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September 11, 2002 - Students, faculty, staff and administrators held a series of events to remember the terrorist attacks one year earlier, and to honor both victims and heroes of that tragic day. The theme for the day's events was "We Remember." During a late morning ceremony, an American flag that had been at "Ground Zero" in New York City was raised, and a moment of silence was observed. President Michael Schafer read a proclamation approved by the College's Board of Trustees, dedicating September 11th as "American Character Day," and encouraging acts of community service by all members of the College family. There was also a wreath laying ceremony at a campus monument memorializing the late Rev. David Looney, who served as chaplain to the Utica Fire Department as well as Newman chaplain at MVCC before his death in 1988. (The monument has since

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Airframe and Powerplant Technology Flying High After Ribbon Cutting

Mohawk Valley Community College's Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program has officially taken flight with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 7, at the newly renovated Hanger 221, which is located on the Griffiss Business and Technology Park in Rome.

MVCC President Dr. Michael I. Schafer was joined by state and local officials to unveil this new program that teaches students the craft of aircraft maintenance. Classes for the program began Aug. 28.

"The Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program will make our students state of the art technicians. The demand for certified aircraft technicians is ever growing and this allows Mohawk Valley Community College to support local companies like Empire Aero," said Dr. Schafer, prior to the ceremony. Speakers at the event included NYS Senator Raymond Meier, NYS Assemblywoman Roann Destito, Oneida County Executive Joseph Griffo, and Oneida County Legislators Michael Damsky and Gerald Fiorini. Mr. Fiorini was credited with pushing this new program through much of the red tape.

Also speaking was Brian Olsen, president of Empire Aero Center, based on Griffiss. Mr. Olsen spoke of his company's need for trained A&P technicians and how beneficial it was to have MVCC's program located just down the road. Empire Aero currently has about 275 employees and is looking to greatly increase that number as the company lands more contracts for over-

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hauling aircraft from around the world.

"What better situation can you ask for," said Mr. Olsen. "These graduates will be able to leave here and just walk down the street to Empire Aero to begin their careers."

MVCC opened the Airframe and Powerplant Technology school partly in response to the situation faced by Empire Aero, plus an assessment of a growing need for aircraft mechanics throughout the industry, according to Oneida County Legislator Michael Damsky.

The Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program (A&P) is located in facilities at the Griffiss airfield. Here students receive practical hands-on training on aircraft like the Boeing 727-100 freighter, which was donated to the program by FedEx Express. The program also has a Cessna 200 single-engine propeller aircraft.

"The students will receive the required training they will need to achieve an entry level position for companies like Empire Aero or any other aircraft maintenance company," said Walter Constantini, Program Director for the Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program. "This program is extremely valuable in training employees not just locally, but nationally. I think the popularity of the program is going to grow and the numbers is going to grow as far as the enrollment."

A&P is a three-semester, one-year program that emphasizes hands-on experience with maintenance and repair of aircraft engines and structure. Graduates will receive the Airframe and Powerplant Certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration, which is required to work on commercial aircraft. This certificate requires 1,905 hours of training of which 90 percent is in the laboratory and the other 10 percent in the classroom.

"The Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program gives MVCC students another option to train for fine jobs in the region. Ones that will give them careers in a growing field," said



BEGINNING OF NEW ERA - With a snip of the scissors, the Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program was launched. Taking part in the ribbon cutting were, from left, Brian Olsen, president of Empire Aero Center; Oneida County Executive Joseph Griffo; NYS Senator Raymond Meier; and NYS Assemblywoman Roann Destito.

Dr. Daniel P. Larson, Vice President for Instruction at MVCC. "With the advances coming in the aircraft industry over the next few years, the Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program opens the door for students to work in satisfying careers as skilled technicians where the future is bright. With a full year of A&P training, students will be ready to complete the FAA certification exam and then move directly into good employment."

Enrollment is limited to 25 new students per semester (fall, spring, summer). This inaugural class has 10 students enrolled. This program has been approved by State University of New York (SUNY) and State Education Department (SED). MVCC's A&P has met all regulations and is awaiting FAA approval, which is expected this fall.

Empire Aero Center, which has been overhauling planes at the former Air Force airfield since 2004, won't be the only option for graduates.

Gov. George Pataki announced this past summer that Canadian-based Laurentian Aerospace Corp. will open next year at the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base in Clinton County. It is expected

to employ more than 700 people within five years, according to the governor's office.

Eclipse Aviation, manufacture of the Eclipse 500 light jet class, has also selected Albany International Airport for its location of its northeast service center.

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LOOKING TO HIRE - Brian Olsen, president of Empire Aero Center, spoke of how his company is looking to hire MVCC Airframe and Powerplant Technology graduates.

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been moved to another location in Utica.) The ceremony concluded with the singing of "God Bless America."

September 11, 1984 - Student Congress sponsored a performance by Jefferson Starship at the Stanley Performing Arts Center.

September 11, 1968 - SUNY Chancellor Samuel B. Gould was quoted in news coverage as saying that a proposed State takeover of Utica College posed no threat to the area's two community colleges. MVCC Trustee Chairman Thomas Kernan had expressed concern about the future of MVCC's transfer programs, but said MVCC would not object to State takeover of 3rd, 4th or 5th year instruction.

September 10, 1975 - Trustee Russel C. Fielding was re-elected to his fourth term as chairman of MVCC's Board of Trustees. Mr. Fielding was a resident of Rome, and served as treasurer for the Rome Daily Sentinel.

September 9, 1990 - MVCC's Utica Campus was the site for Senior Fest. Hundreds of senior citizens from throughout Oneida County came to the campus for a concert, dinner and dance. The event was coordinated by the Oneida County Office for the Aging, and was co-sponsored by MVCC, the Utica Rotary Club, the Municipal Housing Authority of Utica, and the Central New York Community Arts Council.

September 8, 1955 - Instruction began in two new programs - Advertising Design & Production, and Banking, Insurance & Real Estate.

September 7, 1960 - Classes began in two new programs - Engineering Science and Secretarial Science.

September 6, 1954 - Evening classes at the MVTI Rome Extension Center, at Griffiss Air Force Base, included Communication Electronics, Radar I, Electronics I, Television I & II, Technical Report Writing and Accounting I & II.

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When stepping onto Mohawk Valley Community College's Utica or Rome campuses, students and employees take their safety for granted. But if not for the diligent efforts of the college's security force, things could be different.

"Our rule of thumb is to provide a safe environment for everyone on the college campus," says MVCC Security Chief Joseph Palmer.

Chief Palmer's highly trained staff consists of 12 full-time members and one part-time. At any given time of the day or night, there are up to four security personnel patrolling the campus grounds, parking lots, buildings and dorms either on foot or in the security vehicles.

With the five dorms responsible for most complaints, the security office has assigned Gary Rogowski to this post. This allows him to become familiar with most of the students and recognize when something or someone is out of place.

"He gets to know who the troublemakers are and is able to keep watch better. ... Our philosophy is that visibility is the number one deterrent to a lot of things that can go wrong," said Chief Palmer, who has been in law enforcement for over 28 years. "There are no fences around the campus. Anyone can walk onto this campus. What I like to have is my staff be able to recognize when someone doesn't belong, ask what they're doing here and ask them to move along."

Another aspect of the security training that helps head off trouble is the staff's ability to talk their way out of a troublesome situation. The campus security personnel don't have the authority to make arrests or to get into physical confrontations, except in self defense, with trouble causing individuals. It is through their training they are able to talk a situation to a calm conclusion. Only police officers have the authority to make arrests and for this reason, the campus security has close ties with the Utica Police Department when trouble surfaces.

"We have to be verbally efficient to quiet down a situation and my staff is very good at that," said Chief Palmer.

Security personnel are only equipped with a radio, flashlight and rubber gloves. Each member of the staff must complete an 8-hour course annually and are all CPR certified. They are also trained in the use of the defibrillators located in each of the buildings.

The security personnel's responsibilities go far beyond keeping the

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MVCC Faces: Bill Dustin

One of the new faces on campus this fall is Bill Dustin, who has already found his hands full as Coordinator of Events and Facilities Usage here at Mohawk Valley Community College. Bill began in May of this year and this fall has kept him busy with such events as the ribbon cutting ceremony last week for the Airframe and Powerplant Technology Program in Rome.

His responsibilities as Coordinator of Events and Facilities Usage includes the setting up and coordinating events for outside groups whom rent MVCC facilities and also coordinating events for all inside and outside groups using the MVCC Performing Arts Theater.

He is a member of the Cultural Committee, his goal is to bring diverse and worldly events such as dance, theater, movies, educational speakers and music to the students and community, also known as the Mohawk Valley Cultural Series.

Although Bill isn't currently teaching any courses at MVCC, he has thought about the idea of a course in 'Event Coordination.' Bill holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a concentration in Education and he is New York State Certified as an elementary education teacher.

Bill and his family, wife Maggie along with four-year-old Sebastian and two-year-old Lilianah, live in Oneida. He has an artistic personality and loves playing guitar and singing along with a strong appreciation for art. Some of his other favorite pastimes include poetry and golf.

Bill is co-founder, with wife Maggie, and Coordinator of the Central New York Singer Songwriter Showcase. Their focus is on booking passionate singer/songwriters to venues all around Central New York and are dedicated to bringing live acoustic music back into the Mohawk Valley. Their web site is www.myspace.com/CNYSaltLicks. MVCC is not affiliated in any way to the CNY Showcase.

In his job capacity, Bill has received many 'Thank You' notes from outside groups for his event coordination. "I'll tell you, opening up a thank you note for a job well done makes the 'new guy' on campus happy to be here," says Bill.



Bill Dustin
Coordinator of Events and
Facilities Usage

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reported that a new College policy had been established that prohibited the sale of alcohol on campus except by special permission of the College President. The policy change followed passage of a new State law raising the legal drinking age to 21. It also brought the end of an MVCC tradition with the closing of the Pub in the College Center.

September 4, 1990 - John Teller was named coordinator of athletics. Teller had joined the College in January as an instructor in physical education and coach of the lacrosse club team, later adding coaching of varsity lacrosse and women's soccer.

September 3, 1989 - Dr. Thomas H. Brown, vice president for instruction, published an historical biography entitled

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campus safe. They assist in helping drivers who locked their keys in the car, will jump start a vehicle and provide campus escorts for those who don't feel safe at any moment while on campus.

There are red phones in all the buildings and nine blue phones outside that connect directly to the security office.

Chief Palmer says his staff responds to that location within 45 to 60 seconds of receiving the call.

A tool that adds eyes to the security office are the 27 security cameras placed around campus. Several of these cameras came be moved to troubled locations and monitored wirelessly.

Faculty and Staff in the News

Sandra Engel, Department Head for Humanities at MVCC, has



been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Institute for Community College development at Cornell University. With this grant, Dr. Engel will collabo-

rate with Dr. Diane Oliver of the Education Department of Texas Tech University and Ph.D. student Robin Capt on a qualitative case study of how faculty in both a New York community college and Texas community college perceive the challenges associated with teaching academically under-prepared students and how the faculty solve these problems.

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 9/13

- ~ Psychic Fair, 11:00am-4:00pm, MV Commons.
- ~ Cultural Series Art Lecture: "Elaine Allison & Patricia Bray, Sculpture Space Artists in Residence," IT 225.
- ~ Concert Band Practice, 7:30pm, ACC 116.
- ~ Night Hawk Cafe, 7:00pm-10:00pm, MV Commons.

Thursday, 9/14

- ~ Women's Soccer vs. Broome CC, 4:00pm.

Friday, 9/15

- ~ Health Center MMR Clinic, 1:00pm-3:00pm, ACC 104.

Saturday, 9/16

- ~ Men's Soccer vs. Cayuga CC, 1:00pm.
- ~ Women's Tennis vs. Broome, 1:00pm.
- ~ Women's Soccer vs. Bryant & Stratton, 2:00pm.

Tuesday, 9/19

- ~ Volleyball vs. Herkimer, 6:00pm.

Wednesday, 9/20

- ~ Cultural Series Event: LECTURE: "Exploring the Geologic History of New York State," 2:00pm, IT 225.
- ~ Rome Business and Professional Women's Group, 5:30pm-6:30pm, RA 103, Rome Campus.
- ~ Lecture and panel discussion with SUNY Chancellor John Ryan, 7:00pm, IT Theater.

Thursday, 9/21

- ~ International Day of Peace Justice Roundtable, 12:30pm, ACC 212.
- ~ Cultural Series Event: PERFORMANCE: "Recycled Percussion," 8:00pm, IT Theater.

Saturday, 9/23

- ~ Men's Soccer vs. Genesee CC, 2:00pm.
- ~ Women's Soccer vs. Genesee CC, 2:00pm.

Sabbatical Leave applications

Attention all members of the Mohawk Valley Community College faculty, non-teaching professional staff, and administrators, applications for Sabbatical Leave for 2007-08 are now available in the office of the Vice President for Instruction - PH 395.

The applications are for faculty, non-teaching professional staff, and administrators. The deadline to submit the application is Wednesday, November 1, 2006 by 4:30 p.m.

Interacting with students out of classroom

The Faculty/Staff Collaboration Project provides out-of-classroom opportunities for students to interact with the staff and faculty from Mohawk Valley Community College. It is our belief that such interactions improve the retention rate of our students.

For the last five years tickets have been made available to staff or faculty who are willing to host a student(s) to a Broadway Theatre League presentation. The first performance of the year is: "Jesus Christ Superstar", on Tuesday, September 26, at 8 p.m.

If interested in hosting a student(s) to see this presentation contact me with the student's name and I will forward the tickets to you. As there is a limited number of tickets available this is first come- first served.

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George S. Boutwell: Human Rights Advocate. The book focused on Boutwell's career in Massachusetts local and state government between 1818 and 1905, including service as governor, congressman, U.S. Senator and U.S. Secretary of the Treasury. He organized the Massachusetts Republican Party, co-authored the 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and was a leader in the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson.

September 2, 1963 - More than 500 out-of-town students rented apartments or rooms in private homes. Students reported paying an average of \$9 a week for housing. The College had no residence halls at the time. The Board of Trustees and Oneida County officials were considering construction of dorms, which would follow a few years later.

September 1, 1974 - George H. Robertson became MVCC president, the first non-U.S. citizen to become a campus president in SUNY. He had previously been dean of faculty at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterboro, Ontario. Also, David Mathis became the first MVCC alumnus to serve as chairman of the College's Board of Trustees. He is a 1970 Retail Business Management graduate.

September 1, 1953 - The State Education Department's NYS Institute of Applied Arts & Sciences at Utica officially went out of existence. Replacing it was Mohawk Valley Technical Institute, a community college affiliated with the State University of New York and sponsored by Oneida County. Albert V. Payne was named acting president.

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The county provided \$2 million in funding for the program while Sen. Meier's office arranged for funding that led to the program receiving \$500,000 for equipment.

Mohawk Valley Community College 2006 Fall Athletic Schedule

Monday, Sept. 11

Men's soccer at Fulton-Montgomery CC, 4 p.m.
Women's soccer hosts Fulton-Montgomery CC, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 12:

Volleyball at SUNY Canton, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Men's soccer at Tompkins-Cortland CC, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 14

Women's soccer hosts Broome CC, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16

Women's soccer hosts Bryant & Stratton, TBA
Volleyball at Fulton-Montgomery Invitational, 9 a.m.
Women's tennis hosts Broome CC, 1 p.m.
X-Country at Alfred State College, TBA
Men's soccer hosts Cayuga CC, 1 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 18

Women's tennis hosts Hudson Valley CC, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

Volleyball hosts Herkimer CCC, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Men's soccer at Finger Lakes CC, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 21

Volleyball at Broome CC, 6 p.m.

Women's soccer at SUNY Delhi, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22

Women's tennis at Hudson Valley CC, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23

Volleyball at SUNY Cobleskill Invitational, 10 a.m.
Men's soccer hosts Genesee CC, 2 p.m.
Women's soccer hosts Genesee CC, 2 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 25

Women's soccer hosts SUNY Cobleskill, 4 p.m.
Men's soccer at SUNY Cobleskill, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

Volleyball hosts Fulton-Montgomery CC, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

Men's soccer at Jefferson CC, 4 p.m.

Women's soccer hosts Jefferson CC, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 28

Women's tennis hosts Onondaga CC, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 29

Volleyball at Onondaga CC Invitational, TBA

Saturday, Sept. 30

Volleyball at Onondaga CC Invitational, TBA
X-Country at LeMoyne College, noon
Women's soccer hosts Mercyhurst N.E., 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 1

Men's soccer hosts North Country CC, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Men's soccer hosts Herkimer CCC, 4 p.m.
Volleyball hosts SUNY Cobleskill, 7 p.m.
Women's soccer at Herkimer CCC, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7

Women's soccer at Hudson Valley CC, 1 p.m.
Volleyball at Tompkins-Cortland CC, 1 p.m.
X-Country at Hamilton College, 11 a.m.
Men's soccer hosts Hudson Valley CC, 1 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday, Oct. 7-8

Women's tennis at Region III Tournament at Onondaga CC, TBA

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Women's soccer hosts Columbia-Greene CC, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12

Women's soccer hosts Monroe CC, 4 p.m.
Volleyball hosts Onondaga CC, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Men's soccer at Adirondack CC, 1 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 16

Volleyball at Hudson Valley CC, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Men's soccer at SUNY Delhi, 4 p.m.
Women's soccer at Cayuga CC, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Volleyball at SUNY Delhi, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21

Volleyball at Adirondack CC, 1 p.m.
X-Country at Mountain Valley Conference at SUNY Delhi, 10 a.m.
Men's soccer at Sub-Regionals, TBA
Women's soccer at Sub-Regionals, TBA

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Men's soccer at Quarter Finals, TBA

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Volleyball at Sub-Regionals, TBA
Women's soccer at Quarters, TBA

Saturday, Oct. 28

X-Country at Region III Championship Meet at Finger Lakes CC, TBA

Saturday/Sunday, Oct. 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

Saturday, Nov. 4

X-Country at NJCAA Nationals at Alfred State College, TBA