# Communitas

**MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter** 

**December 4, 2006** 



## **MVCC/SUNY Canton** Dental Hygiene Program

Open wide.

MVCC President Michael I. Schafer and SUNY Canton President Joseph L. Kennedy were on hand Wednesday, November 29, for the official ribbon cutting on the new Dental Hygiene Clinic located in the Veterans Administration facility on the Griffiss Business and Technology Park in Rome.

This program, which is a partnership between the two institutions, will train students to become licensed dental hygienists. Dental hygienists are oral health professionals focusing on prevention and treatment of oral diseas-

In addition to treating patients directly, dental hygienists also work as educators, researchers, and administrators.

"We were able to see early on the need for a program such as this in the community," said Dr. Schafer. "In providing a top notch dental hygiene program, we are helping to meet the needs of the community and with the help of SUNY Canton this has become a reality."

The guest of honor for the unveiling was Congressman Sherwood Boehlert who was instrumental in turning the former Griffiss Air Force Base's hospital into the Donald J. Mitchell Rome Veterans Administration Facility. This clinic caters to veterans from more than five counties.

The Congressman also fought to earmark \$150,000 for the VA clinic that is now one of the most efficient facilities in Central New York.

Under the direction of Pam Quinn, Dental Hygiene Program Director, there are currently 23 students enrolled in the



Practice cleaning - Sarah A. Trousdale, of Rome, practices a cleaning technique at the MVCC/SUNY Canton Dental Hygiene Clinic at the Veterans Administration facility on the Griffiss Business and Technology Park in Rome.

two-year Dental Hygiene Program. This program is in line with SUNY Canton's four-year development, a bachelor's level Dental Hygiene program that is pending approval for Fall 2007.

Dental hygienists held approximately 158,000 jobs in 2004, according to the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The number of jobs exceeds the number of hygienists, and this occupation is expected to grow at least 27 percent until the year 2014.

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#### December 3, **1987** – A winter **6011** schedule listed these coaches: men's basketball - Gary Broad-

hurst: wrestling Steve Senior; bowling - Robert Jorgensen; women's basketball Michael Hayes; ice hockey - John

Sheridan.



**December 2, 1985 - Communitas** reported that Professor Richard Coleman of the Physical Education Department had been named Region III Cross Country Coach of the Year for the fifth consecutive year.

December 1, 1988 - Communitas reported that Associate Professor Ronald Zollweg of the Humanities Department, also a professional magician, would present a performance on campus entitled "The History of the Art of Magic."

November 29, 1981 - The Utica Observer-Dispatch reported that John Pridgeon, vice president and general manager of Special Metals Corporation in New Hartford, had been elected president of the Mohawk Executive Forum, succeeding James Payne, chairman of the board of Remet Corporation. The first vice president was Monte Craig, president of Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company. Second vice president was William Bashant, president of Chicago Market Enterprises. Treasurer was John Zapisek, regional vice president of Marine Midland Bank.

November 28, 1995 - Communitas reported that Instructor Leslie Goerner and Assistant Professor Timothy Messick of the Humanities Department were entertaining shoppers at Sangertown Mall. They were reading poetry in Laureat's Books and Café.

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Also present at the ceremony were members of the Veterans Administration, officials from the Fifth District Dental Society, New York State Dental Foundation, and the Oneida Dental Society. The Fifth District Dental Society covers eight central and northern New York counties with a membership of almost 700 dentists.

The SUNY Canton Foundation was presented a check for \$15,000 from the NYS Dental Foundation that is to be applied toward the program.

Representing the MVCC Board of Trustees at the ceremony were Chairperson Sheila Vandeveer and Mary Carmel Wolf.

Graduates from the MVCC/SUNY Canton program are accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA) Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education.



**Officially open -** The ribbon was cut on the MVCC/SUNY Canton Dental Hygiene Clinic on Wednesday, November 29. From left to right are: Pam Quinn, Dental Hygiene Program Director; MVCC President Dr. Michael I. Schafer; Congressman Sherwood Boehlert; Dr. Jeremy D. Brown, SUNY Canton Vice President of Academic Services; Amy Pozzi, Executive Director for Fifth District Dental Society.

## Clarion Clarinet Quartet performs on Rome Campus

The Clarion Clarinet Quartet will fill the Plumley Complex Auditorium on the Rome Campus, 1101 Floyd Avenue, with the moving sounds of classical music on Tuesday, December 5, for a 7:30 p.m.

This presentation is part of MVCC's Fall 2006 Cultural Arts Series and is free and open to the public.

The beautiful and unique sound of one bass and three Bflat clarinets is both exciting and dynamic, in a repertoire extending from J.S. Bach to Scott Joplin. Along with being highly entertaining, the quartet provides insight into the music and composers that they perform.

Some of the pieces include Fantasia by Paul Harvey, Sonatina by Dmitiri Kabalevsky, Oh, Lady Be Good by Gershwin and much more.

The members of the Clarion Clarinet Quartet, Jack Adams, Herb Geller, Tom Petty, and Lou Turro, are local professional musicians and educators who have been performing together for 28 years.

Mr. Geller is currently an adjunct at MVCC and retired band director from Rome Free Academy. During his career, this Juilliard School of Music graduate has performed with the West Point Band, Florida Symphony, Berkshire Music Festival Orchestra as well as with the Band of America under the direction of Paul Lavelle.



Mr. Adams was coordinator of the music department and band director at Holland Patent Central School. Mr. Petty is a music teacher and band director at Whitesboro High School, where he replaced Mr. Turro, who retired as band director and music department chairman from the Whitesboro schools.

## Upcoming Events on MVCC Campuses

#### **Monday, December 4**

- Pilates, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons 7:00 pm
- Cultural Series Movie: "Dogville," IT Theater, 7:00 pm

#### **Tuesday, December 5**

- Public Policy Breakfast for Elected Officials, IT 225, 8:30 am
- Brown Bag Luncheon Series: "Making Decisions About Your College Career," ACC 116, 11:00 am
- Justice Roundtable: "Justice for a Diverse Society, ACC 212, 12:30 pm
- College Senate Meeting, PH 300,
  2:30 pm
- Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Women's Basketball host Onondaga CC, 6:00 pm
- Night Hawk, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons 7:00 pm
- Cultural Series Performance: Clarion Clarinet Quartet, PC Auditorium, Rome, 7:30 pm
- Men's Basketball host Onondaga CC, 8:00 pm

#### Wednesday, December 6

- Cultural Series Performance: MVCC Concert Band – Holiday Concert, IT Theater, 7:30 pm
- Black Student Union "Dance Off," MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- Ice Hockey at Broome CC, 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, December 7

- Flu Clinic, CC 116, 9:00 am
- U.S. Army Representatives, AB Lobby, 10:00 am
- Rehearsal for "Amahl and the Night Visitors," IT Theater, 4:00 pm
- Open Mic, CC 116, 7:00 pm
- Women's Basketball host Schenectady CCC, 5:00 pm
- Men's Basketball host Schenectady CCC, 7:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons,
  7:00 pm

#### Friday, December 8

- Central NY Library Council Breakfast, CC 116, 8:00 am
- Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:00 pm

## MYCC Faces: Mallory S. Anyango

Mallory S. Anyango has a passion for the written word. Whether it's writing poetry in her spare time or working out the lyrics of a song, she pours her heart and soul into every syllable.

Ms. Anyango carries this same passion every time she steps into the classroom. As an instructor and advisor in the English Department, this New Hartford resident takes



pride in making sure every one of her students come out with an understanding of the subject.

Ms. Anyango teaches Composition (EN 101), Introduction to College English (EN 099), along with Ideas and Values in Literature (EN 102) at MVCC. She has been a full-time faculty member with MVCC for 3 ½ months after teaching as an adjunct for one year. Her dedication to higher education is evident as a graduate tutor at Utica College along with being an adjunct instructor and tutor at Herkimer County Community College.

When not teaching, she enjoys writing poetry, singing and songwriting (soul music), as well as working as the managing editor of "13th Moon Literary Magazine" which is published through SUNY at Albany.

Ms. Anyango received her Bachelor of Arts in English from SUNY at Albany and earned her Master's degree in English at SUNY at Buffalo, where she graduated summa cum laude.

In an effort to strengthen MVCC's academic programs, Ms. Anyango is a member of the International Studies Assessment Committee.

Ms. Anyango's passion for helping others extends to her extensive volunteer work. She is a volunteer tutor at the Tutoring Center of Proctor High School along with working with the NYS Tobacco Coalition. She was an organizer of poetry slam, "Utenzi Uhuru" (Poetic Freedom) in Albany, and on weekends she volunteers as a Sunday school teacher for the Annunciation Regional Parish.

• Cultural Series Concert: "Ying String Quartet," IT Theater, 8:00 am

#### Saturday, December 9

- Ice Hockey hosts North Country CC, 3:00 pm
- Women's Basketball at Genesee CC, 2:00 pm
- Men's Basketball at Genesee CC, 4 pm
- Cultural Series Play: "Amahl and the Night Visitors," IT Theater, 7:30 pm

#### **Sunday. December 10**

• Track & Field at Cornell, 10:00 am

 Cultural Series Play: "Amahl and the Night Visitors," IT Theater, 7:30 pm

#### Monday, December 11

- Empire Aero Center Computer Training, PC 252, Rome, 8:00 am
- Pilates, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons 7:00 pm

#### Tuesday, December 12

- Empire Aero Center Computer Training, PC 252, Rome, 8:00 am
- National Training Service Workshop, PC 215, Rome, 3:00 pm

## Summary of the November MVCC Board of Trustees meeting

The MVCC Board of Trustees met November 20, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. in Payne Hall Room 300, Utica Campus.

**Presentation** – William Perrotti, Chair of the College Senate, read aloud a resolution endorsed by 24 College Senators, that detailed the Senate's perception of the current negative campus climate and expressed the desire to have the board assist in resolving morale issues. Board Chair Sheila Vandeveer read a short statement from the Board in response, noting that a more harmonious and cooperative environment was desired by everyone.

#### **Reports**

**Treasurer's Report** – Ralph Feola, Vice President for Administration, reported that monthly financial statements were not available at this time as accounts were in the process of being verified by the College's independent auditors. The Board then approved a resolution amending the College budget by an increase of \$597,000 which represented amounts from grants and contracts.

Audit and Finance Committee – Trustee N. Joseph Yagey reported that the Audit and Finance Committee would meet with auditors on December 13 to review the audit, and an audit report will be presented at the December board meeting.

**Presidential Search Committee** – Trustee Yagey reported that the next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for November 29.

**Student Trustee** – Trustee Paul Malinowski noted that he had attended a very productive SUNY Student Assembly conference last month. Nominations for the Student Trustee position will be held on November 30 and the election will be held December 7. The new student trustee will be introduced to the Board at the December meeting.

**Millennium Policy Board** – Trustee Elaine Falvo reported that there had not been much activity with the Millennium board due to extensive staff turnover in Utica schools. Members of the Utica School Board have been invited to meet with the MVCC Board to discuss the Millennium project.

**Chairman's Report** – Chair Sheila Vandeveer distributed a revised 2007 Board of Trustees meeting schedule.

**President's Report** – President Schafer introduced Keith Lynip, Director of Distance Learning, who provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on MVCC's online education efforts. Mr. Lynip reported that MVCC's online and distance learning programs were aimed at not only providing high quality courses but also developed to create a learning community. Establish and maintain high quality standards for online courses. His goals for the year included expanding the number of online courses and programs, working with the marketing department to enhance publicity for distance learning, develop effective course development processes, and to secure appropriate partnerships. He also shared some demographic data with the Board that clearly

indicated that online students were older thank MVCC's traditional population, and predominantly female.

Dr. Schafer continued his report by congratulating Elaine Falvo on her reappointment to a 7-year term on the board. He also circulated a thank-you note from Robert Jorgensen related to the tribute event held in Jorgensen's honor on October 27; and another note from Vice President Denise DiGiorgio thanking the Board for the floral arrangement she received after recent surgery. Dr. Schafer also reminded the Board about the Ribbon-cutting event scheduled at the new MVCC-SUNY Canton Dental Hygiene clinic; and that December's Commencement ceremony would be held on December 21.

#### **New Business**

The Board approved a resolution authorizing positions in the Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences Department, the Humanities Department, and the Psychology, Human Services and Education Department.

The Board also passed a resolution accepting the newly revised Strategic Goals of the College.

### Minutes from Middle States Steering Committee meeting

## MVCC Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee Friday, November 17, 2006

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the November 3, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Dennis Rahn moved to approve the minutes, Sandy Engel seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 2. Spring Schedule: At the next meeting the Co-chairs will distribute information about the spring 2007 Steering Committee meetings.
- 3. Team Chair: The MSCHE Team chair will be Dr. Stuart M. Bounds, President of Chesapeake College, a community college in Maryland. The team chair visit is scheduled for October 15, 2007. We have proposed a team visit for the second week of April the 6th through the 9th, 2008.
- 4. Review of Work Group Material: The Steering Committee continued the review of Work Group 1 Standards 1 & 6 material.
- 5. Review of drafts: The schedule for the review of the Work Groups drafts is below. Drafts should be sent out by the Monday of the week when the draft will be reviewed by the Steering Committee. Chairs should be prepared to highlight issues.
- Proposed Schedule for Steering Committee Meetings: Friday, December 15 - Finish Work Group 7, Start Work Group 3

PH 300 from 12 Noon until finished. Lunch will be served. Tuesday, December 19 - Finish Work Group 3, Work Group 4

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## **Aliens invade Payne Hall**

It may not be Orson Welles' "The War of the Worlds," but there is an alien invasion in the lobby of Payne Hall on the Utica Campus.

As part of the MVCC Art Department's Three-Dimension Design class, Assistant Professor Christi Harrington organized her students to create a Sculpture Space Exhibit featuring aliens and their spaceship, all made from aluminum foil.

"The inspiration for this project came about last year when my 3D Design class took part in a Sculpture Space project with German artist Lisa Lukas (an installation work called Foil People)," said Ms. Harrington. The Foil People Exhibit was installed along the Parkway as well as on the MVCC Utica Campus. "The students had so much fun and were so inspired by creating these wonderful sculptures that we wanted to make it a tradition."

This is the second year Ms. Harrington's 3D Design students have created these foil figures. This year's theme of an alien invasion came about due to the time of year, just before Halloween, as the class voted to create something from the science fiction genre.

As part of the inspirational aspect for this year's project, Ms. Harrington's students attended the Substance and Light: Ten Sculptors Use Cameras Exhibit at Munson-William-Proctor Institute. There they met Sculpture Space Artist in Residence, Liza McConnell, an artist from Brooklyn. Her exhibit, Landscapes, features tin cans with designs punctured in the sides and housing lights. The rays of light rushed forth to create patterns of color on the white walls that spark the imagination.

This same premise was used in the MVCC project where there is an opening in the spaceship, located under the stairs in the lobby. Visitors can gaze into the abyss of shadow and darkness. Helping to make this spaceship possible were the students in Engineering Technologies and Trades Instructor Michael Sorrentino's class. They welded the frame on which cardboard, chicken wire, aluminum foil and color plastic wrap was attached. The alien figures are made just from aluminum foil molded into the desired shape.

"This has been a unique experience for the students to actually meet and work with artists from around the world," says Ms. Harrington.

Ms. Harrington is looking forward to future projects that may possibly encompass the entire campus. The alien invasion exhibit will be on display through Thursday, December 14.



One piece at at a time – Members of the Three-Dimensional Design class assemble portions of the Sculpture Space Exhibit that is on display in the lobby of Payne Hall. MVCC students are from left: Ashley Hall-Compeau, Shannon Goodrich, James Richardson, Kate Jaworski, Francis Wilcox and Carol Ardolino.



**Just a dab** – Felicia Thibado uses a hot glue gun to attach a piece of foil to the spaceship portion of the Sculpture Space Exhibit in the lobby of Payne Hall.

### National food drive short of Guinness World Record

While the local Cans Across America food drive was a success with MVCC and the Sodexho Food Service reaching its goal, the national effort to break a Guinness World Record for donations collected in a 24-hour period fell short.

The MVCC food drive reached the goal of 600 pounds of donated canned goods, boxed dried goods and any other non-perishable food. On the national level, the Sodexho

Campus Food Service collected 112,000 pounds. The record of 156,889.34 pounds collected in a 24-hour period is still held by Thunder in the Valley, Bechtelsville, Pa.

In addition to the 600 pounds of food, which was given to the Community Food Bank, Sodexho donated \$350 to the Community Food Bank Telethon, which was held November 22. This money was raised though employee initiatives at MVCC.

## **MVCC's First Home**



With MVCC's 60th Anniversary, comes a look back at the college's early life.

The first home for MVCC, then know as New York State Institute of Applied Arts & Sciences, was the Utica Country Day School in New Hartford.

The building had been unoccupied since May 31, 1943, when it was used as an elementary school. The building and accompanying 36.7 acres were purchased by the Utica Mutual Insurance Company.

NYS Institute of Applied Arts & Sciences leased the building from the Utica Mutual Insurance Company in 1946. Some of the repairs needed for the building before students could occupy it included a new roof, a third boiler and repairs to some of the floors that had warped due to the lack of heat over the previous three years.

The Utica Country Day School was constructed in 1921. It was a U-shaped stucco building set well back from Genesee Street with two wings reaching to the east and the street. Behind the school, the grade dropped away, permitting a basement level two-story gym. Behind that, the school's playing fields stretched back to the first fairway of the Yahnundasis Golf Club, across

from what later became the Route 12 arterial.

The school served approximately 200 male and female students in kindergarten, elementary and secondary grades,

with a graduation class of eight to 10 each year.

Among its former students was Jimmy Sherman, grandson of the Vice President of the United States.

In 1941, enrollment had fallen to such an extent that high school grades were discontinued. It closed completely at the end of the 1942-43 academic year with Emeline Mc-Cowen as Headmistress. The facility earlier had housed the Utica Female Academy.

In 1961, the former Utica Country Day School was razed. Bricks from the old building were distributed for souvenirs at a Christmas-time alumni party.



**In the beginning -** Above is a view of the front of the former Utica Country Day School after after it became the first home of MVCC. Below is a photograph from 1961 when the building was demolished.





## Ying Quartet to perform in MVCC Theater

The Ying Quartet, one of the best-known and highly regarded young ensembles on the American music scene, will perform at MVCC's Theater on the Utica Campus, on Friday, December 8, at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 with a College ID and \$10 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased the night of the performance. This is part of MVCC's Cultural Arts 2006 Fall Series.

The Ying Quartet continues to develop ways of making artistic and creative expression an essential part of everyday life. One of their recent projects in this direction was during an innovative visiting residency at Symphony Space in New York City, where they connected music with other art forms, such as dance, poetry, and film.

Natives of Chicago, the Ying siblings began their career as an ensemble in 1992 in the farm community of Jesup, Iowa, as the first artists involved in the National Endowment for the Arts Chamber Music Rural Residencies Program. The Quartet performed on countless occasions for audiences of six to six hundred people.

The quartet won recognition with the 1993 Naumburg Chamber Music Award by establishing an international reputation for excellence in their live performances across North America, Europe, Australia, Japan and Taiwan.

The Yings' enthusiasm for performing in diverse settings has led to concerts in Carnegie Hall, the White House, hospitals and juvenile prisons. Frequent musical collaborations have included such artists as Menahem Pressler, Paul Katz, Gilbert Kalish, Jon Nakamatsu, and the St. Lawrence and Turtle Island String Quartets.

### MVCC Senate Agenda for December 5, meeting

## MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE Utica and Rome, New York

The next meeting of the College Senate will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2006, in Room 300 in Payne Hall. This meeting will commence at 2:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Minutes: November 7, 2006
- 3. Chairperson's Report
- 4. President Schafer's (or designee's) Report
- 5. Student Congress President's (or designee's) Report
- 6. Special Reports
- (1) FCCC Resolution re. Strengthened Campusbased Assessment - R. Jubenville
- (2) FCCC Resolution re. FCCC President as a Member of the SUNY Board of Trustees R. Jubenville
- (3) FCCC Resolution re. Chancellor's Award for Support Personnel R.Jubenville
  - 7. Committee Reports
    - (1) Spring 2006 final reports W. Perrotti
    - (2) Committee memberships W. Perrotti
    - (2) "Green campus" Task Force N. Rutishauser
- (3) Collegewide Curriculum Committee Demo of electronic editing system for course descriptions M. Mc-Cleary, S, Frisbee, R. Pucine
  - 8. Old Business
- (1) Senate meeting schedule Rollover meeting/ Consent agendas - B. Quist
  - 9. New Business
- (1) Academic credentials of adjuncts needed to teach credit-bearing college courses W. Perrotti
- (2) Recruitment of on-line instructors W. Perrotti. K. Lynip
- (3) Setting a future academic direction for the College D. Larson, F. Armstrong
  - 10. Other Business
  - 11. Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in PH 300.

The Senate Advisory Committee Meeting will be held Monday, January 22, 2007 at 2 p.m.

#### **Escoffier Club raffle**

MVCC's Escoffier Club is holding a holiday basket raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 10 for \$5.

There are to be five baskets raffled off during the MVCC Department Head Luncheon on Wednesday, December 13, on the Rome Campus. Each basketball is unique: A baking basket; an Italian cooking basket; American style cooking basket; a wine basket; and a Margarita basket.

To purchase tickets, call the Rome Campus Hospitality Department at 334-7702. Tickets will be delivered through inter-office mail or by the Postal Service.



Performing Arts Conference Center Theater December 8, 8:00 PM Concert Admission: \$10 public, \$3 with college ID Sponsored by MVCC Counseling Center

The Ying Quartet's unparalleled success is making creative connections between chamber music and other art forms in ways that have great public appeal. The program will consist of Mozart's String Quartet K. 458, A Musical Dim Sum (a collection of Chinese-American works), and Tchaikovsky's String Quartet #1.



Performing Arts Conference Center Theater Saturday, December 9, at 7:30 PM; & Sunday, December 10, at 4:00 PM Performance Admission: Free

A crippled little shepherd called Amahl, with his mother, an impoverished widow, faced with hunger and cold in their empty house. take in Three Wise Men on their way to Bethlehem.

It's never too late to re-tune your soul.



### Schultze Gets the Blues

Performing Arts Conference Center Theater December 11, 7:00 PM Movie Admission: Free Rated PG

A middle-aged accordionist is renewed after hearing a Cajun zydeco riff on the radio.



