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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter September 26th, 2005

Highlights of September 19th Trustees Meeting

During their September 19th regular monthly meeting, the MVCC Trustees took the following actions:

- Approved minutes of their August 23rd meeting
- · Approved warrants and expenditures for College operations during the month of August, included in the report of Vice President Feola as **Board Treasurer**
- Ratified the term appointment of Pamela J. Fess as an Instructor in the Health Services Department. She is a critical care nurse educator at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Utica. She has also worked in nursing positions at Faxton-St Luke's Healthcare, and Rome Memorial Hospital. She is an MVCC graduate, with an A.A.S. degree in Nursing. She also earned a B.S. degree in Nursing at SUNYIT.
- Ratified the term appointment of Brian Judycki as an Instructor in the Engineering Technologies & The Trades Department. He will teach courses in computer-aided design. He has worked previously as a GIS specialist/CAD technician at Harza Engineering Company, a GIS Analyst/CAD designer at Montgomery Watson Harza, and a GIS analyst/CAD designer at Shumaker Consulting Engineering. He has also taught previously at the College. He holds a B.A. degree in Geography, and an undergraduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems/Spatial Analysis from SUNY Albany.
- Ratified the term appointment of Andrew Keiser as an Instructor in the Humanities Department. He has taught at the College previously on a number of term appointments. He

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Rebecca Cooper, Coordinator of Services for International Students

Rebecca handles International student admissions, advising and activi-

She joined the College staff in August: having come from Indiana.

She holds a BS degree in Psychology and an MA in Student Affairs

Administration in Higher Education from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. She is a member of the Association of International Educators and is on the MVCC International Initiatives Committee. Rebecca lives in New Hartford with her sons Sylas and Jaxon.

She enjoys tennis, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.



Constitution Day

In observance of Constitution Day, a panel discussion, mock arrest and arraignment was held in the IT Theater last Wednesday to illustrate our constitutional rights and freedoms. A discussion with local public officials followed. Pictured at bottom, Sheriff's department Sergeant James McCarthy from the Mohawk Valley Police Academy, guides a student "defendant" to the mock courtroom where Utica City Court Judge John Balzano, left, arraigned



him on the charge of petit larceny. Panel members also included representatives of the Oneida County District Attorney's Office, Michael Coluzza, and Dr. Esther Lee-

> Cohen, also an MVCC adjunct instructor. The Social Sciences Department and Student Activities Office sponsored the

MVCC's 4th Annual Gala Event

"My Sinatra, The Songs and the Stories," Performed by Cary Hoffman with the Stan Rubin Orchestra

Saturday, October 29th, 2005

News from Instruction

An Update on Program Development

Dr. Daniel P. Larson Vice-President for Instruction

The mix of programs offered by any community college will frequently change. There are many reasons for this. One, obviously, is fluctuation in student demand. Another is the fact that the needs of the community, including its employers, also change, and the community college is obligated to meet education and training needs arising from those changes in the community it serves.

MVCC has a long history of responding to the community through program development and innovation. This column provides an update to the College community about on some of the most recent program changes.

Teacher Transfer Programs

For several years, MVCC and SUNY Oneonta have offered a joint 2+2 program leading to a Bachelor's degree in Childhood Education, administered here by the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. This has been a successful partnership, and together we have supplied many new elementary school teachers for districts throughout the Mohawk Valley. While that partnership continues, many students have expressed interest in beginning an Education program at MVCC that will allow them to transfer to other SUNY institutions. Using a SUNY template, the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department has developed such a program, and applications now are being accepted. Graduates of the program, who go on to receive their Bachelor's degree, can be certified provisionally to teach grades 1-6 in New York State, and then have 3-5 years to complete an appropriate Master's degree for permanent certification. A variation of this program that would cover kindergarten through sixth grade is under discussion as a possible articulation agreement with Utica College.

Former Department Head John Rosicky and Associate Professor Carm Lomeo-Smrtic provided much of the leadership for this effort.

They did not stop there, however. School districts have told us of their growing need for teachers at the secondary level. To meet this need, Professors Rosicky and Lomeo-Smrtic developed a program in Adolescence Education. This program uses the SUNY template, making it possible for MVCC graduates to transfer into Bachelor's degree programs at other SUNY campuses, including Cortland, Geneseo, New Paltz, and Oswego.

In the Childhood Education program, students choose an emphasis in English, History, Mathematics, or General Science, preparing to teach in one of these areas. They take courses in the social and philosophical foundations of education and in child development.

In the Adolescence Education program, possible areas of emphasis include English, History, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Physics. When students then transfer to 4-year programs, their MVCC area of emphasis will become their major, with Education as their minor area of study.

Other Programs in Development

Facilities Management - Engineering Technologies & the Trades
[ET&T] and the Center for Community & Economic Development [CCED] have
developed a proposal for an A.A.S. degree and a Certificate in School
Facilities Management. The proposal is currently before the Curriculum
Committee, before going to SUNY and the State Education Department for
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Trustee Highlights, cont. has also taught at Utica College and SUNYIT. He holds a B.A. degree in English Literature from Utica College, and an M.A. degree in English Literature from SUNY Binghamton.

- Approved the probationary appointment of James Myers as Financial Systems Manager in the Business Office. He has been Coordinator of Instructional Support Services in the Office of the Vice President for Instruction since 2000. Prior to that, he was a Senior Account Clerk at the MVCC Rome Campus. He joined MVCC in 1982 as a Building Maintenance Worker at the Rome Campus. He is an MVCC graduate, with an A.A.S. degree in Accounting. He also earned a B.S. degree in Accounting at Utica College, and is now an M.B.A. candidate at SUNYIT. The Trustees authorized the College to fill the Coordinator of Instructional Support Services position.
- Approved the grant-funded position of Cecilia Peppenelli as Technical Assistant/Retention Specialist in the Nursing program on the Rome Campus. An MVCC Nursing graduate, she holds a B.S. in Nursing from SUNYIT, and an M.S. in Nursing from Syracuse University. She has worked in nursing at Rome Memorial Hospital, Faxton Hospital, and St. Luke's-Memorial Hospital Center, and as an adult nurse practitioner in private practice.
- Authorized the College to fill a vacant Program Assistant position in the Center for Community & Economic Development. The individual will work under a Customized Employment Grant to increase the availability of skill training, employment opportunities and career advancement for persons with disabilities attending MVCC.
- Authorized the College to fill a vacant Instructor position in Health Services.
- Approved an amendment to the College Staffing Plan, deleting a Student Services Counselor position continued on page 3

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at the Rome Campus, and creating an Enrollment Management Specialist/Student Services Counselor position, also at the Rome Campus. They authorized the College to fill the new position.

- Approved revised College Senate Bylaws.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the College and the MVCC Foundation.
- Authorized the College President to increase 2004-2005 salaries for Exempt Administrators by an aggregate amount not to exceed \$59,580.
- Ratified appointment of the following individuals as members of the adjunct faculty
- Mallory S. Anyango, to teach EN101 English Composition in the Humanities Department. She holds a B.A. degree in English & Psychology from SUNY Albany, and an M.A. degree in English from SUNY Buffalo.
- Robert L. Bauer, to teach CJ205 Principles of Investigation in the Social Sciences Department. An Oneida County assistant district attorney, he received a B.A. degree in Political Science from Siena College, and a J.D. degree from the Albany Law School.
- Erica M. Brindisi, to teach BI101 General Biology 1 in the Life Science Department. She has taught previously at Utica College and in the Utica City School District, including Proctor High School. She received a B.S. degree in Biology from Utica College, and an M.S. degree in Immunology & Microbial Disease from Albany Medical College.
- Kevin F. Buttenschon, to teach CJ205 Principles of Investigation in the Social Sciences Department. An investigator with the New York State Police, he is also a former deputy sheriff in the Oneida County Sheriff's Department. He has taught previously at Utica College and in the New York State Police Academy. An MVCC graduate with an A.A.S. degree in Criminal Justice, he also holds a B.S. degree in Law Enforcement from Utica College.
- Susan M. Camille, to teach EN101 English Composition in the Humanities Department. She has also taught at Columbia College and is a volunteer adult literacy tutor at The Learning Place, Inc. She earned an A.A.S. degree in Humanities at Onondaga Community College, a B.S. in Business Administration at Columbia College, as well as a B.A. degree in English, and an M.A. degree in English from SUNY Cortland.
- Peter Fiorillo, to teach AC115 Accounting 1 in the Business & Information Technology Department. He also serves as deputy controller for the City of Utica. He earned an A.S. degree in Biological Science at HCCC, a B.S. degree in Business/Public Management at SUNYIT, and an M.S. degree in Accountancy, also at SUNYIT.
- RoseAnn Grasso, to teach MA050 Introductory Mathematics in the Mathematics Department. She taught mathematics and science from 1980 to 2005 at Whitesboro Junior High School, and has also taught at Proctor High School and at MVCC. Her B.S. degree in Biology is from Utica College; her M.S. degree in Chemistry is from SUNY Albany.
- Michele L. Heintz, to teach FR101 Elementary French 1 in the Humanities Department. A French teacher at Notre Dame High School, she has also taught at Tulane University. She earned a B.A. degree in French at Nazareth College, and an M.A. degree, also in French, at Tulane University.
- John F. Kenealy, to teach AB131 Business Law 1 in the Business & Information Technology Department. He is a partner in the firm of Helmer, Johnson, Misiaszek & Kenealy, and was previously vice president of the Kiley Law Firm. An MVCC graduate with an A.S. degree in Business Administration, he also holds a B.S. from Utica College in Business Administration, and a J.D. degree in Law from Western New England University.
- Anne Kent-Kwasniewski, to teach EN099 Introduction to College English in continued on page 4



John F. Kenealy, a Business Administration, Class of 1985 grad, is now a partner in the law firm of Helmer, Johnson, Misiaszek & Kenealy. He also earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration at Utica College, and a J.D. degree at Western New England University.

Update on MVCC Security

During the September 19th Board of Trustees meeting, Vice President Ralph Feola, Administrative Services, briefed Trustees on the status of Security on the Utica and Rome Campuses.

Here are some highlights from that presentation:

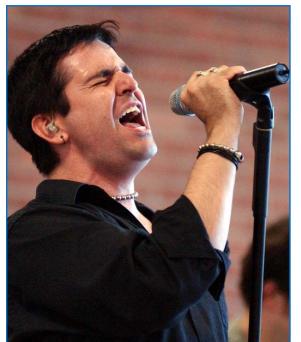
Security Staffing

- 12 full-time and two part-time officers
- Three shifts 24/7 Utica Campus
- One officer 8:00 p.m.-4:00 a.m., Monday-Friday, covers residence halls
- One part-time officer 8:00 p.m.-4:00 a.m. in residence halls on weekends
- Rome Campus: one part-time officer 6:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
- Officers patrol by foot, vehicle and bicycle
- All officers are certified annually in first aid, CPR and Automated External continued on page 4

News from Instruction, cont.

review and approval. The program will be offered exclusively online for facilities managers in public schools across New York State. It has been developed at the request of the New York State Association of Superintendents of Buildings & Grounds. In many ways, this program is modeled on a successful online degree program in Pupil Transportation Management offered to transportation managers in New York State public school systems.

- Fire Protection Technology This proposed program was developed at the request of the Utica Fire Academy. Operated by the Utica Fire Department, the Academy trains professional and volunteer firefighters for departments over a wide portion of the State. Under this program, the Academy will continue to provide specialized instruction in firefighting while MVCC will supplement that with general education courses to qualify participating firefighters for the Associate's degree. The program is awaiting SUNY and State Education Department approval. The Social Sciences Department, under the leadership of Department Head Marianne Buttenschon, will administer the program.
- Educational Sign Language Interpretation MVCC and the Resource Center for Independent Living [RCIL] in Utica are partnering in the development of an Associate's degree program in Educational Sign Language Interpretation. The program is intended to meet a need in area school districts for educational interpreters, especially in view of recent changes in national certification requirements. The effort is moving forward under a multi-year grant from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, which is associated with Rochester Institute of Technology. The program will be offered primarily at the Rome Campus by the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. Courses will include advanced American Sign Language training, interpreting and deaf culture courses, and a core curriculum in liberal arts. Dr. John Rosicky and Dr. Carm Lomeo-Smrtic have worked on this program with RCIL coordinators. During this first grant year, work is proceeding on organizing instructional space, equipment procurement, and course outlines. Instruction tentatively is slated to begin in Fall 2006.
- Surgical Technology This proposed Certificate program, now awaiting SUNY approval, is intended to prepare technicians to assist surgeons and other health care professionals in hospital operating rooms. It will be adminiscontinued on page 5



Local band **Gridley Page** entertained a packed Commons last Wednesday.

Security Update, cont.

Defibrillator (AED) use

Security Responsibilities

- Incident investigations
- Medical calls
- Respond to building alarms
- Respond to accidents
- · Building checks (flooding, refrigeration, pumps, etc)
- Vehicle jumpstarts
- Assisting with vehicle lock-outs
- Vehicle ticketing and towing

Total Reported Incidents

Three-Year Total: 930

- 2002 290 incidents
- 2003 329 incidents
- 2004 311 incidents

Incident Distribution by Location

Utica (not residence halls): 47.6%

Residence halls: 50.7% (471)

Rome: 1.7% (16)

Reported Incidents by Category

- · Larceny, alcohol-disciplinary action, harassment, criminal mischief, verbal dispute: 65%
- Alcohol, disorderly conduct, trespassing, drugs, assault: 21%
- Other: 14%

Security Cameras

- Utica Campus: Six external, four internal, eight additional on order
- Residence Halls: Five external, six internal

Emergency Phones

- Interior red phones (#5777): 35
- Exterior blue phones: 11



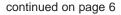
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tered by the Health Services Department.

• Cybersecurity - A proposed Certificate program is now before the Curriculum Committee. If the College offers this program, longrange plans call for development of an Associate's degree in this growing field. The proposal builds on two successful residential cybersecurity camps for high school students last Spring and during the Summer. The camps, held at the Griffiss Institute and the Rome Campus, were the result of partnerships with both the Griffiss Institute and the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory, especially through Dr. Kamal Jabbour at the USAFRL. who is a national expert in the field. The camps were made possible with federal funds secured by Congressman Sherwood Boehlert. In part because of the proximity of the Rome Campus to the Research Lab, Syracuse University has begun offering graduate courses in cybersecurity there. Several departments, including Engineering, Computer & Physical Sciences. Business & Information Technology, and Social Sciences, will provide the MVCC instruction.

Airframe & Powerplant

We continue to investigate the possibility of a program in Airframe & Powerplant Mechanics to serve the aviation maintenance industry and individuals seeking employment in that field. We are in ongoing discussions with Oneida County, the aviation maintenance industry, and Federal officials including the Department of Defense and the Federal Aviation Administration. about questions of facilities, equipment, tools, and aircraft. The Center for Community & Economic Development and the Engineering Technologies & the Trades Department are leading those discussions.





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the Humanities Department. A reading teacher at Donovan Middle School, she has also taught at Morrisville State College and Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES. She earned a B.S. degree in Animal Science at Cornell University, an M.S. degree in Elementary Education at the College of Saint Rose, and an M.S. degree in K-12 Reading at SUNY Potsdam.

- Joshua Duan McKee, to teach EN101 English 1: Composition in the Humanities Department. A professional writing tutor and guest lecture in history at Hamilton College, he has also been a teaching assistant at Yale University. He holds a B.A. degree in Philosophy from Drew University, and an M.A. degree in Religion & Literature from Yale University.
- Teresa E Ostrander, to teach AC115 Accounting 1 in the Business & Information Technology Department. Currently financial systems manager for the Oneida Indian Nation, she was previously a senior accountant for the Turning Stone Casino. She is an MVCC graduate, with an A.A.S. degree in Accounting. She also holds two degrees from SUNYIT, a B.S. in Accounting, and an M.S. in Business Management.
- Theodore J. Petrillo, to teach MA105 Technical Mathematics 1 in the Mathematics Department. He is former budget director for Oneida County, and former director of finance at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He has taught previously at MCCC as well as at Notre Dame High School. He has two degrees in Mathematics, a B.A. degree from Utica College and an M.S. degree from Clarkson University.
- John M. Reale, to teach AB127 Computerized Accounting Systems in the Business & Information Technology Department. An accountant at Utica National Insurance, he is an MVCC graduate with an A.A.S. degree in Accounting. He also earned a B.S. degree in Accounting at SUNYIT.
- Kathleen Salsbury, to teach ED100 College Seminar in the Humanities Department. A former technical assistant at MVCC, she has been a library assistant at Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institute since 2001. She is an MVCC graduate, with an Associate degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences. She also earned a B.S. degree in Professional & Technical Communications at SUNYIT.
- Sally Sherwood, to teach IS101 Introduction to Personal Computers as a dual credit course at Madison-Oneida BOCES, where she teaches business computer systems. She is an MVCC graduate with an A.A.S. degree in Liberal

Trustee Highlights, cont.

Arts & Sciences. She also earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in Vocational Technical Education at SUNY Oswego.

- Andrea Stiefvater, to teach EN101 English 1: Composition in the Humanities Department. She has taught previously at the University of Cincinnati, and at the middle school level. Her B.A. degree in English is from Goucher College, and her M.A. degree in English/Comparative Literature is from the University of Cincinnati.
- Dr. Marianne Skau, to teach PY207 Life-Span Developmental Psychology in the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. She is currently a research project coordinator at Syracuse University, and a psychologist at CHE Senior Psychological Services. She has taught previously at SUNY Albany, Ulster Community College and Bergen Community College. Her Ph.D. degree in Counseling Psychology is from SUNY Albany. She also earned an M.A. degree in Counseling Psychology at Boston College, and a B.A. degree in Psychology at College of Holy Cross. She is a NYS licensed psychologist.
- Celeste Uvanni, to teach AC115 Accounting 1 in the Business & Information Technology Department. She is an MVCC graduate with an A.A.S. degree in Banking & Insurance. She also holds a B.S. degree in Finance, with an Accounting minor, from SUNYIT.
- John Yonkers, to teach MA050 Introductory Mathematics in the Mathematics Department. A former director of education and training at Utica National Insurance, he has taught previously at BOCES, Mohawk Central School and Morrisville State College. He holds a B.S. degree from Cornell University in Science Education, and an M.A. degree from Wesleyan University in Liberal Studies.
- Linda Zelows, to teach PY213 Human Sexuality in the Psychology, Human Services & Education Department. She is also vocational services coordinator at the Resource Center for Independent Living. She holds an A.A.S. degree in Human Services from HCCC, a B.A. degree in History from Utica College, and an M.S. degree in Social Work from Syracuse University.
- Susan Zylinsky, R.N., to teach NU101 Fundamentals of Nursing in the Health Services Department. A staff nurse and nursing staff educator at Rome Memorial Hospital, she holds an A.A.S. degree in Nursing from St. Elizabeth Medical Center College of Nursing, and a B.S.N. degree in Nursing from Keuka College. She also earned an A.S. degree in Liberal Arts at HCCC.

President Schafer presented to Tom Maneen, retired Technical Assistant in the Art Department, a certificate recognizing his appointment as Professional Staff Emeritus.

The Trustees voted to accept two notices of retirement, from Civita Allard, Health Services, and Eugene Militello, Information Technology.

News from Instruction, cont.

Programs No Longer Offered

Over the past year, after careful evaluation by the Academic Program Review Committee, several certificate programs were discontinued. These include Word Processing Management, Merchandising, Case Management, and Computer Electronics Technician.

Program Name Change

During the past year, the former Banking & Insurance program was renamed Financial Services Management to reflect more accurately the subject matter and the types of employment open to graduates.

Upcoming Events

Monday, 9/26

- ~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Reading Improvement,"11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.
- ~ Rome Rotary Tour of Rome Campus and lunch, with a Study Exchange Team from the Philippines, 11:00am-2:00pm, RA108 & Dining room.
- ~ Men's Soccer vs. SUNY Cobleskill, 4:00pm.

Tuesday, 9/27

- ~Women's Tennis vs. Herkimer CCC, 4:00pm.
- ~ Medical billing, coding and transcription certificates open house, 6:00pm, IT 225.

Wednesday, 9/28

- ~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "California Gold Rush: Treasured Recipes of the Sunset State," 11:45am, on the Rome campus. Price is \$9.50, call 334-7702 for reservations.
- ~Meet the Photographer- Zana Briski, "Born Into Brothels," 2:00pm, IT Theater.
- ~ Men's Soccer vs. Jefferson CC, 5:00pm.

Monday, 10/3

- ~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Note Taking,"11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.
- ~ Volleyball vs. SUNY Delhi, 7:00pm. Wednesday, 10/5
- ~ Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "Romantic Caribbean Dining," lunch and movie "Pirates of the Caribbean,"11:45am, on the Rome campus. Price is \$9.50, call 334-7702 for reservations.
- ~ Artist Richard Harvey Exhibit Lecture, 3:00pm, IT 225.
- ~ Women's Soccer vs. Herkimer CCC, 4:00pm.

Saturday, 10/8

- ~ Volleyball Tri-Match with Tompkins-Cortland CC and Monroe Community College, 1:00pm.
- ~ Women's Soccer vs. Hudson Valley CC, 1:00pm.