



Musante, Harrington collaborate on book

Robert J. Musante, Ph.D., has teamed up with Christi Harrington to produce his second book of poems entitled, "Worlds Afterwards."

The book consists of 12 poems written by Dr. Musante along with four pieces of artwork by Ms. Harrington. Dr. Musante is an assistant professor in the Humanities Department and Ms. Harrington is an associate professor in the Art Department.

"Most of the poems are about dreams I've had. One is about my grandfather that is a Sonnet, where I'm standing by his grave," said Dr. Musante. "There are poems which are eulogies for people I knew who had died."

His writings aren't just about death, but also the creation of life. The book's opening poem, "The Voice," is about Dr. Musante's youngest son while still in the womb. "This occurred before I knew my wife was pregnant and the voice in my dream said to name him John. The voice spoke to me and gave me images," says Dr. Musante, of this dream.

While many dreams seem to fade away upon waking, Dr. Musante was able to capture his memories of the dreams by keeping a journal next to his bed. By making entries immediately, he has been able to capture the essence of his subconscious.

Ms. Harrington's artwork meshes exceptionally well with the poetry, especially the cover representing "The Voice."

"I would say to a degree these are ghost poems. ... I consider these the best poems I ever wrote as it took me about four years with a lot of drafts and revisions," said Dr. Musante, who pointed out that the book comes full circle from



COLLABORATION ON NEW BOOK - Associate Professor Christi Harrington and Assistant Professor Robert J. Musante, Ph.D., worked together to produce a new book feature her artwork and his poetry.

the womb, to birth, to a funeral to the afterlife. "There is a certain kind of drama to them. There is an inter-play between life and death."

"Worlds Afterwards" was printed by Portrait Publishing of Utica. To get a copy of "Worlds Afterwards," contact Dr. Musante's office at extension 5484 or email him at rmusante@mvcc.edu.

Cultural Series features intriguing lectures in March

The Spring Cultural Series features a series of intriguing lectures on the Utica Campus.

Stewart Williams and Sister Rose Troy will present a lecture on "Funerals and Their Importance to the Grieving Process" on Tuesday, March 3, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 225 of the Information Technology Building. Mr. Williams is a licensed funeral director and Sister Rose Troy is a certified bereavement specialist. They will discuss the history

of funerals, how funeral practices are changing today and the importance of calling hours and/or a service in the grieving process.

A portion of "Project Runway" comes to Central New York when Jennifer Diederich gives a lecture on "Fashion: Here, There and Everywhere" on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the MVCC Theater. Ms. Diederich was selected as one of the 16 designers in the fifth season of "Project Runway" on the Bravo

Television Network.

Juli Ann Reynolds, President and CEO of the Tom Peters Company consulting firm out of Boston, will speak in the MVCC Theater on Wednesday, March 4, at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Reynolds will discuss some of where the economy is headed. Having started her career as a practicing psychologist and spearheaded an organizational development and management consulting practice, she has become a role model for women.

MVCC offers new service to help students find jobs

The College's Career, Transfer and Placement Office has a new tool to better serve student and alumni job seekers. The College has contracted with a company called College Central Network, which enables employers and job seekers to connect.

"This service allows regional employers to directly list their job openings on an Internet site that is exclusive to our students. In turn, our students have the option to post their resumes for employers to review," said Jim Maio, Director of Career, Transfer, and Job Placement Services.

The CTP Office launched this new service last week with 60 regional employers registering immediately. There are also over 100 students and MVCC alumni registered to take advantage of the new service. Students are able to logon from anywhere to search job descriptions, requirements, locations, and much more.

"There are two levels of job searches students can do with this service. The first is where employers are able to post with us directly, seeking to hire our students. The second level is where the service gathers national job listings pulled from other job service providers," says Mr. Maio.

The site also keeps track of how many people have looked at a particular job listing.

Students and alumni can register for this service by visiting the following website link, www.mvcc.edu/students/transfer/career.cfm.



FACE TO FACE - Bobby Allison talks with a prospective student and her parents during an Open House on Saturday, February 14.

MVCC Athletic Department's Open House attracts over 80

The MVCC Athletic Department's second annual Open House last weekend was a success with over 80 prospective students and parents attending the activities in the Gymnasium on the Utica Campus.

Along with having a chance to meet the College's coaching staff, instructors, athletes and students, visitors were treated to workshops by the admissions office and the financial aid office.

"What we ended up doing was splitting the entire group in two, and then dividing them into three groups in order for everyone to have an opportunity to ask questions during the workshops and the tours," said Dave Warren, MVCC's athletic recruiter and assistant to the athletic director.

Michael Alsheimer from financial aid was on hand along with Daniel Ianno from admissions. "I thought this event went very well. They were asking a lot of questions and we had the literature right there to give them," said Mr. Ianno.

The admissions office also had students Trent Knapp, Britney Clark, and Kelly McVicar give campus tours. Dennis Gibbons made arrangements for visitors to tour the residence halls while Jim Suriano made arrangements for catering.

Visitors came from New York City, Rochester, Syracuse, Schenectady as well as the Utica and Rome area.

The Open House ran from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. followed by back-to-back basketball games by the men's and women's teams.



Dr. Searles

Searles' exhibit in Hamilton

Dr. George J. Searles, Professor, Humanities, is exhibiting a mixed media work in the "Black & White & Shades of Grey" show at the Mad Art Gallery in Hamilton, NY.

Save time and stop by the
MV Commons.

FRIDAY FISH FRY

Fresh Fried Haddock prepared by
Chef Manager Jason Martin

Friday Nights
Starting February 27 thru April 10.
Pick up time = 4:00pm – 5:00pm

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MVCC Campus Events

Saturday, February 21

Traffic Safety Defensive Driving Course, Plumley Complex,
Room 205, 9:00 am
Nursing: Pre-Information Session, Information Technology,
Room 225, 1:00 pm

Sunday, February 22

Region III Bowling Tournament, Pin-O-Rama Lanes, 10:00 am

Monday, February 23

Muslim Association, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm
Chess Club Games, Alumni College, Room 114, 3:30 pm
Student Congress, Alumni College, Room 112, 3:30 pm
CCED: T'ai Chi, Alumni College, Room 116, 5:30 pm
MVCAA: Drinking Driver Program Classes,
Rome Academic Building, Room 306, 6:00 pm
CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 17

Muslim Association, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm
Acoustic Café: "Tators and Bacon," Alumni College,
Room 116, 7:00 pm
Night Hawk Cafe, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 18

Muslim Association, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm
Black Student Union, Alumni College, Room 222, 3:00 pm
The Experience, Alumni College, Room 212, 4:00 pm
MVCC Concert Band Practice, Alumni College, Room 116,
7:00 pm
Program Board: Freshman Fun Festival – Laser Tag & Joust,
MV Commons, 6:00 pm

CS Lecture: Dr. Norman K. Dann, "Gerritt Smith and
the Abolitionist Movement," PC Auditorium, 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 19

Escoffier Club's Bake Sale, Plumley Complex, Room A10,
10:30 am
Muslim Association, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm
Program Board, Alumni College, Room 212, 2:00 pm
Paranormal Investigation Society, Alumni College,
Room 212, 5:00 pm
Strategic Gaming Club, Alumni College, Room 212, 6:00 pm
CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm
CS Play: "Agnes of God," Theater, 8:00 pm

Friday, February 20

Golf Luncheon, Alumni College, Room 116, 11:00 am
Muslim Association, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm
Latino Student Union, Alumni College, Room 212, 4:00 pm
CCED: Ballroom Dancing, Payne Hall Lobby, 7:00 pm
CS Play: "Agnes of God," Theater, 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 21

Traffic Safety Defensive Driving Course, Plumley Complex,
Room 205, 9:00 am
CS Play: "Agnes of God," Theater, 8:00 pm



AWARD WINNING WORK - Professor Bob Clarke was presented Syracuse University's Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement and Scholarship for his work on the Connective Corridor Branding project in Syracuse.

Bob Clarke is recipient of SU Chancellor's Award

Bob Clarke and Rod Martinez were recently presented the Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement and Scholarship that recognized their commitment to students at Syracuse University. This award was based on their work with the university's Connective Corridor Branding project.

Under the direction of both professors, students developed a print publicity campaign, used to develop community awareness and support. The identity for the Connective Corridor seeks to link various cultural and civic assets within downtown as well as create a linkage between SU's main campus and downtown Syracuse.

The Connective Corridor connects the University Hill with downtown Syracuse and is home to more than 25 arts and cultural venues. In the coming months and years these venues will be stitched together and showcased with new urban landscapes, bike paths, imaginative lighting, public and interactive art, signage and way finding systems.

The Connective Corridor project was an initiative started by Syracuse University that needed to include transportation, technology, streetscape and landscaping improvements, arts and cultural programming, maintenance, lighting, green space, and history.

Mr. Clarke has been a professor of Graphic Design in MVCC's Art Department and adjunct professor in VPA's Communications Design Program at Syracuse University. He recently retired and is active as an adjunct professor at both MVCC and SU.

Mr. Martinez, Associate Professor of Communications Design Program, VPA, Syracuse University, is an MVCC graduate in Advertising Design & Production Program.

Mr. Clarke and Mr. Martinez have been team teaching SU VPA's Communications Design sophomore classes for the past eight years.

The awards were presented by Syracuse University's Chancellor Nancy Cantor.

McCready leads Hawks into National Tournament

Senior forward Kevin McCready added to his career total with two goals and one assist as the Hawks' ice hockey team wrapped up the regular season with a 6-4 victory over Siena College. McCready now has 64 goals for the Hawks. Goalkeeper Brian Frankel made 47 saves as the Hawks finish with an 11-6-3 overall record.

MVCC plays Hudson Valley CC on Friday, February 27, at 3:00 p.m., in the quarterfinals of the National Tournament at the Saranac Lake Civic Center.

One day prior to the Siena game, MVCC skated to a 1-1 tie against HVCC with senior defender Mike Mason scoring for the Hawks. Josh Lamie made 38 saves between the pipes.

Men's Basketball: The Hawks continued to gain momentum for the Region III playoffs by winning two games last week. Freshman guard Bradley Griffin was the driving force with 30 points in a 65-61 victory over Schenectady CC. Two days later, freshman guard Jerome Davis scored 26 points in the Hawks' 96-79 victory over Clinton CC.

Women's Basketball: Head coach Bobby Allison's team won its 80th consecutive Mohawk Valley Conference game with a 62-59 final over SUNY Delhi. Leading the Hawks in this achievement was senior forward Leslie Mencia with 21 points and 15 rebounds. The Hawks then improved their record to 23-2 overall and 11-0 in the MVC with a 105-45 victory over Clinton CC. Mencia scored 24 points and battled under the boards for 13 rebounds while teammate senior forward Melissa St. Louis tallied 15 points to go with her eight rebounds and seven assists.



Allison

Indoor Track: Lalonde Gordon broke his own school record while finishing second in the 200-meter run with a time of 22.40 seconds at the Cornell University Invitational. Joe Pruckno placed second in the 60-meter high hurdles in 8.45 seconds while Jeff Azzoto placed sixth in the 500 meters in 1:09.24. Todd Butters was sixth in the 1000 meters in 2:38.96.

The women's team was led by Kayla Forgit with a fourth place finish in the shot put with a throw of 38 feet, 2½ inches. Lauren Penc placed fourth in the 400 meters in 1:01.73 while Diana DeJesus won the Regional Pentathlon with a score of 2,627 points.

Men's Bowling: Chris Ewen bowled a high game of 254 en route to a 640 series as the Hawks placed second in the Mountain Valley Conference Invitational hosted by Schenectady CC. MVCC finished with a team pin fall of 2,990. Also leading the Hawks was freshman Mike Guernsey with a top game of 225 for a 632 series.

Women's Bowling: The Hawks finished fourth in the Mountain Valley Conference Invitational hosted by Hudson Valley CC, with a total pin fall of 2,184. Shawna Hammond was MVCC's top bowler with a high game of 206 for a 533 series.

Athlete of the Week: Senior forward Leslie Mencia was named MVCC's Athlete of the Week for February 15, 2009, after she helped the Hawks' women's basketball team to back-to-back victories. She averaged 22 points and 15 rebounds while shooting 57 percent from the field. Along with this local honor, she was named Athlete of the Week for Region III as well as for the NJCAA. Mencia is a senior Liberal Arts major from Montpelier, Vermont.



ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS - Michelle Scranton, left, explains the benefits of MVCC's athletic programs and the success the College's students have experienced both in and out of the classroom. Above, Daniel Ianno of the admissions office answers questions about the enrollment process.