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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter March 6, 2006

High School Students Complete Cybersecurity Program at Rome Campus

Seventeen high school students from various parts of New York State recently completed a week-long residential cybersecurity program at MVCC's Rome Campus. Classes were also held at the Griffiss Institute for Information Assurance. The program was conducted with assistance from Dr. Kamal Jabbour of the Air Force Research Laboratory at Rome, who helped create the cyber-security program and has been involved in previous MVCC offerings along similar lines.

During the program, February 20th-24th, the students learned about information security procedures related to computers, networks and wireless devices. Other topics included hidden messaging via steganography, identity theft, computer worms and viruses, Google hacking, digital forensics, corporate espionage, and legal, ethical and political issues related to cybersecurity.

Participating high school students were from Camden, Mineola, Locke, Melville, New York City, Valhalla, Candor, Syracuse, South New Berlin, Schenectady, Harpursville, Rotterdam, Latham and Fort Drum, NY.

Several members of MVCC's faculty and staff were among the instructors, including Tom Mihevc, Jason Yager, Carolyn D'Argenio, Beverly Quist and Ingrid Melendez. Also serving as instructors were representatives of the Air Force Research Laboratory, the Association for Information Systems, and Dolphin Technologies.

Enriching Our Community for 60 Years

An unidentified textile technology student or faculty member tests a sample using a Color FadOMeter machine in the 1950's.

Theater Students Production Takes the Stage

Theater students worked on the set for last weekend's play "Haunted Lives: Three Short Ghost Plays." Three separate plays "A Witch's Brew," "A Ghost Story," and "A Gothic Tale" made up a trio of studies in the eerie and sinister possibilities of spine-tingling storytelling on stage. The distinction between the natural and the unnatural, the real and the imagines, was deftly challenged with chilling inventiveness and resourceful theatricality. The play was directed by Professor Jim Gifford, Humanities. The cast included the following students: ACT I: DAED- TROY GOODIER; JULE-LASHINA WASHINGTON; TUCKER-RYAN MAGGI. ACT II: OSWALD-STEVEN SMITH; HACKETT-SCOTT GIOVANNONE; SOMA-SARAH SMITH. ACT III: ISAAC- FREDERICK MERGENTHALER; MORTEN -DEVON CASSESE; ELIZA- JENN RUBINO

Academic Calendar 2006-2007 (Revised)

Fall 2006

Faculty Returns	Monday, August 21
Instruction Begins	Monday, August 28
Labor Day (College Closed)	Monday, September 4
Columbus Day (No Classes)	Monday, October 9
Midterms (Midterm of the Semester)	Friday, October 20
Last day to withdraw (16 week courses)	Tuesday, November 14
Thanksgiving Recess	Wed-Sun, Nov. 22-26
(22nd: No classes; 23-24: College closed)	
Last day of Instruction	Friday, December 15
Final Exams	Mon-Thurs, December 18s-21
Commencement	Thursday, December 21
Grades due	Saturday, December 23
(10 a.m.)	
December Break	Dec. 25-January 1, 2007

EVENING EXAMS

Monday evening`	Monday, December 18
Tuesday evening	Tuesday, December 19
Wednesday evening	Wednesday, December 20
Thursday evening	Thursday, December 21
Friday evening	Thursday, December 21

Spring 2007

Faculty Return	Tuesday, January 9
Instruction Begins	Tuesday, January 16
Midterm (Midterm of the semester)	Thursday, March 8
Spring Recess	Mon-Sun, March 12-18
Last day to withdraw (16 week courses)	Monday, April 9
Last day of Instruction	Monday, May 7
Study Day/Snow Day	Tuesday, May 8
Final Exams	Wed-Tues, May 9-15
Grades due	Thursday, May 17
Commencement	Friday, May 18

EVENING EXAMS

Monday evening	Monday, May 14
Tuesday evening	Tuesday, May 15
Wednesday evening	Wednesday, May 9
Thursday evening	Thursday, May 10
Friday evening	Friday, May 11

Summer Session 2007

First Five-Week Session

Instruction begins	Monday, May 21
Memorial Day Holiday	Monday, May 28
Instruction Ends	Monday, June 25
Final Exams	Tuesday, June 26
Grades due	Thursday, June 28

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60th Anniversary Snapshots
For last week

February 27, 1993 - A textbook, "Contemporary Graphic Design," written by Associate Professor Ronald Labuz, head of MVCC's Advertising Design & Production Department, was published by Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York City. It was Professor Labuz's sixth book. It discussed design style that emerged in the 1980's, including New Wave, Punk, Color-Field, Techno, Retro, Systems Approach and Post-modernism. Among the designers mentioned in the book was Walter Kopec, a 1974 graduate of MVCC who had completed a work-study experience in the Public Information Office.

February 27, 1988 - MVCC Alumni Association members attended an American Hockey League game between the Utica Devils - affiliated with the New Jersey Devils - and the Adirondack Red Wings, affiliated with the Detroit Red Wings - at the Utica Memorial Auditorium.

February 28, 1987 - A series of newspaper advertisements created in the College's Public Information Office won 1st place in a nationwide competition, "The Paragon Awards," sponsored by the National Council for Community Relations, part f the American Association of Community Colleges. The ads were written by Bob Lacell and designed by Luciann Diliberto (now Luciann Gould).

March 1, 1979 - The MVCC Concert Band performed its first concert under Director Robert Mickle, a music instructor at Utica Free Academy. He was also a baritone soloist with the Utica Civic Band and principle trombonist with the Utica Symphony Orchestra. Today the MVCC Concert Band is led by Barbara

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Academic Calendar, cont.

Second Five-Week Session

Instruction begins	Monday, July 9
Instruction ends	Friday, August 10
Final exams	Monday, August 13
Grades due	Wednesday, August 15

First Eight-Week Session

Instruction begins	Monday, May 21
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28
Independence Day Recess	Wednesday, July 4
Instruction ends	Friday, July 13
Final Exams	Monday, July 16
Grades due	Wednesday, July 18

Upcoming Events

Monday, 3/6
~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, “Math Anxiety,” Noon-1:00pm, Rome Campus Atrium.
~ MOVIE: “House of Flying Daggers,” 7:00pm, IT Theater.
Wednesday, 3/8
~ Seizure Recognition and First Aid,3:00pm, ACC 116.
~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, “Reading Improvement,” 11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.
~ Rome Student Activities Association St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 11:00am-3:00pm, PC Atrium, Rome Campus.
~ Hospitality theme dinner, “Dine Like a Hollywood Star: Wolfgang Puck’s Award-Winning Cuisine,” 6:00pm, $18. Call X7702 for reservations.
Wednesday, 3/15
~ State national Training Service Law Enforcement Career Development Division, 3:00pm-7:30pm, PCA10, Rome Campus.
~ Rome Business and Professional women’s Group Meeting, 5:30pm-6:30pm, RA103.
Thursday, 3/16
~ Women’s NJCAA National Basketball Tournament, TBA.
Friday, 3/17
~ Women’s NJCAA National Basketball Tournament, TBA.
Saturday, 3/18
~ Women’s NJCAA National Basketball Tournament, TBA.

Library ReadAloud Scheduled

Readers and listeners are wanted for the 2006 Utica Campus Library ReadAloud to be held on Thursday, April 6, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Lobby of Payne Hall. If you are interested in participating by reading a selection from a favorite book, poem, or short story, please call Barbara Granato at 5338 or stop by to see her in PH203 in the Library.

MVCC Snapshots, cont.

Seaton of the College's Rome Campus.

March 2, 1994 - Three members of MVCC's intercollegiate wrestling team, Nicholas Morse (177-lb weight class), Nathan Harvey (190-lb weight class), and Jake Price (heavyweight class) had qualified for the NJCAA national tournament in Bismarck, North Dakota. Harvey finished fifth in his class at the tournament, defeating wrestlers from Illinois, Iowa and Idaho before losing to the ultimate national champion, from Washington State. The team was coached by Steve Senior.

March 3, 2004 - The theme for the Hospitality Programs' weekly dinner, open to the public at the Rome Campus, was "Mardi Gras Taste of Jazz." Other themes in the spring 2004 dinner series include "Salute to Julia Child," "Adirondack Adventure," "Contemporary Russian," and "Happy Birthday, René Descartes," among others.

March 4, 1982- Dr. Paul McCracken, economic advisor to Presidents Nixon and Reagan, spoke to members of the MVCC-sponsored Mohawk Executive Forum. McCracken was former chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors.

March 5, 1995 - The Central New York Conference on Trade opened at the MVCC Utica Campus under sponsorship of the Mohawk Valley Export Assistance Center, located at the College. The three-day conference gave local business leaders an opportunity to meet with trade representatives from several countries, including The Republic of China on Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Norway, the United Kingdom, Canada, Mexico, Germany, France and The Netherlands. The conference also included seminars on the North American Free Trade Agreement, international trade financing, transportation, insurance, marketing, and State and federal export programs.