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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

--Aristotle

Campaign 2004 brings John Edwards to MCC

Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards visited Flint last month, addressing a throng of supporters at a rally outside the MCC Regional Technology Center Friday, Aug. 13. The running mate of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry drew a crowd of 1,500 and a large amount of local and national media (there were several live TV broadcasts from the RTC). Kerry also visited MCC campus back in February when a rally drew more than 750 people to the RTC. MCC has served as the venue of choice for a host of political luminaries, including then-President Bill Clinton, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, various federal cabinet secretaries, senators and congressmen.



MCC Public Safety Forms Youth Leadership Council at MMC

Fifteen Mott Middle College (MMC) students have completed a leadership development program under a new opportunity with the Mott Community College Public Safety Department. MCC was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the National Association of Police Athletic Leagues to begin a PALS youth leadership council with middle college high school students. MMC students Amanda Schwerin and Justin Oskey represented Michigan at the National Youth Leadership Conference in Orlando, Fla. The MMC students, accompanied by MCC's PALS sponsor, Antionetta Williams, were among 315 students from across the nation attending the conference. The MMC students were praised for their leadership efforts at the national conference.

This youth leadership council is supervised by Sgt. Theresa Lock with the support of the PAL Youth Leadership Council Board of Directors. The long established National Association for Police Athletic Leagues initiated the youth leadership leagues to give youth positive, adult-supervised activities to experience during non-school hours. From March 2004 to July 2004, MCC's PAL participants accomplished the following goals as outlined in MCC's grant proposal: 1) community activism, 2) leadership skill development, 3) attendance of activities outside of regular school hours, 4) team building, and 5) participation in local, state and national level leadership conferences.

Mott Community College's PAL council members hope this year was just the beginning toward development of a strong Michigan Youth Leadership Council. The Public Safety department plans to pursue additional grant support for the new collaborative program. Special congratulations and thanks are in order for major support from MCC Vice President of Administration Scott Jenkins, MCC Director of Public Safety Clydell Duncan and Sgt. Matika Fisher of MCC Public Safety.



Anthropology instructor **Jennifer Fillion** spoke to the sunrise breakfast meeting of the Clio Rotary Club Tuesday, Aug. 17. Her presentation, An Introduction to Forensic Anthropology, introduced the field of forensic anthropology and the contributions it can make to medical and legal investigations. She also highlighted a new MCC course, ANTH 210: Forensic Anthropology, which gives students a hands-on approach to learning the techniques of forensic anthropology.

MCC Lapeer Extension Director **Wanda Dowdall** reports lots of news from Lapeer. Part-time Health Sciences instructor in Lapeer, **Peggy Quinlan-Bush**, was recently elected President of the Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education. Peggy has served as trustee on the Board for many years. Lapeer Public Safety Officer, Sgt. **Brian Sepanak**, is beginning his second year as trustee on the Swartz Creek Board of Education. Finally, Wanda Dowdall herself was recently elected to a second term to serve as secretary on the Chatfield School Board of Directors.

Social Work Professor **Sharon Eisen** shares the news that **Leonard Meizlish** became a grandfather to a little boy in August. It is his first grandchild.

English Professor **Greg Shafer** has an essay that will be published in the September

English Journal titled "Reforming Writing, Rethinking Correctness." He also has an essay that is being published in the September edition of *Teaching English in the Two Year College* titled "Exceptional James."

MCC Communications/Film Instructor **Dennis Ferrara** announces the Fall Continuing Education series "Dying to Get In," offering non-credit courses that provide information on funeral and estate planning, art, history and culture of cemeteries, and related topics. Course titles include: "Before Death Visits," "Stones and Bones," "Cemetery Walking Tour," "Graceful Exits" and "Creating a Living Legacy." For details, call (810) 762-0390 or pick up the Fall 2004 Continuing Education Non-Credit Schedule at the CE Office, 1117 Curtice-Mott.

Dennis Hughes, Design Engineering Technology Professor, proudly reports that this summer his wife Mathematics Professor **Christine Hughes**, completed the Chicago Land Triathlon. It was her first triathlon. Dennis says: "She completed it in a respectable time, although I'm not sure what the time was."

From **Sharon Ewles** in Human Resources comes information about an instructor position opening. HR is currently accepting applications for a full-time Information Technology Instructor. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science or Computer Information Systems, or a closely related degree with equivalent education and experience. Applicants must possess two years of recent professional work experience in a computer programming field, with emphasis in the web and/or Unix fields. The official and complete posting can be accessed at www.mcc.edu.

Congratulations to Ken and Bobbi Arthur on the birth of baby girl on August 31. Alexis Ann, is 7lbs, 6 ounces and 20" long. Mom, Dad and baby are resting comfortably.



Business Professor **Bettie Goodman** had an "awesome experience" abroad this summer, attending two professional conferences. The 76th International Conference of SIEC/ISBE in Krakow, Poland was held July 26-30. The theme was "Teaching and Learning Business in a Country in Transition." There were workshops and seminars on a variety of topics, including "Professional Development for the International Business Educator" and "The Importance of Learning a Foreign Language." Tours to various enterprises were arranged, including Philip Morris and Motorola. A special tour was provided to visit Auschwitz and Birkenau. Prof. Goodman served as a voting delegate for the U.S. Chapter. She then traveled to Oxford, England to attend the Oxford Round Table at St. Anthony's College in the University of Oxford. The Round Table addressed some of the major issues affecting trade and financial relations between the European Union and the U.S. Papers were presented on several themes, including EU Banking Regulations, Financial Crime and Terrorist Financing, Corporate Governance and Financial Markets, EU-US Trade Disputes and the WTO, forming the basis for a number of interesting discussions. Tours were provided to the various colleges within the University and a closing banquet was held at Trinity College.

MCC Welcomes New Employees

Several new faculty/staff members have been added to the MCC fold. Renee E. Kirby began work as an accountant in the Accounting Department July 1. Scheduled to start new positions with the MCC faculty on Sept. 1 are: Tammy Reynolds Menzel, psychology instructor; Sonya A. Berkley, sociology instructor; Terrance J. Stewart, sociology instructor; Janine M. Johnson, nursing instructor; Tom Smith, music instructor; Michele H. Champagne, English instructor and Kimberly B. Owens, English instructor and Diane Gagne, American Sign Language interpreter, Learning Center. Welcome to the MCC family.

Deen Receives Promotion

Congratulations are in order for MCC's Delores Deen. She became Dean of Student Services July 14, after serving as Interim Dean of Student Services at MCC since 2002. Deen oversees all of the College's student services departments and functions, including Admissions, Career & Employment, Counseling & Student Development, Financial Aid, the Learning Center, Registrar & Cashier's Office and Student Life. She has worked at MCC in various capacities since 1981, previously serving as executive director of the Learning Center & DisAbility Services before assuming the Interim Dean of Student Services position. She holds a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University and a Bachelor's degree in special education from Western Michigan University.

Annual Lapeer Golf Outing

MCC's 14th Annual Lapeer Scholarship Golf Outing is set for Friday, Sept. 10 at Devil's Ridge Golf Club, 3700 Metamora Road in Oxford. The day begins with early registration at 7:30 am, followed by a 7:45 am continental breakfast and shotgun start at 8:30 am. A buffet lunch and awards ceremony will take place between 1 and 2:30 pm. The cost for golf and lunch is \$90 per player; \$360 per foursome and \$460 for hole sponsor and foursome. Players are asked to adhere to a dress code of shirts with collars. Proceeds go to annual MCC scholarships for Lapeer residents. For more information, call the Foundation for Mott Community College at (810) 762-0425 or MCC Lapeer at (810) 667-4166.

Annual Garden Party Fundraiser

Mayor Don Williamson and First Lady Patsy Lou Williamson hosted the Foundation for MCC's Annual Garden Party Aug. 19. The Williamsons opened their home to 150 guests for the Garden Party, which featured a benefactor reception kicking off the evening at 5:30 pm, followed by a Friends reception. The event featured special entertainment which included a synchronized swimming show and also an opportunity for the guests to tour the Williamson estate. The event raised a total of \$26,000, and all net proceeds will be earmarked to MCC's Endowment Growth Initiative, which supports student financial assistance, professional development for faculty and staff and quality academic programming.

Righteous Rides, Blessed Bikes and MCC Scholarships

MCC Business Professor Urundi "Ron" Knox, who also serves as pastor of Ebenezer Ministries, spearheaded Ebenezer's Second Annual Righteous Rides & Blessed Bikes Car & Motorcycle Show held Aug. 22. More than 800 people showed up for the community event, which featured giveaways, food and entertainment by Ebenezer, classic cars and bicycles and a parade of motorcycles. Highlights of the program included a raffle for a 1971 Riviera and the presentation of two \$1,000 scholarships to MCC students Kevin Galloway and Roslyn White from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Unveiling of MCC Alumni Room

Mark your calendars for this special event, scheduled for Oct. 19 at 5 p.m., MCC Prah College Center. The unveiling will occur during the reception for the Distinguished Alumni Program which will be held in the Prah Center just prior to the dinner event.

Integrated Pest Management is subject of MCCGA open forum

The MCC Gardening Association (MCCGA) is hosting guest speaker, Gabriel Zawadzki, Americorp volunteer with the Genesee County MSU Extension Center. He will give an informative talk on Integrated Pest Management. The session will be held on Monday, Sept. 20 at 6 pm in the Genesee Room. There are many alternatives in dealing with disease and pest problems in and around your home and landscape. Zawadzki will give a comprehensive talk on these alternatives and their effect on the environment. The public is welcome, however space is limited. Please call 762-0455 to confirm attendance. Look for more gardening related topics in future publications and visit our website at: www.mccgardening.edu

Blood Mobile to Make Stop at MCC

The American Red Cross blood services blood mobile will set up their traveling donation center on campus Tuesday Sept. 21 from 11 am to 4:45 pm, in the Prah College Center ballroom. Appointments can be made by calling 762-0455. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments will be given first preference. The process of intake and donation takes a full hour. Participants can prepare for donation by making sure they have had a good breakfast and something again one hour before donating. To bulk up your iron, eat foods such as red meat, fish, poultry, and liver which are high in iron. Other good sources of iron are fortified cereals, beans, raisins and prunes. Eating foods rich in Vitamin C help the body absorb the iron you eat. Volunteer blood donations are the only source of blood products for hospital patients. Save a life, donate blood.

Breast Cancer Event at MCC

The MCC team is gearing up to participate in the American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk set for 9 am Saturday, Oct. 9 here on the MCC campus. Registration starts at 7:30 am with an opening ceremony following at 8:30 am. The College was well represented last year by a group of 80 walkers, who were among the 5,000 whose strides helped to raise a total of \$260,000 toward the fight against breast cancer. The MCC team raised nearly \$6,000 for the cause last year.

If you are interested in joining MCC's Making Strides team or to make a donation, contact one of these MCC employees: Desiree Londrigan, Cindy Sanders, Janet Westhoff, Regina Mosely, Dr. Joyce Toet, Wanda Dowdall, or Rebecca Gale-Gonzalez.

A Stack of News from the Friends of the Mott Library

The Friends 2005 membership drive is well underway. Look for our bookmark in the MCC Coordinated Campaign packet. Joining the Friends of the Mott Library is easy: just check number 484 on the Coordinated Campaign form.

Mark your calendars for the Friends of the Mott Library Art Auction, "A Change of Art" on Thursday, Oct. 14. Enjoy browsing a stunning collection of art, a preview begins at 5 p.m. with the Auction following at 6:15 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served and door prizes awarded. Admission is \$10 per person with proceeds benefiting the Mott Library. Tickets will go on sale soon. For details, call 762-0408.

Navajo Indian folklore is the theme of the next Friends of Mott Library book club discussion, on Monday, Oct. 25 at noon in the Mott Library Quest Center. The selected reading is *Skinwalkers*, by Tony Hillerman, a murder mystery novel with many twists and turns. It's sure to be a page turner. RSVP to 762-0455.

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6	7	8	9	10 Lapeer Golf outing 8:30 a.m. Devil's Ridge Golf Club	11	12
13	14	15	16 Michigan Alliance of Direct Support Professionals 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • Prahl	17 Fridays at Applewood 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Applewood Café	18	19
20 IPM 7-9 p.m. Prahl Genesee Room	21 Red Cross Blood Drive 11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Prahl South Ballroom	22	23	24	25	26
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