



# Mount Observer

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a voice for the students of mount wachusett community college

## Dean Bates attends historic inauguration in D.C.

BY ASHLEY ARSENEAU

On the day the 44th President of the United States of America took the oath of office, Dr. Vincent Bates, Mount Wachusett Community College Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, Math, Education and Developmental Studies, knew he had to be there from the minute President Barack Obama became the democratic nominee, knowing Obama would win the presidential race.

"It was just momentous," said Dr. Bates, when asked about his experience of attending the inauguration on January 20th. Bates got special permission from MWCC President Daniel Asquino to take the historical inauguration day off even though it was the first day of the spring semester. Also, Bates didn't even have tickets to the inauguration itself but stood at the National Mall in Washington D.C where he watched the oath of office on the fourth jumbotron screen back near the Smithsonian castle, with millions of other people gathered to see history take place.

At 9 a.m., two hours before the inauguration was set to take place, the Lincoln Memorial Concert, from two days before, was replayed for the crowd. According to Bates, when country singer Garth Brooks sang "Shout" about 1 million people sang along. When any pictures of Obama were showed on the screen the whole crowd just went wild. "It was a good mo-

ment," Bates said. When the oath of office started, low, black, or white. We were all one people. We all helped put him



Bates said that everyone was just so focused and when Chief Justice John Roberts said the words "Mr. President" to Obama, there was a "tremendous ovation from the entire crowd. Everyone was hugging everyone, if they knew them or not, and cheering."

"I was so joyous of the moment, I was proud I was a black man," Bates said. "But I was also proud to be an American. We weren't different people, we weren't yel-

low, black, or white. We were all one people. We all helped put him

in office, we were all just Americans." The next day when Bates woke up and turned on the news, he heard that there were no police incidents in Washington D.C. the entire day before. Because of this, Bates felt that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream had finally been realized and he says he just hopes it can be sustained.

## New changes at the Fitness Center

BY LINDSEY WASHBURN

The Fitness and Wellness Center now has several membership options for students, according to Steve Washkevich, director of the center, in an email on January 12th.

The new options available to full time students are \$48.00 for a semester of unlimited use, \$35.00 for a semester of limited use (11:00am to 3:00pm only), \$35.00 for a month of unlimited use, or \$5.00 to just drop in. A summer membership would be \$48.00 if purchased during the school year. These options replace the previous rate of \$60.00 per semester.

In the same email, Washkevich explained that he had been approached by the Student Government Association about a possible reduction in student rates. Proposing and defining the new rates took about six weeks from start to finish. In addition to Washkevich, the SGA, President Asquino and Vice President Terceiro, were all involved in the process.

Many area seniors, adults and families, use the Fitness and Wellness Center alongside MWCC students. "The revenue

produced by these groups must meet the expenses to keep the building open. We are working very hard at becoming more efficient in the operation while finding new avenues of revenue," wrote Washkevich. "We're working hard at keeping the Fitness Center the best value in fitness."

Washkevich also said that closing the pool had been discussed, "along with everything else at the college, to see where we could save some money." However, despite the sudden and all-encompassing budget crunch the Fitness and Wellness Center pool will remain open. "So far it has been

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determined that it is in the best interest of the facility and its membership to keep the pool open. The pool is an important part of the Fitness Center membership and the community at large," wrote Washkevich, director of the Fitness and Wellness center in an email on January 12th.

Washkevich praised the new Aquatics Director, David Graham, for the work he has done to increase the pool's use and revenue.

The pool offers swimming lessons, birthday parties, the masters swim program, aqua classes, lifeguard and water safety instructor training, and free swim periods. The Gardner High swim team, the Greenwood swim team and the Wachusett swim team all use the pool at the fitness center.

In all, about 835 swimmers use the pool weekly, Washkevich said in the same email.

## Helping students achieve their Visions

BY ASHLEY ARSENEAU

*"It's nice to come to work in the morning," - Joyce Kulig, Visions advisor*

The Trio Student Support Services, also known as Visions, has been helping Mount Wachusett Community College students obtain college degrees for over thirty years. Even in hard economic times like these, the program hasn't cut any of their services. Being federally funded, unlike the college, they have not had any budget cuts.



Visions students had a lot to say when asked recently about the program. "I joined because I thought they would help me do well in school," said Samantha Charter, 18. The freshman Liberal Arts student said she mostly used the English tutoring and computer lab on her papers.

According to the Vision's page on the Mount's website, the program has its own tutors in math and English which are available for group or private sessions. Their transfer counselor will accompany students

on campus tours of four year universities to make sure they are seeing the right things and asking the right questions. They put on weekly seminars and workshops on different subjects such as study tips and time management skills. Also, Visions has its own computer lab that offers free printing and a quiet place for their students to use for studying and homework.

Mike Carton, 21, first year Liberal Arts major, said the program helps students financially and academically. "It's good to have someone to check in with," Carton added. He also said that Visions gets students involved in school.

The Visions Brochure states that the program staff members will also counsel students about transferring, academics, career, and personal matters.

Joyce Kulig, Visions Learning Disabilities Specialist, describes Visions as a "home away from home" for its students. Her door

is open for everything, even borrowing a pencil.

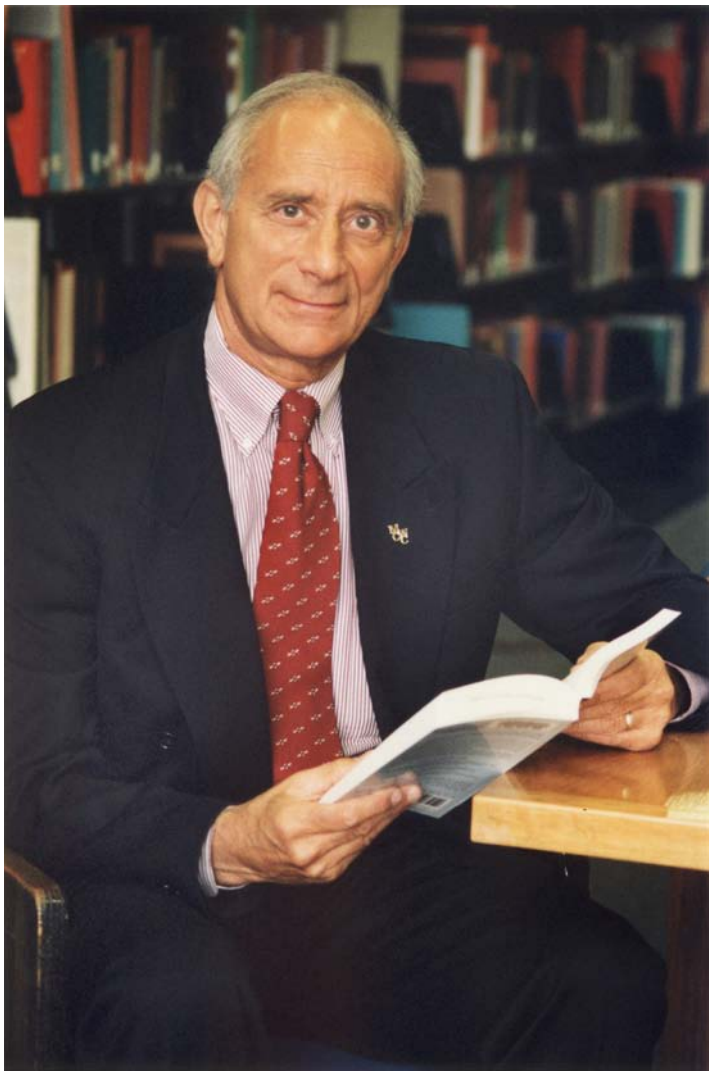
"It's nice to come to work in the morning," said Kulig. She started at the Mount as a tutor for a short time before applying to be a Visions tutor. Ten years later Kulig said she loves the Visions students and the rest of the program's team of staff. She also said she respects the students very much, "they make me laugh and cry."

Kulig said to work for Visions you really have to be a "jack of all trades" and you have to know a little about all the departments at the college to help the students. Kulig added that the Visions program here is thankful to be so well supported by the rest of the Mount.

Guarav Khanna, program director, is satisfied with his job. "You're helping students achieve their dreams," Khanna said. He still advises students who have transferred to four year schools. *Continued p. 5*



## Congratulations on Achieving National Recognition



BY PRESIDENT DANIEL M. ASQUINO

In December, Mount Wachusett Community College received word from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching that we were one of 119 colleges and universities selected for its 2008 Community

Engagement Classification.

This is quite a distinction for our college, and one that could not be possible without the participation and commitment of our students. Therefore, congratulations are in order to all of you who have given so freely of your time and talents to serve

others in our communities through volunteerism and through

the service learning projects in your academic courses.

The Carnegie Foundation is an independent policy and research center that was founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1905 and chartered in 1906 by an Act of Congress, for the purpose of fostering continued improvement in teaching and learning in our country's schools. The Foundation recently created this new, elective Community Engagement Classification to capture a key component of many institutions' missions that are not represented in the national data on colleges and universities. In this second round of selection, MWCC was one of just nine community colleges recognized. We were chosen for the combined category of Curriculum Engagement and Outreach and Partnerships, which means we are succeeding in both of the key areas analyzed.

Colleges, like MWCC, elected to participate by submitting documentation describing the

nature and extent of our civic engagement. We did not have to look far, for every semester students, faculty and staff are reaching out to help the residents and businesses in our communities in creative and meaningful ways.

Similarly, for the second year in a row, MWCC has been named to the 2008 President's Honor Roll, a national honor granted to colleges and universities with exemplary community service activities.

MWCC students are among approximately three million college students who give more than 300 million hours of volunteer service each year in states across the country. It is your efforts that will help lead the way to a brighter future, at a time when the country needs your assistance most.

In his inaugural address, President Barack Obama reiterated his call to service:

"For as much as government can do and must do, it is ultimately the faith and determination of the American people upon which

this nation relies... What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility — a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task. This is the price and the promise of citizenship."

In the future, whether you are going out on job interviews or applying to transfer to a four-year college or university to continue your education, please emphasize the significance of your involvement. Whether you painted a mural to beautify downtown Gardner, organized a food drive, volunteered at a Habitat for Humanity site, administered flu vaccines to senior citizens or participated in any number of other service projects while a student at MWCC, recognize that it is this type of engagement — this type of initiative — that resulted in your college earning national recognition and answers the call to service being asked of us all.

### MWCC SELECTED FOR CARNEGIE FOUNDATION'S 2008 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CLASSIFICATION

Mount Wachusett Community College has been recognized as a college dedicated to community engagement by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. MWCC is one of 119 colleges and universities chosen nationally for the 2008 Community Engagement Classification. The college was selected for both the Curricular Engagement and Outreach and Partnerships categories.

Recent examples include human services majors at the Leominster and Devens campuses conducting a toy and clothing drive benefiting children and teenagers from state Department of Children and Families that currently live in Fitchburg/Leominster area foster homes. The human service majors also collected food, books and personal care items for soldiers stationed in Iraq. Nursing students assisted the Gardner Health Department with inoculating approximately 600 senior citizens at community flu clinics. Computer graphic design students created or redesigning websites of non profit organizations. MWCC students also conduct other food drives, participate in Habitat for Humanity projects, and participate in other community outreach programs

MWCC established the Center for Democracy and Humanity in 2005 to promote civic engagement, positive social change and healthier, more vibrant communities through innovative programming and partnerships.

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## Green Society Raises Money for Community Scholarships

BY DEBORAH LAMBERT

Hannah Peckham, member of the Green Society Club at Mount Wachusett Community College, said, "The club is concerned about environmental issues such as conservation, forestry, and horticulture."

Recently, the club made bird treats to sell at the Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOVA) Winter Fair. "All products made and sold by the Green Society are environmentally friendly," said Peckham. "The club members are advocates for a sustainable lifestyle. There are roughly about 15 active members at this time."

The club participates in several different categories of activities said Professor Tom Montagno, advisor to the club that was formed in the spring of 2002. "We do community service by volunteering at the Garlic and Arts Festival each year, primarily helping attendees properly dispose of their recyclable trash," said Montagno. "The club also volunteers at the Red Apple Farm Harvest Festival by running two of the X-Games, hay bale tossing, and cord wood stacking contests."

Another area of activity is fundraising by selling plants and, in the recent past, CFL light bulbs. "We have guest speak-

ers come in from time to time to talk to members and we sponsor appreciation dinners each semester for the active club members who graciously give up their time for these various activities," said Montagno.

Montagno said the club raises funds by selling plants a couple times a year. The plants are grown by the various Natural Resource Development (NRD) classes, such as Horticulture and Greenhouse Management. Montagno said since they grow the plants themselves, they are able to keep prices reasonable and make a decent profit. For the past 3 years the club has also sold CFL and LED bulbs which they purchase and then slightly mark up, still only charging \$1 each for the CFL bulbs.

Montagno explained that with the money raised, they purchase their members T-shirts that they have designed. They also attend various field trips and conferences, donating money to food drives here at the Mount, too. "But we save a majority of the money we raise," said Montagno. "We are saving money so that we can start a self-sustaining scholarship or two that might help NRD students purchase books."

The club will be involved in encouraging the college community to take advantage of the new single-stream recycling that has just started on campus. Liz Falcon, MWCC student, said that she was excited to see the newly displayed recycling bins around the campus. Falcon said, "I like to do what I can for the environment and the recycle bins should make it easy for everyone to do their small share." The multi-purpose recycle bins make it convenient because cardboard does not have to be separated from plastic or aluminum; it all goes into the same trash bin.

"The Green Society is a fun, dedicated, hard-working group of students," said Montagno. "Membership is open to anybody, not just NRD majors. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning about and helping to educate others on various environmental topics, such as global warming, energy conservation, alternative energy, recycling, gardening, composting, and invasive species, just to name a few."

The club meets every Wednesday during community hour, 12:30-1:30 p.m., in the greenhouse to discuss upcoming events.

## Tutoring and library reference helps Mount students

BY MEGHAN HUME

MWCC offers help to limit the stress students feel about school work and tests. These sources include The Academic Support Center and the MWCC LaChance Library.

JoAnn Brooks, Assistant Dean of Academic Support Services, works in the Academic Support Center where she supports tutoring and other services they offer for students in need of help. These services include a computer lab, extended time testing for students with disabilities, make-up testing, adaptive lab services, and e-tutoring. "Don't wait to get help," Brooks said. "As soon as students think they need help, they should get it."

Services are offered for all subjects in Room 116, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and on Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Gardner campus. The Leominster and Devens campuses also offer tutoring by appointment.

Students don't always make time to get help and embarrassment seems to be part of the issue, according to Brooks. "Unfortunately some students find it difficult to ask for help," said Brooks. "But once they come in and get help, they come back."

Approximately 3,000 student visits occur each fall and spring semester, according to Brooks. Those visits include the multiple times students come back for help in different subjects. "We're here to help students succeed; that's our mission," added Brooks.

The LaChance Library is another good source of help for students. Karen Shepardson, a nursing student at MWCC, has utilized both sources of help in the past. She received tutoring in math and went to the library for help in other subjects as well. "They [the library] did offer me help and were very willing to do so when I needed it for research papers that were assigned to me," said Shepardson.

The library employs staff members who help students with questions or problems. Heidi McCann, Reference and Instructional Services Librarian, is one of these staff members. "We help people with literally any questions they might have on any topic, whether it is an assignment-related question or something completely unrelated to school," said McCann. "If we don't know the answer, or are unable to help, we find out the best person to refer the question to."

The library offers help in person (Mon - Thurs, 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Fridays, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.); by telephone (tollfree 1-888-884-6922); by email (library@mwcc.mass.edu); chat (<http://www.myPlugoo.com/38NVRVVKR37T> or AOL/AIM with username mwcc librarian).

"I was never embarrassed to ask for help in the library but I was embarrassed to go to the Math tutor at the Academic Support Center," said Shepardson. "I know that other classmates of mine have also told me that they too were embarrassed to go there as well, but after going to the Academic Support Center a couple of times, it was more laid back and I didn't feel like the person in the corner with a dunce cap on (or as much)."

Like Brooks, McCann agrees that students find it embarrassing to seek help. "I think students are actually very often embarrassed, which is sad," said McCann. "What they don't realize is that every library staffer whose position and name tag reads 'librarian' is a trained information professional... we librarians all have a Masters in Library and Information Science."

If students find it embarrassing to get help face to face with someone they don't know, there are other options that are just as effective for help. "One way we help students feel less shy about asking for help is through our anonymous chat services; students love it!" said McCann.

When recommending study techniques, both Brooks and McCann suggest study groups, tutoring, and to ask professionals questions if need be. "In the library we offer private and group study rooms that students can book one week ahead of time, for several hours at a stretch," said McCann. According to Brooks, the Academic Support Center often has study groups with students that are tutored there. She also recommends taking a look at the study workshops and seminars that are offered at MWCC, as well.

For more information on either the Academic Support Center or the LaChance Library, read brochures or talk to staff in room 116; look McCann up on Facebook; email library@mwcc.mass.edu; or call 978-630-9333 (Academic Support Center). The Academic Support Center is also online at [www. http://www.mwcc.edu/services/asc/default.html](http://www.mwcc.edu/services/asc/default.html).

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## Auditions for Willy Wonka, Jr.

Press Release submitted by Theatre Department

Theatre at the Mount, Gardner, Massachusetts announces auditions for the children's musical Willy Wonka, Jr. Director Emily Smith, music director Katrina Caouette and choreographer Alison Laverdiere are looking for a large cast of children and teens (age 8 - 18) with singing, dancing and acting ability. Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world famous Candy Man and his quest to find an heir comes to life in this stage adaptation of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Auditions will be held by appointment only on Saturday, February 14 at 12 noon or 1:00pm for ages 8 - 12 and 2:00pm or 3:30pm for ages 13 - 18. To schedule an appointment call the Theatre at the Mount Box-office at 978 632-2403, or e-mail your appointment request to [box-office@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:box-office@mwcc.mass.edu). Auditions will be held in room 182.

Auditions will consist of singing and dancing auditions. Vocal selection and dance combination will both be taught at the audition. Some performers will also be asked to do cold-readings from the script. Performances of Willy Wonka are April 14, 15, 16, 17, at 9:30am and 12 noon; and April 18 at 11:00am and 2:00pm. Tentative rehearsal schedule is Sunday afternoons, Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning February 17.

For more information contact Professor Gail Steele at 978 630-9162 or visit the Theatre at the Mount web site at <http://theatre.mwcc.edu>

## Visions

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Khanna joined the program in 2003 as the transfer counselor after working in the Mount's enrollment services department. After registering a student for classes, he would most likely never see the student again. With the small amount of students in the Visions program, he can see students through their whole Mount journey. Khanna became the director in 2006. Khanna also said that the program has a "buffet of services" so every student can find something that helps them.

According to the MWCC Visions

Brochure, eligible students are those whose parents have not earned a four-year degree, who come from low income backgrounds, or who have disabilities. The program's 200 student limit requires all students to apply and be accepted on a first come first serve basis for applicants who fit into at least one of the 3 categories.

The website also stated that Visions students can choose to be registered for classes by a Visions staff member who knows them and their goals. Also, the program offers grant aid for qualified students, services for students with disabilities, cultural activities, and a few times a semester there will be events that feature a free meal, and various raffles.

Khanna also said Visions offers an alternative type of tutoring service called supplemental instruction in math and science. This is when a student signs up for a math 100, 120, 121, 160, or human bio 109 or 115 course and needs some extra help with the material. A tutor will be present in the class to help the student when necessary and to see what exactly the professor is teaching. Also the tutor is available to the student out of class for extra help. Unlike a regular tutor, being present in the classroom gives them a better grasp of what the student was taught.

The Website also stated that the program is one of 1,900 nationally federally funded Student Support Services Trio programs.

The program came about in the 1960s with the idea of providing equal access to higher education for everyone regardless of their background or financial situation.

According to the website, Trio is designed to help college students with their education until they earn an associates or bachelors degree. With the help of the Ronald E. McNair Achievement Program students can prepare for doctorate study. For those wishing to enroll in college after serving in the military, the Veterans Upward Bound program helps veterans make the transition into college life.

## What female faculty or staff member at MWCC has influenced students?

As part of a service learning project with Student Life, the Journalism students plan on asking MWCC students what female professor or staff member has influenced them the most on all three campuses. The top 12-14 women will be interviewed by the Journalism students and these profiles will be displayed in the cafeteria during Women's History Month in March, along with their photographs.

So be thinking...you could be one of the students asked!

## Public Notice of Upcoming Accreditation Review Visit by NLNAC

Mount Wachusett Community College is hosting a site review for initial accreditation of its Practical Nursing Program by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) on February 10-12.

The public is invited to visit with the team at a meeting scheduled for February 11 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the MWCC Gardner campus boardroom. For more information, contact Nancy Duphily at [nduphily@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:nduphily@mwcc.mass.edu).

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to: Sharon Tanner, Executive Director, The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006, or email: [stanner@nlac.org](mailto:stanner@nlac.org).

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#### Employer Panel - Inside Secrets to Getting a Job in Your Field

(Mon., Feb. 9th, 12:30 – 1:30 in the Commons)

A panel of local MWCC alumni employers will provide valuable tips for job seekers: what employers are looking for during an interview, how to stand out among other candidates, personal qualities and more. Some majors represented will be: CIS, CGD, HS, BA - marketing and accounting, and CJ.

#### Get a Grip on Your Career - Grab a Strong First Impression

(Tues., Mar. 3rd, 12:30 – 1:30 PM in the Murphy Room)

You know you've got the qualifications, but how can you stand out among other qualified candidates? Make employers want to talk to you. Patricia Brewerton, M.S., career development counselor, and Carol Cullins, assistant director - enrollment management will provide tips on developing a strong resume, tailoring your cover letter, and creating a portfolio guaranteed to impress. Learn how to gain a competitive edge through networking, presenting yourself with confidence and dressing for success.

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Groupies: "Snow Day"

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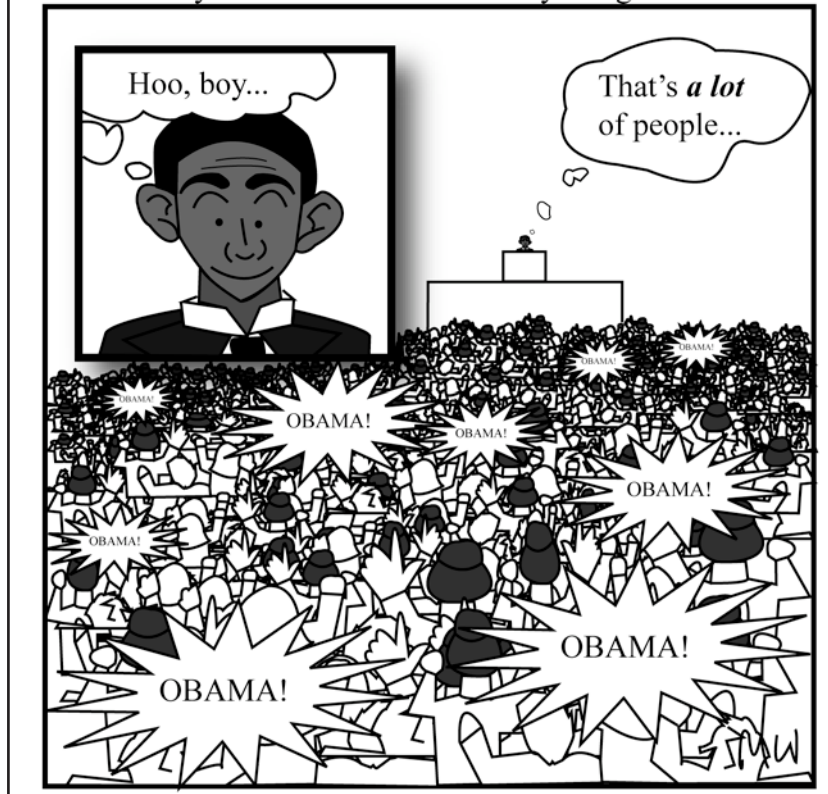
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"Numbers by the Thousands"

By: Megan Wessels



# Crossword

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**Across**

- 1 Boils
- 6 Betsy or Diana
- 10 Chose
- 14 Actress Darnell
- 15 In the know
- 16 Intense anger
- 17 Garret
- 18 Sleeping sickness carrier
- 20 Picture
- 21 Comic actress Madeline
- 22 Comforts
- 23 Evil spell
- 24 Vote
- 25 Jacob's offspring
- 26 Gypsy
- 29 Dutch commune
- 32 Printing types
- 34 Age
- 35 Terminated

**Down**

- 36 Plains Indian
- 39 Engraving
- 41 Ivy
- 42 Craft
- 44 Dagger parts
- 45 Time zone
- 46 Pantry
- 49 Piece out
- 50 Swear
- 51 Fed. agency (Abbr.)
- 54 Puppeteer Lewis
- 57 Kitchen appliance
- 58 Piece of cake
- 59 Sailboat
- 61 Broadcast medium
- 62 Porters
- 63 Letters
- 64 Summit
- 65 Not any
- 66 Close friend
- 67 Assistants

**Down**

- 1 Cut back
- 2 Offering
- 3 Alcohol
- 4 Blue-pencil
- 5 Pouch
- 6 Turn
- 7 Off the boat
- 8 British machine gun
- 9 Rummy
- 10 Tire part
- 11 Klutzes
- 12 Leer
- 13 Auto starters
- 19 Bench
- 21 Range of vision
- 24 Passport endorsement
- 25 Mosquito
- 27 Record
- 28 Action word
- 29 Having bad thoughts
- 30 Blemish

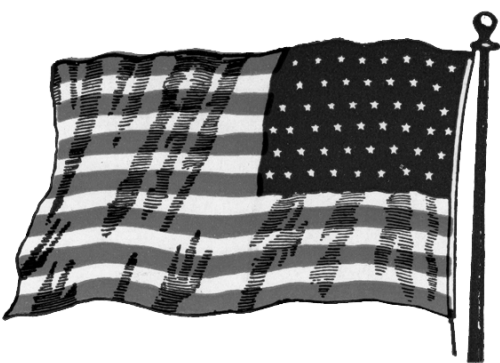
- 31 Energy units
- 32 Cover a road
- 33 Fleur-de-lis
- 35 Buckeye State
- 37 Detest
- 38 Gold (Sp.)
- 40 Dog breed
- 43 Anguish
- 46 Remove cream
- 47 Equally
- 48 Director Howard
- 49 Delete
- 52 Elevate
- 53 Speckles
- 54 Glance over
- 55 Nimbus
- 56 Solar disk
- 57 Viva voce
- 58 Hindu frock
- 60 Medical org.
- 61 Music co. inits.

# Mr. President

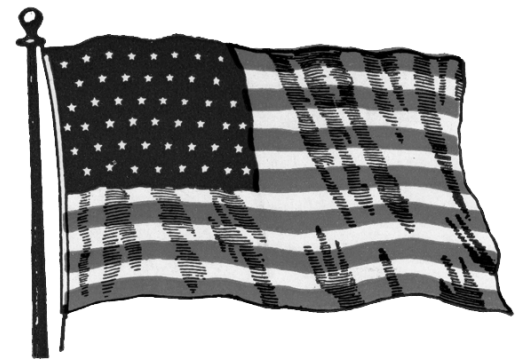
Students write messages to President Obama

Dear Mr. President,  
 Congratulations on  
 everything! I just want  
 you to know that I support  
 you 100% in everything  
 that you have chosen to  
 do. Change is everything  
 and I'm glad you're about  
 to bring it. =) Keep up the  
 good work!  
 Shawnette McDowell

Dear Mr. President,  
 Congratulations on  
 becoming President!  
 I hope you do make  
 changes in this country  
 like you said you would  
 do. Keep up your good  
 work that has occurred  
 so far.  
 Betsy Cox



Dear Mr. President,  
 I trust you. =)  
 Lindsey Washburn



Dear Mr. President,  
 Congratulations! You are  
 amazing. =) Anyway, it's  
 nice that you got elected  
 and all that jazz, but we  
 seriously need to bring some  
 awareness to the public! You  
 have such avid supporters,  
 imagine what they could do!  
 I think we need volunteers  
 to do showings about  
 Darfur, Zimbabwe and other  
 countries in need. Let's  
 make it happen! (Seriously  
 you should. I know where  
 you live!)  
 Love and support,  
 Vanessa Lynch

Dear Mr. President,  
 I believe you  
 represent a unity  
 and change that this  
 nation has needed  
 for quite some time.  
 Please stand true to  
 your commitment to  
 this country.  
 Dawn Green





# Beyond the Beaker

Science Column  
By Lindsey Washburn



## My Sea Monkeys!

I get to have pets this semester in Biotech 120! Well ... not really pets. They're CHOs, Chinese Hamster Ovary cells, carrying a gene of interest. Our gene of interest is just a marker, so that we know the experiment was successful. In the real world CHOs are used to make proteins too complex to be made by bacteria.

Insulin, for example, can be grown in bacteria, and has been for years. But the transmembrane protein that is missing in cases of Cystic Fibrosis cannot. For such a complex, fancy-schmancy protein as the chloride channel, a more complex vector is needed. An appropriate vector is the CHO, which is many times larger (and much more similar to our own cells) than a bacterium.

We'll be growing our CHOs in incubators and bioreactors, suspended in nutritious broth. They

are delicate little buggers, and require a lot of care. They must be kept in a constant environment, which means acidity, temperature, oxygen and carbon dioxide levels must all be checked daily. Contamination spells the end of the entire (expensive) experiment. And all that extra checking, calibrating, adjusting and handling make CHO cultures more susceptible to contamination than bacterial cultures.

So, later this semester, I will be given a vial of living mammalian cells which produce a protein of interest. I will have to feed, protect and nurture them as they multiply. True, this pet cannot fetch, and I cannot rub this pet's tummy ... But they will depend on me for their tiny little livelihoods. They'll be at least as fun as sea monkeys and, hopefully, much more rewarding.



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# Movie Reviews

~~~~~by Lindsey Washburn

## The Tale of Despereaux

I'm not usually so harsh, but I really, really liked the book by Kate DiCamillo ... And what I saw on that screen had almost nothing to do with the book that I read. If I were DiCamillo I would have taken my name off it. It was hard for my mother and I to follow, and we consider ourselves of average adult intelligence. I can't imagine what the eight-year-olds thought. I was disappointed in all the actors (even Dustin Hoffman and Sigourney Weaver), but even if they had impressed me it couldn't have saved this ship from sinking. I wash my hands of it.

## The Day the Earth Stood Still

I was very pleased with this movie. I thought it was perfectly cast from Keanu Reeves looking dazed to Jaden Smith being unconditionally loveable to John Cleese reaffirming my faith in humanity. The special effects looked rather digital, but the artistic concepts were grand and beautiful. I'm really looking forward to watching this again when it comes out on video ... And, Jennifer Connelly, please eat something.

## Kung Fu Panda

Dreamworks just keeps outdoing itself (and Disney) again and again. The fight scenes were extravaganzas of color and kung fu (and these guys did their homework, no doubt). I think everyone knows that Angelina Jolie played Tigress, but there were other actors in it too, I promise. James Hong, Jackie Chan, Lucy Liu, Dustin Hoffman, and of course, Jack Black brought life and individuality to CG ducks, bears, monkeys and snakes. The philosophies of kung fu were gracefully demonstrated, and well-choreographed homage was paid to martial arts classics like Fearless Hyena. It was splendid. Simply splendid.

# Student Life



Doug York handing Alexis LeBlanc an orientation bag as she arrives for orientation



Mary Soeldner, Spring Wooldridge, Jason Morales, Samuel Dickens, and Bryan Klink (Orientation Leaders, Sam and Bryan, speaking to students about the Fitness Center while waiting to go on Fitness Center Tour).



Betsy Cox handing Spring Wooldridge her new student ID



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- Legal Studies

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- Elementary Education
- Liberal Arts
- Psychology
- Psychology /Applied Behavior Analysis

### Nursing and Health Science

- Exercise Science (Health and Fitness)
- Nursing (Associate's Degree)
- Nursing RN-BSN

### Animal Sciences

- Animal Care (Associate's Degree)
- Equine Studies / Riding Instruction
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## The Producers comes to the Mount

Theatre at the Mount opens its 2009 season with a production of the Mel Brooks musical, *The Producers*, with performances on February 27, 28, March 6 and 7 at 8:00PM and March 8 at 2:00PM. Tickets are \$20 for evenings and \$15 for matinees and may be purchased at the TAM box office at 978 632-2403. Subscription packages for the complete 2009 season are also on sale for just \$65 for all 5 shows. Individual and season tickets may also be purchased online at <http://theatre.mwcc.edu>

The plot is simple: a down-on-his-luck Broadway producer and his mild-mannered accountant come up with a scheme to produce the most notorious flop in history thereby milking their backers (all "little old ladies") out of millions of dollars. Only one thing goes awry: the show is a smash hit! The antics of Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom as they maneuver their way fecklessly through finding a show (the gloriously offensive "Springtime For Hitler"), hiring a director, raising the money and finally going to prison for their misdeeds is a lesson in broad comic construction. At the core of the insanely funny adventure is a poignant emotional journey of two very different men who become friends.

*The Producers*, directed by Tim Recko, features Matthew Dombroski as Max Bialystock, Ethan Caouette as Leo Bloom, Joey Andrade as Roger DuBris, Thom Hardy as Carmen Ghia, Alison Laverdiere as Ulla, Sue DiRusso as the "Little Old Lady," Larry Hill as Franz, Craig Cormier as Mr. Marks and ensemble of 40 singers and dancers. Please note: While funny and entertaining, *The Producers* does contain some strong language and mildly adult situations.

Press release submitted by Theatre Department

The Financial aid Office will be offering FAFSA Filing Workshops on Fridays from 1:00pm – 3:00pm in rooms 240 and 248 beginning on February 13th through May 8th for students and parents to come in and get assistance with Filing the 2009-2010 FAFSA. Families do not have to sign up, they can just drop in anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 for assistance. Please spread the word.

Students and Parents will be encouraged to bring the following:

- 2008 W2s
- 2008 Federal Tax forms (if completed)
- Value of assets
- Federal FAFSA PIN (if a prior year filer)

# Puzzle Solutions

## Crossword

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## Sudoku

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- UMass Lowell Community College Transfer Scholarship - \$2,500.
- New England Transfer Association - \$1,000
- ... and many, many more.

Each scholarship has its own requirements and deadlines. Go to: <http://www.mwcc.edu/services/transfer/resources.html> for a complete list or stop by the Advising and Counseling Center, Room 134, for a printout of the scholarship list and available applications.

For more information, schedule a scholarship information appointment; call 978.630.9568, or visit the Advising and Counseling Center.

# The CAT'S PAW...

## Tracks to What's Happening at MWCC!!



**February 2009**

**Attention Students!**

**MWCC provides students with wireless internet access.** To get set up, please visit the ISS Help Desk (with your laptop) in Gardner, Room 078. All we need is your student ID number. We are here 8 am to 4 pm Monday – Friday. No appointment is necessary. Please call 978.630.9378 with any questions.

**Protect Yourself! Be sure to LOG OFF when you leave a computer.** Your user ID and password identify YOU as the person at the computer. If you don't log off and someone uses the computer after you, your credentials will be associated with their internet activities. Thank you!

**Daily Events**

**Mon., February 9**

**Student Government Association Meeting (SGA) – 12:30 pm, room W11.** Meeting open to all.

**Get a Grip on Your Career – Employer Panel: Inside Secrets to Getting a Job in Your Field, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, Commons Area.** Local employers will provide valuable tips for job seekers. No need to pre-register. Just bring your friends and take lots of notes. For more information, see Carol Cullins in the Enrollment Center or Michelle Contey in the Advising and Counseling Center.

**Nichols College 3 Plus ONE partner on campus, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm, Transfer Services Table in hallway leading to cafeteria.** Stop by to learn about the new 3 Plus ONE program.

**Pick-up Soccer, 12:40 pm – 1:20 pm, Fitness & Wellness Center (middle bay).**

**Wed., February 11**

**Valentine's Day Celebration - Chocolate Sampler – free samples of chocolate desserts, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (or while supplies last), South Cafeteria.** Sponsored by the Student Life Office and CATS.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 am – 3 pm, Commons Area.** Sign up in Health Services, room 133. Walk-ins Welcome!

**Procrastinators Unite: Motivation and Time Management, 12:30 pm – 1:20 pm, room 202, Visions Program.** All MWCC students are welcome.

**Thurs., February 12**

**Mask Making – make a mask for Mardi Gras – 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, South Cafeteria.**

**Sat., February 14**

**Auditions for "Willy Wonka, Jr.," 12 noon to 3:30 pm, by appointment only in room 182; roles for children and teens ages 8 – 18.** Schedule appointment at the TAM Box office. For more information go to <http://theatre.mwcc.mass.edu>

**Tues, February 17**

**Pick-up Soccer, 12:40 pm – 1:20 pm, Fitness & Wellness Center (middle bay).**

**Wed., February 18**

**Scholarships: Essays and References, 12:30 pm – 1:20 pm, room 202, Visions Program.** All MWCC students are welcome.

**International Club Meeting, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, Library Room 071 (lower level).** Get involved! Make new friends! Have fun! Can't make it to the meeting? Find our group page on facebook too!

**Thurs., February 19**

**Mardi Gras Carnival – Karaoke 6–8 pm; Dance 8-10 pm, South Cafeteria.** \$100 door prize awarded hourly. Costume prizes: \$100, \$70, & \$30 (costumes optional). Snacks and beverages provided. Free admittance for MWCC students, faculty & staff and their one guest. Sponsored by the Student Life Office and CATS.

**Surfing For Scholarships: Funding sources of non-MWCC money, 12:30 pm – 1:20 pm, Library room 071, Visions Program.** All MWCC students are welcome.

**Mon., February 23**

**Student Government Association Meeting (SGA) – 12:30 pm, room W11.** Meeting open to all.

**Pick-up Soccer, 12:40 pm – 1:20 pm, Fitness & Wellness Center (middle bay).**

**Tues., February 24**

**Transfer And The Web: Using the internet as a tool for transfer, 12:30 pm – 1:20 pm, Library room 071, Visions Program.** All MWCC students are welcome.

**University of Phoenix Transfer Representative on campus, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Transfer Services Table in hallway leading to cafeteria.**

**Wed., February 25**

**SURFING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: Funding sources of non-MWCC money, 12:30 pm – 1:20 pm, Library room 071, Visions Program.** All MWCC students are welcome.

**Thurs., February 26**

**In celebration of MWCC's Black History Month the Student Life Office will host a Panel Discussion – "Have We Achieved the Dream."** The panel will consist of MWCC students, faculty and staff, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, North Cafeteria.

**Nichols College 3 Plus ONE partner on campus, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm, Transfer Services Table in hallway leading to cafeteria.** Stop by to learn about the new 3 Plus ONE program.

**Fri., February 27**

**Musical – "The Producers", 8:00 pm in the Theatre.** Tickets \$20, \$10 for Mount students with ID. For more information go to <http://theatre.mwcc.mass.edu>

**Sat., February 28**

**Musical – "The Producers", 8:00 pm in the Theatre; Tickets \$20, \$10 for Mount students with ID; For more information go to <http://theatre.mwcc.mass.edu>**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**March 3**

**Get a Grip on Your Career – Grab a Strong First Impression, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, Murphy Conference Room.** Patricia Brewerton, Career Development Counselor, and Carol Cullins, Assistant Director - Enrollment Management will present a workshop to help you stand out among other job seekers. The presentation will cover developing a strong resume, cover letter and portfolio, as well as networking, dressing for success, and presenting yourself with confidence. For information, contact Carol in the Enrollment Center or Patricia in the Career Placement Office.

**March 18**

**Alternative Spring Break – Make a difference in your community.** More information to come. Sponsored by the Student Life Office.