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"Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

MCC's Newly Renovated Gorman Science Center in Spotlight

Mott Community College has made a major new commitment to Science and Math with the \$3.2 million renovation of the Gorman Building, which was rededicated as the Gorman Science Center during a special ceremony and family-friendly open house held Oct. 24. The event was well-attended, with a host of community leaders and families with children on hand to view the state-of-the-art facility. The new Gorman Science Center features laboratories for Anatomy and Physiology, Zoology, Geology, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, Microbiology, Astronomy, Mathematics and more, including one of the finest Geology Museums in Michigan. The Open House celebration featured a variety of family-friendly activities, including tours of the Geology museum and Math Empowerment Center, an opportunity to watch slime and "gak" being made in the chemistry laboratory and viewing of live tarantula spiders and boa constrictors in the zoology lab. "Mott Community College recognizes the critical need for stronger Science and Math education in our economy," stated MCC President M. Richard Shaink. "MCC has made a major commitment to strengthening Science and Math here in Genesee County."



Flint Journal Publisher David Sharp (left) assists Dr. Shaink with unveiling of plaque featuring likeness of Michael A. Gorman.

MCC Announces Partnership with Davenport University

In yet another sign of cooperation among area higher education institutions, Mott Community College and Davenport University have signed an articulation agreement that will help MCC graduates complete complete four-year degrees at Davenport. A host of administrators, faculty and staff from both institutions were on hand to witness Davenport University Provost Tom Brown, MCC President M. Richard Shaink, MCC Interim Vice President Jessie Sirna and Wilma Mitchell, Director of the Davenport University-Flint Location, sign the agreement at a special ceremony held Oct. 5 in the Alumni Room. Under the agreement, students who earn an Associate's degree at MCC can have their completed degree transferred and applied toward a bachelor's degree at Davenport University, without having to take duplicative course work. Students have the option of completing three years of classes at MCC and then transferring to Davenport University to complete their bachelor degrees. Davenport University serves students through its main campus in Grand Rapids, multiple locations in Michigan (including several nearby in Flint, Saginaw, Bay City, Midland and Lapeer), in northern Indiana and online.



Dr. Shaink, Davenport Provost Tom Brown and Davenport's Flint Location Director Wilma Mitchell, sign the MCC--Davenport University articulation agreement, as Christopher Marx, Davenport University Director of Transfer Articulation, looks on.



Congratulations to Head Basketball Coach **Steve Schmidt**: he's being inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. The annual induction banquet will be held Dec. 2 at Genesys Health Club, beginning with a reception at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$45 and available by calling Jerry Topolinski at (810) 695-6990.

Health Services Counselor **Sharee Tolbert** reminds us that the Visiting Nurses of Greater Flint will be on campus Nov. 8 from noon -3 pm to administer flu shots in Health Services, Prah Center Room 220. The cost is \$28.

Social Sciences Dean **Margaret Brainard** brings news from the Criminal Justice area. **Dr. Avon Burns**, Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program, will be a key speaker at the Youth Projects Female Expo "Finding Your Personal Power," on Nov. 9 and 16 at Camp Copneconic. Funding for the event is provided through the Bureau of Juvenile Justice and the Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice. At each one-day session, Dr. Burns will speak on the "Power of Decisions." Adjunct Instructor **Lucille Bigelow** will also take part in a session entitled "Powerful Women Speak" at the Expo. Brainard said, "Congratulations to Dr. Burns for her exemplary role as a leader at Mott Community College and in the community!"

Nail Tech Instructor **Angela Schlager** shares news from MCC's Transitions School of Cosmetology Careers. Students in the cosmetology dept -- all 35 of them -- along with three staff members, took part in the Making Strides Against Breast cancer walk and raised over \$900. Also, the cosmetology, nail tech, estheticians students are selling coupon books for \$20. Adds Angela: "They are full of great hairstyle, nail and facial service deals. Call us for more information at 232-8012 or come over to the Cosmetology School to purchase them. This a very important fundraiser to raise funds for our Chicago beauty show trip in March."

Here's news from the Art area: Graphic Design Coordinator **Mara Jevera Fulmer** tells us that an article about "Se(a) Crossings..." her multi-channel video/audio and mixed media installation, appeared in the summer edition of the scholarly e-journal *InterCulture* published out of Florida State University. View it at <http://iph.fsu.edu/interculture/vol3sum06.html>.

Buckham Gallery's current exhibit "HeArt Rate" features many artists from the MCC Art Department including: **Thom Bohnert, Tom Nuzum, Cate Smith, John Dempsey, Doug Hoppa, Paul Hauth, and Mara Fulmer**. Mara was in NYC for the Humanities Technology Association conference in early October and gave a multimedia presentation titled "Artistic Intersections with Social Research: Narrative Portraits of Recovery from Homelessness" based on her recent art series created for Wayne State University: the "Telling My Story at the edge of recovery..." exhibit, which is currently installed at Wayne State's College of Nursing through mid-November.

The MCC Fine Arts Gallery is presenting an exhibition of work by Detroit area artist **Steven Rost** titled, "Step Back/Step Forward; Mixed Media Installation/Photography and Sculpture" Nov. 6-Nov. 21. He will give a public presentation Monday, Nov. 6 at 1 pm in Room 129 of the Visual Arts and Design Center. Gallery hours are 9 am-4:30 pm Monday-Friday. This event is made possible by the Ballenger Trust.

Music Coordinator/Professor **Chuck Iwanusa** lets us know that the MCC Jazz Combo performed at the Oct. 17 luncheon meeting of the Clio Rotary at the Clio Country Club. Northern Tier Center Site Coordinator **Desiree Londrigan** assisted the Clio Rotary in planning the event. Chuck is the director of the Jazz Combo.

English Prof. **Julie Steffey** provides a report on activities from her

area. MCC is hosting the Fall 2006 Greater Flint Educational Consortium's K-16 Writing Conference: "Enhancing Writing Instruction: The Michigan Merit-ACT and Beyond," Friday, Nov. 3 from 8:30 am-2 pm. MCC's keynote speaker will be **Kelly Sassi**, co-author of *Writing on Demand: Best Practices and Strategies for Success*, and MCC English teachers **Bill Reich** and **Glenn Harris** will be two of the many middle school-university presenters for the conference's concurrent sessions. We expect approximately 90 K-16 English teachers to attend.

Counselor **Brian Ivory** served as Weekend Facilitator for the annual fall conference for the Michigan Honors Association Oct. 7 and 8 in Roscommon at the McMullen Retreat Center. "In this role, I was responsible for the opening and closing circles, two afternoon workshops and an evening film followed by discussion. MCC was well represented with seven honors students in attendance. Kudos should go to **Heather Sisto** who was the lead organizer for the entire retreat," Brian reported.

The Friends of the Mott Library's Annual Art Auction was a success, reports **Denise Hooks**, Director of Mott Library Services. Denise tells us that the group sold 112 pieces of art, totaling nearly \$6,000 for the Friends. Special thanks go to **Bill Reich, Kathleen Goodrow, Manosha Joseph, Lisa Poma, Becky Gale-Gonzalez, Sally Shaink, Jennifer Young-Sedlow, Kathy Burton, Bev Vargo, Joy Martinbianco, Daisy Johnson, Mary Meeker, Jim Drummond, Mary Lou Sullivan, Kathy Suski, Sherry Rosenberger, Linda Rutherford, Mike Ugorowski, Martha Lewis, Diana Hiles, Sam Goodrow, Kristen Hooks, Paul Holdren**, the MCC Wrestling Club, **Tony Caldwell**, the MCC Cheerleaders and our musical guest, **Patti Estep**. Businesses and individuals who sponsored or donated items for the event were: **Grayce Scholt, Sue Lossing, Joe Richvalsky** - Richvalsky Realty, **Danelle Nelms** - Mary Kay, **Julie Griffiths** - Attorney, **Dave Goodrow** - Quality Plus Automotive, **Joy Martinbianco** - TGI Direct, A.O.S. Tent Rentals, **Deb Robb** - Something Used, Something New Consignments, **Paul Gaudette** - Castle Rock Construction, **Becky Gale-Gonzalez** - The Gardening Girl, Creative Catering, Airgas, Italia Gardens, Luigi's Restaurant, **Lisa Poma, Sherry Rosenberger**, and Sorrentos. Prizes were awarded to: **Carol Gatza, Joann Preseau, Heinz Pzfitzer, Amy Fugate, Norma Buzzard, Jennifer Young-Sedlow, Maureen Schlott, Robert Dudock, and Nickie Steinhoff**. More good news: **Denise Hooks** has been appointed to the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Denise represents area Academic and Special Libraries on the Board. She will serve on the Strategic Planning and Resource Sharing committees.

Music Instructors **Mari Yancho** and **Mary Procopio** provided dinner music (flute & guitar) for the MCC Distinguished Alumni Dinner Oct. 17.

Educational Systems' **Margaret Bourcier** provides some well-deserved recognition for Technical Support **Lionel Keener**. "Lionel has worked here for years on 2nd shift as the technical support to the classrooms and runs the computer labs. So many people complain that there is no one to call after 5 pm, but here we've had Lionel for at least ten years. I guess it's an "out of sight, out of mind" scenario. He is a good, reliable worker and should get some credit."

Interim Dean of Humanities/Philosophy Prof. **Bruce Dutra** tells us English Prof. **Greg Shafer** has recently published a new book, entitled *Linguistics for College Freshmen and Sophomores: Non Majors, Welcome!*

Curriculum Office Secretary **Laurie LaCross-Wright** and husband, Rusty, have a new blues CD on the market, and it is doing very well. The band's name is Rusty Wright Blues and the 13-song CD (released on the Sadson Music label) is called *Ain't No Good Life*. The music falls into the electric blues genre, with some of the songs leaning toward a southern rock vibe. Adds Laurie: "My husband, Rusty and I

front the five-piece act. Audio clips are available on our website: www.rustywrightlbues.com and CDs and downloads can be purchased there as well as www.cdbaby.com. Any day we expect the CD to be available on amazon.com and iTunes, as well as other online music outlets. We are currently receiving airplay on most of the blues radio shows in Michigan, and also stations in Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maine, Florida, California, Tennessee, Texas, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, and Argentina. Thanks to the Internet, we are also selling CDs to blues lovers in all those countries as well."

Retired Social Work Prof. **Sharon Eisen** has been appointed to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners Senior Citizen Advisory Committee for the term Oct. 1, 2006 until Oct. 1, 2007.

Professional Development Coordinator **Sherry Bradish** wants us to know that MCC served as a cosponsor of the 2006 Lilly North Conference held Sept. 14-17, and was well-represented with MCC faculty. This highly regarded conference attracts faculty from colleges and universities across the state and nation, focusing on teaching that supports student learning based on research. The conference theme, "Learning So Everyone Teaches" reflected the interest of MCC attendees at the Thursday through Sunday sessions. **Becky Garske**, Social Sciences Division, presented "Strategies to Engage and Inspire the Older Non-Traditional Student;" **Larry Juchartz, Michele Dunnun, Bill Reich, Kim Owens** and **Christy Rishoi** of the Humanities Division presented "Minding Our P's and Q's: Power and Questions in the Classroom;" **Heather Sisto**, Humanities Division and Honors Program, presented "Helping Students Find Their Voice in the Research Paper" in a Participant Idea Exchange session. MCC conference participants also included **Robert Benard** and **Lynn Thigpen** (Information Technology), **Linda Burgess** and **Michelle Montpas** (Health Sciences), **Jennifer Fillion, Gail Knapp, Elizabeth Lamble, Susan Lechota** and **Brenda Zicha** (Social Sciences), **Virginia Rucks** and **Brian Ivory** (Counseling & Student Development), **Jackie Knoll** and **Beverly Vargo** (Humanities) and **Mike Thompson** (Curriculum). They will share information and make recommendations for workshops and presenters for future professional development activities at MCC.

From Human Resources Generalist **Susan Praski**: Human Resources will be hosting a retirement fair Nov. 13-17. TIAA-CREF, MPERS, Social Security and the Hantz Group will be on campus throughout the week conducting presentations and providing question and answer sessions. More information is forthcoming.

Health Science Profs. **Dianna Lape** and **Louise Kashubosky** attended the first annual conference held for the Registered Nurse Association in Michigan (RN-AIM) in Holland, during the month of September. This nursing organization, RN-AIM has evolved to promote professional nursing practice and healthcare in Michigan. Louise Kashubosky was voted into the office of Region 4 Liaison Representative and Dianna Lape will represent MCC on the Student Nurse Liaison Committee.

MCC hosted the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer rally on Oct. 14 again this year, an annual event to raise awareness and dollars to fight breast cancer, reported Human Resources Assistant Cindy Sanders. This year, MCC had about 75 students, faculty and staff participate by collecting donations and taking part in the walk. "Thank you to all of the walkers for collecting money and taking time out of their weekend to walk for a worthy cause," she said. "Also, thank you to everyone who donated money supporting the walk. Thank you to Michael Kelly, Director of Public Information, for providing the MCC T-Shirts for the walkers. The Cosmetology staff and students collected over \$900 as a group. The MCC Team collected a total of over \$3,200 this year. Congratulations to all!"

Ballenger Lecture Series



MCC presented the Fall 2006 installment of the Ballenger Eminent Persons Lecture Series with an intriguing topic focusing on Flint's future on Oct. 26. A diverse group of young entrepreneurs comprised a panel to discuss: "The Future of Flint: New Voices of the Entrepreneurial Spirit" at the Ballenger program, which was held

at the MCC Regional Technology Center. Participants included Ridgway White, project manager for Uptown Reinvestment and Dayne Walling, Research Fellow, Genesee Institute at the Genesee County Land Bank and Community Challenge Representative. Serving on the panel were: Tracy Atkinson, owner of Pages Bookstore; Rhoda Matthews, owner of a family business and Flint Club Executive Director; Emmanuel Johnson, independent filmmaker; Tyrone Kirkland, e-commerce business owner; Todd Onweller, Artist and Manager of Red Ink Studios; Chad Swiatecki, online entrepreneur and Bryan Sutton, inventor. An Entrepreneur Informational Fair featuring local economic development organizations, business associations and advertising opportunities with local media outlets was also set up in conjunction with the discussion.

MCC Website Enhanced

MCC's website received quite a bit of attention over the spring and summer: www.mcc.edu has grown to more than 1,500 pages! General housekeeping through page changes and constant attention by the web production team assures that the website remains as current and relevant to our students as possible. The website has become the one source of updated information about all of the college's services, programs and events. Campus maps and driving directions to all MCC satellites have been enhanced, identifying wireless access locations and safety information. A new page change form was implemented that streamlines the process through intense collaboration between web developers Linda Motter and John Tyler. The new form allows users to do file attachments and automatically assigns the page title and URL. Truly the remote office tool -- it allows us to extend our work day if we choose to, or go to conferences and maintain communication with staff and coworkers to provide timely service. Please take time to visit www.mcc.edu -- and visit often!

Visions of the Nile: In Picture and Print

The Mott Library is participating in the community-wide initiative "Visions of the Nile," featuring selections from the Mott Library collection reflecting the history, art and archaeology of ancient Egypt and the Mid-east's influence on the west. This exhibit will be on display until mid-January 2007 in the library's showcase. Library Staff members Martha Lewis and Kathy Suski designed the showcase and collected the books and items for display. Special recognition goes to former MCC employee Waltraud Schlanszky for loaning items from her collection of King Tut memorabilia. The Mott Library is open Monday - Thursday, 8 am - 9 pm, Friday, 8 am - 5 pm and Saturday/Sunday, Noon - 5 pm. The Mott Library is open to the public and members of the community are eligible to borrow materials. Registration for circulation privileges will be available all hours that the library is open. Books in the circulating display may be checked out for one week.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	Art & Architecture of Egypt 9:30-10:30a.m. • MMB 3 Egypt Beyond the Pharaohs 11-12p.m. • MMB	4 "Forget Me Not" (Film done in Sign Language 5-9p.m. MMB Auditorium	5
6 Dolora (Roth) Smith Dedication 5:30 VADC	7	8 Sierra Club Meeting 5:30-10 p.m. Genesee Room	9 Wild Ones 7-9:30 p.m. Genesee Room	10	11	12
13 Audubon Society Meeting 5:30-10 p.m. Genesee Room	14	15	16	17 Flint River Watershed Coalition Meeting 8:30-11a.m. Genesee Room	18	19
20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Holiday Campus Closed	24 Thanksgiving Holiday Campus Closed	25	26
27 Board of Trustees Meeting • 7:30-10 p.m. Prah Ballroom, Oct. 23	28 College & Cultural Ctr. Neighborhood Assoc. 7-9 p.m. • RTC 1005	29	30			



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