



WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? – MVCC's Kiddie Campus teacher Heather Dilapi holds a skull while Jared Barnes examines it during a presentation by Life Science Professor Angelo Lattuca.

Kids say the darndest things during presentation on bones

When it comes to teaching at the Kiddie Campus, even the most seasoned professor can be thrown off his game by a group of four-year-olds as Life Science Professor Angelo Lattuca found out this week.

"I was sweating bullets," said Professor Lattuca with a chuckle. "I wanted to talk about how human brain cavities have evolved and all they wanted to talk about was broken bones and what mommy does if you break a bone."



Joshua Frisbee

But Professor Lattuca's lesson worked in well with what the Kiddie Campus children have been learning. They've been studying bones and began with dinosaurs. Then the question of human bones was raised and Professor Lattuca was very helpful in stepping up to the challenge.

"They had some instruction from the Kiddie Campus teach-

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Phi Theta Kappa Society inducts new members

The Lambda Beta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society welcomed over 67 new members during the Spring Induction Ceremony on Friday, March 23, in the Alumni College Center.

MVCC Vice-President Dr. Dan Larson along with Chapter Advisors Stephen Frisbee and Colleen Bolton were present to honor and recognize the students for their academic excellence. Barbara Granato introduced each inductee.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society for the Two-Year College. It was founded in 1918 and is the largest honor society in American higher education.

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is offered to students who have a 3.5 GPA or higher over at least 12 credit hours in a degree program.

Those being honored were:

Curtis L. Arena, Robert L. Baker, Salvatore J. Battaglia Jr., Ted M. Black, Unhui Bollinger, Zachary J. Boynton, Cory J. Bradbury, Kaleigh S. Brookins, Charles E. Brower III, Lindsay M. Butten-schon,

Jessica A. Cain, Nicole M. Carl, Nancy A. Choquette, Bobbie Jo Coe, Amy C. Costello, Danielle C. Crawford, Megan D. Creedon, Steven M. Decker, Michael C. DiNitto, Benjamin J. Driscoll,

Michelle C. Duffy, Richard J. Dunham, Joshua D. Dymond, Mallory A. Dziura, Adam C. Eckmair, Austin M. Esmond, David S. Fransman, Ruslan Gudnyy, Jason B. Hinkley, Robert J. Holdgate,

Audrey L. Horning, Laura E. Jandreau, Nicole E. Kalnicki, Mayumi Katamoto, Emily Keniston-Wallis, Savan T. Kim, David P. LiBritz, Timothy E. Lighthall Jr., Stephanie D. Long, Caralyn M. Lopez,

Matthew J. Madia, Lindsay A. Mogle, Benjamin O. Morgan, Sarah M. Murphy, Justin A. Noga, Catherine A. O'Connell, Martin Osilovsky, Oksana G. Ott, Araceli A. Peralta, Steve Pereira,

Rebecca A. Plachotnik, Katie C. Prue, Dzenan Radmilovic, Stephanie L. Richard, Nicole M. Ricker, Jessica R. Robenski, Tanya L. Rommel, Fadi P. Sanbar, Michelle L. Sabastian,



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Did You Know?

MVCC employees can utilize the Interlude for lunch. The cost for lunch is \$4.50, and it is only for Faculty/Staff and/or guest of Faculty/Staff.

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Kyu Soon Shin, Yevginiy Sidorevich, Holly G. Smith, Christopher W. Sternthal, Danielle M. Stevens, Sarah G. Stevens, Anthony J. Stronach, Rocco D. Suppa, Tatyana Tarasevich, Dana R. Taurisano,

Brittney B. Townsend, Irina Vabishchevich, Elizabeth E. Watts, Misty D. White, Morgan L. Williamson, Alice A. Wines-DeNigro.



BONES PRESENTATION – MVCC's Kiddie Campus teachers Heather Dilapi and Robin Saxe sit with the children while Life Science Professor Angelo Lattuca talks about skulls and the evolution of humans during a presentation last week.

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ers beforehand and they surprised me by what they knew about bones," said Professor Lattuca, who brought with him arm bones, leg bones and ribs. "We also had a series of skulls which depicted the evolution of man. The children enjoyed working the jaws on those."

Part of his presentation was to have

the children associate where these bones were located in their bodies and he was impressed because they knew that the ribs protected the heart. Later this spring, Professor Lattuca will host a follow-up visit for these young students to one of the Life Science Labs to see the articulated skeleton.

MVCC's Nursing Program receives an A+ rating

The Health Services Department's nursing faculty and staff have recently been visited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and the New York State Education Department. The purpose of the visit was to verify, amplify, clarify and evaluate the associate degree nursing program. The evaluation is based upon the standards and criteria set forth by the NLNAC and the NYS Education Department and how compliant the program is in meeting these established standards. The program was last visited eight years ago in 1999.

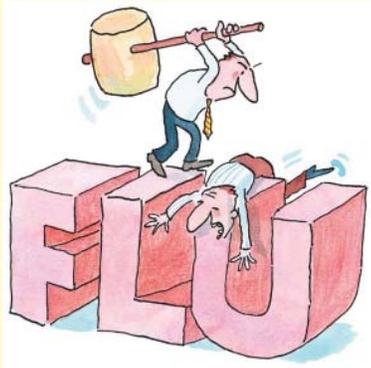
During the three day visit the accreditation team met via video conference with President Michael Schafer, college administrators, nursing faculty, staff and students, college faculty and staff. They toured clinical facilities, college laboratories; the libraries on both campuses, attended nursing lectures, met with hospital nursing administrators, graduates, members of our advisory board and members of the community at large. On March 8th a summary of the final report was read

with a recommendation for continuing re-accreditation for the next eight years. This was the best possible recommendation that a program could receive and the one that the nursing faculty and staff were hoping to hear.

A successful accreditation visit just doesn't happen. It takes on-going hard work and dedication not only by the nursing faculty and staff but by the entire college community. The support and help that we received from facilities, student support services, academic department heads, college wide faculty and staff and the college administration was absolutely wonderful. This indeed was a joint effort and on behalf of MVCC nursing, a great BIG THANKS to each and everyone who helped us to achieve our goal. We couldn't have done this without you.

Nancy Caputo
Professor/Department Head
Health Services

Stop the spread
of colds and flu.



It's as simple as
washing your hands.

It's the healthy thing to do.

Stay at home
and rest

to prevent the spread of colds and flu.



It's the healthy thing to do.

Stop the spread
of germs.

Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing.



It's the healthy thing to do.

Spread the word on illness prevention

There are a lot of signs and posters around campus advertising such events as upcoming concerts, clubs, or even graduation preparation. But there are none more important than the newest ones appearing in the rest rooms, dining areas and common rooms.

These health posters are advising faculty, staff and students alike to take steps to stay healthy along with what to do to prevent the spread illness this spring.

"We have introduced the posters around campus to get people thinking about and being more aware of hygiene safety," said Anne Popeo, college nurse in the Student Health Center. "They need to know that it is OK to stay home if they are sick and that washing their hands is a top priority to preventing the spread of illnesses."

This campaign is in response to the rising fear among state and federal officials on the probability of pandemic outbreaks around the world.

A checklist for home and personal preparation in the event of a Pandemic will be available on Wellness Day, April 4, 2007, at the Student Health Center table in the Commons. On that day we hope to bring to the general College Community a better understanding of what a Pandemic is, more information about "Bird Flu", and how we need to prepare for such an event.

These health posters are being placed in restrooms, dining areas and in health facilities.

MVCC hosts discussion on importance of HPV vaccine

In June 2006, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend the first vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer and other diseases in females caused by certain types of genital human papillomavirus (HPV).

The vaccine protects against four HPV types, which together cause 70 percent of cervical cancers and 90 percent of genital warts. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently licensed this vaccine for use in girls and women, ages 9-26 years. The vaccine is given through a series of three shots over a six-month period.

To discuss the affects of the vaccine and dispel some of the myths and rumors surrounding this topic, the MVCC Student Health Center is sponsoring an informative talk on Wednesday, March 28, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Room 116 of the Alumni College Center. This discussion is open to the

public and is free of charge. The speaker will be Marianne Stalteri, who is the Cervical Cancer Screening Coordinator at Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown.

"I would like people to know that this is not a license for promiscuity but rather addressing a problem that already exists," says said Anne Popeo, college nurse in the Student Health Center. "We would like to educate people so that they can make the right choices for themselves and their kids."

Marianne Stalteri will discuss the need for vaccination and answer any questions to dispel rumors and inaccurate information the public may have received regarding this controversial topic.

To learn more about this issue, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/std/hpv/STD-Fact-HPV-vaccine.htm.

International Festival celebrates Mohawk Valley's diversity

The 2007 International Festival celebrates Utica's international heritage that ranges from Italian and Polish to Bosnian and Somali. This Spring's event will take place Wednesday, March 28, from Noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Information Technology Building's Room 225 and surrounding lobbies.

This year's theme is "A Celebration of Coming Together: Sharing Our International Heritages" and is sponsored by the International Initiatives Committee.

The International Festival will include a variety of informal presentations by faculty, staff, and students, ethnic cuisine, live performance, and displays. Everyone involved seeks to celebrate the remarkable multi-cultural diversity of the Mohawk Valley in general, and MVCC in particular.

Come join in what promises to be a series of informative and enjoyable events. The schedule is as follows:

12:00 PM

Lectures in IT 225

David Katz: International Perspective "Walking a Mile in Their Shoes" - The focus of the talk will be on how taking a more international, less ethnocentric approach toward attempting to understand transnational issues can heighten our understanding and improve our chances for productive dialogue and the development of sustainable solutions.

Maimun Khan: "Where are you from?" Takes a Lifetime to Answer - Asking, or answering, 'where are you from?' implies that there's some place to go to as well. As economy and politics cross boundaries, so too must people interact with each other effectively and respectfully. Celebrating cultural diversity is quickly becoming an integral part of daily life. It starts within each of us and reaches out to everyone.

Lecture in IT 204 (Theater Balcony)

Darfurian Abdelsharkour Khamis: Unitarian Crisis: Darfur Sudan Refugee Center speaker - Abdelsharkour Khamis, a native of Darfur will address the ongoing international crisis in this region.

12:00-12:30 and 1:00-1:30 PM

Dance on IT first floor lobby

Laurie Hotaling: Latino Dance - A short class and demonstration of some of the rhythms of Latin America including "salsa" and "meringue." Dancing is one activity where old and young gather to celebrate life. It is an expression of happiness and an opportunity to share with others in the celebration. Just bring comfortable shoes.

12:30-1:00 and 1:30-2:00 PM

Kenisha Grooms-Faulk: African Dance - An exploration of basic social dance from the continent of Africa. Learn social dance moves featured in festivals and other social celebrations. Wear comfortable shoes.

1:00 PM

Lectures in IT 225

Richard Lamasney and William McGowan: Irish Potato Famine - A majority of the 50 million Americans who currently self-identify as having Irish ancestry are descendents of the 1.5 million Famine Irish who fled to the New World to escape starvation and its attendant diseases. Also, giv-



en current conditions in African and elsewhere, famine and genocide should be topics of interest to everyone.

1:00-2:00 PM

IT second floor lobby (or Digiorgio Lobby):

Eddie Faulks: Capoeira Angola, Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts - This is an Afro-Brazilian Martial Art developed by African Slaves in Brazil. It incorporates music, dance, song, and combative techniques. Wear sneakers and comfortable clothing.

Film in IT 116

King Tut Exhibit, Celia Domser - For more than 3000 years the treasures of King Tut's tomb lay buried beneath Egyptian sands. In 1977 some of the treasures toured the world and the treasures of the boy king dazzled millions. 29 years later a new exhibit brings the boy kings history back into the forefront. Come to see the treasures presented in a magnificently detailed presentation narrated by Zahi Hawass head of Egyptian antiquities and hosted by Omar Sharif. This presentation of the exhibit is made possible by National Geographic.

Theater

Matsuri Festival with Student Performances - The Matsuri Festival is annually celebrated in Japan to bring together cre-

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ativity in the arts. Come join us for a variety of informal student musical performances in the Matsuri Festival tradition.

1:45 PM

IT 204 (Theater Balcony)

James Gifford will introduce a Spanish-Mexican Film, "The Devil Backbone" – Directed by Guillermo del Toro, Devil's Backbone is a stylish and unpredictable ghost story which centers on twelve-year-old Carlos, the latest arrival in a boys school during the last days of the Spanish Civil War. Carlos gradually uncovers the dark ties that bind the inhabitants of the school: hidden riches, sexual intrigue, and the restless ghost of a murdered student.

There will be welcome tables by the Peace Corps, Refugee Center, Latino Student Association, East Asian Club, Black Student Union, Ireland, Bangladesh, Caribbean Club, Ethnic Food.

Hockey game benefits cancer patient

The Mohawk Valley Senior Hockey League will hold a benefit hockey game for Dominic Morgan, a 2-year-old battling cancer and is receiving a bone marrow transplant from his 3-year-old sister.

This benefit game will be held Friday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the New Hartford Recreation Center.

Tickets are \$5.00 per person (children under 10 free) and available at the door. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 Raffle.

To make a donation or learn more about this benefit, contact Jeff Kimball, Coordinator for Distance Learning, at 792-5316 or visit his office in Room 160 of the Academic Building.

Two Engineering Science students receive scholarships to Clarkson

MVCC's Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences Department is proud to announce that two of their students have received scholarships from Clarkson University.

Farshad Madhi will receive \$11,000 for two years and Michael Hayward will receive \$9,000 for two years.

These are transfer awards as both students excelled in MVCC's Engineering Science program. They will be studying Mechanical Engineering at Clarkson.

MVCC Campus Events

Tuesday, March 27

Rome Hospital Coronary Care Course, PC A10, 8:00 am
Rome Hospital Computer Training, PC 252, 9:00 am
Cultural Arts Series Lecture: Art Zimmer, Theater, 2:00 pm
Yoga, ACC 116, 5:30 pm
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
Cultural Arts Series Music: InPulse, Theater, 7:00 pm
Ballroom Dancing, ACC 116, 7:15 pm

Wednesday, March 28

Rome Hospital Coronary Care Course, PC A10, 8:00 am
Hilbert College Representative, MV Commons, 10:30 am
Cultural Arts Series: International Festival: A Celebration of
Our International Heritages, IT 225 & Lobby, 12:00 pm
Student Congress, ACC 212, 4:00 pm
Lacrosse hosts SUNY Canton, 6:00 pm
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 29

Rome Hospital Coronary Care Course, PC A10, 8:00 am
MVCC Board of Trustees Meeting, PH 300, Noon
Operating Room Tech Classes, PC 217, 3:00 pm
Cultural Arts Series Performance: Hilby, the Skinny,
German Juggle Boy, Theater, 7:00pm
Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 30

MVCC Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 31

Children's Educational Fair, ACC 116-MV Commons, 8:00 am
Track & Field at Ithaca, 10:30 am
Lacrosse hosts SUNY Delhi, 1:00 pm
Cultural Arts Series Music: JoMama and the Funkdaddys,
Theater, 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 1

Cultural Arts Series Comedy: An April Fool's Day Comedy
Event with Paul & Storm, Theater, 4:00 pm

Monday, April 2

Electronic Job Search Workshop, PC 252, 1:00 pm
Cultural Series Art Lecture & Reception: Chris Short,
IT Lobby, 2:00 pm

Lacrosse at Finger Lakes CC, 4:00 pm
Men's tennis hosts Broome CC, 4:00 pm
Cultural Series Film: Factotum, IT Theater, 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm

Tuesday, April 3

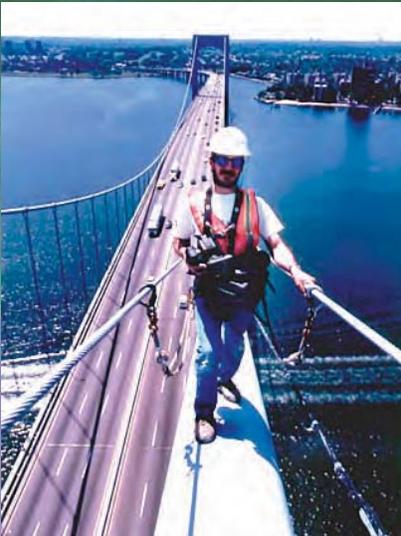
MVCC Job Fair, IT Building, 10:00 AM
Softball at Broome CC, 3:00 pm

Wednesday, April 4

Lacrosse at Cayuga CC, 4:00 pm
Men's tennis at SUNY Cobleskill, 4:00 pm

Thursday, April 5

Cultural Arts Series Lecture: Dave Frieder - Photographing the
Bridges of New York City, IT 225, 7:00 pm
Baseball hosts Tompkins-Cortland CC at Donovan Stadium, 2:00 pm



Photographing the Bridges of New York City

By Dave Frieder

Information Technology Building, Room 225

Thursday, April 5; 7:00 PM

Lecture Admission: Free

Working with various Port Authorities, Dave Frieder has systematically photographed 15 of the 20 bridges in New York City since 1993. He's scaled breath-taking heights to record the beautiful symmetries, verticals and horizontals of the engineering marvels of the city's bridges.



The Ghost Man: A Paranormal Presentation

By Stephen Wagner

Performing Arts Conference Center Theater

Friday, April 6; 7:00 PM

Lecture Admission: Free

As a writer, editor and researcher of paranormal phenomena for over 20 years, Stephen Wagner is a foremost expert on the gateway to a world of ghosts, anomalies, strange creatures, ESP and much more.

An Inconvenient Truth

Performing Arts Conference Center Theater

Monday, April 9; 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM

Plumley Complex Auditorium, Rome Campus

Monday, April 9; 7:00 PM

Rated PG

Movie Admission: Free

This documentary presents Al Gore's campaign to make the issue of global warming a recognized problem worldwide. Intertwining simple but harrowing statistics with personal reflections, Gore explains that the tools and methods to reverse the damage we have done are at hand and that the economic consequences of tackling the problem are positive rather than negative.



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