



Jorgensen Center dedication Friday

It has been more than five years in planning and 14 months in construction, and now the College will officially dedicate the Robert R. Jorgensen Athletic/Events Center on Friday, November 18, starting at 3 p.m. in the field house.

All members of the faculty, staff and student body are invited to attend this ribbon-cutting ceremony which will be followed by a reception with light refreshments afterwards. Following the event in the field house, there will be a ceremony honoring Athletic Director and Professor Emeritus Jorgensen's life story and his family's support of MVCC athletics, starting at 5 p.m. in the IT Theater.



Jorgensen

"While Bob is probably most remembered as the guiding force and visionary leader of our athletic program, he was far more than that," said Gary Broadhurst, MVCC Director of Athletics. "He was a teacher, coach, administrator, mentor, and leader in many areas of this college. This institution, this community, and the countless number of lives he has touched will forever be indebted to him. The dedication of this facility in his name is a deserved honor."

The 112,000 square foot Robert R. Jorgensen Athletic/Events Center is the newest chapter in MVCC's legacy in honor of the founding father of MVCC athletics. The complex features a 6,000 square foot Fitness Center which houses three different strength-training concepts with more than 30 stations, more than 30 cardiovascular machines, rock climbing wall, video fitness gaming stations and plyometric strengthening and rehabilitation area. The field house section features include capacity to host 3,000 people for events with bleacher seating, three basketball/volleyball/tennis courts, a 1/10 of a mile indoor track, long/triple jump and pole vault areas and two full-length batting cages.

The former gymnasium structure features the 10,000-square-foot performance gymnasium, a renovated six-lane swimming pool, 1,600-square-foot yoga/aerobic studio, a Student Success study center, two new classrooms with smart board technology, multi-purpose room, and Athletic Training Suite.

It was Jorgensen's dedication, not just to the Hawks' athletic teams, but to the individual student-athletes which enabled him to leave a positive impression on so many alumni during his 31 years with the college. Jorgensen was the architect of bringing MVCC into the arena of collegiate athletics which has grown from five sports in 1960 to the 22 nationally recognized teams at MVCC today.

Jorgensen joined MVCC in 1960 after spending one year as lacrosse coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and three years in the Marine Corps where he was stationed on Okinawa. Prior to the Marines, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY Cortland in 1954 and his Master's degree from Washington State University the following year.



After three years at MVCC, Jorgensen was named the Physical Education Department Head and Director of Athletics in 1963 and promoted to full professor in September 1969 while continuing to coach cross country, soccer, baseball, and golf.

Jorgensen presided over a major expansion of the college's physical education and athletic facilities, including the addition of a swimming pool, new classrooms, fitness center and locker rooms. Outdoor areas were expanded and improved for baseball, softball, track and field, tennis, and soccer.

He retired from MVCC in 1991.

In 1994, Jorgensen was inducted into the NJCAA Golf Hall of Fame, the first inductee from a Division III college. Jorgensen coached golf for 23 seasons at MVCC where his teams recorded 416 wins, 93 losses and five ties. They won seven regional championships and placed second another seven times.

In the fall of 1996, the first MVCC Hall of Fame inductions were held, with Jorgensen among the inaugural class.

College discontinues employees' wellness fee

The Wellness Design Team has presented recommendations to Cabinet for improving wellness at the college, and these have been accepted and are being implemented. One important recommendation to support the health and well-being of all MVCC faculty and staff is to discontinue the wellness fee previously charged to full-time employees. For MVCC employees who may have already paid, refund checks were issued on Friday, November 11. If you have not yet received a refund check, contact the Business Office in Payne Hall.

Honoring Employees for Years of Service



Marie Czarnecki has been helping adult students better themselves for three decades. Working in developmental studies, she works with students in English as a Second Language in the Center for Language and Learning Design. She began her career at MVCC on September 1, 1981 with a Bachelor and Master degree from SUNY College at Fredonia. ▲



Sandy Engel, Ph.D., has been the heart and soul of MVCC for more than three decades. From the roles of professor, department head and international liaison, Dr. Engel has played an instrumental part. She was recently recognized for 35 years of service during a ceremony in her office. Dr. Engel He began her career at MVCC on September 1, 1976. ◀

David R. Katz III has worn many hats over three decades at the College. Beginning his career at MVCC on September 1, 1981, Katz is a Professor of History and Political Science and was recognized for 30 years of dedication to students last week. Katz also serves as the Chair of MVCC's College Senate, Coordinator of Faculty and Staff Enrichment, and is Chair of the PA's Political Outreach Committee. ▶



MVCC Libraries are now on Facebook

MVCC Libraries have entered the world of social media and joined Facebook. For the Libraries, social media is a fresh way to promote the current services and collections offered to students, faculty and staff, and community members. The Facebook page is intended to provide another point of access for students and make the Libraries available on a platform where students are already networking. Recent posts include notification of recent additions to the print and electronic collection, links to the Libraries' LibGuides and electronic resources, and mention of campus events and related library materials. Slowly and surely the ranks of MVCC Libraries Facebook fans are increasing, as faculty and students alike are sharing networks and taking notice of the new page.

Academic libraries are proving their worth and remaining relevant on college campuses by implementing changes, following trends in technology and services and experimenting with new ideas. One such trend is building a social media presence to interact with students, increase awareness and promote the library as a useful tool and resource. As an increasing number of libraries join Facebook and other social media applications, such as You Tube and Twitter, librarians hope to create a new brand for their libraries and greet students with a fresh look. Your MVCC Librarians decided to follow this trend during the Fall 2011 semester as a test to learn how a

social media presence could impact the amount of traffic the Libraries and their Web site receive.

Find the MVCC Libraries on Facebook and become a fan! The page can be found at the following URL, www.facebook.com/MVCC.libraries or in the Social Media Directory found on the Marketing and Communications page. The Utica Campus Library will be hosting a promotional event to inspire interest and introduce the Facebook page to the MVCC community on Wednesday, November 16th from 10am-2pm in the library lobby. In addition, between Monday, November 14th and Friday, November 18th, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to become a fan in order to participate in a raffle! All Facebook users who become fans of the MVCC Libraries between those dates will automatically be enrolled in a raffle to win a gift card to the Bookstore! For more information, email averminski@mvcc.edu or check out the Facebook page! (Current fans will also be eligible to win a gift card in the raffle).

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MVCC recognizes Jubenville with Emeritus status

Robert Jubenville, Ph.D., was recognized for many years of outstanding service at MVCC by being presented the title of Dean and Professor Emeritus at the October Board of Trustees meeting. Jubenville was among those individuals who watched the College grow what it has become today over his 38-year career.



Dr. Jubenville

Jubenville started at MVCC in September 1973 with a salary of \$9,000, when there were five buildings catering to 2,200 students. He was hired as a life science instructor when the laboratories were located on the first floor of Payne Hall and tuition was about \$600 a year. He achieved the position of Life Science Department Head in 1979.

Under Jubenville's leadership, the Life Science Department continued to offer one of the most challenging Life Science programs for community colleges in the Northeast. In 1999, he oversaw the difficult task of having the labs moved from Payne Hall to the Academic Building.

Jubenville has been honored many times for his work, winning two Chancellor's Award for Professional Service and Faculty Service. He was named as an honorary Phi Theta Kappa Society member and presented the Outstanding Instructional Service from the *National Council of Instructional Administrators*. Locally, the Mohawk Valley Science Teachers Association honored him for Outstanding Contribution to Science. As a 27 year member of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges they recently bestowed on him the 2010 Distinguished Service Award.

Watch for more emeritus honorees in future *Communitas* articles.

Scottish university Skypes with MVCC

Through the power of the internet, the students in Professor George Goerner's Organizational Management class participated in a lecture and discussion on international workplaces with Richard Barnes, Head of Articulation and International Academic Development at Royal Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland, U.K., on Thursday, November 10. Mr. Goerner made arrangements to use Skype as the communication tool for this distance learning experience.



"Diverse companies outperform non-diverse companies," he observed after his discussion of stereotypes and why they are not in the best interests of anyone doing business. His examples varied widely: in Israel, workers in restaurants and hotels came from Jordan to work on the Jewish Sabbath when other workers were not available.

In Scotland, one current issue is that of the "Pink Dollar," (or "Pink Pound" or "Pink Euro") — the importance of the gay community to the hospitality industry since some data indicate that that market segment has more disposable income, tends to have more flexible dates for vacations.

Topics of informal discussion towards the end included haggis (a Scottish dish), the U.S. Thanksgiving, and the U.K. wearing of the poppy—as he was—near November 11 to commemorate the end of World War I. He also answered questions about RGU programs; once an MOU between the two schools is signed, students may transfer there upon graduation.

There are plans in the work to make arrangements for Mr. Barnes to visit MVCC in February.



JUST BREATHE - Respiratory student Nihad Rucic tests Danny Holliman on his lung capacity while Assistant Professor Debra Waterman reviews the findings. Students from the Respiratory Care program held a test clinic in the lobby of the Academic Building last week.

Green Dining Out Tip

When dining out, don't waste food. If your favorite restaurant serves smaller portions, opt for those, or ask for a "doggie" bag.

Also ask your restaurant to use recyclable containers, No. 1-5 and No. 7 in Oneida and Herkimer Counties.

Respiratory Care host informational booth

The Respiratory Care Program faculty and students had a booth in the Lobby of the Academic Building in celebration of National Respiratory Care Week.

The students performed pulse oximetry and pulmonary function testing and provided program information. They also sold candy and Tour the City coupon books to help fund their attendance at the Kettering National Seminar held on the MVCC Utica Campus in April. This seminar helps graduating students to prepare to take the national credentialing exams.

They need to pass the three credentialing exams to become licensed respiratory therapists.

Aviation students repair NH Legion's Cobra

The New Hartford American Legion is off and flying once more with the return of the AH1 Cobra helicopter to the pedestal on its front lawn.

Over the past three months, students from MVCC's Airframe and Powerplant Technology program have been refurbishing the aircraft for the Legion. The Legion Commander contacted program director Walt Constantini after learning that MVCC's students performed extensive repairs to an F4 Phantom for the Air Force in Rome.

When the Legion delivered the aircraft to the MVCC Aviation Training Center located on the Griffiss Business and Technology Park, the students found the aircraft's paint was in distress and the original lighting system wasn't working. The Cobra was also showing signs of corrosion which needed to be addressed before it worsened.

"This is a real-world experience for the students," said Constantini. "This type of work is what they are going to be doing on the job."

The students sanded down the body, added aircraft primer and then repainted it military green. The design scheme was provided by the Legion, representing a Wing which flew during the Vietnam War. This aircraft was stationed in Vietnam during hostilities, but research was unable to determine if it had flown any combat missions, according to Constantini.

Associate Professor Edwin "Dwayne" Isenberg, from the Center for Arts and Humanities, added the final touches to the paint scheme by hand-painting the design on the nose.

Along with fixing the body and the paint, the aviation students also rewired the aircraft's navigation lights on the tail, along the sides, top and bottom in order to make them operate correctly. The final touch came when the students fabricated rockets and painted them with realistic colors. These were mounted in the rocket holders on the side of the aircraft.

All told, it took the students approximately 250 hours to complete the work.

There are negotiations in the works for MVCC students to perform some repair work on the A4 Skyhawk which is part of the Oriskany Museum, which is located in the park in the Village of Oriskany.



MVCC HONORS VETERANS DAY – As the bugler played "Taps" in the background, the Utica Campus fell silent on Friday, November 11, as the College community paid respects to all veterans. With the wind blowing and snow falling, the honor guard from Proctor High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, conduct the U.S. flag raising ceremony in front of the Academic Building. Following the event, a reception was held in the lobby of Payne Hall.

