# Communitas

MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

March 20, 2006

## **MVCC** International Festival

Friday, March 24th Noon-5:00pm, IT Bldg.

#### **FEATURES:**

Free music, fun workshops, booths, a film, presentations, prizes and DELICIOUS FOOD

All members of the College campus are welcome as well as community members.

#### ADMISSION IS FREE

Look for flyers with information on presentations and times in your mailbox.

Please help the International Initiatives Committee celebrate the First International Festival on sMarch 24th

#### ALL ARE WELCOME!



Women's Basketball Coach Bobby Allison accepts the Second Place Trophy.

# **Enriching Our Community for 60 Years**

**Utica campus** groundbreaking September 20, 1958





MVCC Hosts National Women's Basketball Championship Tournament - Hawks Finish Second with 33-1 Season

The Mohawk Valley Community College women's basketball team wrapped up its 2005-2006 season by hosting the NJCAA Division III National Championship Tournament March 16-18 and making its first ever appearance in the national championship game.

The Hawks, seeded third in the tournament and ranked third nationally, won their first round tournament game over Anne Arundel CC of Maryland, 66-54. They went on to down #2 seed

Madison Area Technical College of Wisconsin, 70-64 in the national semifinal. In the title game, MVCC lost to the

#1 seeded Monroe College of the Bronx, 100-70. MVCC players Sarah Gaffney and Erica VanWormer were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Other teams in the tournament included the College of DuPage (Illinois), Gateway CC (Connecticut), Passaic County Community College (New Jersey), and Ridgewater College (Minnesota). The Ridgewater College games were broadcast back to Minnesota (KWLM-AM) by George Tharalson of WIBX.

The Hawks finished the season with a 33-1 record, best in the history of the program. They were led by Coach Bobby Allison, and assistant coaches Tom Torchia, Mike Fanelli and Jen continued on page 2

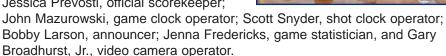


#### Women's Basketball, cont.

Rotella, herself a former member of the women's team.

Members of the MVCC women's basketball team included: Marlene Cirasuolo, Whitesboro; Tory Ferlo, Rome; Cassandra Fiorillo, Poughkeepsie; Sarah Gaffney, Sauquoit; Tekesha Hanson, Queens; Jessica Jenkins, Staten Island; Kaylyn Lewis; Whitesboro; Christina Mann, Utica; Chalonda McElveen, Norwalk, CT.; Erica VanWormer, Worcester: and Amanda Wilsev. Boonville.

Others from MVCC who worked on the tournament: Gary Broadhurst, tournament director; Sharon Zohne, photographer; Bob Lacell, media relations; Luciann Gould, graphic design; Jennifer Krohn, athletic trainer; Michael Hayes and Joe Felitto, facility setup; Donna Felitto and Cora McGurk, ticket and t-shirt sales, Jessica Prevosti, official scorekeeper;



Ka-Man Chrono Ho designed the special tournament web site and display banners for each team in the tournament.

Others included students Mike Buffa, Jeff Jankiewicz, Megan Dever, Kim Povec, Josh Cleveland and Durell Cull.



Hosts for visiting teams included Anne Stepanick, Megan Dischiavo, Richard Thomas, Duane Isenberg, George Rogers, Angela Paciello and Marcia Laidlaw.



### 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.

## 60th Anniversary Snapshots



March 13, 1992- Eugene Fiorentino, Jr., executive director of Corporate & Community Programs, reported that training programs were being provided to employees of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Bartell Machinery Systems, Upstate Federal Credit Union, Enviro Master International, United Cerebral Palsy, Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Laborer's Local #35, Observer-Dispatch, and the General Electric **Aerospace Electronics Division.** March 14, 1978 - MVCC Trustees approved an increase in full-time tuition from \$642 to \$702 per year, the first increase in three years. **Tuition for part-time students was** increased from \$14 to \$15 per credit hour.

March 15, 1954 - In 1954, the student newspaper was called "Toma-Tawk." The March 15th edition carried stories and editorials about the firing of the basketball coach and rumored elimination of fraternities and sororities.

March 16, 1989 - Communitas noted publication by the College of the Mohawk Valley Review, featuring poems and short stories by students from 25 area high schools. Edited by Instructor James Laditka of the Humanities Department, the publication was produced in the Advertising Design & Production Department. The founding editor four years earlier had been Professor George Searles.

March 17, 1992 - The College announced that Associate Professor George Searles had recently published two books: "Casebook on Ken Kesey's 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' " (University of New Mexico Press) and "Conversations with Philip Roth" (University Press of Mississippi).

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On the Rome campus on Monday, March 20th, Congressman Sherwood Boehlert spoke to MVCC Government students concerning the legislative process in Congress.

# **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, 3/21

 $\sim$  Nature photographer Eric Dresser lecture and slide presentation, 7:00pm, IT Theater.

Wednesday, 3/22

- ~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Note Taking," 11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.
- $\sim$  Hospitality theme dinner, "Fabulous French Fare from the Coast of Normandy," 6:00pm, \$18. Call X7702 for reservations.

Thursday, 3/23

- ~Celtic band, "The Causeway Giants," 7:30pm, IT Theater. Friday, 3/24
- ~ Coffee and Careers Lecture Series, Topic: "United States Secret Service," Noon, ACC 116.
- ~ International Festival, Noon-5:00pm, IT Lobby and classrooms.
- $\sim$  Bands "Dub is a Weapon" and "Dave Hillyard and the Rocksteady 7," 7:30pm, IT Theater.

Saturday, 3/25

- ~ Defensive Driving Program, 9:00am-4:00pm, RA306.
- ~ Band "Woodenspoon" 7:00pm, Plumley Complex Aud, Rome Campus.
- ~ BSU Dance, with bands "November Kills," "Last Conviction," "Orion," "WWMN," and "Beneath Breathing," 6:00pm, MV Commons.

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Monday, 3/27

~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Note Taking," Noon-1:00pm, Atrium, Rome Campus.

Wednesday, 3/29

- ~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Memorization Techniques" 11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.
- $\sim$  Hospitality theme dinner, "Comfort Food Made Special," 6:00pm, \$18. Call X7702 for reservations.
- ~ MOVIE: "Girl with the Pearl Earring," 7:00pm, IT Theater. Friday, 3/31
- ~ LUMA light show, 8:00pm, IT Theater.

#### Snapshots, cont

March 18, 1989 - The second floor of the Academic Building on the Utica Campus housed an exhibition of work by illustrator Kim Barnes of Maryland. An MVCC graduate (1983) and a Whitesboro native, her 35-piece exhibition included work done for clients such as The National Geographic Society, The Smithsonian Institute, Time-Life Books, the **National Park Service,** Viking/Penguin Books, and U.S. **News & World Report. Before** becoming a freelance illustrator, she had been employed by Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, Missouri.

March 19, 1950 - The NY State Board of Regents approved a proposal permitting the NYS Institute of Applied Arts & Sciences at Utica to award the Associate degree. Up until this time, the Institute had awarded diplomas, but not degrees.



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