



International flair – An International Student Reception was held Tuesday, November 14, in the lobby of Payne Hall. Some of the students attending were: From left, Hsin-Wen Ni from Taiwan; Zhao Jian Ang from Malaysia; Zhi Li Ye from China (back to camera); Shinano Kichishima from Japan; Don Pupecki (USA); and Elena Garlea from Moldova.

International students add depth to MVCC

Education is the key to the world and for many international students attending MVCC, getting to the Mohawk Valley is half the challenge. To help make this journey easier, MVCC created the Office of Services for International Students.

"I believe that my work really helps support the (MVCC Mission Statement) by adding a different perspective to the campus," says Rebecca Cooper, Coordinator of Services for International Students. "Having these students in the classroom provide viewpoints American students wouldn't get otherwise."



Rebecca Cooper

Ms. Cooper, who has been with MVCC since August 2005, works with international students who are in the United States on student visas, refugees, permanent residents and students with other types of visas.

She helps students traverse the requirements and regulations set forth by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigrations Services, and Homeland Security.

"I'm responsible for international admissions and recruitment," says Ms. Cooper. "I give prospective students the information they will need to bring with them to the Em-

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November 19, 1968 – MVCC students assembled Christmas packages for American servicemen in Vietnam. Sponsored by the Student Government Council, the "Vietnam Express" collected 264 items for the packages, including ball point pens, pen knives, towels and recording tape.

November 18, 1987 – The College announced that the Prentice Hall Division of Simon & Schuster had published the revised third edition of "Essentials of Soil Mechanics & Foundations: Basic Geotechnics," by Professor David F. McCarthy of the Mechanical & Civil Engineering Technology Department. The 600-page book explained the effect of soil conditions and use of soil as a material in foundations, earthen dams, highways and airfields.

November 17, 1984 – Dr. John T. Dizer, Jr., dean of the Technology & Business Division, was named a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He had previously headed the Mechanical Engineering Technology Department.

November 16, 1959 – Cornerstone laying ceremonies were held in front of the Academic Building for the new MVTI campus. The featured speaker was Congressman Alexander Pirnie. At the time, the College had 1,600 alumni.

November 14, 1962 – The Oneida County Board of Supervisors approved a name change from Mohawk Valley Technical Institute to Mohawk Valley Community College effective January 1, 1963. Students protested and circulated petitions in opposition to the change.

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bassy in their country. This helps them to complete the necessary documentation for attending MVCC.”

Ms. Cooper handles questions dealing with the college, which makes her a “huge resource for supporting the students.” Some of the other services she provides include acting as an immigration advisor and ensuring students don’t lose their visa status due to strict requirements.

She is responsible for documenting students with the Student Exchange and Visitors Information System (SEVIS) which the federal government uses to track foreign students.

The Office of Services for International Students also provides support for students seeking employment as well as acclimating students to campus life through activities and clubs. The office caters to students from over 20 countries from Asia, Europe, Africa, South America and Canada.

The Office of Services for International Students operates under the direction of Denis Kennelty, Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management; and Denise M. DiGiorgio, Vice President for Student Services.

Ms. Cooper is an Indiana native with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology; and Masters degree in Student Affairs Administration and Higher Education from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

New Hartford wins annual math event

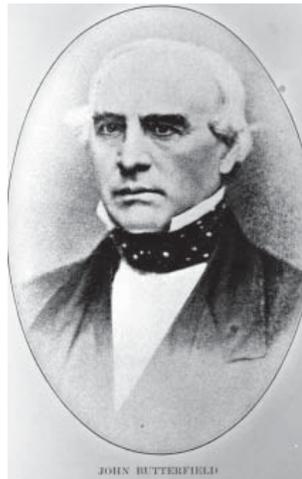
New Hartford was victorious at the 6th Annual High School Mathematics Competition held in Room 116 of the Alumni College Center on the Utica Campus on Wednesday, November 15.

Members of the New Hartford team were Shereen Asmat, Sirish Rao, Avanish Reddy and Jimmy Wu. The mathematics instructor for New Hartford was Gary Pelland.

For the individual scoring portion,



Huntington



Butterfield



Penfield

For whom MVCC’s residence halls are named

In 1981, it was determined that the three unnamed residence halls should be dedicated.

A naming committee, composed largely of students, was created. A ballot suggested names should be selected from: 1 - Indian Tribes of the Mohawk Valley; 2 - Historical personalities of the Mohawk Valley; 3 - Historical landmarks of the Mohawk Valley; 4- Geographical names and places.

In the end, the residence halls were

named Penfield Hall, in honor of Thomas D. Penfield, a Camden resident of the mid-1800s; Huntington Hall in honor of Edward Huntington, a Rome resident of the 1800s; and Butterfield Hall, in honor of John Butterfield, a Utican of the early 1800s.

One dorm was already named for Willis Daugherty in 1967, a former trustee who had taken the initial steps to finance and construct the halls.



Adding up to victory – The 6th Annual High School Mathematics Competition was held in Room 116 of the Alumni College Center on November 15. New Hartford won the team title and they are: from left: Dr. Daniel Larson, MVCC Vice President For Instruction; Sirish Rao, New Hartford; Shereen Asmat, New Hartford; Jimmy Wu, New Hartford; Avanish Reddy, New Hartford; Gary Pelland, New Hartford Mathematics Instructor; and Donald Willner, MVCC Department Head for Mathematics.

New Hartford’s Jimmy Wu placed first while Joe Renwick from Vernon-Vernona-Sherrill took second place. Third place was Shereen Asmat from New Hartford.

The top three scorers received a software package, mathematics books, MVCC t-shirts, Barnes and Noble gift cards and a free course at MVCC along with cash.

Upcoming Events on MVCC Campuses

Monday, November 20

- Board of Trustees Meeting, PH 300, 4:00 pm
- Pilates, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons 7:00 pm
- Cultural Series Movie: "The Dying Gaul," IT Theater, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 21

- Police Academy, IT 225, 9:00 am
- Brown Bag Luncheon Series: "Memorization Techniques," ACC 116, 11:00 am
- Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Women's Basketball at Cayuga CC, 6:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons 7:00 pm
- Men's Basketball at Cayuga CC, 8:00 pm

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

- Brown Bag Luncheon Series: "Strategic Learning," ACC 116, 11:00 am
- Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Learning Resources ASSET Testing, PC A10, Rome, 6:00 pm
- Women's Basketball hosts Herkimer CCC, 7:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 29

- Ice Hockey at Hudson Valley CC, 6:30 pm
- Dental Hygiene Program Ribbon Cutting, 125 Brookley Rd., Rome, Noon

Thursday, November 30

- Learning Resources Placement Testing, PC A10, Rome, 6:00 pm
- Men's Basketball host Fulton-Montgomery CC, 7:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Friday, December 1

- MVCC Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:00 pm
- Silent Auction and RFA Select Choir, PC Atrium & Auditorium, Rome, 6:00 pm

MVCC Faces: Ibrahim Rosic



Ibrahim Rosic
Mathematics Tutor
Adjunct Instructor

When it comes to asking questions to understand materials taught in the classroom, students can turn to the Learning Center. If the topic deals with mathematics, Ibrahim Rosic is the man they turn to.

Mr. Rosic is the mathematics tutor and mentor to other math tutors in the Learning Center.

This Utica resident uses his experience from four years of working part-time at the college to help students. He became a full-time employee in August of this year.

On top of being a tutor and mentor, Mr. Rosic is an adjunct instructor of mathematics where he teaches Introductory Mathematics (MA050).

Mr. Rosic holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics from SUNY IT.

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"Choose the least important day in your life. It will be important enough."

MVCC Theatre Program & Drama Club present

OUR TOWN

by Thornton Wilder

Directed by James Gifford
Production Designed by Michael Diederich

Nov. 30 - Dec. 2
8:00 MVCC Theatre
Admission - \$5 (general), \$3 (with MVCC I.D.)

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Minutes for Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee meeting

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee
 Friday, November 3, Meeting

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the October 20, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Dennis Rahn moved to approve the minutes, Mark Radlowski seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Additional Meeting: An additional Steering Committee meeting was scheduled for December 19th. This meeting will include lunch.

3. Review of Work Group Material:

a) Work Group 6: The Steering Committee finished the review of Work Group 6 - Standards 10 & 12 material.

b) Work Group 1: The Steering Committee began the review of Work Group 1 - Standards 1 & 6 material.

4. 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.

6. Proposed Schedule for Steering Committee Meetings:

PH300/PC209 from 9:30 -11 a.m.

Friday, October 6

Finish Work Group 2,

Friday, October 20

Friday, November 3

Friday, November 17

Friday, December 1

Friday, December 15

Start Work Group 6,

Finish Work Group 6,

Start Work Group 1

Finish Work Group 1,

Start Work Group 5

Finish Work Group 5,

Start Work Group 7

Finish Work Group 7,

Start Work Group 3

PH300 from 12 Noon until finished. Lunch will be served.

Tuesday, December 19

Finish Work Group 3,

Work Group 4

Reminders:

a. Work Group Chairs should provide a date and page numbers on each

b. Charge questions should be included in the draft document

c. Description and analysis sections should be separated in the document

d. Drafts should provide reference to documents that validate statements/recommendations

e. Referenced documents should be given to Rosero if they are not already in the Document Inventory.

MVCC Holiday 'Sharing Tree'

Air Force Theater Hospital Trauma Center, Balad, Iraq

It's that time of year....

When we start thinking about the holidays, when we think about gift-giving to those we love, family and friends, or those we want to show our appreciation.

This year, the Student Health Center will be placing a Holiday "Sharing Tree" in our lobby. We are asking the college community to donate small gifts to be placed under the tree. These gifts will be mailed in time for the Holidays to our Military men and women who are patients in the Air Force Theater Hospital Trauma Center in Balad, Iraq. The gifts will be from the MVCC Family as a whole.

Below are suggestions for gift giving. Cards and kind notes would also be appreciated.

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| Candy (no chocolate please, it melts) | Books |
| Cookies | Old Magazines |
| Playing Cards | Tissues |
| Gum | Phone Cards |
| Foot Powder | Games |
| Hand Lotion | |
| Stationery (paper, envelopes, pens, pencils) | |
| Hand Wipes | |
- Thanks in advance with great hope for many presents under our "Tree."
 The Student Health Center
 Anne Popeo Candace Miller Linda Nielsen



Campaign kickoff - MVCC President Michael I. Schafer is Honorary Chair for the 2006 Red Kettle Campaign with a goal of \$70,000. On hand for the official kickoff was Karen Buono, right, Coordinator of Child Care Services along with Gianna Maio (daughter of Jim Maio of the Counseling Center) and Antonio Pedde.

MVCC helps launch Red Kettle Campaign

The Utica Salvation Army launched its 2006 Red Kettle Campaign on Monday, November 20, at MVCC with the help of Honorary Chair Michael I. Schafer in the MV Commons.

"Our hope is to completely staff 10 Red Kettle sites for 30 days for 12 hours per day," said Dr. Schafer, MVCC President. "That's a total of 3,600 hours. Can we do it? With your help, I believe we can."

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Minutes for Strategic Planning Committee's November 6 meeting

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Strategic Planning Committee

Monday, November 6, Meeting

1. Review/Approval of Agenda: Eileen Dailey asked if there were any additions or amendments to the proposed agenda. There were none. On a motion by Mike Sewall, Seconded by Bob Jubenville and unanimously passed, the agenda was approved as submitted.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Review/Approval of the Minutes of the October 30, 2006 Meeting: On a motion by Joan Andrek, seconded by Donna Sawyer-White and unanimously passed, the minutes of the October 30 meeting were approved with the following amendment: Under Item 4, Mike Sewall noted that the Rome campus is 18 miles, not 25 miles from the Utica campus.

4. Titles for Goal Areas: Discussion resumed on the proposal to change the title of the goals from "college-wide goals" to another title that more accurately incorporates the new Rome Campus goal. Concern was expressed that creation of a Rome-specific goal would mean that Rome needs would not be considered, where appropriate, as part of other goals. Ron Cantor said that other goals touch on Rome as well as the new goal. A number of alternative titles for goal areas have been suggested, including Strategic Goals, College Goals and Strategic Initiatives. On a motion by Frank Elias, seconded by Bob Jubenville and unanimously passed, the goals were retitled "Strategic Goals." Revised and retitled goals and objectives will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval at their November meeting.

5. President Schafer brought up the fact that the Strategic Planning Committee remains without a chair. Although the committee has been meeting and has accomplished a review and revision of goals, objectives and work steps with Eileen Dailey as convener, concern was expressed about the credibility of the committee if it remains without an elected chair. The committee discussed possible reasons for the inability to identify a candidate for chair. Possibilities discussed included an unwillingness to accept a chair who is also a member of the Executive Committee, the lack of progress on contract negotiations, and an overall decline in willingness to serve on college-wide committees requiring a significant input of time. Eileen Dailey was asked if she would be willing to stand for election as chair. She expressed a willingness to serve as chair for the remainder of the academic year. Bob Jubenville made a motion to nominate Eileen Dailey as SPC chair, with a term to expire at the end of the 2006-2007 academic year. The SPC bylaws call for the election of chair and vice-chair for three-year terms. Beverly Quist expressed concern about asking for a vote on this motion without providing adequate time for consideration and consultation with others in the college community, noting that the present situation has been going on for a full year. Bob Jubenville withdrew his motion and Denise DiGiorgio made a motion to nominate Eileen Dailey as Chair

for a full three-year term. Dan Larson seconded the motion. Additional discussion ensued, regarding whether it was appropriate for a member of the Executive Committee to serve as SPC chair. It was the general feeling of those present that membership on the Executive Committee should not exclude anyone from chairing the SPC. Credibility and adequacy of communication between the SPC and the college community remain problems to be addressed. It was noted that some college-wide initiatives have been proposed or undertaken without consultation with the SPC and that these situations contribute to frustration among committee members and to a problem of credibility for the committee. Having Executive Committee members on the SPC may help to lessen the likelihood of such problems. Eileen Dailey also noted that the college-wide community feels that communication from the SPC continues to be a problem. Don Kelly stated that there has been an effort to insure closer compliance with the committee's bylaws regarding membership and officers, and that election of a chair would bring the committee's structure into full compliance. He also stated that re-establishment of a regular meeting schedule, followed by regular communication with the college-wide community, might help to limit questions about SPC activities and communication. Kenisha Groomes-Faulk asked whether there would be an effort made to involve the college-wide community on election of a chair. Tabling the motion to elect a chair would permit committee members an opportunity to consider issues raised in this discussion and to consult with their constituencies. Beverly Quist made a motion to table the motion to elect a chair until the next meeting. This motion was seconded by Donna Sawyer-White and passed unanimously.

6. Revisions to Goal Area Work Group membership will be considered at the next meeting. Work Group chairs were asked to review the current membership and to begin thinking about recruiting new or additional members.

7. Work Group Chairs were asked to begin selection of priority objectives for the 2007-2008 academic year. v

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The goal for this year's Red Kettle Campaign is \$70,000.

The ceremony also featured presentation of the Shel Storrier Bellringer Group of the Year Award. Three local groups shared the honor: The GE Elbins, Whitesboro High School's Bridgebuilders, and the Royal Rangers. Each organization has participated in manning kettles for the past eight years.

The Shel Storrier Bellringer (for individuals) of the Year Award went to Mary Pike of Utica. She rang the bell for 202 hours last year.

"This type of support by members of the community is what makes our services possible. The Salvation Army and this community are indebted to them," said Capt. Frank Picciotto.

Anyone interested in helping The Salvation Army during the next few weeks may call the Red Kettle Center at 733-6041 or register online at www.redkettle.org.

Dogville

(Lars Von Trier, 2004)

WITH Nicole Kidman,
Harriet Andersson,
Lauren Bacall, Jean-Marc Barr

Monday, Dec. 4 MOVIE:

177 minutes; Rated R

7:00 p.m. Theater

Fugitive Grace (Nicole Kidman) arrives in the isolated township of Dogville on the run from a team of gangsters. The community agrees to hide her and in return, she agrees to work for them. The people of Dogville demand a better deal in exchange for the risk of harboring Grace and she learns that in this town, goodness is relative. But Grace has a secret and it is a dangerous one.



Rome
Campus
Event!

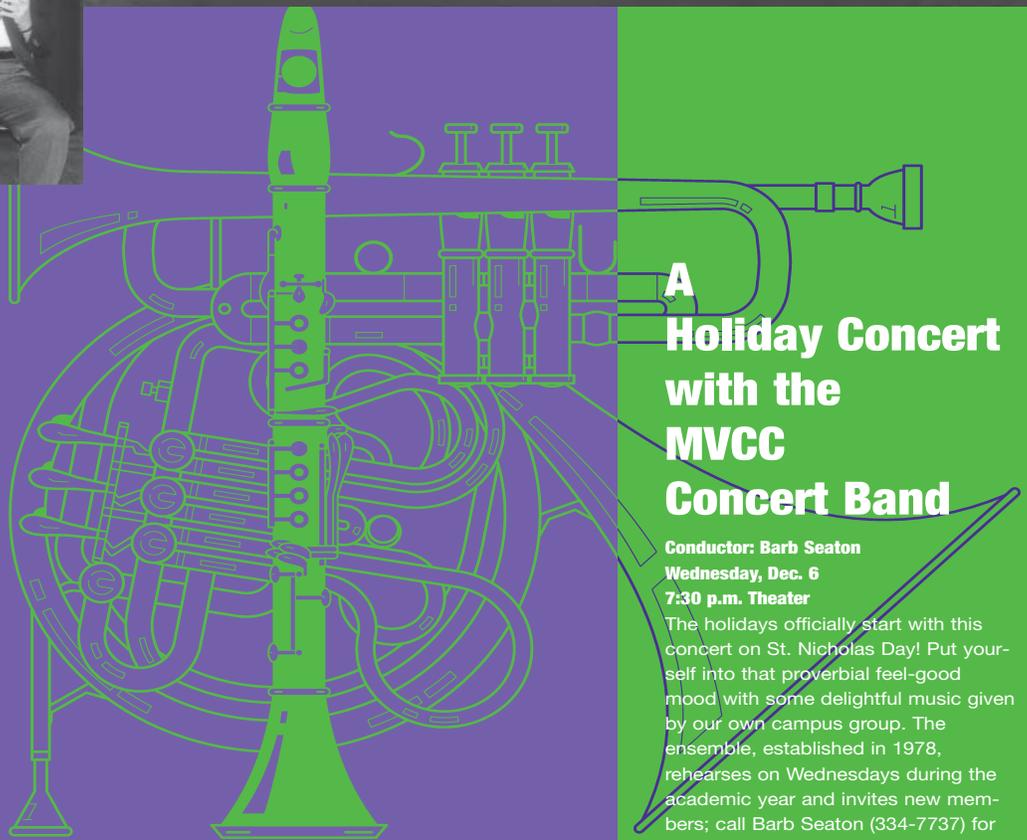
Clarion Clarinet Quartet

Tuesday, Dec. 5

7:30 p.m.

ROME Plumley Auditorium

The beautiful and unique sound of one bass and three B-flat clarinets is both exciting and dynamic, in a repertoire extending from Bach to Scott Joplin.



A Holiday Concert with the MVCC Concert Band

Conductor: Barb Seaton

Wednesday, Dec. 6

7:30 p.m. Theater

The holidays officially start with this concert on St. Nicholas Day! Put yourself into that proverbial feel-good mood with some delightful music given by our own campus group. The ensemble, established in 1978, rehearses on Wednesdays during the academic year and invites new members; call Barb Seaton (334-7737) for more information.