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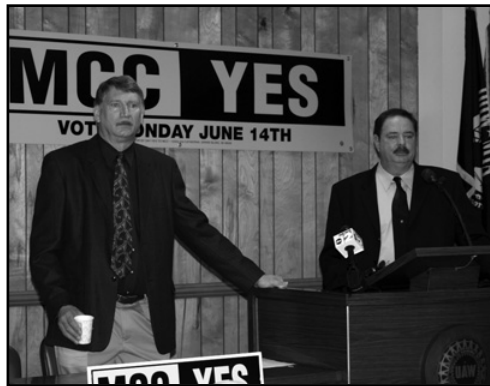


QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Mediocrity knows nothing higher
than itself, but talent instantly
recognizes genius*

--Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

MCC Bond Renewal Proposal Receives Endorsement from GM, UAW Leaders



GM vice president and general manager of vehicle manufacturing Joe Spielman and UAW Region 1-C Director Bob Roth announced support for the Mott Community College Bond Renewal ballot proposal at a joint press conference held at the UAW Region 1-C office on Thursday, May 20.

The MCC Bond Renewal will be decided by Genesee County voters in the Monday, June 14 school election. The two community leaders praised MCC's role in the community, emphasizing that the renewal will mean no increase in taxes beyond what voters are currently paying.

"A longtime friend to the UAW and its members, Mott College has partnered on training with the UAW

in many areas and has actively served our members and our community," said Roth. "MCC is already a key part of rebuilding the economy of this area. Mott Community College is an important part of our community. It serves our people well and deserves to have its bond authority renewed, especially as it will not increase our current taxes."

GM Vice President Spielman echoed Bob Roth's sentiments.

"General Motors recognizes the importance of economic development and the changing economy in which we must compete. It's something we deal with every day," Spielman said. One of our absolute necessities at this time is a well-educated workforce. Here in Genesee County, Mott Community College is hauling the freight when it comes to providing needed skills to our workforce."

Spielman said his May 20 appearance with Roth shows that "business and labor are united behind a "Yes" vote for MCC on June 14.

Added Spielman, "The MCC Bond Renewal is of extreme importance to our community. Mott College has done a great job and serves a diverse student body, including students of all ages and backgrounds. MCC focuses specifically on the needs of Flint and Genesee County."

The MCC renewal is the only item on the Monday, June 14 ballot. The election is county-wide. Please remember to vote on Monday, June 14. For more information, call (810) 762-0456 or visit www.mcc.edu and go to the news and events page for the fact sheet.

MCC Observes Brown v. Board of Education 50th Anniversary

Mott Community College pulled out the bells and whistles to mark the observance of the 50th anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court Decision, Brown v. Board of Education, Monday, May 17. MCC joined a host of local churches, civic groups and organizations taking part in the national commemoration. On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court declared that segregation in public schools solely on the basis of race denies children of color equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment. In essence, Brown v. Board of Education made it illegal to segregate schools.

A diverse group of MCC students, administrators, faculty/staff and members of the community assembled on the lawn between the Mott Memorial Building and the Mott Library, marking the occasion by blowing whistles and ringing bells at exactly 12:52 pm - symbolic of the date and time the decision was rendered 50 years ago. The event received extensive coverage from local television news stations.



Accounting's **Tammy Henski** has good news to share. Accountant **Erica Robinson** had a little girl on May 11. Marissa Lynn was born at 11:35 a.m., weighed in at 7lbs, 1 oz., 18 1/2 inches long. Congratulations, Erica on this new addition to your family.

Social Sciences Associate Dean **Margaret Brainard** reports that **Valerie Foster**, a part-time Anthropology faculty member in the Social Sciences Division, has received a Fulbright IIE Scholarship for dissertation research in Tanzania. Valerie is a Ph.D. Candidate in Anthropology at Michigan State University. She will be researching the relationship between widowhood, food security and HIV/AIDS in Western Tanzania beginning Jan. 2005. Valerie, who is beginning her second semester of teaching at MCC, also received another award, the Food, Nutrition and Chronic Disease Fellowship, which will allow her to study this summer and prepare for her comprehensive exams this fall. Valerie loves Africa and is slated to teach ANTH-200, People and Cultures of Africa, at MCC for the fall semester. This will be her second prolonged stay in Africa in recent years.

From Mott College Bookstore Manager **Leslie Slining**: The bookstore will be going through an extensive remodel starting approximately June 14, lasting two weeks. Said Leslie: "We're taking the current location down to the concrete and starting over with a totally new look."

Kudos to the Health Science Division as

MCC was well represented at the Healing Hands 5K Run/Walk held May 8 to benefit the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic, reports Nursing Professor **Dianna Lape**. The race started on the MCC campus. **Louise Kashubosky** helped register the runners and walkers and Dianna and one of her graduating students walked in the race. Through a downpour, with thunder and lightning, Lape placed seventh and her graduate nurse student placed eighth within their respective age groups.

Psychology Instructor **Jennifer Speckman** offered her students a chance for extra credit by attending MCC's Brown vs. Board of Education commemoration event on Monday, May 17 and writing about the psychological impact of the landmark case. Her students, Holly Potter and Latonya Small, were interviewed by local news media covering the event and were excited about appearing on television.

Marketing's **Rebecca Gale** is pleased to report this news. The Mott Heart Walk team raised over \$1,500 in pledges this year for the American Heart Association on Saturday, May 15 in this year's Heart Walk held at Genesys Health Park. The group included MCC employees and students as well as Mott Middle College staff and students. Special thanks go to the following participants for representing MCC in this worthwhile community volunteer project: **Theresa Lock, Nancy Metcalfe, Beverly Davis, Mary and Michael McMinn, William Crawford, Chery Wagonlander, Lee and Mary Rossmassler, the Rivard family Leila, Marcia and daughter Brie, Paul Holdren, Lenetta Coney and Rebecca Gale.**

Mott Ballroomers Assistant Advisor **El Nita Blount** wants us to know that the Mott Ballroomers are becoming "pretty popular" in the community. Here's her report: The Mott Ballroomers have provided ballroom dance lessons to various groups, including Jireh's Hair Salon and members of Father, Son and Holy Spirit Ministries. A couple performance was given at the wedding of Dana and Rachel Brock on April 10. Club Advisor **Tony Caldwell** represented the club at two Special Olympics events. Also, congratulations go to Tony for

being elected club advisor of the year. On Saturday, May 1 the Ballroomers hosted their first Stepper's Workshop, featuring Pete and Linda Frazier from Chicago. "This was a great success and thanks to everyone for your support." On May 12, the Ballroomers performed at the "Say Yes to MCC" rally in Kearsley Park. The group also presented its first annual fashion show Saturday, May 22 in the Mott Memorial Building Auditorium. Added El Nita: Look for us to perform and give a few brief lessons at the next "Say Yes to MCC" rally at the Broome Center on June 12, 2004.

Childhood Development Prof. **Dan Hodgins** delivered the keynote for the National YMCA Conference in Los Angeles, Calif. May 16. The title of his keynote address was: "Boys and Girls Learn Differently: Their challenges and accomplishments."

Mott Library Services Director **Denise Hooks** is pleased about "behavior that is catching on around campus." Faculty and staff are donating to the library in new and innovative ways. Recently, **Steph Diana** and **Lindalee Massoud** donated nearly \$300 to the library from the sale of textbooks. **Cathy Smith** gave a portion of book sales during the recent library celebration. **John Burks** gave his own published work at that event. Many others, like **Karen Sharp** and **Danelle Nelms**, regularly bring in paperbacks and best sellers that they have gently used. **Tom Lougheed** and **Jack McLellan** frequently add to our computer and business collections. **Michael Tews** has given a periodical title for Southern Lakes Library. "A large thank-you is due all of these generous individuals for their attention to enhancing our resources," Denise said. Please contact **Denise** or **Martha Lewis** at the Mott Library if you have a donation you would like to discuss.

MCC's American Red Cross Blood drive held on May 26 was a resounding success. We beat our goal of 25 with 31 productive donations. Special thanks to **Michael Tews**, the Mott Ballroomers and the students from Admissions for helping with the mobile blood station, and a big thank-you to our donors.

Mott Middle College Steel Band Wins Top Trophies in National Competition

The Mott Middle College High School Concert Steel Band took top honors at the Heritage Music Festival Saturday, May 8 in Chicago, winning the Gold Award for a score of 90 or above, the Adjudicators' Trophy for a score of 95 or above and the Outstanding Band Trophy for the highest score of all groups.

The competition included 14 bands and orchestras from eight different states across the country. This was the fifth time the MMC band has competed in the event. The group earned the highest score in each of its previous Heritage Festivals as well, held in Toronto, London, Chicago and New York.

Director James Coviak said he is "especially excited about the

future of this group."

"We have a young and inexperienced ensemble, so this year's success bodes well for the future," Coviak said. "We have some hard working young people who are ready to go places."

Coviak is also the director of the Steelheads Percussion Ensemble and Steel Band, a collaborative venture of Mott Middle College, Mott Community College and the University of Michigan-Flint. The group has been recognized for excellence in concerts across North America and Europe. They were also featured as the cover story in the November 2003 issue of School Band and Orchestra magazine.

RTC M-TEC to Hold Virtual Simulation Camp



A two-week summer camp program giving middle and high school students a novel, hands-on experience with state-of-the-art simulation software used by real world product designers is being offered at MCC this month.

MCC's Regional Technology Center M-TEC will be the site for the Virtual Simulation Camp. The Virtual Simulation Camp is designed for students in grade 6 through high school. Two sessions are scheduled: "Intro," for first time enrollees, is slated for June 14 to 18; "Advanced," for participants who completed any previous year's camp or this year's "Intro", is scheduled June 21-25. Cost of the camp is \$100 per person, per level. Deadline to enroll is Friday, June 11. Enrollment is limited to 16. The daily schedule for the Virtual Simulation Camp is 9 am to 4 pm with lunch served from noon to 1 pm. Lunch is provided.

Campers will have an opportunity to use the high-tech programs, AutoDesk Inventor and Dynamic Designer, with instruction from highly experienced teachers. This unique summer camp experience not only offers participants a glimpse into the world of simulation software, but also fosters an awareness of career opportunities available in this emerging technology field.

"A growing demand for high-tech workers in the global marketplace and a recognized need to prepare youth for high-paying jobs in the technology industry makes programs like the Virtual Simulation Camp so vital," said Tom Crampton, Executive Dean of Regional Technology Initiatives.

"The Virtual Simulation Camp gives young people an opportunity to use true engineering software. Students get the chance to practice the design process - building and physically testing their own models. They have an opportunity to develop leadership qualities, devise solutions to problems, and work on team building skills. The program also reinforces the importance of mathematics and science in their studies."

The Virtual Simulation Camp program is co-sponsored by the Regional Technology Center M-TEC at Mott Community College, the National Science Foundation, and the Genesee County Tech Prep Consortium. For more information, call (810) 762-0278 or e-mail lmackay@mcc.edu.



MCC's Regional Technology Center M-TEC In Statewide Media Spotlight



The Mott Community College Regional Technology Center M-TEC was the initial destination kicking off the Great Lakes IT Report's Tech Tour 2004 on Monday, May 24.

WWJ Newsradio 950 produces the Great Lakes IT Report (GLITR), a daily IT (information technology) newsletter delivered via email by GLITR editor Matt Roush. The purpose of the GLITR's road trip was to enhance awareness and visibility of Michigan's technology and advanced manufacturing industries. GLITR covers the technology world - reporting on everything from hardware, software, advanced manufacturing, life sciences and tech education - and is billed as the daily tech news source for Michigan and beyond.

GLITR staff toured the RTC and heard from various presenters during the visit, including Tom Crampton, Executive Dean, Regional Technology Initiatives. An article detailing the GLITR staff experience at the RTC appeared in the Tuesday, May 25 edition of the Great Lakes IT Report, was very positive, with Roush stating . . . "there's more cool technology going on in Flint than you'd ever believe from just about anywhere else on Earth."

Mott Community College's RTC was also the topic of a recent series by ABC12 news reporter Michael Rosenfield, which featured the RTC prominently in a series outlining Michigan's changing job market and why jobs are requiring more technical skills. ABC12's Rosenfield interviewed Crampton and a host of students and faculty at work in the RTC facility for the story, which originally aired May 19 and has received significant replay since that date.

Friends of Mott Library Book Club Discussion

Join the Friends of Mott Library for their next Book Club Discussion Monday, June 24 at noon in the MCC Library Quest Center. The selected book for discussion this month is *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown. The program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to (810) 762-0455. Recommendations for future book club discussions can be sent to rgale@mcc.edu.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3 MCC Foundation Heritage Society Dinner • 6 p.m. Applewood Café	4 Flint Film festival Reception 7 p.m. RTC 1401, 1003	5 PAL Flea Market 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Paid Parking lot Flint Film festival Reception 10 am-6 p.m. RTC	6 Flint Film festival Reception 10 am-6 p.m. RTC Piano Recital MMB Auditorium 12-4 p.m.
7	8 American Assoc. of Univ. Women 7-8:30 p.m. Genesee Room	9 Mott Middle College Commencement 7p.m. MMB Auditorium	10	11	12	13 Phi Theta Kappa Picnic Curtice Mott Patio 2-4 p.m.
14	15 Virtual Simulation Camp • 9 am-4 pm • RTC 3114; RTC 3113 Bruin Club Meeting 11 am-2 p.m. Genesee Room	16	17 Michigan Alliance of Direct Support Professionals 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. • Prahl	18	19	20 Eta Phi Beta Sorority Meeting Genesee Room 11:30 am-2 p.m.
21 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30-10 p.m. Prahl Ballroom	22	23	24 FOML Book Club Mott Library Quest Center • Noon	25	26	27
28 National Youth Sports Program MMB 2008/2106 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	29	30				



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