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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Independence is happiness."
--Susan B. Anthony*

MCC Library Celebrates Anniversary with Special Guests

Several locally celebrated authors helped to make the Mott Library's 45th anniversary celebration on Feb. 23 a memorable one. The authors were among a group of MCC faculty, staff, students, retirees and members of the community recognizing the Library's 45 years of service. The program featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony, showcasing the newly remodeled Mott Library entrance and the Friends of the Mott Library's contributions to that renovation project and others, followed by book signings from the authors, including Flint Journal columnists Andrew Heller, Ron Krueger, Brenda Brissette-Mata; MCC Professors Catherine Smith and John Burks, MCC Institutional Research Analyst Roberta Foust and local authors Ted A. Dyer and Paul Toth. Local TV stations ABC12 and NBC25 were also on hand and provided great coverage of the event.



Kerry Brings Campaign to MCC



More than 750 people filled the Industrial Bay of the RTC to welcome Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry at a Feb. 6 rally. Kerry was joined by a host of political luminaries and well wishers, including Rep.

Dick Gephardt, who announced his endorsement of Kerry at the rally. Several high-ranking Democrats - Sen. Carl Levin, Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Congressman Sander Levin and Congressman Bart Stupak were accompanied by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Lt. Gov. John Cherry, former Gov. James Blanchard and former Sen. Don Riegle, along with a large contingent of state and community leaders. Before addressing the crowd at the rally, Kerry toured the RTC, with MCC Board of Trustees Chair Lenore Croudy and MCC President Richard Shaink. MCC garnered extensive coverage of the event from numerous national, regional and local media outlets, including the New York Times, Cleveland Plain Dealer, CNN, MSNBC and a host of others.



Congratulations to Accounting's **Jim Smith** and **Nina Ray**, Information Systems. They were married on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

English Professor **Heather Sisto** presented a session on "Using the Classics to Teach Argumentation" at the Feb 26-27 Liberal Arts Network for Development (LAND) conference in Traverse City. Heather's presentation included ideas she uses in her Honors English 102 class. This year, Michigan's Ice Mountain water bottling plant controversy made an excellent parallel to Ibsen's classic "An Enemy of the People." Heather will also serve as mentor for two students who will be receiving recognition for their fine writing skills at the conference. Also, March 25-27, Heather will conduct an in-service for early childhood educators at the annual MiAEYC conference in Grand Rapids.

Accounting's **Karen Amore** has been cast in UM-Flint's production of "The Mousetrap," an Agatha Christie Mystery. Performances are at the UM-Flint theatre on Apr. 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11. Call 237-6520 for tickets. Tickets are \$10 reserved or at the door, \$8 for students and seniors.

English Professor **Greg Shafer** was nominated by a former student for *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. His biography will appear in an upcoming edition. Two of Greg's previously published essays have been republished in a book titled *Teaching Developmental Writing*, edited by Naomi Bernstein and published by St. Martin's Press, 2004.

Nursing Professor **Dianna Lape** reports that 23 nursing students from Health Sciences and three faculty members attended the Mich. Nursing Students' Association Annual Convention at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids, Feb. 6-8. The theme of the convention was "Nursing: The Frontline of Healthcare."

Information Technology Instructor **Lynn Thigpen** and Curriculum Specialist **Mike Ennis** completed a weeklong training session in Columbus, Ohio on DACUM, a skills identification process for curriculum development. The training was held at the Center for

Education and Training for Employment at Ohio State University.

Electronics Professor **Tom Fonger** took two of his Electronics and Electrical Technology classes to visit the Genesee Power Station. The emissions from the wood-burning power station are far below that of coal-fired plants. Tom said, "It was a very interesting trip and will no doubt fuel much classroom discussion!"

From Associate Dean **Jessie Sirna** comes news that art instructor **Thom Bohnert**, had two drawings exhibited in the 2004 Great Lakes Drawing Biennial at Eastern Michigan University during Feb.

Art instructor **Cathy Smith's** book, *Women in Pants* has been recommended for the American Library Association's Amelia Bloomer Project, an award celebrating the feminist spirit.

Graphic Design instructor **Mara Fulmer** is working as a United Nations Online Volunteer. She recently completed a brochure for the World Federation of United Nations Associations and a web portal logo for the UNDP-Dominican Republic.

The Art Department was pleased to take part in the MCC Black History Celebration. Art works by African-American students and works of African-American subjects were part of the exhibition in the Student Life Office and the Prahl Center ballroom for the campus-wide activities.

The MCC Gallery, in the new Visual Arts & Design Center, will be hosting the exhibition "Ceramics, Drawing and Sculpture" by artist **Anat Shifitan** from Mar. 15-30. The artist will be giving a slide presentation on the show on Mar. 15 at 10 am in the VADC. The program is free and open to the public.

The month of March is a busy one for the Music Department with two upcoming concerts: Sunday, Mar. 21 the Ensembles Concert and Sunday, Mar. 28, the Jazz Concert. Both will begin at 3pm in the MMB Auditorium and are free and open to the public.

Interpreting Program Coordinator **Stevie Naeyaert** is proud of MCC Interpreting student **Katie Couls**, who was part of a team from the Lighthouse Chapel of the Deaf that traveled to Colombia to help build a church, school and medical clinic for the deaf in the northern Colombian city of Cartagena.

From the HR Department: Two new employees have been added to the Learning Center staff. Administrative Assistant **Sara A. Butka** began working Feb. 11 and **Mary Beth Kramer** will join the Learning Center staff as Disadvantaged & LEP Services Coordinator starting March 22. Let's all welcome Sara and Mary Beth to the Mott Family.

Michigan's First Gentleman to Visit MCC

Daniel Granholm Mulhern, husband of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, will discuss the unique role he plays in supporting his wife and family and serving the people of Michigan at a special program, 7 pm Thursday, March 18 in the Prahl Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$25 and include a dessert afterglow. A VIP reception with Mr. Mulhern will be 6 pm at the Applewood Café. Tickets are \$100 and include reserved seating at the 7 pm event along with the dessert afterglow. All proceeds from this event will benefit MCC's Women in Education initiative that provides mentoring and nontraditional emergency funding to female students.

MCC Southern Lakes Campus Hosts Auto Swap

The SLBC Car Club, sponsored by the High School Consortium, will hold its annual Auto Swap Meet Sunday, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m., April 4 at SLBC. Admission is \$4 and the event will be held rain or shine. For more information, call the SLBC at (810) 762-5003. The SLBC campus is located at 2100 W. Thompson Road, Fenton.

MCC to Present Info Session on Part-time Teaching Opportunities

In an effort to address an ongoing need for instructors in several areas, MCC is sponsoring an information session on community college teaching opportunities from 5:30 to 7 pm, Wednesday, March 24 in the Applewood Café, Prahl Center. The event is free and open to the public. Anyone interested in attending must RSVP by March 19 by calling (810) 762-0212 or by Email to: resume@mcc.edu. Please note that this program is intended for informational purposes only and resumes will not be accepted at the event.

MCC presented its first information session exploring benefits of part-time teaching in June 2003. Pleased with the success of the inaugural event, organizers decided to offer it again this year. Participants will be provided with information explaining the rewards of part-time teaching, academic and professional qualifications, expectations and opportunities at MCC, salary and benefits and the hiring process. Participants will also have an opportunity to ask questions of associate deans and faculty members.

MCC Community Mourns Loss of Former Professors

James Campbell, who recently retired after a 37-year career as a history professor at MCC, passed away suddenly Feb. 20. A former president of the Flint Board of Education, Campbell was currently serving as secretary for the Board. A recipient of MCC's Humanitarian Award in 1999, Campbell was described by colleagues as a true humanitarian who made significant contributions to the community by promoting cultural diversity. He is credited with creating several courses on the history of various cultures.

Johnella Diggs, former MCC nursing professor, passed Feb. 17 after succumbing to a long battle with multiple sclerosis. Hailing from a family of teachers, Diggs entered nursing school at the age of 16. She was affectionately described as having a lifelong passion for children and spent her career in pediatrics. Active in the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of America and the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint, she retired from MCC in 1986.

MCC's First "College Goal Sunday" A Success

A number of students and parents took advantage of a free opportunity to get help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms at MCC's College Goal Sunday program, held Feb. 8 in the Regional Technology Center. More than 125 people, including students and their family members, showed up for College Goal Sunday, said Financial Aid Director Carlos Cisneros, who spearheaded MCC's participation in the statewide, joint effort. Local media outlets, ABC12, NBC TV25 and Fox 66 also showed up to cover the event. The College Goal Sunday program relies on volunteers and organizations to offer expertise and free financial aid assistance to moderate-income families and college-bound students. MCC was one of 10 Michigan College Goal Sunday locations and the only institution in Flint participating.

"Everything went really well," Cisneros said. "We were very pleased with the turnout. This was our first year. Anytime you can get 80 students or more to show up at an event, it's a success." Cisneros plans to hold the event at MCC again next year.



Last December, MCC sent a team to Lansing to participate in the "Cool Cities Conference" that featured presentations by Gov. Granholm, Robert Florida and others about revitalization of inner cities. The MCC team included (from L to R) Robert Matthews, Judith Cawhorn, Gary Corbin, Carol Andrus, Scott Jenkins, Marc Payne, Michael Kelly, Kelli Sproule, Chuck Thiel and Robert Loth.

President to Talk with Students at "Brown Bag Student Forum"

MCC President Richard Shaink is inviting Mott College students to meet with him to discuss ideas and voice any concerns they may have at the Brown Bag Student Forum. Students interested in participating should bring lunch. Listed are dates and locations for the Brown Bag Student Forum:

Thursday, March 18, noon-1: 30 pm, Prah Center, main campus
Wednesday, March 24, noon-1: 30 pm, MCC Lapeer Campus
Wednesday, April 14, noon-1: 30 pm, Prah Center, main campus

Spring 2004 University Center Open House, March 31

Join Mott College and the University Center Partners as they celebrate the newly remodeled and renovated University Center at the Spring 2004 University Center Open House, 5 pm to 7 pm March 31 in the front hallway of the Mott Memorial Building. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

MCC's University Center Partners are: Cleary University (810) 232-8004, Eastern Michigan University (810) 762-0303, Ferris State University (810) 762-0461 and Rochester College (810) 762-0299.

Former Detroit Police Chief Signing New Book "In the Line of Duty" at MCC

Isaiah McKinnon Ph.D., retired Chief of Police for the City of Detroit, will sign copies of his new book "In the Line of Duty" from 1 to 5 pm Tuesday, March 23 in the Prah Center. Copies of the book will be on sale with proceeds going to the Widows and Orphans Fund for the Fallen Officers in Michigan. The event is free and open to the public.

McKinnon is credited for successfully revitalizing the Detroit Police Department and fostering working relationships with the community, regional and federal law enforcement agencies and the media. After retiring from serving as police chief, McKinnon assumed his present position as associate professor of education and human services at the University of Detroit Mercy and works as a motivational-educational speaker. He also hosts a WDIV-TV program on public safety called "Stay Safe With Ike."

Chester D. Smith Outstanding Staff Awards

The Chester D. Smith Outstanding Staff Awards will be presented at the Spring Reception April 15. Seven of your fellow faculty and staff members will be recognized for their excellent performance. Nomination forms are available throughout the campus and on the MCC website. The nomination deadline is March 12, at 5:00 p.m.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2 Faculty Professional Development Training 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Genesee Room	3	4	5	6 PAL basketball Tournament 7 a.m.- 3 p.m. Ballenger	7 Volleyball 3:30 - 9 p.m. Ballenger
8	9 Quizmasters League 3 - 6 p.m. Ballroom	10	11 Wild Ones 6 - 9:30 p.m. Genesee Room	12	13	14 Volleyball 3:30 - 9 p.m. Ballenger
15	16 Dental Advisory Meeting 5 - 9 p.m. Applewood Café	17	18 Daniel Mulhern Granholtm • Michigan's First Gentleman 7 p.m. Applewood Café	19 M-TEC Board Meeting • 7:30-9:30 p.m. RTC 2301	20 Science Olympiad 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. RTC, CM, Fieldhouse ETA PHI BETA Sorority Meeting 11:30a.m. - 2p.m. Genesee Room	21 PAL basketball Tournament 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Ballenger Volleyball 3:30 - 9 p.m. Ballenger
22 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30-10 p.m. Prah North Ballroom	23 Open Forum 2:30 - 4 p.m. Gorman College & Cultural Ctr. Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30-9:30 p.m. RTC 1005	24 MCC Informational Session on Teaching Opportunities 5 - 7:30 p.m. Applewood Café	25 Friends of Mott Library Board Meeting Noon Quest Center	26	27 PAL basketball Tournament 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Ballenger	28 Volleyball 3:30 - 9 p.m. Ballenger Jazz Ensemble Concert MMB Auditorium Concert at 3 p.m.
29	30 Bruin Club Board of Directors Meeting 1 - 2 p.m. Genesee Room American Assoc. of Univ. Women 7-8:30 p.m. Genesee Room	31				



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