



SPIRIT OF IRELAND – Members of MVCC’s Professional Practice in Graphic Design classes took part in a contest to design the poster that will be used to promote the Great American Irish Festival at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort. Jaime Shepard’s design was the winning artwork as

she displays it here. From left are: David Wentworth, Ryan Swierczek, Emily Wager, GAIF Chairman Matthew T. Sullivan, Tyler Flisnik, Jaime Shepard (poster competition winner), Jennifer Klock, Steven Forte, Ann Keddell, Nick Denato, Kala Dunning, and Professor Robert Clarke.

Graphic design student’s creation selected to represent Irish festival

Graphic design student Jaime Shepard was feeling pretty lucky last week when her design was selected from among 31 pieces to be the “theme graphic” for the 2007 Great American Irish Festival.

Robert Clarke, Professor in MVCC’s Art Department, was approached by the Great American Irish Festival (GAIF) committee several weeks ago seeking help in creating a “theme graphic” that would be used on posters promoting the event along with appearing on the GAIF website, t-shirts, signage and banners displayed throughout the Mohawk Valley.

Mr. Clarke challenged his Professional Practice in Graphic Design students to create a design that is distinctive, creative, attention grabbing while having a feel for the event. That’s what Ms. Shepard achieved with her winning design.

“I am very excited and pleased to have my design picked,” said Ms. Shepard, who is returning student. She graduated from Rome Free Academy in 1998 and now resides in Barneveld. She will graduate in May with an AAS in Graphic Design and plans on pursuing her Bachelor’s Degree in this field from Empire State College.

“I came back to school because I wanted to do something that I love and

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TOP COACH – The Hawks women’s basketball coach Bobby Allison talks with his players during a break in the action of a home game. Coach Allison was named Region III Coach of the Year for Division III schools.

MVCC’s Bobby Allison named Region III Coach of the Year

Mohawk Valley Community College head women’s basketball coach Bobby Allison was named NJCAA’s 2006-07 Region III Coach of the Year for the second time in his five-year tenure leading the Hawks.

Under the direction of Coach Allison, the Hawks finished the 2006-07 regular season undefeated with a 27-0 record en route to winning the Mountain Valley Conference for the fourth consecutive year. The last time he was named Region III Coach of the Year was for the 2003-04 season.

Coach Allison has four Region III championships to his credit following the Hawks’ 53-40 victory over SUNY Canton this weekend at the Region III Tournament at Cayuga Community College. His career coaching record at MVCC is 156 victories and 10 losses. The Hawks have won 84 consecutive regular season games.

Coach Allison was named NJCAA’s District A Coach of the Year after the Hawks went all the way to the national finals last season, finishing with a 33-1 record.

Along with Coach Allison’s honor, the Hawks’ sophomore guard Chalonda McElveen was voted as the NJCAA Region III, Division III Player of the Year with 166 votes. In her two seasons with MVCC, McElveen has a record of 63-1 that includes a 55-0 record in regular season games. She was also named Tournament MVP this past weekend.

Other MVCC players winning Region III regular season honors were freshman forward Shantel Dunston and Utica native sophomore forward Christina Mann as they were selected to the NJCAA’s Region III’s Third Team.

MVCC women’s basketball wins Region III crown

The MVCC women’s basketball team won the NJCAA Region III tournament and will advance to the national championships on March 15, 16, and 17, hosted by MVCC on the Utica Campus.

The Hawks defeated Clinton CC, 60-27, in the quarterfinals before rolling past Herkimer CCC, 61-37, in the semi-finals. In the championship game, MVCC knocked off SUNY Canton, 53-40.

Chalonda McElveen was named Tournament MVP while Jessica Jenkins and Tekesha Hanson were named to the All-Tournament team.

This is MVCC’s third straight Region III title and fourth in five years.

In the men’s tournament, the Hawks beat SUNY Cobleskill, 64-61, in the quarterfinals before falling to eventual champion Fulton-Montgomery CC, 64-54.

MVCC Campus Events

Tuesday, March 6

- MVCC College Senate Meeting, PH 300, 2:30 pm
- Syracuse University Information Session, PC A10, 4:30 pm
- Cultural Series Musical Performance: Clinton String Quartet, IT Theater, 8:00 pm
- Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
- Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116, 7:15 pm

Wednesday, March 7

- Student Congress, ACC 212, 4:00 pm
- Dinners With Distinction, Rome Hospitality Dining Room 108, 6:00 p.m.
- Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
- MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 8

- Operating Room Tech Classes, PC 217, 3:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 9

- Bowling: NJCAA National Tournament, Buffalo
- St. Patrick’s Day Social, PC Atrium, 10:00 am
- Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 10

- Bowling: NJCAA National Tournament, Buffalo
- Cultural Series Musical Performance: Humor in Music - Utica Symphony Orchestra, IT Theater, 7:30 pm

Monday, March 12

- Electronic Job Search Workshop, PC 252, 1:00 pm
- Drinking and Driving Classes, RA 302, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, March 13

- Rome Hospital Computer Training, PC 252, 9:00 am
- Rome Hospital Coronary Care Course, PC 203, 8:00 am

Wednesday, March 14

- Rome Hospital Coronary Care Course, PC 203, 8:00 am

MVCC bowlers win Region III crown

Freshman Business Management major Becca Barton led the women's bowling team to a NJCAA Region III Championship on Sunday, February 25, at Pin-O-Rama Lanes in Utica.

Barton averaged 208 through eight games to be named Region III "Player of the Year." Along with winning the singles competition with a total pin fall of 829, Barton also teamed up with Heather Grundke to win the doubles title with a score of 1,624.

Barton set three individual records at MVCC beginning with a four-game series score of 914. She also holds the eight-game record with a pin fall of 1,725. Her third record is shared with Grundke with a four-game doubles score of 1,698.

The women's team won the Region III crown with a pin fall of 8,805 followed by second place Hudson Valley CC with a score of 8,288. MVCC's record is now 24-8.

Also placing for MVCC in the doubles competition was Proctor High graduate Danielle Maggio and Shannon Hicks with a second place finish with a pin fall of 1,501.

In singles, Utica natives Tanya Rommel was fourth with a four-game score of 751 followed by Jennifer Anson with 733.



REGION III CHAMPIONS – The MVCC women's bowling team won the NJCAA Region III Championship at Pin-O-Rama Lanes in Utica. Team members are: Coach Paul Andrews, Becca Barton, Heather Grundke, Shannon Hicks, Danielle Maggio, Tanya Rommel, and Jennifer Anson.

In the combined overall scoring, Barton won with 1,662 while Grundke was third with 1,522 and Maggio was fifth with 1,463. These three were named to the All-Region III team.

In the men's tournament, MVCC was third with 8,836 while Erie CC was first with 9,583.

Both men's and women's team will compete at the NJCAA National Championships to be held March 9, 10 and 11, at Thurway Lanes in Buffalo.

March agenda for College Senate Meeting

The next MVCC College Senate meeting is schedule for Tuesday, March 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 agenda (shown below) available in the College Senate public folder.

The College Senate agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes: 2-06-07
 - b. Chairperson's Report
 - c. Special Reports
 - (1) Faculty Council of Community Colleges - R. Jubenville
 - (a) Updated community college tally of SCBA and FCCC representation on SUNY Board resolutions
 - (b) Suggestions for Increasing Collaboration, Communication and Partnership Between the APPCC and FCCC
 - (c) FCCC-CUNY Senate Connections
 - (d) New York State Public Higher Education Conference Board Resolution regarding community college representation on the SUNY Board of Trustees
 - (e) FCCC Executive Committee Winter Retreat Summary (2/9/07-2/10/07)
 - (2) Lobbying efforts
 - (a) 2007 Executive Budget Summary regarding higher ed
 - (b) PA and College working together (TAP/Ability to Benefit)
 - d. Committee Reports
 - (1) Affirmative Action Plan - Dennis Gibbons (deferred to



April meeting)

- (2) Progress report from Promotion Review Task Force - Celia Domser (deferred to April meeting)
 3. President Schafer's (or designee's) Report
 4. Student Congress President's (or designee's) Report
 - a. Tree removal and student parking
 - b. Use of SSNs for student identification
 - c. Snow cancellations: Impact on students and grades
 5. Old Business
 - a. Update on dual credit accreditation process and progress - Shane McGovern (deferred to April meeting)
 - b. Draft proclamation regarding "recommitment to excellence" based on Student Opinion Survey (SOS) discussion
 6. New Business
 - a. Academic Policies Committee - additional recommended revision for College Catalog
 - b. Implications of the 2007-08 (15/0) academic calendar
 - c. College Senate Bylaws review/revision
 - d. Policies regarding College closures (ie. due to weather)
 - e. Use of faculty/staff SSN for identification and other purposes
 - f. Collegewide cell phone use policy
 - g. Future College forum topics
 7. Other Business
 8. Adjournment
- Next meeting is schyeduled for Tuesday, April 3, at 2:30 p.m.

MVCC Faces: Deanna L. Ferro

When it comes to making an organization successful, it's the people behind the scenes who are instrumental in making sure all the details are handled. For MVCC's Institutional Advancement Office, the details are handled by Deanna L. Ferro.

Ms. Ferro is the Events Coordinator for Institutional Advancement at MVCC and responsible for the scheduling, planning coordination, and evaluation of the following college-related activities: MVCC Foundation Golf Tournament, MVCC Gala, Spring Scholarship Reception, Alumni and Graduate Networking Event, MVCC Alumni Reunions, and Coordination the Ted Moore Run/Walk Committee.

"In this new position I'm also responsible for the research and development of new events that will effectively benefit and showcase the college," says Ms. Ferro, who joined the college on November 27, 2006.

Ms. Ferro is a 2000 MVCC graduate with an AAS in Media Marketing and Management. She went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Marist College in 2002 and completed a Master's Degree in Organizational Communication, Learning and Design from Ithaca College in 2004.

She is a native of Remsen, where her parents John and



Deanna L. Ferro
Events Coordinator for
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Christine Ferro still live, but now resides in Utica.

Two of the committees she is currently on are for the Ted Moore Run/Walk and the 2007 Summer Institute Planning. She also serves on the United Way of Greater Utica's Allocations Committee.

Ms. Ferro's hobbies include working out at the gym, baking and special event planning.

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this is it," says Ms. Shepard.

Ms. Shepard's design features the Blessed Trinity symbol representing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit of religious teachings which are embedded in the Irish culture. Within each of the arcs of the Blessed Trinity are the cultural aspects of Irish music and dance. The third artistic element is the festival's logo, which was created by MVCC graduate Adrienne Sangastiano in the spring of 2004.

"We were very, very impressed with the work done by the students," said Matthew T. Sullivan, chairman of the GAIF, which is organized by a non-profit group working to establish an Irish Community Center in the Mohawk Valley.

The historic theme for this year's festival is the Irish Potato Famine. This blight began in 1845 and lasted six years, killing millions of people in Ireland due to starvation.

Ms. Shepard's winning design will be unveiled during the Passing of the Shille-



JOB WELL DONE – Matthew T. Sullivan, director of the Great American Irish Festival, congratulates MVCC graphic design student Jaime Shepard of Barnveld after her design was selected as the "theme design" for this year's festival at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort.

lough ceremony in front of the Stanley Theater on Genesee Street in Utica on Tuesday, March 6, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The 2007 Great American Irish Festival will be a three-day event at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort. These dates are: Friday, July 27, 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 28, Noon to 11:00 p.m.; and Sunday, July 29, Noon to 5:00 p.m.

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