Rob Ichihana will discuss his experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer?

Sam Russo can discuss the who, what, where, when and how foreign, state, federal and local governments work?

For a copy of the Speakers Bureau, please contact Sharon Zohne in the Public Information Office at 792-5421, or by email at szohne@mvcc.edu