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MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter



Growing with the college - The 60th Anniversary of MVCC was marked on Saturday, October 14, with a tree planting ceremony outside of the Information Technology and Performing Arts Conference Center. Taking part in the ceremony were: MVCC President Michael I. Schafer; Oneida Country Executive Joseph A. Griffo; Board of Trustees Michael C. Austin, N. Joseph Yagey, Mary-Carmel Wolf, Sheila Vandeveer; NYS Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito; and student representative Kelvin Ruiz.

MVCC marked six decades of excellence in education with a 60th Anniversary Celebration and College Open House on Saturday, October 14.

MVCC hosted over 750 prospective students along with their parents on the Utica Campus.

Academic departments were represented at the Open House, and tours highlighted student programs and services, athletics, labs and technology services, as well as the MVCC Theater.

The college officially opened it doors on October 14, 1946.

As part of the 60th Anniversary Celebration. President Michael I. Schafer took part in a tree planting ceremony at the entrance to the Information Technology and Performing Arts Confer-

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Cake cutting - MVCC Board of Trustees Chair, Shelia Vandeveer and Board of Trustees Secretary Toni Carbone make the first cuts in the cake celebrating the college's 60th anniversary. The event was held in conjunction of the MVCC Open House, which attracted over 750 people interested in what MVCC has to offer.



October 21, 1955 - During a noontime ceremony at City Hall, the City of Utica turned over to Oneida County a deed for 80 acres of City-owned land to become the site for a permanent MVTI campus. The City valued the land at \$3,000 per acre, or \$240,000 in total. The City had acquired the land eight years earlier in several transactions for a total of \$52,800, and had held it as a site for the Institute. It was transferred to Oneida County for \$1.

October 20, 1960 - Bob Jorgensen, a 27-year-old former Marine lieutenant, was named MVTI's soccer and baseball coach. Jorgensen came to MVTI from RPI, where he was lacrosse coach and director of intramurals. He became MVCC's director of physical education and athletics in 1963, positions he held until retiring in 1991. Under his direction, the College's athletic program grew from five teams to 21.

October 19, 1973 - The MVCC Drama Club presented the 15th century morality play "Everyman" as part of the College's Cultural Series. The play was directed by Instructor (now Professor) James Gifford.

October 18, 1966 - The Utica Daily Press reported on the creation of the MVCC Foundation. Rudolph A. Schatzel, former vice president of the Rome Cable Corporation and past chairman of the MVCC Board of Trustees, was selected as the Foundation's first president.

October 17, 1989 - Dr. W. Stewart Tosh was inaugurated as MVCC's president. He came to MVCC from SUNY Oswego, where he had been vice president for administration.

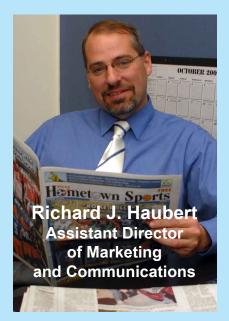
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MVCC Faces: Richard J. Haubert

This article is written in first-person because, well, it is about me and I don't like writing in third-person.

My name is Richard John Haubert and I've been working at Mohawk Valley Community College since August 28 as the Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications.

My responsibilities include assisting Marketing and Communications Director Joan Andrek with promotions connected to the college through press releases and keeping in close contact with reporters and editors of regional newspapers, television and radio stations. As some in the college community already know, my du-



ties cover writing and editing the Communitas as well as working to promote the MVCC athletic programs. I've volunteered to take part in the Speakers' Bureau and look forward helping to further and promote the college on other committees in the future.

I have over 19 years experience working in the newspaper industry with my career beginning as a sports writer for the Punxsutawney Spirit, and no I didn't meet Bill Murray or experience recurring days on February 2. I did get to meet Phil and he is living better than many of us.

I moved to the Mohawk Valley in 1989 to work for the Herkimer Evening Telegram where I wasn't only the sports writer, but also had a hand in the photography aspect, page design and paste up. My time in Herkimer enabled me to move onto bigger and better things when I was hired by the Rome Sentinel in 1996. Working at the Sentinel was a wonderful experience as I interviewed such renowned athletes as Bart Starr and Bill Walton along with local athletes like Tom Myslinsky, who played for the Pittsburgh Steelers, and Archi Cianfrocco, who played for the San Diego Padres.

During the latter portion of my 10 years in Rome, I was also responsible for a bi-monthly travel publication called *Attractions* and for the past two years a publication called *Prime Time*, which dealt with issues faced by baby boomers and senior citizens.

I earned a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communications from Lock Haven University in 1987.

On the personal front, I am a native of Philadelphia, Pa., who now lives in Newport. We moved to this hamlet in 2001 after my wife, Nancy, passed away. I have two children, Colleen and Matthew, who are in sixth and fifth grades at West Canada Valley Central Schools.

When not working or taking care of the children, I enjoy doing home projects. The house I bought in Newport was an old farm house in need of loads of TLC and maybe by the time I retire, all the projects will be completed.

Well, that is a little bit about me and I look forward to working with everyone in the MVCC community.

Vacation time limits

Message from Patricia H. Fox Director of Human Resources

This is a reminder to all classified staff that Article XII.2 of the contract indicates that a maximum of 15 days of vacation time may be carried over one year into the next.

All vacation time beyond 15 days will be lost January 1, 2007.

Employees who may be affected by this provision and who wish to take some vacation time during the rest of 2006 should check with their supervisors early so that arrangements can be made to grant the leave.

Flu vaccine clinic

There will be a "Flu Shot Clinic" on Thursday, December 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Alumni College Center's Room 116.

The cost is \$25 per person payable by Medicaid and Medicare Part B, cash or check. This clinic is open to MVCC community and immediate family members, who are 18 years or older.

Call the MVCC Student Health Center at 792-5452 by December 1 for an appointment. MVCC nursing students will be assisting the county nurse with administration of the vaccine.

Message from Nancy Caputo Department Head, Health Services

This is a wonderful opportunity for our nursing students. If you receive your flu vaccine from one of our first year nursing students and are pleased with their performance – please give them some positive feedback. This would mean so much and would help boost their confidence considerably. The students will be in the presence of one of the nursing faculty. Thanks for your support.

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ence Center along with Oneida Country Executive Joseph A. Griffo; Board of Trustees Michael C. Austin, N. Joseph Yagey, Mary-Carmel Wolf, Sheila Vandeveer; NYS Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito; and student representative Kelvin Ruiz. There was also a giant birthday cake to mark the day.

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Lorie Phillips

Conversation sparks donation to Respiratory Care Laboratory

In September 2006, the MVCC respiratory care students and instructor cared for a patient at a local hospital who had tuberculosis in the 1940s. The patient spent 10 years of her life at a TB sanitarium in the Adirondacks specializing in the "fresh-air cure."

A teachable moment occurred when the patient, her niece, the instructor (Lorie Phillips) and students discussed different medical treatments for TB that were common in the days before antibiotics (including removing all the ribs from the chest wall on the side with the infection and inserting ping-pong balls into the thorax to rest the affected lung).

The patient's niece, Liz Pryor, recommended a book that documents the care patients received when TB was called "consumption."

Several days later, Mrs. Pryor delivered the book, "Portrait of Healing – Curing in the Woods" by Victoria Rinehart, to the Respiratory Care Program office with the following inscription, "Thank you – to all the students in MVCC's Respiratory Therapy Program."

The respiratory program is grateful for the donation of this excellent historical resource text. The book will be kept in the MVCC Respiratory Care Laboratory (AB102) for those interested in taking a look.

Upcoming Events on MVCC Campuses

Monday, October 23

- Ski Club Meeting, PH 102, 3:30 pm
- Pilates, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Scottish Dancing, ACC 116, 7:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 24

- Brown Bag Luncheon Series: "Reading Improvement," ACC 116, 11:00 am
- Ski Club Meeting, PH 102, 3:30 pm
- Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- · Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116, 7:15 pm
- Cultural Series Performance: "The Yellow Dress," IT Theater, 7:00 pm
- · Men's soccer at Quarter Finals, TBA
- Volleyball at Sub-Regionals, TBA
- Women's soccer at Quarters, TBA

Wednesday, October 25

- SNO Popcorn Sale, Plumley Complex Atrium, 10:00 am
- Hartford Insurance Representative, AB Lobby, 10:00 am
- "Driving Under the Influence" Simulator, MV Commons, 11:00 am
- Ski Club Meeting, Student Activities Room, Rome Campus, 2:00 pm
- Black Student Union Speaker, ACC 116, 3:00 pm
- Black Student Union Halloween Party, IT Lobby, 3:30 pm
- Alcohol Awareness Quiz Show, MV Commons, 5:00 pm
- · Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:00 pm
- Cultural Series Lecture: "A Haunting in Connecticut," IT Theater, 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 26

- Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- League of Women Voters: Candidates for NYS Senate, IT Theater, 6:30 pm

Friday, October 27

- Cultural Series Lecture: "722 Miles: The Building of the Subways and How They Transformed New York," ACC 116, 1:00 pm
- MVCC Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:00 pm

Saturday, October 28

- Cross Country at Region III Championship Meet at Finger Lakes CC, TBA
- Defensive Driving Program, RA 306 Rome Campus, 9:00 am
- Gala Night at MVCC, "Celebrating 60 years of Changing Minds with Music the Changed the World," IT Theater, 6:00 pm

Saturday/Sunday, October 28-29

- Volleyball at Region III Tournament at Alfred State College, TBA
- Men's soccer Regional III, TBA
- · Women's soccer at Region III Tournament, TBA

Tuesday, October 31

- Brown Bag Luncheon Series: "Note Taking," ACC 116, 11:00 am
- Halloween Costume Contest and Caricature, PC Atrium Rome Campus, 12:30 pm

Saturday, Nov. 4

Cross Country at NJCAA Nationals at Alfred State College, TBA

Cans Across America reaches donation goal

Mohawk Valley Community College and Sodexho Food Services achieved the goal of collecting 600 pounds of food donations during the "Cans Across America" endeavor this week on the Utica Campus.

The final total was 602 pounds of canned goods, boxed dried goods and other non-perishable food as part of the effort to stamp out hunger in Central New York. These donations were presented to Utica's Community Food Bank. Of this total, New Hall collected 45.9 pounds, Daugherty donated 58 pounds while Penfield provided 3.6 pounds, Butterfield was 10 pounds and Huntington totaled 11.9 pounds.

This food drive was just part of a bigger campaign to feed the nation's hungry as Sodexho Food Services sought to break a Guinness World Record. The Sodexho Campus Dining Division utilized its resources on all the college campuses it represents across the nation for a combined total.

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, October 26 at 3:20 p.m. in PH 300 and PC 209. The agenda is below. These meetings are open to all members of the college community, and all are invited to attend.

- 1. Review/Approval of Agenda
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Review/Approval of Minutes of the May 24, 2006 Meeting
- 4.Report of Nominating Committee a. Election of Members; b. Appointment of Chair, Vice-Chair and Documentation Specialist
 - 5. Plans for the 2006-2007 Academic Year
 - 6. Review of Marketing Goal and Priority Objectives
 - 7. Review of Proposed Rome Campus Goal, Priority Objectives



Academic Building Courtyard - The Academic Building included administrative and faculty offices. The Academic Building was 300 feet long, 80,000 square feet of classrooms and laboratories (26 classrooms, 27 laboratories). Seating capacity was 896. The Academic Building enclosed a center courtyard made of crushed red asphalt broken by three large circles planted with locust trees. In addition to classroom and laboratory space, the Academic Building housed administrative offices and a library.



Helping stamp out hunger - MVCC students Britny Hurd and Commarrah Basher volunteer to collect food donations for the Cans Across American campaign on Wednesday in the MV Commons.

