

# Communitas



MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter

February 4, 2008

## Stamp out cancer with Daffodil Days

As the first flower of spring, the daffodil is a symbol of hope. To the American Cancer Society, it represents the hope we all share for a future where cancer is no longer a life-threatening disease.

By participating in the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days, hope is provided to everyone affected by the disease.

Your support can make a difference in the fight against cancer. Consider purchasing some flowers. Flowers will be delivered from the Washington State growers and distributed the week of March 10.

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 18.

To order flowers on the Utica Campus, contact Norma Chrisman in Room 220 in Payne Hall, or call 792-5398, or email at [nchristman@mvcc.edu](mailto:nchristman@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](mailto:bseaton@mvcc.edu).



## New VOIP Telephone System goes online

Ronco Communications completed all of the training sessions on the College's new VOIP Telephone System last week and the system was put into service over the weekend. This VOIP system replaces the old telephones on both the Utica and Rome campuses.

Over 500 telephones have been installed on campus desktops. There are three models of telephones being used along with provisions for headsets where needed. Headsets will be allocated according to individual employee's needs that will include "cordless headsets."

Future additions to the system will be longer spiral cords in various lengths. These are being ordered to replace the shorter 2-inch cords that are now on all of the new telephones.

"We know that everything will not be perfect during the initial production stages of the new phone system, but you have my assurance that every reasonable request will be considered so that your phone services may best suit your needs. I would ask for your patience as we work thru these issues in the coming days/weeks," says Paul Katchmar, Di-



**TELEPHONE TRAINING** - The College's new telephone system went into service this week with staff and faculty receiving training provided by Ronco Communications.

rector of Information Technology.

With this new telephone system in place, the old phone system no longer functions.

For those employees wishing to request special accessories for their telephone, contact Paul Katchmar to discuss the issue. For those wishing a longer cord, email Paul Katchmar with an estimate of the length needed for the telephone.

## MVCC Campus Events

### Friday, February 8

Club Awareness Day, PC Atrium, 8:00 a.m.  
MVCC bowlers host match at Pin-O-Rama, 3:00 p.m.  
Student Congress, ACC 212, 3:00 p.m.  
Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, February 9

Education Club, ACC 116, 8:00 a.m.  
Oneida County Civil Service Exam, AB 220, 9:00 a.m.  
Oneida County Traffic Safety, AB 134, 9:00 a.m.  
The Rome Family Fun Series: Children's Magic Show  
featuring Shaun Robinson, PC Auditorium, 12:00 p.m.  
Women's Basketball hosts Hudson Valley CC, 1:00 p.m.  
Men's Basketball hosts Hudson Valley CC, 3:00 p.m.

### Sunday, February 10

Ice Hockey at Erie CC, 1:40 p.m.

### Monday, February 11

NYS Corrections Information Table, PC Atrium, 10:00 a.m.  
C-STEP Workshop: Stress & Time Management,  
ACC 212, 2:00 p.m.  
Chess Club: Informal games, ACC 114, 3:30 p.m.  
MVCC Board of Trustees Meeting, PH 300, 4:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 12

CCED – Verizon, IT 225, 11:00 a.m.

C-STEP Workshop: Stress & Time Management,

ACC 212, 2:00

p.m.

Women's Basketball at  
SUNY Delhi, 5:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball at  
SUNY Delhi, 7:00 p.m.

The Acoustic Café - fea-  
turing Caleb Hawley & Joe  
Sweet, ACC 116, 7:00 p.m.

Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 13

Comedian, MV Commons, 12:00 p.m.  
Lecture: Sport and Racism with Dr. Lee A. McElroy Jr.,  
IT 225, 1:00 p.m.

Bowl team at Herkimer CCC, 3:00 p.m.  
Yoga Classes, ACC 116, 5:00 p.m.  
MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:00 p.m.  
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, February 14

CCED – Verizon, ACC 116, 1:00 p.m.  
Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.  
Women's Basketball hosts Schenectady CCC, 5:00 p.m.  
Men's Basketball hosts Schenectady CCC, 7:00 p.m.

### Friday, February 15

Student Congress, ACC 212, 3:00 p.m.  
Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 p.m.

## Roseen MVCC's newest offensive weapon

Just when you think the women's basketball team is fully loaded, another offensive threat emerges to keep the Lady Hawks on track for a return visit to the NJCAA national tournament.

Sophomore guard Sara Roseen has raised the Lady Hawks' game up a notch over the past two week, averaging 15.5 points per game and earning her the honor of MVCC's Athlete of the Week. This general studies major's performance included aiding in a victory over nationally ranked SUNY Cobleskill.



Roseen

In this week's action, the Lady Hawks wasted no time dispatching Fulton-Montgomery CC with an 85-38 final.

MVCC's top gun was sophomore forward Samantha Morgan with 19 points and nine rebounds.

Also hitting double figures was Shantel Dunston with 14 points and seven rebounds as sophomore guard Tonisha Kirby tallied 12 points while handing out eight assists.

**Men's Basketball:** Freshman guard Ronald Tarver continued to pick up the pace for the Hawks with his 23 points against Herkimer CCC, but this wasn't enough as the Generals held off MVCC for an 81-74 win.

Also hitting double figures for MVCC was sophomore forward Joel Almeida with 18 points. The Hawks are now 8-9 in Region III and 10-11 overall.

**Bowling:** The men's bowling team won the Hudson Valley Tournament. The Hawks tallied 3,505 pins ahead of Hudson Valley CC (3,275), Adirondack CC (3,260) and Herkimer CCC (3,144). There were six teams at this event.

Leading MVCC was sophomore Brett Cunningham with high series of 738 while his best game was 265. The high game for the Hawks was by freshman James Colditz with 278 en route to a 727 series.

Also leading MVCC were freshman Chris Ewen with 238 and 683; sophomore Jimmy Grago with 238 and 675; freshman Ryan Gahan with 236 and 673; and sophomore Ian Pierson with 224 and 628.

MVCC's women's bowling team placed third out of four teams with total pin-fall of 2,643, behind Hudson Valley CC (3,071) and Herkimer CCC (2,712).

Top bowler for MVCC were sophomore Becca Barton with high game of 236 for a 653 series. She was joined by freshman Sara Catrombone with 191 and 564; and freshman Stephanie Hina with 212 and 537.

### DID YOU KNOW?

That CCED will offer an Advanced Hydronic Heating Design Seminar for Engineers this Spring? Our own ET&T Professor, John Siegenthaler, will present. In the past, engineers from around the country have registered for this seminar.

# Strategic Planning Committee minutes from December 19

The College's Strategic Planning Committee met on December 19. The following are the minutes from that meeting.

1. Review/Approval of Agenda: Unanimously passed.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Review/Approval of the Minutes of the November 29, 2007 Meeting: Unanimously passed.
4. Continued Discussion of Draft Priorities/Directions/Initiatives: The draft Priorities, Directions and Initiatives, along with a memo explaining terms used in the draft, were distributed to all departments following the last SPC meeting. The SPC has requested comments on the draft. Most departments will consider the draft at their initial spring 2008 department meetings.

The Life Science Department discussed the draft at their December 17 department meeting. They recommend that one or more additional Level II statements be developed dealing with student success, academic excellence and vibrant culture from the student's perspective. They feel that the draft addresses these priorities from a faculty and staff perspective and that there would be benefits in attempting to engage students more actively in the process. The department will develop one or more additional statements for review by the committee at its next meeting. In addition, the Life Science Department suggested that students be more

## Get your financial future on track with CREF consultants

With the start of a new semester, the Office of Human Resources has arranged to have representatives from TIAA-CREF visit the College's campuses for individual one-on-one sessions.

These counseling will provide will help College employees make financial decisions that are right for their individual situations.

Some of the topics the TIAA-CREF consultants will cover includes: Developing long-term strategies; TIAA-CREF options; the right allocation mixture; and understanding TIAA-CREF retirement income flexibility.

TIAA-CREF consultants will be available:

1. Utica Campus: Tuesday, February 26, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., in Room 104F of Payne Hall;
2. Rome Campus: Thursday, March 27, 9:00 a.m. - noon, in library conference room;
3. Utica Campus: Thursday, March 27, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., in Room 104F of Payne Hall;
4. Utica Campus: Wednesday, April 30, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Room 104F of Payne Hall.

Schedule an appointment as soon as possible with a TIAA-CREF consultant to get the answers to all your questions about your financial matters. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.tiaa-cref.org/moc](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/moc) or call 1-866-842-2046.



actively engaged in the strategic planning process, perhaps through means such as focus groups. Additional ideas developed by Tom Capraro were distributed.

### The SPC discussed a number of additional items:

a. As the plan is developed, and since the plan will be considerably different in format from the existing strategic plan, it will be important to communicate with all portions of the college community, including students, about the contents of the plan as well as about the role and responsibilities of the SPC.

b. The role of the SPC in budget allocation has yet to be determined. The committee discussed possible roles for the SPC in setting college-wide priorities for use during the budgeting process. Budget requests will still be tied to the college's strategic plan. The role of the SPC may remain more global in nature, establishing broad direction for the college, with budget decisions treated more administratively.

c. The organizational structure and charter of the Strategic Planning Committee will be reviewed and modified as necessary. It was noted that the current membership does not conform to the requirements of the bylaws, and that several member's terms expire at the end of the year. Members whose terms expire will be asked to remain on the committee at least through the spring 2008 semester. President Van Wagoner will provide draft language for a new charter for the SPC to the first meeting in spring.

5. The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be scheduled for early in the spring semester, probably in the last week of January.

6. Adjournment of meeting unanimously passed.

## RFA freshmen get a chance to hear what MVCC has to offer

On November 28, 2007, a group of representatives from MVCC spoke to members of Rome Free Academy's freshman class about college preparation and career goals.

The appearance was part of RFA's Gear Up program, a grant-funded initiative designed to help students make informed college and career decisions and track them from freshman through senior year.

Presenting to the group, which included a small number of sophomores and juniors, were Dr. Bruce Neil, Director of Hospitality Programs; Mike Badolato, Rome student Services Office; Denise Heater, SUNY Canton's Dental Hygiene Program; Shane McGovern, Director of High School Programs; Ashley Roach, Rome RBO; and Christopher Peterson, Airframe & Powerplant Technology.

Each representative made a 30 minute presentation to two separate classes, discussing academic performance, career opportunities in specific fields, effective college search tools and college readiness.

Plans are to have MVCC return twice more to present to the remaining students in the program.

