



## MVCC hosts guest from Vietnam

Over the past decade, the City of Utica and surrounding communities have been welcoming refugees from around the world. It is just natural that MVCC would be at the heart of this International trend. This semester MVCC is hosting Nguyen Duy Khang, who is the head of the English Department at Kien Giang Community College in Vietnam.

"I am over here to learn how (MVCC) runs school activities and how the instructors engage students both in the classroom and out of the classroom," said Mr. Khang, who is spending nearly five weeks observing and learning the methods used at MVCC.

According to Mr. Khang, one of the big differences between the two colleges is that MVCC places a lot of emphasis on student services which are designed to help students achieve their goals, everything from the Learning Center, to the Student Service Center, and faculty advisement.

"Things here are very organized and the way the College works is very professional," said Mr. Khang. He went on to explain that in Vietnam, professors are unlikely to respond to voice mail or email in a timely fashion. "The communication here is much better and the students are able to receive a response quickly."

Kien Giang Community College is located in Rach Gia City on the Southwestern coast of Vietnam and is fashioned after the American model of community colleges. Mr. Khang is hoping to bring some of the lessons he learns here and implement them at his college over the next two years.

"In Vietnam we have different kinds



**VISITOR FROM VIETNAM** - Nguyen Duy Khang, left, presents MVCC President Randall VanWagoner with gifts during a reception in Payne Hall. Mr. Khang is the head of the English Department at Kien Giang Community College in Vietnam.

of programs and if the government can see how we are successful with our kind of school, they will encourage it at other schools," said Mr. Khang, who added that there is also a university fashioned after the Canadian education system.

Another difference he points out is the personality of the students. In Vietnam, students stand when the instructor enters the room. They sit when commanded and then listen to the lesson. At MVCC, he points out that instructors are more engaging with the students.

"The teachers are very interactive and well prepared. There is a very successful interaction between teacher and students so that everyone

is involved," said Mr. Khang.

Mr. Khang has been focusing on the methods instructors use for preparation and teaching, as well as, the academic tutoring system the College has in order to attempt to apply these systems as his own college.

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

# Student designs new look for Ted Moore Run/Walk

Twenty two MVCC Graphic Design students in a Publication Design class took on the project of designing a new logo and brochure for the 12th Annual Ted Moore Run/Walk during the Fall semester. The winning design was created by Jenna Nicholson of Sauquoit.

"It was a joy and privilege working with these talented MVCC students on this important project," said Ted Moore Run/Walk Race Director Deanna L. Ferro. These students went above and beyond all expectations and presented quality work to our committee. It was a very difficult decision our committee had to make when choosing a new logo and brochure for the event; but in the end we chose a design by student Jenna Nicholson."

This event is held each spring in memory of Theodore "Ted" Moore who was an Associate Professor in MVCC's Mathematics Department from 1981 until his death in December 1996, when he was tragically hit and killed by a drunk driver while out for a morning run. The theme for this event, "None for the Road," reflects the MVCC community's emphatic opposition to driving while under the influence of alcohol.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, May 2, at 9:00am on the Utica Campus in front of the Gymnasium.

The students were asked to work directly with the Ted Moore Run/Walk committee throughout the Fall semester, to design a new logo and brochure for this important fundraising and awareness event. At the conclusion of weeks of work, each student presented their designs to the committee members, who then reviewed each design and chose one winning logo and brochure.

Ms. Nicholson was awarded a \$100 scholarship for her winning logo and brochure design, and was asked to join the Ted Moore Run/Walk planning committee.

Ms. Ferro added, "We are thrilled Jenna joined our committee this year. She truly cares about the event and her talent has surpassed all expectations." Jenna also designed the t-shirts participants will receive at the event, as well as, the posters used to promote the Run/Walk.

For anyone interested in supporting the Ted Moore 5K Run/Walk, the registration fee is \$20 for the general public, \$10 for students and \$40 maximum for a family of five. Please make checks payable to the MVCC Foundation and mail to: MVCC, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY 13501.

All participants receive a commemorative t-shirt. Registration will



**NEW LOGO** - The logo created by Jenna Nicholson of Sauquoit was selected to represent the annual Theodore "Ted" Moore Run/Walk. Her design was chosen from 22 submissions.

be accepted prior to and on the day of the event. Registration will begin at 7:15am in the Gymnasium.

Proceeds from the event benefit an MVCC scholarship in Moore's name, a portion of which is awarded to area agencies, whose mission is drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment.

Awards will be presented for the top runners in fourteen age categories for male and female, along with overall awards for runners and fundraisers.

# Buddhist monk creates Mandala in library



Tenzin Yignyen spent last week creating a Mandala sand painting in the lobby of the library last week, in conjunction with the International Festival. He is an ordained Buddhist monk.

Seen in these photos, he is carefully using tools to direct where the dyed sand is to lay. After the artwork was done, Tenzin Yignyen performed a cleansing ceremony in a creek that runs past the Utica Campus. Photos will appear next week.



# College website to be redesigned

The College's website is in transition with a new look and design underway with a planned launch for the Fall semester. The new design will enable MVCC to reach targeted audiences with information that is suited to their demographic interests.

Over the next four months, DesignWorks Advertising of Syracuse will be working on three phases to make this vision a reality. The first phase is to physically move the current information from MVCC's servers to the servers maintained by DesignWorks. This is a massive undertaking, as the College's current website contains information representing every function at MVCC.

Current users won't notice any difference, as this work will be conducted behind the scenes. The goal is to accomplish this by the middle of summer, with DesignWorks hosting MVCC's website in the future.

The second phase is the development of a content management system. This is where the biggest change will be noticed by College employees. The current system has a select few individuals managing what appears on the website. Under the new system, content management will be coordinated with trained staff identified in key areas of the College.

The new website will also feature information for targeted populations – prospective students, alumni, athletics, current students, corporate and community, etc. - each having a unique look that follows the basic theme of the College's brand. While there will be multiple content managers, in order to preserve MVCC's brand there will be designated style sheets, fonts and boundaries depending on the individual's permissions.

The third phase will be the development of a formal portal designed where individuals sign-on once to gain access to Banner, Blackboard, email, calendar and future systems. This is meant to eliminate the many user names and passwords faculty, staff and students currently must keep. This may appear in the form of a digital dashboard where all the mentioned systems appear on the individual user's entrance window.

While this work is being done, the current MVCC website is still being maintained with incremental updates, but no substantial new developments being performed. This will continue until the new website is launched. If you have any questions about the website, please contact Rich Haubert in the Marketing and Communications Office.

## MVCC Campus Events

### Monday, April 20

Relay for Life Meeting, Room 225, IT, 9:00 am  
SNO: Popcorn Sale, Academic Building Lobby, 9:00 am  
Muslim Student Assoc, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm  
Fire God, Alumni College, Room 222, 3:00 pm  
Chess Club Games, Alumni College, Room 114, 3:30 pm  
Student Congress Alumni College, Room 212, 3:30 pm  
CCED: Tai Chi Class, Alumni College, 5:30 pm  
CCED: Ballroom Dancing, Payne Hall Lobby, 7:00 pm

### Tuesday, April 21

Workforce Investment Act Scholarship Information Workshop,  
Plumley Complex Auditorium, 9:00 am  
Police Academy, Room 225, IT, 10:00 am  
Tricycle Obstacle Course, Alumni College, 12:00 pm  
Muslim Student Assoc, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm  
Relay for Life Meeting, Room 225, IT, 5:00 am  
Movie/Lecture: "The Hiding Place" w/Jennifer DeWeerth,  
Plumley Complex Auditorium, 6:00 pm  
Lacrosse hosts SUNY Delhi, Proctor Stadium, 7:00 pm  
Acoustic Café: Wandering Folk, Room 116, ACC, 7:00 pm  
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, April 22

SNO: Popcorn Sale, Academic Building Lobby, 9:00 am  
Workforce Investment Act Scholarship Information Workshop,  
Room 225, Information Technology, 9:00 am  
Webinar, Room 218, Information Technology, 9:30 am  
Alcohol Awareness Week: Mocktails, MV Commons, 12:00 pm  
Brown Bag Lunch Series: "How to Beat the Cram Out of Finals,"  
Room 116, Alumni College, 12:00 pm  
Program Board: Gridley Paige, Rock Band, MV Commons,  
12:00 pm  
Muslim Student Assoc, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm

Black Student Union, Alumni College, Room 222, 3:00 pm  
Workforce Investment Act Scholarship Info Session/Workshop,  
Room 225, Information Technology Building, 2:00 pm  
The Experience, Alumni College, Room 212, 4:00 pm  
Kids-n-Coaches, Room 114, Alumni College, 4:00 pm  
Boilermaker Committee Meeting, Room 114, ACC, 5:30 pm  
Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

### Thursday, April 23

Movie/Lecture: "An Inconvenient Truth" w/David Lupinski,  
Plumley Complex Auditorium, 10:30 am  
Escoffier Club: Bake Sale, Room A10, Plumley, 10:30 am  
Performance: Student Theater "In The Works," Theater, 2:00 pm  
Muslim Student Assoc, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm  
Program Board, Alumni College, Room 212, 2:00 pm  
Men's Tennis hosts Onondaga CCC, 4:00 pm  
Lacrosse hosts CC of Morris (NJ), 4:00 pm  
Paranormal Investigation Society, Room 212, ACC, 5:00 pm  
Strategic Gaming Club Alumni College, Room 212, 6:00 pm  
Gay/Straight Alliance, Alumni College, Room 207, 6:00 pm  
CCED: Ballroom Dancing, Payne Hall Lobby, 7:00 pm  
Annual Faculty/Staff Poetry Reading, Room 225, IT, 7:00 pm  
Alcohol Awareness: Root Beer Pong, MV Commons, 8:00 am

### Friday, April 24

United Way Health Summit, Room 116, ACC, 8:00 am  
CCED: Hydronic Design, Room 225, IT, 8:00 am  
Psychology Club, Alumni College, Room 212, 12:00 pm  
Muslim Student Assoc, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm  
Latino Student Union, Alumni College, Room 212, 3:00 pm  
CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm  
Performance: Student Theater- "In The Works," Theater, 8:00 pm

### Saturday, April 25

Lacrosse hosts Broome CC, 1:00 pm

# O'Brien named Athlete of the Week

Pat O'Brien led the Hawks' baseball team to four consecutive victories last week, earning him the honor of being named MVCC Athlete of the Week for April 12.

O'Brien, who graduated from Cicero-North Syracuse



O'Brien

High, went eight-for-15 at the plate to drive in nine runs. His hits included a double, a triple and a home run while also scoring six runs during the four-game stretch.

He is a freshman Criminal Justice major.

The Hawks baseball squad defeated Jefferson CC, 8-6 and 12-2, as Paul Bianco picked up his third win of the season. Kyle Richardson had three

hits in the first game. Chris Tyson got the win in the second game as Rafael Cordero scored four runs. MVCC finished the week with an 8-2 Region III record.

In earlier games in the week, the Hawks fell to Herkimer CCC, 5-4 and 8-0.

From Saturday's action, the Hawks rolled past Fulton-Montgomery CC, 11-1 and 10-6. In the first game, Brien hit his third home run of the season to end the game in the fifth inning. One day earlier, MVCC defeated Jamestown CC, 4-3 and 5-4. Bianco pitched a complete game with seven strikeouts. The second game went eight inning with DJ Pastuf beating out an infield single to score Harry Campbell for the winning run.

In softball action this past week: The Hawks took two games from Jefferson CC, 5-4 and 9-0. In the first game, Cherie Smith (9-2) was the winning pitcher as Savka Browneski singled and doubled to score two runs. Meghan Power tripled while Jessica Anson hit a bases-loaded triple.

Desiree Fauvelle (6-1) was the winning pitcher in the second game as Anson went three-for-three with a double and two-run triple for six RBIs. Bianca Brown also went two-for-three.

The Hawks downed Fulton-Montgomery CC, 17-3 and 18-1. Fauvelle took the win in the first game as Anson hit a triple and a home run for four RBIs. Jenae Morrissey went two-for-three with a home run for four RBI's as Power and Kayla Critser both hit a triple. Tonya Snyder also had a home run in the game.

Smith was the winning pitcher in the second game as Morrissey went four-for-four at the plate with a home run for four RBI's and Emily Jarecki was two-for-three with a double and three RBIs. Bianca Brown was three-for-three as Sam Harding smacked a double.

Against Adirondack CC, MVCC won a doubleheader with finals of 4-3 and 5-1. Smith was the winning pitcher in the first game as Fauvelle got the save. Kayla Critser swung for a double and a triple two score once and drove in a run. Tonya Snyder also doubled.

In the twilight game, Fauvelle took the win as both Snyder and Critser doubled and Morrissey, Anson, and Jarecki tripled while scoring three runs.

In lacrosse, the Hawks dropped two games this week with a 13-4 final against Hudson Valley CC and a 9-6 loss to Monroe CC. Against HVCC, Brian Boyle had two goals and one assists for the Hawks as Rick Harter made 15 saves in goal. The Hawks record is 3-4 in Region III and 4-4 overall.

On Saturday, Pat Comerett tallied two goals against Monroe as Brian Boyle scored three times while assisting on a fourth.

Men's track and field, Lalonde Gordon won the 100 meters in 10.95 seconds and the 200 meters in 21.66, missing the school record in the 200 by .02 seconds. Joe Pruckno won the 110 high hurdles in 15.25 seconds as Kevin Boone qualified for nationals in the 400 meters with a time of 51.85 seconds. The team of Isaiah Phillip, Gordon, Boone and Jeff Azzoto won the 4x400 relay in 3:31.04 as Dustin Colgan qualified for nationals in the javelin with 144 feet, 1 inch.

In the women's track and field, Lauren Penc won the 200 meters in 26.45 seconds for a season's best. Tiffany Ovieda (28.21) and Shauncy Claud (28.10) joined her in qualifying for nationals in this event. Penc was also third in the 400 meters in 60.79 seconds.

Hannah Hoffman qualified for nationals in the 1500 meters with 5:25.42 while Sara Pick and Heather Vroman qualified in the 5,000 meters with times of 20:53.64 and 21:11.36. Kayla Forgit placed 3rd in the shot put with 36 feet, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches and sixth in the Discus with 111 feet, 1 inch.



*Beyond My Wildest Dreams*

Carrie will be here to educate the students and community with a motivational and inspirational lecture on her life with Down Syndrome. Sujeet is an accomplished musician and will be playing the piano before and after his wife's presentation.

**April 29 • 7pm • MVCC Theater**  
Mohawk Valley Community College