# Communitas MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter March 27, 2006



#### **CONGRATULATIONS** and THANK YOU!

Our "Team MVCC" did a wonderful job in America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk and we had a great time. We raised \$1,932.73 and had 15 walkers. A special "thank you" goes to the planning committee who does a wonderful job every year.

Team MVCC appreciates that \$435 dollars of the total was raised in heart sales. Thank you to all who purchased hearts and to those who sold hearts in support of this fundraising event. Special appreciation goes to Sodexho who sold \$183 in hearts-- Erin sold the most at the register!

The Professional Association made a contribution, as did AMVA. The United Public Service Employees contributed \$250 to the cause!

### Enriching Our Community for 60 Years

Student John Bradley was a speaker at the 1948 Graduation ceremony.

He also spoke as an alumni representative of the campus dedication in 1961.







## International Day Friday, March 25th





Right- ESL student Igor Pourovskiy of Russia demonstrates building with matchsticks.





Fahd Ali, an international student from Yemen, sang a love song in Arabic.

The first International Day was held last Friday in the IT building. The following presentations took place, "The Domino Effect," Patricia Hirsch and "Thoughts post 9/11" David Katz; "Do You Not Have Water Buffalo in Your Province?" Sandra Engel, Ph.D.; "Men with Guns," film introduced by Richard Lamasney, Ph.D.; "Goa and Zanzibar, two paradises." Mildred Treis, Ph.D.; "Cuzcatlan: Land of Precious Things," Gabriel Melendez; "The North of Ireland." William McGowan; "A Red Thread Stretches from the Hunan Province to the Mohawk Valley: Chinese Adoption." Dean Ron Cantor, Ph.D.; "Teaching in the Fiji Islands - Two years in the Peace Corps," Sharon Eghigian; "In the Beginning was the Word: Preliterate Reverence for Language," Richard Lamasney, Ph.D.; "Barbados," Barbara Scantlebury; Origami demonstration by Japanese students; and "Travel to Spain," Loren Dachary.



Kristin Solomon, a 1992 Office Technology grad, is currently an administrative assistant at Shumaker Consulting Engineering in Utica.

#### 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 20, 1975 - Anthony Burgess, writer, composer, critic and lecturer, came to MVCC to discuss his novel "A Clockwork Orange," which was later made into a film classic by director Stanley Kubrick.

March 21, 1990 - Trustee David Mathis was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). The ACCT, headquartered in Washington, D.C., represented more than 85% of all U.S. public community colleges.

March 22, 1974 - Consumer advocate Ralph Nader spoke at the College, addressing major consumer issues of the day. He was famous for his 1965 book on automobile safety called "Unsafe at Any Speed."

March 23, 1949 - The New York Institute of Applied Arts & Sciences at Utica (MVCC forerunner) held its fourth commencement ceremonies at 2:30 p.m. at the Institute's Genesee Street, New Hartford location. Among the graduates was Socrates Sampson of Syracuse who went on to become an actor on one of the nation's first locally-produced children's television program, WHEN-TV's "The Magic Toy Shop." (Today the station is WTVH.) According to a newspaper report on the Commencement, "students spent a few anxious moments when it became known that the diplomas had not arrived as expected. But any anxiety was dispelled when the official sheepskins arrived by special delivery after the program had begun." A special guest was New York State Regent Dr. Susan Brandeis, daughter of the late Supreme **Court Justice Louis Brandeis.** 

March 24, 1949 - The Utica newspapers reported that retail business student Robert Metzger had composed an Alma Mater for the New York State Institute of Applied Arts & Sciences at Utica. It was first performed at a graduation ceremony the previous day. The lyrics:

Alma Mater, Alma Mater! The Ivy rising on the walls, Symbolic of our standings. Our strength of will within thy halls.

We give at thy demanding.

Oh Tech, we raise our voices And ring out loud and clear, For thou are worthy of praises, We stand for you and cheer, Today and throughout the year.

March 25, 1987 - In a news conference at Riverside Airport, Marcy, MVCC and the Riverside School of Aeronautics announced a new joint program in Aviation Maintenance. After completing Riverside's intensive one-year program in Aviation Maintenance Technology, and being certified by the FAA as airframe and powerplant mechanics, students would enroll at MVCC for an additional year of study. Students would then receive an Associate's degree in Mechanical Technology: Aircraft Maintenance, preparing them for management and supervisory positions in the aircraft industry. March 26, 1980 - Local media reported that MVCC was accepting applications for new Associate degree programs in agriculture, to be operated jointly with SUNY Canton Ag & Tech College. Students would begin their studies in Science Laboratory Technology at MVCC, then transfer to Canton to study agronomy, general agriculture dairy and food science, or animal husbandry.

## **Upcoming Events**

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.
- ~ Hospitality theme dinner, "Comfort Food Made Special," 6:00pm, \$18. Call X7702 for reservations.
- ~ MOVIE: "Girl with the Pearl Earring," 7:00pm, IT Theater. Thursday, 3/30
- ~ Students Changing History in Vietnam, 3:30pm, IT 225. Friday, 3/31
- ~ LUMA light show, 8:00pm, IT Theater.

Saturday, 4/1

- ~ Baseball vs. Schnectady CCC, 1:00pm, Murnane Field. Sunday, 4/2
- ~ Baseball vs. Columbia-Greene CC, 1:00pm, Murnane Field.

Monday, 4/3

- ~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Memorization Techniques," Noon-1:00pm, Atrium, Rome Campus.
- ~ Lacrosse vs. Finger Lakes CC, 4:00pm.

Tuesday, 4/4

- ~ College Senate, 2:45pm, RA108, Rome Campus.
- ~ Softball vs. Broome CC, 3:00pm. Wednesday, 4/5
- ~ Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Stress & Time Management" 11:00am and Noon, ACC 116.
- ~ Studio Incamminati demonstration, 11:00am and 2:30pm, AB 226; lecture at 1:00pm, IT 225.
- ~ Rome College Foundation Luncheon, 10:45am-1:15pm, RA 108, Rome Campus.
- ~ Returning Adult Student Association Open Mic Showcase, 11:00am-1:00pm, PCA10.
- ~ Track and Field Hawk Relays, 3:00pm.

- ~ Lacrosse vs. Cayuga CC, 7:00pm. Thursday, 4/6
- ~ Returning Adult Student Association Open Mic Showcase, 10:30am-12:30pm, PCA10.
- ~ Poet Phil Memmer, 7:00pm, IT 225.

Friday, 4/7

- ~ Coffee and Careers Lecture Series, "Critical Thinking Skills," Noon, ACC 116.
- ~ Bill Watrous and Rick Montalbano, 8:00pm, IT Theater. Saturday, 4/8
- ~ Disability Testing, 9:00am-Noon, PC252, Rome Campus. Sunday, 4/9
- ~ Baseball vs. Erie CC, 1:00pm, Murnane Field.

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