



Health care – A nursing student assists in giving flu shots during a clinic on the MVCC campus. Keeping medical records is one of the fastest growing fields in the Mohawk Valley.

Virtual Electronic Medical Records Lab

One of the fastest growing fields in the health industry involves records and information technology. MVCC is working to be on the leading edge of this new wave with the addition of its Virtual Electronic Medical Records Lab.

MVCC offers four programs which lead to employment in the field of Health Information Management. Three of the programs - Medical Coding, Medical Claims Management, and Medical Transcription - are certificate programs while Health Information Technology is an Associates degree.

The Virtual Electronic Medical Records Lab will be available (beginning in January 2007) to all enrolled students and accessible by way of the Internet. The information in this program is from real patients' records to enable students to experience real-life situations. Omitted will be the patients' personal information.

This program has been made available through the American Health Information Management Association. This

program will also be made available to the Center for Community and Economic Development's Medical Transcription program that begins in February.

Medical records are the legal documents that contain facts about each patient's health history, existing medical conditions and treatments.

It has been projected that the supply of health information professionals won't meet the demand for 10 to 15 years, and during that time the need for such employees is expected to increase by 75 percent.

Currently, health information professionals are needed in acute care hospitals, nursing facilities, physicians' offices, governmental agencies, insurance agencies, pharmaceutical companies and there are many more employment opportunities. According to a recent labor force analysis for the Mohawk Valley Region, Health Information Technicians ranked 12th amongst the most needed health care occupations. The study cited a \$28,290 mean salary.



60th Anniversary Snapshots

November 5, 1990 – Communitas reported that Dr. Linda Gigliotti, a professor in the Accounting Department, has been elected president of the New York State Association of Two-Year Colleges. The Association represented 45 public and private two-year colleges in New York State and had 800 individual members.

November 4, 1996 – Former MVCC Nursing student Jeff Brown had recently captured the middleweight division crown at the Jujitsu Association World Championships in West Virginia, defeating opponents from Argentina, Great Britain, Italy and France. There were 50 countries represented at the tournament.

November 3, 1996 – Two administrators had recently been awarded prestigious Kellogg Fellowships to take part in the Expanding Leadership Diversity in Community Colleges program. They were Jonathan Gibraltar, dean of MVCC's Rome Campus, and Eugene Fiorentino, Jr., executive assistant to the president. The program was administered by the League for Innovation in the Community College in collaboration with the University of Texas at Austin.

November 2, 1994 – Dr. Dennis Lee, professor of history and government, was author of a book entitled "Lord Lyndhurst: The Flexible Tory," published by the University Press of Colorado. Lord Lyndhurst (1772-1863) was a major force in nineteenth century British politics, three times Lord Chancellor of England.

October 31, 1977 – The MVCC men's soccer team completed its season with a 3-0 win over HCCC. The Hawks compiled a record of 8-3-1 under Coach Tim Kipp.

Health Information Management celebrated November 5 - 11

The move from paper to electronic health records will help doctors, nurses, and other medical staff make important health care decisions on a real-time basis. But who ensures the information is complete, accurate, and kept confidential? This is the role of the health information management (HIM) professional.

November 5 through November 11 is Health Information and Technology (HI&T) Week – an annual event recognizing the work of the professionals who manage patient health information.

“Health information management is dedicated to the effective management of patient information and health care data needed to deliver quality treatment and care to the public,” stated Sue Ellen Bice, Professor and Coordinator of Health Information and Allied Health at MVCC. “As the health care industry moves further into the information age, the role of the health information management professional is becoming even more critical.”

MVCC offers four programs which lead to employment in the HIM field. Three of the programs, Medical Coding, Medical Claims Management, and Medical Transcription, are certificate programs while Health Information Technology is an Associates degree.

Fast-paced changes in technology have accelerated the demand for HIM professionals. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 49 percent growth in the number of HIM workers in 2010, making HIM one of the nation’s fastest-growing health occupations. The field currently offers nearly 40 different work settings and more than 125 job titles. Opportunities in the field include management of a hospital’s HIM department, working in information systems with implementation of the electronic health records, or



Payne Hall Dedication – Former Congressman Alexander Pirnie speaks during the dedication of Payne Hall, the library/administration building, on September 27, 1969. Payne Hall was named for Dr. Albert V. Payne, MVCC’s first president. Congressman Pirnie represented Oneida County in the House of Representatives from 1959 to 1973.

designing health information systems for a software vendor.

“HI&T Week is a great opportunity to learn more about the roles these professionals play in our health care system, and to recognize and celebrate their contributions to patient care,” adds Bice.

HI&T Week is sponsored by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and the Canadian Health Information Management Association (CHIMA). This year’s theme is “Managing Information, Improving Care.”

For additional information about the HIM profession, visit AHIMA’s website at www.ahima.org or CHIMA’s website at www.chima.ca.

AHIMA and CHIMA are national HIM professional associations representing over 50,000 members in North America.

MVCC hosts

‘Meet the Candidates’

The Mohawk Valley Community College’s Public Policy Program played host to a “Meet the Candidates” forum on Wednesday, November 1, in the Information Technology and Performing Arts Conference Center Theater on the Utica Campus.

This event was meant to encourage young adults to participate in the electoral process by allowing candidates the opportunity to inform the public on the office they are seeking and where they stand on issues.

Candidates taking part in this very informative forum included New York State Senate hopefuls Joseph Griffo and John Murad along with Oneida County Sheriff candidates Daniel Middaugh and Daniel LaBella.

In attendance for the Oneida County Clerk



race were Annette Foley and Sandra DePerno. The only candidate for NYS Supreme Court Justice attending was Gerald Popeo, who is running against Kevin Young.

All of the candidates for Oneida County Family Court Justice were present. They are D. Victor Pellegrino, Joan Teuchert Shkane, Randal Caldwell and Brian Miga.

Don't Bank On This Savings:

Why extending Daylight Savings Time won't lower your energy bill

By Professor James Fiore

MVCC Engineering Technologies

As part of last year's Energy Policy Act, Congress decided that DST will be extended by four weeks.



James Fiore

Sometimes, the little things mean a lot. I normally get out of bed at about 6:00 a.m. In the foothills of the Adirondacks in mid-June, this means that the sky has been light for an hour. I like this. For whatever reason, my brain just doesn't want to fully engage in the morning when it's dark out. This makes the winter months a drag but, come summer, I'm in heaven. Mind you, I don't need it to be light at 4:00 a.m., so I am a big fan of Daylight Savings Time (DST). I love the extra hour of sun in the evening, seeing the final rays disappear well after 9:00 p.m. during the longest days.

One of the initial ideas behind starting DST was energy savings; most folks don't get up early enough to benefit from early morning sun but could use the extra hour of summer sunlight at the day's end. Heck, in June and July the lights in our house might only be on for an hour a day. I'm not keen about the change-over in spring and fall, but it's one of those markers of the season that you get used to. Until somebody screws with them, that is.

As a result of the high oil prices in 2005, Congress decided to "do something" to address our energy needs; so they extended DST. Well, at least that's what they said—and what the news media reported. As part of last year's Energy Policy Act, Congress decided that, beginning in 2007, DST will be extended by four weeks, from the second Sunday of March until the first Sunday of November. Using data from the 1970s, one of the Congressmen who sponsored the legislation claimed that

adjusting DST would save an equivalent of 100,000 barrels of oil per day for the extension period. Jeez, that sounds like a lot of oil, but is it? And for that matter, is it a reasonable estimate?

In 2001, a California Energy Commission report examined how much energy might be saved by changing when we change the clocks. Overall, it found that extension of DST into the winter months does little to save energy because it is accompanied by an increased need for electric light in the morning. The study projected that extending DST for the entire month of March would reduce energy use in that period by an average of 0.5 percent. (Note that the results may be different in the most northern states.)

Alternately, the 100,000-barrel claim can be examined with respect to current consumption patterns. The U.S. currently consumes about 20 million barrels of oil per day. If the DST extension saves 100,000 barrels of oil each day, that's a daily oil savings of 0.5 percent. But since oil comprises somewhat less than half of the nation's total energy consumption, extending DST results in a total daily energy savings of less than 0.25 percent—about half the savings the California study predicted.

Whichever figure you prefer, it's clear that the DST change will do little to alter our energy use. Remember, the savings occur only during the extension period, which in this case is four weeks. Even by generously using the 0.5 percent figure, we would only reduce our annual energy use by approximately 0.04 percent. Saving four-hundredths of one percent is like shaving about 200 feet off of 100 miles. Does any sane person

think this will make a serious dent in our energy use? Well, some congressmen and news reporters do.

Here's an interesting contrast. Suppose the fuel efficiencies of passenger cars and light trucks were increased by a mere one mile per gallon. These vehicles, which use approximately 40 percent of the oil consumed by Americans, currently average between 24 and 25 miles per gallon. A one mile per gallon increase would create a 4 percent reduction in fuel use—that translates to a 1.6 percent savings in overall oil consumption, and somewhat less than 0.8 percent savings in total energy use



year-round. This represents about twenty times as much savings as the best-case DST change.

Now here's the real kicker: In the late 1980s, light trucks made up only 28 percent of the fleet of passenger vehicles on the road. Today, they make up 50 percent. The proliferation of light trucks has decreased the average mileage of the fleet by two miles per gallon. Yep, if we simply went back to populating the roads with personal cars instead of personal trucks and SUVs, we'd save perhaps forty times the projection from the DST change. (Taking into account the design efficiency increases in engines from the past 15 years, the real savings would be even higher.)

There might be good reasons to extend DST, but let's not fool ourselves into thinking it's going to do anything about our energy problem. Sometimes the little things mean a lot. Sometimes they don't mean squat.

NOTE: James Fiore's article was published in the on-line science magazine, *Seed*.

MVCC's Middle States Self-Study Committee Minutes

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Strategic Planning Committee

Thursday, October 26

1. Review/Approval of Agenda: On a motion by Patty Fox, seconded by Joan Andrek and unanimously passed, the agenda was approved as submitted.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Review/Approval of the Minutes of the May 24, 2006 Meeting: On a motion by Mike Sewall, seconded by Norayne Rosero, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the May 24 meeting were approved as submitted.

4. Report of Nominating Committee: Denise DiGiorgio reported that the Nominating Committee, consisting of Denise DiGiorgio, Mark Radlowski, Maria Ramos, Marie Kohl, and Donna Sawyer-White, had canvassed members serving on expired terms (Sewall, Quist, Kelly, Jubenville and Rosero) regarding their willingness to continue to serve on the committee. All agreed to continue service. In addition, Kenisha Groomes-Faulk has agreed to serve as a member of Classified Staff and as Rome campus representative. Maria Ramos (currently serving a term expiring on 12/31/06) will serve as the committee's fifth faculty member. Frank Elias will represent CCED. Only two vacancies remain: one seat for classified staff and the student representative. On a motion by Mark Radlowski, seconded by Norayne Rosero and unanimously passed, the nominees (Sewall, Quist, Kelly, Jubenville, Rosero and Groomes-Faulk) were elected to terms ending on December 31, 2007.

The Nominating Committee was not able to identify a candidate for SPC chair. In the absence of a nominee, the Nominating Committee proposed that Eileen Dailey continue acting as convener, Mark Radlowski as vice-convener, and Don Kelly as Documentation Specialist. On a motion by Mike Sewall, seconded by Patty Fox and unanimously passed, this proposal was adopted by the full committee. Mike Sewall stated that his approval of this proposal was given with the condition that any compensation provided for the individual acting as chair should be made available to the convener.

5. Plans for the 2006-2007 Academic Year: Mark Radlowski and Norayne Rosero presented a proposal for work to be completed by the SPC during this academic year. They recently attended an Institute on Integrated Planning and Assessment sponsored by Middle States and the Society for College and University Planning, which provided ideas for integrating strategic planning with assessment. Based on information provided at this institute, they propose that measurable targets be proposed for selected specific objectives in each goal area. They provided representative samples of such targets for several goal areas. Progress on attaining these targets could be evaluated and used for assessing progress in achieving college-wide goals. The committee discussed the proposal, and Patty Fox made a motion to direct Goal Area Work Groups to develop measurable tar-

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

The Strategic Planning Committee held a meeting on Monday, November 6, at 8:00 a.m. in IT 225. The agenda is below. These meetings are open to all members of the general public and all are invited to attend.

1. Review/Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comments
3. Review/Approval of the Minutes of the October, 30, 2006 Meeting
4. Titles for Goal Areas
5. Revision to Goal Area Work Group Membership
6. Identification of 2007-2008 Goal Area Priority Objectives
7. 2006-2007 Meeting Schedule

gets tied to existing documents, where appropriate, for priority objectives in each goal area. The motion was seconded by Denise DiGiorgio and unanimously passed. Work Groups will be asked to prepare specific targets for consideration by the SPC.

6. Review of Marketing Goal and Priority Objectives: Joan Andrek reviewed revisions to the Marketing Goal and Objectives. She proposed that the goal be retitled Internal Communication and External Marketing, proposed changes to the language of the goal statement, proposed an additional objective dealing with review of goal area policies and procedures, and proposed changes to the wording of several of the current objectives. Following a discussion of the proposed changes, the full committee approved the revised goal statement and objectives on a motion by Beverly Quist, seconded by Bob Jubenville and unanimously passed. Work Steps have also been developed for the revised objectives. A copy of the revised goal statement and objectives is attached.

7. Review of Proposed Rome Campus Goal and Priority Objectives: Ron Cantor has proposed a goal statement and objectives for the new Rome Campus Goal, adopted by the SPC at its last meeting. The committee discussed the proposed goal statement and objectives. Norayne Rosero expressed concern that this goal, specifically addressing the Rome Campus, cannot be considered a college-wide goal, and that we should consider referring to all the goals as strategic goals instead of college-wide goals. Ron Cantor stated that the Rome Campus would be considered in a college-wide context. After discussion, the committee asked that the objectives be rewritten, consolidating several of the proposed objectives. These revisions will be considered at the next meeting.

8. Next Meeting: the next meeting of the full committee will be at 8:00 am on Monday, October 30.

9. On a motion by Mark Radlowski, seconded by Beverly Quist and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Upcoming Events on MVCC Campuses

Monday, November 6

- Pilates, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Defensive Driving, IT 225, 6:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons 7:00 pm
- Scottish Dancing, ACC 116, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 7

- Brown Bag Luncheon Series: "Test Anxiety," ACC 116, 12:00 pm
- Rome Student AA Pizza Sale Fund-raiser, PC Atrium, 1:30 pm
- College Senate, PH 300, 2:30 pm
- Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Ice Hockey hosts Hudson Valley CC, 7:00 pm
- Night Hawk Café: "Texas Hold'em", MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons 7:00 pm
- Cultural Series Performance: "Irish Storytelling", IT 225, 7:00 pm (reception to follow)

Wednesday, November 8

- Returning Adult Student Association, AB 218, 1:00 pm
- Artist lecture/reception, "New Works by Ralph Pascucci, IT 225, 3:00 pm
- Women's Basketball hosts Tompkins-Cortland CC, 6:00 pm
- Defensive Driving, IT 225, 7:00 pm
- Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:00 pm
- Men's Basketball hosts Tompkins-Cortland CC, 8:00 pm
- Cultural Series Lecture: Helen Spierling, Holocaust Survivor, IT Theater, 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 9

- U.S. Army Representatives, AB Lobby, 10:00 am
- Adult Students Information Session, IT 225, 6:00 pm
- Medical Transcription Information Session, IT 225, 6:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Friday, November 10

- MVCC Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:00 pm
- Men's Basketball hosts MVCC Tour-

MVCC Women's Soccer Wins Region III Crown

The MVCC women's soccer team won its third NJCAA Region III championship in four years with a 1-0 overtime victory against SUNY Delhi that was decided on penalty kicks.

This game was played at Herkimer CCC on Sunday, October 29.

MVCC, with a 16-5 record, outscored Delhi 4-3 in OT penalty kicks. The game-winning penalty kick was scored by Waterville native Ginny Battaglia. The Hawks' Kristin Wiediger, a Sauquoit native, was named Region III's "Outstanding Defensive Player."

MVCC reached the title game by defeating Genesee Community College, 3-1, on Saturday. Colleen Reitz, from Ilion, scored two goals for the Hawks while Boonville native Jodi Fox tallied one goal.

MVCC advances to the NJCAA National Tournament on November 11th and 12th at Herkimer County Community College.

Cross Country: Travis Dragoon placed fourth in the NJCAA Region III Championships at Finger Lakes Community College with a time of 29 minutes, 42 seconds. MVCC's Bryan March of Ilion finished seventh in 29:58 as both Dragoon and March earned All-Region III honors. The MVCC men's team placed

second.

In the women's race, Utica's Alyssa Jones finished third in 21:55 on the 5K course. Teammate Julie Burr of Oriskany placed fifth in 22:29 as both earned All-Region III honors. The women's team placed fourth.

MVCC will compete in the NJCAA National Championships on Saturday, November 11, SUNY Alfred.

Men's Soccer:

MVCC's season ended on Tuesday in the Region III's quarterfinals as the Hawks lost to SUNY Cobleskil on overtime penalty kicks. MVCC finishes with a 10-8-2 record.

Ice Hockey:

The MVCC ice hockey team opened its season by splitting two games with a 9-8 overtime loss to SUNY Canton followed by an 11-5 victory over the Community College of Morris (NJ).

Nick Snyder of Clinton was a driving force for MVCC with nine goals and five assists in the two games. Jordan Anderson, also of Clinton, and New Hartford native Jim Karl both had two goals and three assists in the two games. Also scoring for MVCC was Nick Tutino, of Whitesboro.

In goal for the Hawks, 1-1, was Rome's Sam Myers with 38 saves against Canton and 17 saves against CC of Morris.



Battaglia



Fox



Wiediger



Reitz

ament, 6:00 & 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 11

- Ice Hockey at Erie CC, 7:40 pm
- Men's Basketball hosts MVCC Tournament, 12:00 & 2:00 pm

Monday, November 13

- Pilates, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons 7:00 pm
- Scottish Dancing, ACC 116, 7:00 pm

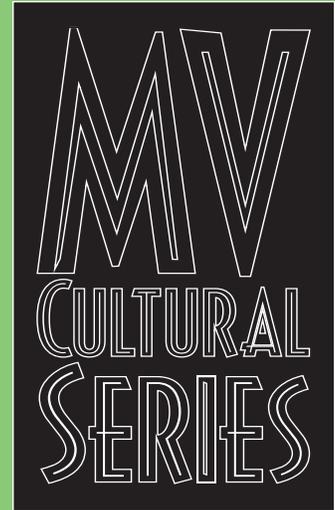
Tuesday, November 14

- Brown Bag Luncheon Series: "Stress and Time Management," ACC 116, 11:00 am
- Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Women's Basketball at Broome CC, 6:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons 7:00 pm
- Men's Basketball at Broome CC, 8:00 pm

Folk Singer Dan Berggren with Ed Lowman

Plumley Auditorium, Rome Campus
November 3, 7:00 PM
Tickets: \$5; \$3 Students with ID

An evening filled with a blend of blues, traditional folk, new originals and old-time string band music with an Adirondack flavor. This tour celebrates the release of Dan Berggren's 12th CD, Fresh Territory. Hear the sounds of guitar and banjo while enjoying tender ballads, funny sing-a-longs and tunes that jump.



Irish Storytelling, with Rich Lamasney

Performing Arts Conference Center,
Room 225
November 7, 7:00 PM
Lecture and Reception
Admission: Free

Enjoy one of the region's renowned Irish American storytellers as he regales listeners' appetite with tales that will induce laughter, perhaps make some weep and possibility inspire others to polish their own innate storytelling skills.



Helen Sperling, Holocaust Survivor

Performing Arts Conference Center Theater
November 8, 7:00 PM
Lecture Admission: Free
Sponsored by MVCC Counseling Center

Survivor Helen Sperling will talk about her experiences during World War II and her confinement in the Nazi concentration camp at Ravensbruck.