



MVCC student wins Engineering & Science Medal

For the 37th consecutive year, one of MVCC's Engineering Science students has been selected to receive the Professor Joseph H. Smith, Jr. '45 Engineering & Science Medal from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

David Fransman, a Cold Brook resident and a second-year student in the Engineering Science program, was presented the Medal on Thursday, February 28, during the Mohawk Valley Engineers' Executive Council's 2008 Banquet, at Harts Hill Inn in Whitesboro.

This award is named for Joseph H. Smith Jr. who retired as assistant dean of engineering and associate professor of electrical, computer, and systems engineering at Rensselaer. The Medal represents excellence in engineering and science.

Fransman is one of only 25 community college engineering science students nationwide to receive this year's award. The award carries a \$15,000 scholarship at RPI, located in Troy.

"It is very prestigious for a two-year engineering school to receive this award," says Professor Celia A. Domser, Department Head for Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences at MVCC. "To have such a prestigious award says that we have an outstanding program and our students are well prepared for a four-year engineering science program."

Fransman is a graduate of Poland Central School and the son of Robert and Joyce Fransman of Cold Brook.

MVCC's Associate Degree in Engineering Science provides students with the first two years of a bachelor's degree in a wide range of engineering fields, including aerospace,



SCIENCE AWARD - Bill Denale from the Mohawk Valley Engineers' Executive Council, presented MVCC student David Fransman with the Professor Joseph H. Smith, Jr. '45 Engineering & Science Medal from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on Thursday, February 28, during the annual banquet at Harts Hill Inn.

civil, mechanical, electrical, industrial, chemical, and nuclear engineering.

Courses taken at MVCC include analytical geometry and calculus, engineering graphics, engineering physics, general chemistry, engineering statics, differential equations, organic chemistry, thermodynamics, electrical circuits, mechanics of materials and linear algebra.

"The chief aim of all investigations of the external world should be to discover the rational order and harmony which has been imposed on it by God and which He revealed to us in the language of mathematics."



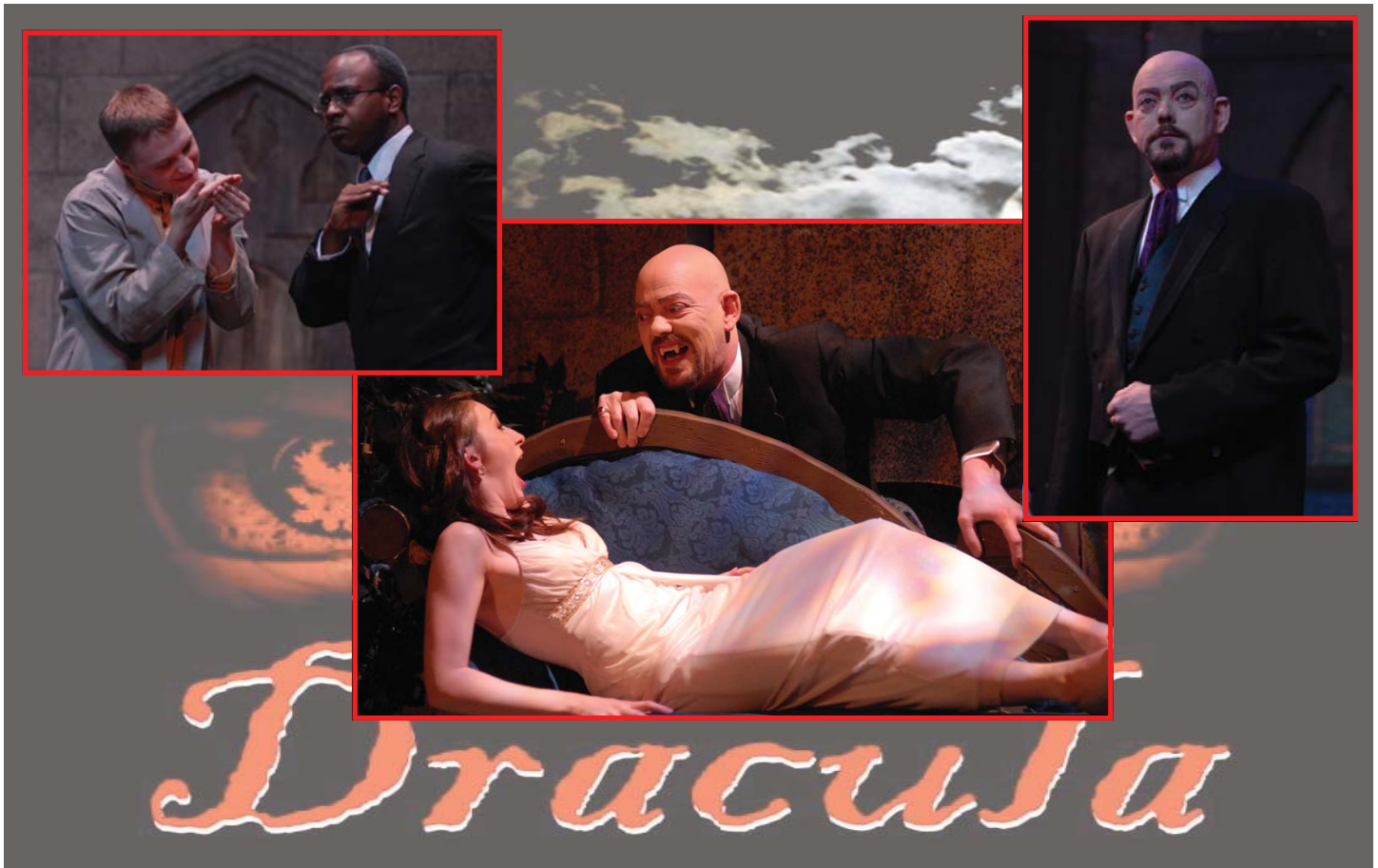
*Johannes Kepler (1571-1630)
Mathematician, astronomer, and astrologer*

Submitted by Tom Schink, Mathematics Department

Great American Heart Run/Walk raffle

The winner of Team MVCC's 50/50 raffle for the 34th annual Great American Heart Run/Walk is Theresa Paladino from the Financial Aid Office.

Her winning ticket was worth \$200, of which she donated \$20 back to the Heart Association.



College Senate agenda for March 11 meeting

The College Senate will hold a second meeting this month on March 11 from 2:30-4:40 p.m. in the Payne Hall Board Room on the third floor. This meeting is open to all members of the college community and any interested individual is welcome to attend.

The agenda for the March meetings is below with support materials available in Public Folders.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: 02-05-08 and 02-11-08
3. Chairperson's Report
4. President VanWagoner's Report
5. Student Congress President's Report
6. Special Reports
 - (1) Student Services - Vice President D. DiGiorgio
 - (2) Middle States Final Pre-Visit Update - N. Rosero
 - (3) Staff Development Design Team Final Report & Recommendations - J. Dewan, B. Evans
 - (4) Employee Recognition Design Team Final Report & Recommendations - P. Fox, M. Kohl
 - (5) Hiring Design Team Final Report & Recommendations - D. Gibbons (March 11 rollover meeting)



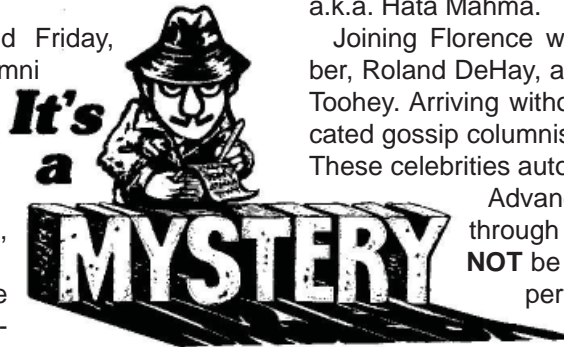
- (6) Student Intake Design Team Progress Report & Update - J. Maio (March 11 rollover meeting)
 - (7) Student Support Design Team Progress Report & Update - D. Rahn (March 11 rollover meeting)
 - (8) Faculty Council Community Colleges Report - R. Jubenville
 7. Committee Reports
 - (1) Promotion Review Task Force - C. Domser
 8. Old Business
 - (1) Revised Senate Bylaws - Final Review & Action - W. Perrotti
 - (2) Distinguished Faculty Awards - B. Quist
 9. New Business
 - (1) Judicial Review Board - Proposal to bring it into the College's governance structure - D. DiGiorgio
 - (2) Spring 2008 Senate and Committee Nominations and Election - D. Katz, W. Perrotti
 10. Other Business
 11. Adjournment
- The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 1, at 2:30 p.m. held on the Rome Campus. The Senate Advisory Committee will meet immediately following March 11's meeting.

Night of suspense with murder-mystery dinner theatre

It will be a night of suspense and mystery when the College hosts the murder-mystery dinner theatre performance, *Florence of Moravia*.

The performance will be held Friday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni College Center's MV Commons and is sponsored by the MVCC Program Board and Utica RASA. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for faculty and staff, and \$5 for students.

Florence of Moravia takes place in 1927 and local radio personality Nevelle Haspin has invited you to the broadcast of a gala reception for silent film diva



Lorraine Bowes, who is making a film portraying hometown hero and notorious World War I spy Florence Goode a.k.a. Hata Mahma.

Joining Florence will be her leading man, if he's sober, Roland DeHay, and Lorraine's agent, Harold "Hawk" Toohey. Arriving without an invitation is nationally syndicated gossip columnist Helena Handbasquet. Be careful. These celebrities autograph with poisoned pens.

Advanced tickets can be purchased through the MVCC Bookstore. Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door on the night of the performance.

For more information, contact Sandy Cummings at 792-5392 or via email at scummings@mvcc.edu.

Strategic Planning Committee minutes from January 31

The College's Strategic Planning Committee met on Thursday, January 31. The following are the minutes from that meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda: Unanimously passed.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of the Minutes of the December 19, 2007 Meeting: Unanimously passed.
4. Establish Meeting Time for Spring Semester: Two faculty members are unable to attend a Thursday meeting due conflicts with teaching schedules. Future SPC meeting will be held on Monday afternoons at 3 p.m.
5. Continued Discussion of Draft Priorities/Directions/Initiatives: The latest Draft Level I, II and III statements were distributed to departments in the latter part of the fall semester, along with an explanatory memo, requesting comments and suggestions. Several departments or divisions (Mathematics, Humanities, Social Science, Student Services) have indicated agreement with and support of the current draft. Two departments (Psychology, Human Services and Education and Life Science) have indicated support for the plan and have made suggestions for addition. The Psychology, Human Services and Education Department has suggested a number of Initiatives and Action Items to be considered under several Priorities. The Life Science Department suggests a Level II statement (Direction) be added under Vibrant Culture to address a need to more fully involve students in learning. After discussion, it was decided to add the following third Direction under Vibrant Culture: "Develop a culture common to students and staff that values learning."

Budget forms will be sent to cost control centers on February 1. Copies of Level I and Level II statements will be sent with the forms. The budget narrative forms, which request that budget requests be linked to the strategic plan

have been modified, made more concise, and should make it easier to track action on the requests and to track resource allocation to the plan. The president will report back to the SPC on this process.

The Strategic Planning Committee will continue to review and finalize the revised Strategic Plan for presentation to the Board of Trustees at the April board meeting. As the design teams make their recommendations, Level III statements will be reviewed and revised to insure that necessary actions are incorporated into the plan.

6. The president has drafted a revised charter for the Strategic Planning Committee. The SPC reviewed and commented on the draft. Comments included proposing that the SPC be involved in any revision of the college's mission and vision statements. There was considerable discussion regarding the appointment of members by the president. It was generally felt that this mechanism would provide the flexibility necessary for responding to challenges as they arise, but that care should be taken to insure that all portions of the college community are represented and that terms are staggered so that representation from all groups continues without interruption. A proposal was made to allow for the designation of "at large" positions, which would allow for specific individuals to be brought into the process for specific tasks. The specific functions of the SPC were also discussed. The SPC will be involved in supporting action plans and in helping to develop interdepartmental action plans, but will not have a role in deciding specific resource allocations.

7. The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be scheduled for late February.

8. On a motion by Paul Halko, seconded by Lew Kahler and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

No. 1 Monroe College, N.Y. (29-2)

Loser Game 1

Game 1
March 13, 1:00 PM

Winner Game 1

No. 8 Holyoke Community College, Mass. (21-7)

Game 5
March 14,
1:00 PM

Game 7
March 14,
6:00 PM

Winner Game 7

No. 4 Madison Area Technical College, Wis. (22-8)

Loser Game 2

Game 2
March 13, 3:00 PM

Winner Game 2

No. 5 Brookdale Community College, N.J. (23-2)

Game 10
March 15,
3:00 PM

4th/6th Place

2007-2008 NJCAA Division III Women's Basketball National Championship Tournament

2007-2008
National
Champion

No. 3 College of DuPage, Ill. (21-11)

Loser Game 3

Game 3
March 13, 6:00 PM

Winner Game 3

No. 6 Montgomery College - Rockville, Md. (14-13)

Game 6
March 14,
3:00 PM

Game 8
March 14,
8:00 PM

Winner Game 8

No. 2 Mohawk Valley Community College, N.Y. (25-4)

Loser Game 4

Game 4
March 13, 8:00 PM

Winner Game 4

No. 7 Central Lakes College, Minn. (10-20)

March 13 - 15
Hosted by

Loser Game 5

Game 9
March 15,
1:00 PM

7th/8th Place

Mohawk Valley Community College

Loser Game 7

Game 11
March 15,
6:00 PM

3rd/5th Place

Loser Game 6

Loser Game 8