

Yahnke's roots run deep at MVCC

David Yahnke began to set down roots at MVCC from the moment he expanded on his love to draw by matriculating into the College's Advertising and Design Program in 1985.

Upon receiving his A.A.S. degree in 1987, Mr. Yahnke went to work as a freelance graphic design illustrator, producing illustrations for several books, military bookshelf games and for private collectors of historical and military aircraft illustrations. During this time he was also employed at the Observer Dispatch as a graphic/mechanical paste-up technician.

He returned to MVCC in 1995 to begin work on a second degree in graphic design and computer graphic design.

Mr. Yahnke continued his education, receiving a baccalaureate from Empire State College, focusing on computer graphic design. In 2003, he decided to enroll in the Master's of Science in Information Design and Technology at SUNY-IT. He has completed his course work and thesis and will be awarded his Master's degree this spring.

While teaching at MVCC, Mr. Yahnke's knowledge of the college's history and staff enables him to provide insight to new and returning students regarding the institution's opportunities.

He's also brought new media innovations into his college seminar courses, including the introduction of student blogs, online journals. Students create their own blog sites, documenting what they are experiencing in their first semester.



LONG HISTORY WITH MVCC – David Yahnke has a deep knowledge of MVCC having been a student, adjunct instructor and student advisor.

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MVCC CURLING SQUAD – Team MVCC members are Felicia Anderson, volunteer coach Dan, Corey O'Neil (with Bailey), Steve Frisbee, and Michelle Heyes. Not in photo is Erica Goff.

MVCC Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society curls for American Heart Association

Members of the Lambda Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recently participated in the 8th Annual Charity Curling Challenge.

This "Curl for a Cause" event, held at the Utica Curling Club, benefited various local charities selected by individual teams.

It was intended for curling beginners, with time allotted for instructions, rules, strategy, practice, and a match. The MVCC team won against a group from Holland Patent High School in their match.

The American Heart Association received over \$160 from Team MVCC, which consisted of Phi Theta Kappa members Michelle Heyes, Felicia Anderson, Corey O'Neil and Erica Goff, as well as visor Steve Frisbee.

Stamp out cancer with Daffodil Days

The American Cancer Society will celebrate its annual Daffodil Days during the week of March 19, 2007.

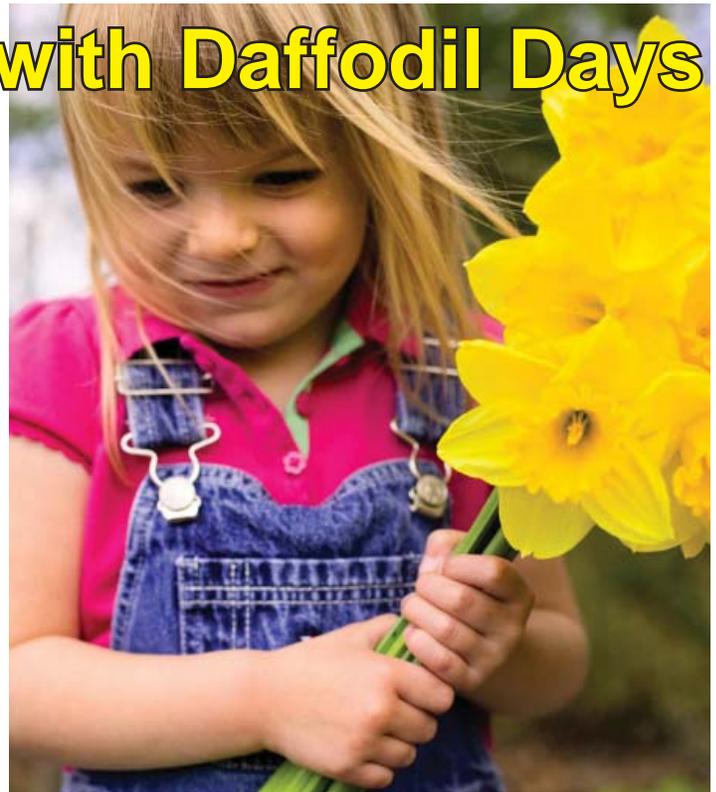
Your support can make a difference in the fight against cancer. Please consider purchasing some flowers. Flowers will be delivered from the Washington State growers and distributed between March 20 and March 23.

The cost of ordering a bunch of fresh cut daffodils (10 to a bunch) is \$10 or potted daffodil bulbs (4 bulbs per pot) are \$10. Also being accepted are \$20 donations for a Gift of Hope. The Gift of Hope allows the American Cancer Society to anonymously deliver flowers to cancer patients in the community.

Please make checks payable to the American Cancer Society and return money/check by February 28, 2007.

To order flowers on the Utica Campus, contact Norma Chrisman in Room 220 in Payne Hall, or call 792-5398, or email at nchrisman@mvcc.edu

On the Rome Campus, contact Barb Seaton in Room 236 in the Plumley Complex, or call 334-7737, or email at bseaton@mvcc.edu



Agenda for next MVCC College Senate meeting

The next MVCC College Senate meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 300 on the third floor of Payne Hall on the Utica Campus.

This meeting is open to the college community with all support materials for the agenda (shown below) available in the College Senate public folder.

The College Senate agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order
 - a. Explanation of new operating rules
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes: 12-03-06
 - b. Chairperson's Report
 - c. Special Reports
- (1) Faculty Council of Community Colleges - R. Jubenville
 - (a) Community college tally of SCBA and FCCC representation on SUNY Board resolutions
 - (b) Table of community college use of final exam week
 - (c) Twigg Project
 - (d) SCBA funding - recap of meeting with Assistant Provost Francis
 - (e) No new information regarding status of proposed Chancellor's Award for Support Personnel
- (2) Strategic Planning Committee Fall 2006 Summary Report - E. Dailey
 - (a) Summary of SPC activities - Fall 2006
 - (b) College Strategic Goals/Objectives



- (c) SPC membership
 - (d) SPC work groups
 - (3) College Catalog Content Task Force - N. Rosero
 - d. Committee Reports
 - (1) "Green campus" Task Force - N. Rutishauser
 - e. MVCC Board of Trustees summary of activities - Sept. to Dec. 2006
 - f. State of the Union, "Successes: Higher Education For All" - National Journal, January 19, 2007
 3. President Schafer's (or designee's) Report
 4. Student Congress President's (or designee's) Report
 5. Old Business
 - a. Setting a future academic direction for the College - D. Larson
 6. New Business
 - a. Academic Policies Committee - recommended revisions for College Catalog
 - b. Student Opinion Survey (SOS) results - future action? - M. Radlowski
 - c. Implications of the 2007-08 (15/0) academic calendar
 - d. Senate representation on SPC
 - e. College Senate Bylaws review/revision
 7. Other Business
- Next meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 300, Payne Hall.
Senate Advisory Committee Meeting: Monday, February 19, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Department of Art Faculty Select Student Show

MVCC's Small Works Gallery opened its first exhibit of the spring semester with the Department of Art Faculty Select Student Show reception on Wednesday, January 31, on the second floor of the Information Technology/Performing Arts Conference Center.

"Being able to hang their work in a gallery setting helps to give students inspiration by seeing what other students are doing. We have so many extremely talented students," says Christi Harrington, Assistant Professor in the Art Department. "This is something they will have to get used to professionally. It is a major element having your work displayed and critiqued."

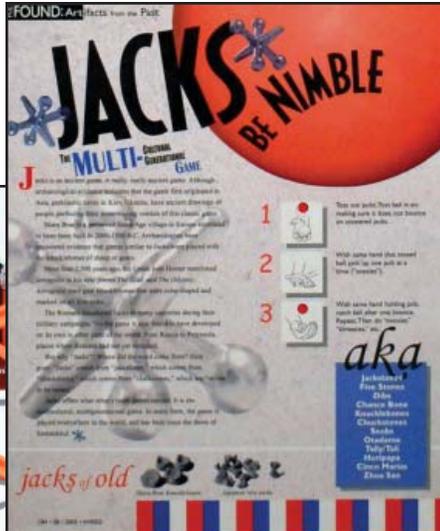
This exhibit features a wide diversity such as sculpture, digital animation, maquettes with accom-

panying storyboard, two-dimensional graphic designs, color theory works as well as photography, both color and black and white.

"It is really exciting to see what these students can do," says Dr. Carolyn West Pace, MVCC's Gallery Director.

Tip Of The Hat
If you see or hear a colleague going out of their way to be helpful, please drop a line to Rich Haubert or Joan Andrek for inclusion in *Communitas*.

Department of Art Faculty Select Student Show will run through Thursday, February 22.



Left: by Vanessa Buono, *Wired Magazine* page design, Publication Design
Above: by Christi Cordo, *Wired Magazine* page design, Publication Design
Right: by William Broeckel, polymer clay, *Sculptural Procedures for the Animator*



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This provides information and knowledge about how students respond to the college and their courses. Students have reacted very positively to the opportunity to freely discuss the freshman experience.

Mr. Yahnke also served in the advisement center as a part-time advisor. During the summer of 2006, he served as a new student advisor, requiring full knowledge of all departmental programs and the ability to appropriately advise students enrolled in other departments. He works with students in group and one-to-one settings.

He's been a part of MVCC's Art Department having taught several classes including, Digital Illustration, Foundation Drawing, Digital Design, Basic Graphic Design, Dimensional Design, Visual Communication, and Art Sources.

He's held one-semester term appointments in the Art Department in 2000, 2001, 2002 and, 2003. In the fall of 2005, he held a teaching load that included seven college seminar sections with enrollment over 120 students.

Recently he worked on a signage project completed by New York State, National Parks Service, and the Oneida County Historical Society. Sixteen interpretative signs were designed that will be permanently placed at sites throughout Oneida and Herkimer Counties, explaining significant events which occurred during the American Revolution.

Mr. Yahnke's hobbies include fine scale model building in a variety of subject areas, illustrating military aircraft, and photography. He lives in Utica with his wife Tracy and their two children, Samantha and David Jr.

MVCC Events

Tuesday, February 6

- College Senate, PH 300, 2:30 pm
- Bowling at Adirondack CC, 3:00 pm
- Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116, 7:15 pm
- Ice Hockey hosts SUNY Canton, 7:00 pm
- Women's Basketball at SUNY Cobleskill, 6:00 pm
- Men's Basketball at SUNY Cobleskill, 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 7

- Student Congress, ACC 212, 1:00 pm
- Health Center: MMR/Meningitis Clinic, ACC 104, 1:00 pm
- Lecture: "The 'Brand You' Approach to Business" by Darci Riesenhuber, IT Theater, 2:00 pm
- Cultural Series Art Lecture: Deborah Fisher - Sculpture Space Artist in Residence, IT 225, 3:00 pm
- Dinners With Distinction, Rome Hospitality Dining Room 108, 6:00 pm
- DFAS Computer Training, PC 221, 6:00 pm
- Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 8

- African American Story Teller: M. Zun', MV Commons, noon
- Women's Basketball host Columbia-Greene, 6:00 pm
- DFAS Computer Training, PC 221, 6:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116, 7:00 pm
- Men's Basketball host Columbia-Greene, 8:00 pm
- Cultural Series Concert: Dave Matthews Tribute Band, IT Theater, 8:00 pm

Friday, February 9

- Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:00 pm
- Track & Field at Cornell University Pentathlon, 6:00 pm
- Ice Hockey at Hudson Valley CC, 7:00 pm
- Men & Women Bowling hosts Mountain Valley Conference Tournament, Pin-O-Rama, 3:00 pm

Saturday, February 10

- Early Childhood Mini Conference, ACC 116, 8:00 am
- Wildlife and Outdoor Navigation with GPS, Utica Campus, 9:00 am
- Track & Field at Cornell University, 10:00 am

MVCC Faces: Rosemary Fuoco

Rosemary Fuoco is committed to helping students and young people on to a path of living successful and productive lives.

She volunteers in her spare time with the Youth Internship Program and participates in the TLT/SUNY Teaching Learning and Technology annual meetings. She also works with the Productivity Center - Irving Trust Corporation and the Summer Institute while also promoting MVCC during its Open House this past fall.

A Utica resident, she is an advisor to the Administrative Assistant Program, which was formerly known as Office Technologies. As an Instructor in the Business Information and Technology Department, she has worked on assessment as well as the Academic Program Review for the Administrative Assistant Program.

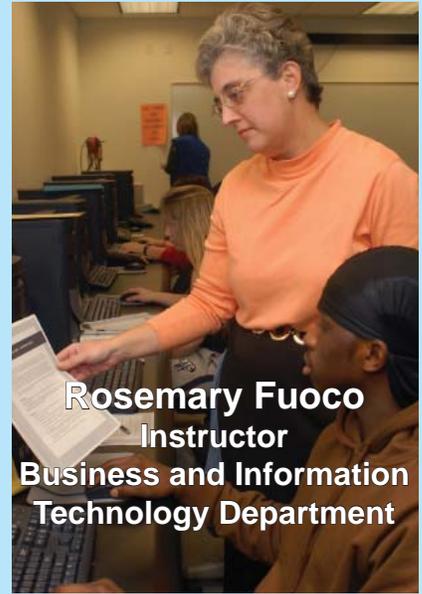
She has committed 23 years of her life to the institution where she teaches Administrative Assistant Program.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from State University of New York at Utica and Teaching Certificate in Vocational Technical Education. Her Master's degree is a concentration in Vocational Technical Education from SUNY Oswego.

She is currently working on a Department Committee to revitalize the Administrative Assistant Program.

Looking to the future, Rosemary Fuoco is also helping to develop a Business Communications online program and is working toward forming strategic relationships with local businesses and non-profit organizations to assist MVCC Administrative Assistant students in job placement.

Her hobbies include reading and travel.



Rosemary Fuoco
Instructor
Business and Information
Technology Department

Seeking nominations for 'Excellence'

The Excellence in Professional Service Award committee is seeking nominations for the MVCC Excellence in Professional Service Award.

Attached is a copy of the initial nominating form. Please note the eligibility criteria and the deadline date. Candidates will be required to submit supporting materials (e.g. resume, vita) prior to final selection.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Full-time employee with at least three (3) years of continuous professional service (not classified service) in position for which nominated.
2. Presently full-time with more than 50% of time spent in non-teaching functions.

DEADLINE: Nomination forms must be submitted to Dennis Rahn, Student Activities, ACC 208 by Monday, March 5, 2007.

Nominees will be judged based on professional effectiveness, collegiality, professional growth and public service.

MVCC student wins engineering & science medal

For the 36th consecutive year, an Engineering Science student from MVCC has been selected to receive the Professor Joseph H. Smith, Jr.'45 Engineering & Science Medal from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Farshad Madhi, a Utica resident and a second-year student in the Engineering Science program, will be presented The Medal on February 15, during the Mohawk Valley Engineers' Executive Council's 2007 Engineers' Banquet, at The Radisson Hotel in Utica.

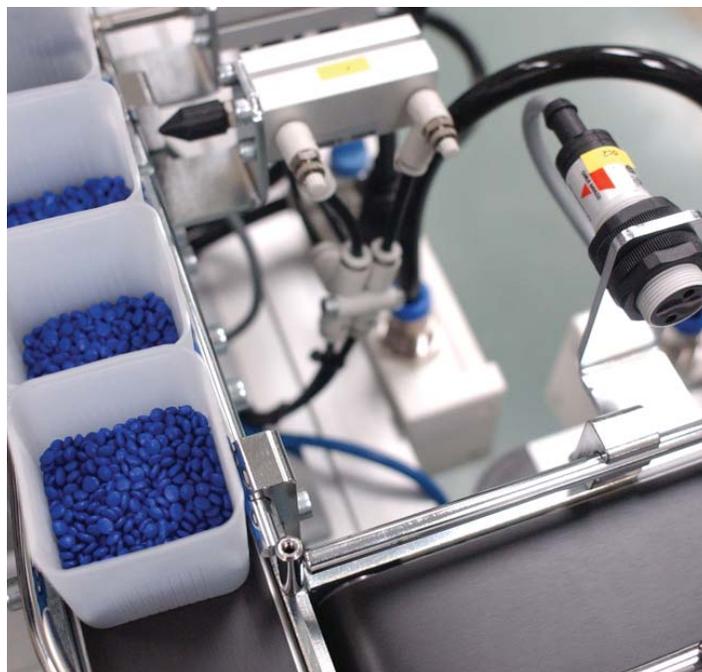
This award is named for Joseph H. Smith Jr. who retired assistant dean of engineering and associate professor of electrical, computer, and systems engineering at Rensselaer. The Medal represents excellence in engineering and science.

Madhi is one of only 25 community college engineering science students nationwide to receive this year's award. The award carries a \$5000 scholarship at RPI, located in Troy.

"It is very prestigious for a two-year engineering school to receive this award," says Professor Celia A. Domser, Department Head for Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences at MVCC. "To have such a prestigious award says that we have an outstanding program and our students are excellent."

Madhi is a graduate of Ebnesinu, Idfuhan, Iran, and the son of Rouhollah Madhi and Farangis Behinaein of Utica. He has a 3.74 grade point average (GPA) and plans on pursuing a baccalaureate in Mechanical Engineering.

"He is a very rounded young man. He's the kind person who tries to help other students in class and rises to the challenge," says Professor Domser. "We have an excellent engineering program here that rivals many four-year institutions."



MVCC's Associate Degree in Engineering Science provides students with the first two years of a bachelor's degree in a wide range of engineering fields, including aerospace, civil, mechanical, electrical, industrial, chemical, and nuclear engineering.

Courses taken at MVCC include analytical geometry and calculus, engineering graphics, engineering physics, general chemistry, engineering statics, differential equations, organic chemistry, thermodynamics, electrical circuits, mechanics of materials and linear algebra.

Sad News: Elaine Cantor

Some of you will recall Hal Cantor, who was Department Head in Humanities during the 1970s and early 1980s.

Hal's wife, Elaine, recently passed away. If you would like to send a card, his address is:

Harold Cantor
440 E. 23rd Street, Apt. 14H
New York, NY 10010



LIVE IN UTICA – The Erika DeSocio Band performed in the MVCC Theater on Wednesday, January 31. The band was founded in 2002 by lead vocalist, Erika DeSocio.

MVCC hosts SU-UConn men's basketball bus trip

Mohawk Valley Community College's Rome Students Activities Association will sponsor a bus trip to Syracuse University when the Orange men's basketball team hosts Big East rival Connecticut on Saturday, February 17. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

Tickets, which include transportation and admission to the game, are \$15.00 for MVCC students and \$17.00 for MVCC faculty, staff and guests. There are 10 tickets available for children under the age of 16 for \$10 each.

Tickets can be purchased on the Utica Campus in Room 208 of the Alumni College Center or on the Rome Campus in Room A30 of the Plumley Complex.



MVCC Family Film Series

Plumley Complex Auditorium

Located on the Rome Campus

E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial

Saturday, February 3; 2:00 PM

Rated PG

Featuring **Dee Wallace, Henry Thomas and Drew Barrymore**

A being from outer space is accidentally stranded on Earth. In his search for refuge, E.T. wanders into a backyard where he is discovered by ten-year-old Elliott. Elliot assumes responsibility for E.T.'s safety while searching, in a race against time, for a way to reunite E.T. with his own kind in this heartwarming story of friendship and discovery.

Mary Poppins

Saturday, March 3; 2:00 PM

Rated G

Featuring **Julie Andrews and Dick van Dyke**

From the moment Mary Poppins (Julie Andrews) floats into the Banks' household, things are never the same. The children, Jane and Michael, are swept into magical romps across the English countryside, tea parties on the ceiling, and madcap dances over the rooftops of London.

Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

Saturday, April 7; 2:00 PM

Featuring **Gene Wilder and Jack Albertson**

Rated G

Pure of heart Charlie Bucket (Peter Ostrum) along with four grossly gluttonous girls and boys win the opportunity to tour eccentric recluse Willy Wonka's (Gene Wilder) magical candy factory and the chance to win a lifetime supply of chocolate in this adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic. One-by-one, the children are undone by their own greed as the group sails down chocolate rivers, floats through the Fuzzy Lifting Drinks room, and becomes part of Wonkavision until only Charlie is left to claim a prize even more grand than a lifetime of chocolate.

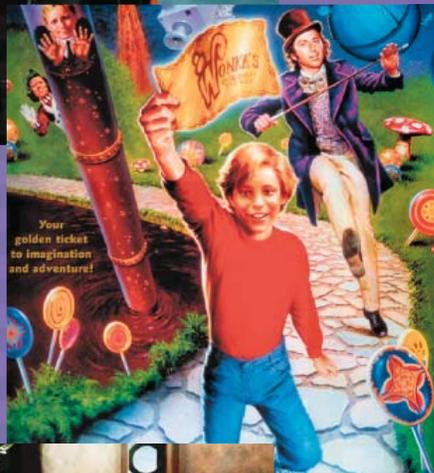
The Wizard of Oz

Saturday, May 5; 2:00 PM

Featuring **Judy Garland, Bert Lahr, Ray Bolger and Jack Haley**

Rated G

Kansas girl Dorothy Gale (Judy Garland) and her dog, Toto, are whisked by a tornado into the magical land of Oz in this much loved musical adaptation of L. Frank Baum's classical novel. Dorothy joins the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion on an adventure down the Yellow Brick Road to persuade the Wizard to help her find her way.



★ Pre-sale Tickets for Some Events Available at the MVCC Bookstore. Call 735-2945 for information ★

MVCC Bookstore (Main Box Office Site) Utica Campus
MVCC Bookstore Rome Campus