

### Workshops tap into professional development

One of the initiatives implemented by President VanWagoner this year is the expansion of professional development for faculty and staff. In an effort to fulfill this initiative, Norma Chrisman and Jim Lynch have created several workshops designed to offer hands-on training on both campuses.

The first workshop, "Technology Tuesday," will train faculty and staff on how to utilize Excel 2007 to create a worksheet using formulas as well as learn how to sort the information.

Chrisman will hosts this workshop on Tuesday, September 30, from 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in Room 261 of the Academic Building on the Utica Campus and then from 2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on the Rome Campus in Room 209 (DL) of the Plumley Complex.

second workshop, "Web Wednesday," will give an overview discussion of web 2.0 topics and how to incorporate them into the classroom. Topics covered by Lynch will be blogs, wikis and podcasting. This workshop will be held Wednesday, October 1, from 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. in Room 261 of the Academic Building and then from 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in Room 209 (DL) of the Plumley Complex.

The third workshop, "V8 Thursday," will deal with Blackboard: Preview Version 8 presented by both Lynch and Chrisman. The latest version of Blackboard will be covered.

This workshop will be held Thursday, October 2, from 2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in both Room 261 of the Academic Building and Room 209 (DL) of the Plumley Complex.



DOING HARD TIME? - Rachel Ruscito, Susan Halbritter, Peter Steiner, Stephanie Verostek, and Kelly Domizio helped raise nearly \$1,400 for the Rome Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy

## Doing 'time' for a good cause

The Rome Campus was raided and several employees were carted away. It was all in good fun as a group of employees volunteered to go to jail as part of the Rome Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) fund raising efforts.

The employees were asked to raise their own "bail" by contacting friends and family. Although, the jail term was pretty light (appetizers at Applebee's while turning in funds), the fundraising efforts leading up to the day took effort and initiative.

Some of the employees taking part were Rachel Ruscito, Susan Halbritter, Peter Steiner, Stephanie Verostek, and Kelly Domizio, who collectively raised nearly \$1,400.

"Man has come to control all other forms of life because he has taken more time in which to grow up; when he takes still more time, and spends this time more wisely, he may learn to control and re- Diversity and Glo make himself."



Will Durant (1885-1981) Philosopher, historian, and writer

Submitted by Ron Cantor, Dean of Rome Campus



# **Play Ball!**

Members of the Hawks baseball team held an afternoon clinic for the MVCC Kiddie Campus.

The players demonstrated many of the drills baseball players have to perform while also teaching the children skills like proper technique for throwing a baseball. Both players and Kiddie Campers enjoyed many laughs and each camper received a baseball to bring home.





KIDDIE CAMPUS BASEBALL - The Hawks baseball team held a baseball clinic for the MVCC Kiddie Campus. Photograph 1 (clockwise): Dakota gives Mike Blair a high five while Peter Clark and Andy Dickson look on. Photograph 2: Matt Mackenzie shows Diamonte how to throw



a baseball. **Photograph 3**: Dakota, Mercello, Isabella, Ariyah and Alexis lined up to receive a baseball from the MVCC players. **Photograph 4**: Paul Conte catches a ball thrown by one of the campers.



**UTICA NATIONAL VISIT -** Students from the Administrative Assistant class taught by Rosemary Fuoco took a tour of Utica National Insurance Group in New Hartford recently. Karen Burton, Employment Coordinator spoke to the students about resume writing/interview tips, sample interview questions, frequently asked questions by employers, questions often asked by

applicants, helpful tips for resume writing (format and content), key resume phrases and words, and job hunting basics. Burton then took the students on a tour of the Executive Offices and Board Room. Three Administrative Assistants spoke to the group about what their job entails at Utica National. After the tour the students went to lunch at Symeon's in Yorkville.

### **MVCC EVENTS**

#### Friday, September 26

Women's Volleyball at Onondaga Invitational, 6:00 pm International Club: Candy Sale, AB Lobby, 11:00 am Drama Club Rehearsal, Room 225, Information Technology, 7:00 pm

#### Saturday, September 27

Women's Volleyball at Onondaga Invitational, 10:00 am Cross Country at St. Lawrence, 11:00 am Women's Soccer hosts North Country CC, 2:00 pm Men's Soccer hosts North Country CC, 2:00 pm Upward Bound, Room 116, Alumni College Center, 9:00 am

#### Monday, September 29th

Popcorn Sale, AB Lobby, 10:00 am Candy Sale, AB Lobby, 11:00 am

Printmaking workshop w/James Skvarch, AB 267, 2:00 pm

Chess Club, ACC 114, 3:30 pm

CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

#### Tuesday, September 30th

Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 5:30 pm

CCED: Yoga, IT 225, 8:00 pm

Acoustic Café Performance: Aaron Cidzik and Mark Zane, Room 116, Alumni College Center, 8:00 pm

#### Wednesday, October 1st

Breast Cancer - Pink Ribbon Sale, AB Lobby, 10:00 am Candy Sale, AB Lobby, 11:00 am College Senate, PH 300, 1:15 pm Men's Soccer hosts Herkimer CCC, 4:00 pm Women's Tennis at Hudson Valley CC, 4:00 pm

Women's Soccer at Herkimer CCC, 6:00 pm Women's Volleyball at Herkimer CCC, 6:00 pm

Night Hawk Café: Jeff Mandell, Cartoonist, MV Commons,

MVCC Concert Band Practice, ACC 116, 7:00 pm Peaceful Gals Quilting Club, PC A32, 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, October 2nd

Popcorn Sale, AB Lobby, 10:00 am

Strategic Gaming Club, ACC 218, 6:00 pm

CCED: Aerobics, ACC 116, 6:00 pm

CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

YWCA: Presidential Debate Airing Live, IT 225, 7:30 pm

#### Friday, October 3rd

Popcorn Sale, AB Lobby, 10:00 am Candy Sale, AB Lobby, 11:00 am Student Congress, ACC 212, 3:00 pm

CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

#### Saturday, October 4th

Family Fun Series: Spooktacular Fall Festival, PC Auditorium, 12:00 pm

6:00 pm

Women's Volleyball at Tompkins-Cortland CC, 10:00 am Women's Tennis at Adirondack CC, 1:00 pm

Women's Soccer at Clinton CC, 4:00 pm

Men's Soccer at Clinton CC, 6:00 pm

Family Fun Series: Spooktacular Fall Festival, Plumley Auditorium, 12:00 pm

## MICC Faces: Virginia Davis



The mission of Upward Bound is to help high school students build the skills necessary to enter college and Virginia Davis plays an important role in fulfilling the dreams of these Proctor High School students.

As Mentor/Tutor for Upward Bound, a federallyfunded, four-year academic enrichment program, Davis works closely with the students on developing effective study skills, reading habits and providing help when the students don't understand subject material. These students are first generation college prospects (their parents did not graduate from college).

"I hope to help the students of Upward Bound achieve their long-term goals," says Davis. "To show them the desire to pursue higher education is possible when given the right tools."

Davis holds a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Masters in Arts of Teaching from the University of Pittsburgh

Davis lives in Prospect with her husband and two children. She loves to read and knit in her spare time.

Upward Bound students participate in tutoring, college visits, computer software training, career exploration workshops, mentoring, college application assistance, and social events.

To submit information for Communitas, e-mail Rich Haubert @ rhaubert@mvcc.edu





JOIN THE CLUB - Students talk to Anthony Dinitto at the table for the Chemical Dependency Club during this fall's Club and Student Services Day. Dr. Robert Christman, foreground, is the club's advisor. Above is artwork by the WAC (Welding Art and CAD - Computer Aided Drafting) Club

## Siegenthaler guest speaker at hydronic heating conference

John Siegenthaler, P.E., will be the keynote speaker at the Viega Fall Hydronics Seminar in Nashau, N.H., on October 14 and 15. The seminar which is sponsored by Viega, a manufacturing and supply plumbing and heating, will combine a full-day technical program on contemporary hydronic system design with unique networking opportunities.

Siegenthaler is considered an industry leader in the field of hydronics. His presentation will cover some of the latest materials and methods of modern hydronic heating including: smart pumping, hydraulic separation, heat metering, homerun

#### Free dental exams offered at Rome clinic

The SUNY Canton/MVCC is offering free dental exams to area residents at the dental offices in the VA Clinic at Griffiss Business and Technology Park.

Thirty student dental hygienists are on staff three days a week to provide dental care to local residents as part of their college requirements toward certification. Procedures include complete x-rays, dental cleaning, sealants, fluoride treatment, impressions for both night guards and mouth guards, periodontal charting, and scaling and root planing.

While the students cannot fill cavities or other dental procedures, they can detect problems, with the assistance of an on-staff licensed dentist who makes the official diagnosis. Referrals are then available, for patients without a regular dentist. All necessary x-rays are forwarded to the dentist, in most cases saving the patient considerable money.

The clinic is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays for patients five years old and up. Because of the involved exam procedure, an appointment is approximately two and a half hours long, and appointments need to be scheduled in advance by calling the clinic office at 336-3484.

water distribution systems and thermal accumulators.

Siegenthaler, an Associate Professor of Engineering Technology at MVCC, is a mechanical engineering graduate of Rensellaer Polytechnic Institute and a licensed professional engineer.

Siegenthaler will host two technical seminars and product show for Engineers on Design of Solar and Geothermal Energy Systems. This event will be hosted by MVCC on Friday, October 24. He has more than 25 years of experience in designing modern hydronic heating systems.

### Message from the President

Greetings

This Friday, September 26, 2008, MVCC will be conducting a full system test of the College's Emergency Mass Notification System. This is only a test.

At approximately 2:30 p.m., MVCC will test the two key components of emergency notification – the outdoor alarm system and the NY Alert messaging service. The outdoor alarm system is a siren that will sound only in the event of a serious emergency, such as an armed suspect on campus, or an impending natural disaster such as an approaching tornado.

#### THIS WILL ONLY BE A TEST.

The second component being tested on Friday is known as New York (NY) Alert. NY Alert provides subscribers with either an email, fax, or cell phone text message to let the subscriber know that an emergency condition exists on campus. If you have enrolled for NY Alert messaging you will receive a test message on Friday at approximately 2:30 p.m. If you have not enrolled in NY Alert, you may do so at any time by logging in to your SIRS Account and clicking on the Personal Information menu. If you have questions or concerns about either test on Friday, please contact the MVCC Communications Office at 792-5330.

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