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# Congratulations 2011 Graduates

## GRADUATE PROFILE:

### RAY WORTHLEY



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by *Elizabeth Shipman*  
Broadcasting and Communications Major, Ray Worthley, 27, from Leominster, is not planning on attending graduation. Why? He does not think that getting his

Associate's Degree is that big of a deal. He did say that if he ever decides to get his Bachelor's he would attend that graduation. He was also planning on having a job in the field during this semester. It did not happen.

Worthley technically graduated in December 2010. He took 5 semesters at MWCC as well as a few intercession and summer classes. Normally, his degree would have taken only 2 years at the Mount but because he took fewer classes during the semesters, it ended up taking longer. He worked full-time while going to school and he wanted to do well.

He grew up in Lunenburg and graduated from high school in 2002. At first, Worthley said he

was only going to take 1 year off from school but that ended up becoming 6 years. However, Worthley said that by the time he did end up going to college, he was ready. Taking the time off allowed him to become more mature. "I knew why I was here and I knew what I wanted to do," he said.

Worthley specifically came to MWCC for Broadcasting and did not become directly involved with any clubs or activities at school. Despite not attending events, he did have a hand in editing videos and other material from these gatherings. In this way, he was able to see what was happening without personally being involved.

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## GRADUATE PROFILE:

### NANCY STORER



Photo by Cheyne Ordonio

by *Christina Doyle*

Amongst the hundreds of students graduating this semester, Nancy Storer is one of the many students walking away from the Mount with more than just a degree. Storer is a strong advocate for women. Her experience here has helped enabled her to explore herself and shed light on others in the process.

Storer will graduate with her Associates in Human Services. She plans to continue her schooling at Wellesley College or Framingham State University. With her education in Human Services, Storer would like to work with women to establish their place in society.

After Storer finishes school, she would like to start working for a non-profit organization, such as Women for Women International. This group helps women of third world countries start their own businesses and stop the cycle of poverty they have been raised in. Storer said, "Know yourself, know your passions, and what excites you... That will make you a better mother in the long run."

She believes, strongly, that women need to establish who they are first before establishing anything else, such as a family. She has three children and had her first child at 24. If there is one thing Storer could change about her past it would have been to establish her independence before anything else. She said, "I'd keep my husband; I'd keep my kids," but goes on to explain that it's "real easy to lose yourself in those roles."

Being brought up in an Arab-American family, Storer said, "I have felt firsthand the effects of male oppression, and how narrowly defined gender roles hurt not only women but men as well." Her career choice is based off her upbringing and wanting to help women be heard. "It is my firm belief that when women have control over if and when they have children, and also a way to earn an income."

## GRADUATE PROFILE:

### EMILY PACHECO

by *Sam Ingemie*

Coming out of high school, Emily Pacheco, 20, explained that she did not really know what she wanted to do like many prospective college applicants. She applied to a handful of different schools, but none of them had Art majors, so she decided to come to MWCC.

Pacheco has attended MWCC for 2 years and pursued an Art major. The art classes covered a wide range of topics, all of the courses that one would need for an Art school. She loved the



Photo by Cheyne Ordonio

classes that she took and enjoyed her time at MWCC.

Pacheco explained how there were very few Art teachers at MWCC, which was actually her

favorite experience about the school. "Being an Art major," she said, "there are only about 3 teachers who actually teach art. They really know you and your work - it really helps in critiquing your work because they know you so well."

Upon graduating from MWCC, Pacheco said that she has plans to transfer to a new college for the Fall 2011. She wants to end up in Boston, at a school like Emerson, Boston University, or Northeastern University, all of which she has applied to. Pacheco's advice to incoming freshman at MWCC would be to work hard and not lose focus.

## GRADUATE PROFILE:

### TARYN HOLLY

by *Taylor Emma*

Taryn Holly recently received her associates degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences. Holly entered MWCC in her senior year of high school as a dual-enrollment student with close to a 4.0 GPA. She describes her experience at MWCC as one that she "wouldn't trade for the world."

Holly's work here at MWCC is not over yet. She hopes to complete another two year program in Physical Therapy on the



Photo by Cheyne Ordonio

Devens campus, after which she hopes to transfer to a four year college to receive her bachelors in Exercise Science.

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## GRADUATE PROFILE:

**CHRIS ALEXANDROVICH**

Photo by Cheyne Ordonio

by **Daniel DePietro**

Chris Alexandrovich is planning on pursuing a career in environmental science. He is interested in Chemistry and Biology and would like to work in a laboratory helping solve problems with greenhouse gases or contributing to water conservation.

Alexandrovich will be graduating from Mount Wachusett Community College this spring with an Associate's degree in physical science. He is planning on continuing his education at a four year uni-

versity in order to receive a Bachelor's degree.

As a 37 year old father of three children, ranging in age from 20 months to eighteen years old, Alexandrovich is not exactly your typical student. He has spent the past twenty years working in various types of construction including; concrete, masonry, and paving. Alexandrovich said he always made enough money so school was not necessary, but the recent downturn in the economy and the housing market has made construction jobs scarce.

Of his experience at MWCC Alexandrovich said, "It was all worth it. I'm glad I took advantage of the opportunity." He also commented on the size of the classes at the college and said, "The student teacher ratio is perfect, you can actually talk to your professors."

Alexandrovich also said his decision to return to school has had a positive effect on the people he knows. He said, "I would tell my friends what I was doing, then I would see them walking through the halls or in the cafeteria the next semester."

Holly's parents and family have been a huge help to her financially and emotionally. "I wouldn't know where I would be without them, they have helped me so much..." Holly said. Holly has big plans to help make the world a healthier place, and with her ambition and support from her family, she knows she can accomplish her goals.

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Holly has always lived a healthy and ambitious lifestyle. She is a Lifeguard and Swim Instructor for MWCC, a former competitive swimmer, and a member of the Student Government Association.

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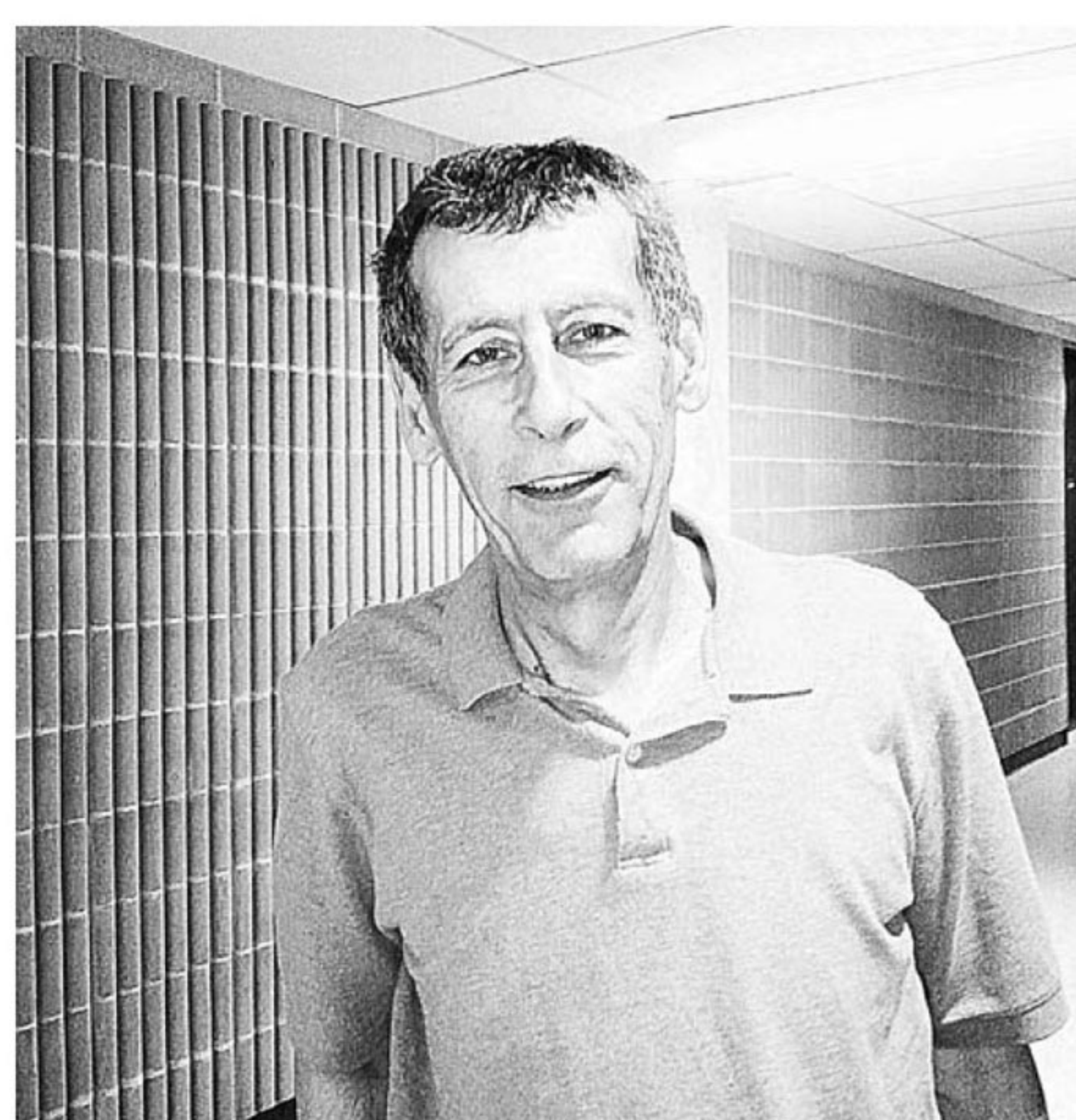
**ROBERT CAREY**

Photo by Jenny Cooper

by **Jenny Cooper**

Attending Mount Wachusett Community College you meet all types of people from every race, multiple countries, and a variety of ages ranging from those still in high school yet taking college courses to those looking to change careers well into their 50's and 60's.

Robert Carey, 62, attended a technical college back in the 80's studying automobile computer systems. After doing this for several years, Carey ended up with a debilitating disease, peripheral neuropathy (nerve damage from multiple back surgeries). Carey has also been diagnosed with arachnoiditis in the lower back making

his previous schooling unusable. Carey decided to come back to school because he was preapproved for retraining due to this disability.

Due to not being in school for so long, Carey had to take two prerequisites which brought his course load to ten. With the heavy course load, this left no time for Carey to participate in any of MWCC's clubs or after-school activities. "I had all I could do to be able to accomplish all the homework I had," Carey said. Carey maintained a 3.68 grade point average while enrolled at The Mount.

Carey is enjoying his experience at The Mount meeting many different friends in his classes. He enjoys the experience of going back to college at his age and learning many new ideas and concepts with the courses that he took. With hindsight being 20/20, Carey said "If I had to do it all over again I think I would only go on a part time basis. The caseload in some of the courses was too demanding at times."

Carey will not be walking in the graduation ceremony in May due to a prior commitment. Carey's future plans include finishing one course through the summer program and then concentrating on finding a job. "I plan to work and put into practice what I have learned."

Carey is studying Medical Office and resides in Orange, MA with his wife.

**MWCC GRADUATES ENTER NEW ERA OF PERSONAL SUSTAINABILITY**by **President Daniel M.****Asquino**

This past academic year has been one of great achievement, not only for the college as an institution, but for our students, particularly those who will graduate on May 19.

Week by week over the course of several months, we witnessed the extraordinary construction of the college's two wind turbines. Together, these turbines will meet virtually all of the electricity needs on our Gardner campus, while also returning more energy back to the power grid. Through this and other renewable and conservation measures, in less than a decade the college's main campus was transformed from one that consumed vast amount of electricity, to one that made necessary changes to become almost entirely self-sustaining in its energy needs.

Not unlike the college's sustainability story, our students also arrive ready to make the changes necessary to achieve personal and academic goals, then graduate equipped with the tools and skills that

will help them become sustainable in their own right. And like our turbines that return energy back to the grid, our students go back into their communities ready to use their knowledge and acquired skills to recharge their own environment.

Certainly we believe that the college's green initiatives have created a greater awareness among all of us – students, faculty and staff alike - to be environmentally conscious and active in our everyday life. In the final analysis, the world we live in and the world our graduates inherit must be a sustainable one for it to truly have any value. We feel confident that the academic and life lessons that were obtained while at Mount Wachusett Community College also will provide our graduates with sustainability – occupationally, intellectually, and personally, as they strive to meet the challenges and adventures before them.

As Peter Senge, the Massachusetts scientist and author of *The Fifth Discipline: The Art and Practice of the Learning Organization*, has stated: "Sustainability is not a problem to be solved. It is a future to be created."

The end of an academic year is bittersweet. We are ecstatic to see our graduating students achieve their dream of obtaining a college degree or certificate, yet at the same time, this accomplishment means we must bid farewell to those who have become an integral part of the MWCC community. But as you leave here as graduates, you return as alumni and remain members of our community and that in fact sustains our legacy. After all, this institution is not just a collection of buildings, but rather, a community of people with a shared vision for the future.

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PROFESSOR PROFILE:

**HEIDI SILKEY**

by Taylor Emma

Professor Silkey has been teaching science courses at MWCC since January 2008. This spring semester, she teaches four courses Monday through Friday; two Anatomy courses, Physiology 1, Physiology 2, and one Nutrition course. She also teaches Maymester and summer session. Professor Silkey studied nutrition in graduate school and has always been interested in nutrition and its relationship to health and disease.

“A healthy lifestyle is very important to me; I think we have a responsibility to take care of our health,” Silkey said, “I also want to stay healthy and physically fit so I can continue to participate in sports and other activities with my family.”

The advice Professor Silkey gives to her students is to learn as much as they can and to master the course work by seeking its relevance to their major or career goals, opposed to just aiming for a high score to pass the class. She encourages students to stay motivated, and to never give up on material if they don’t understand it right away.

“Science can be challenging to learn because it has its own language, but it also is an intriguing and fascinating discipline with countless unanswered questions just waiting for a new scientist to explore,” Silkey said. In each class Professor Silkey teaches, she tries to provide students with strong information on the subject as well as information that can be applied to their own lives or careers.

**RAY WORTHLEY**

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During Worthley's time at MWCC he did an internship with Comcast Sports Network, Celtics Division. He said this was beneficial to his education. He advised students to make the most of opportunities such as these because even though you have to pay to work, you gain life experience and earn credits at the same time.

Worthley talked about how all his professors were helpful to him and his education. One in particular was his Television instructor, Joel Anderson, who helped advise and schedule classes. Worthley also did Work Study in the Media Services Department with Art Collins.

Worthley remembered his Geology class and how difficult that was for him. But he knew that when he was finished, despite the low grade, he had worked hard for it.

**A NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE ON THE HORIZON**

by Sam Ingemie

During the April 19 Student Government Association (SGA) meeting, Sarah McMaster, Mount Wachusett Community College's Assistant Director of New Media, dropped in to inform the SGA members of an exciting new prospect on the horizon at MWCC - a completely new website!

**REPORTER SCOTT CROTEAU TALKS TO ASPIRING JOURNALISTS**



Photo by Cheyne Ordonio

by Taylor Emma

On April 27, Scott Croteau of the Worcester Telegram, came to Mount Wachusett Community College to speak to aspiring journalists and criminal justice majors. He

He said, even though the class was difficult, the professor was great.

One of Worthley’s ambitions is to work for World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). He has been a fan of it since he was a kid and wanted to figure out how to get involved. He knew he would not be able to actually wrestle so he looked in to other options. WWE is a travelling production show so it will allow for him to visit new places.

Worthley's advice to students is to “do the best you can and stay on top of your work.” He said to figure out what you want from your experience at MWCC and go get it. Take advantage of school programs. He said that college is a life experience. Stuff you do here, you will never forget. Not only are you getting education, but you are getting the experience as well.

Looking back at his college experience, Worthley said he wouldn’t change a thing. Anything he did, whether it was a complete success or utter failure, it helped him grow.

McMaster came to the SGA meeting to provide updated information on MWCC's website redesign and take any suggestions from the members regarding the new site. McMaster said that she hopes she can use the SGA as a point of contact for communicating with the student body on how the project is going.

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talked to students about his career as a crime reporter. Croteau then gave advice to students on how they can be successful journalists and why he chose to write crime stories.

“I don’t want to be sitting at my desk making phone calls,” Croteau said. “I get a kick out of cops.” Croteau has encountered numerous gangs in Worcester, including the Latin Kings and Hells Angels. Croteau has been involved in ice rescue training and with the police during raids, while keeping a humorous attitude.

“He’s not going to hit me; he’s just going to scare me,” Croteau said about a time he was chased by a drug dealer. He often goes alone to dangerous streets to gather sources for his stories.

His stories are sometimes construed negatively by his readers. “Have I received death threats? Absolutely,” Croteau said. “But I still get Christmas cards from some families.”

Croteau said the emotional toll brought by reporting crimes and murders is devastating, but when a family thanks him for sharing their loved one’s story, it helps Croteau to continue his work as a reporter.

Croteau told journalism students to never hold back on writing specific information. “Put me in the world of grey,” Croteau said. “I want to give you [the Reader] the facts so you can make your own decisions.” When Croteau interviews a potential source he always lets the source know that all of the essential and factual information relevant to the story will be published.

Croteau advised the students to build trust with their sources. Trust allows the source to willingly talk to the reporter and will potentially reserve that source for future stories.

“If anyone is shy, and you want to be a reporter, then you shouldn’t [be a reporter],” Croteau said when he gave the students advice about interviewing. Croteau warned the students to be prepared for a tough entrance into the profession. He said, “If this [reporting] is what you want... then don’t quit. You [the reporter] will learn something new every day.”



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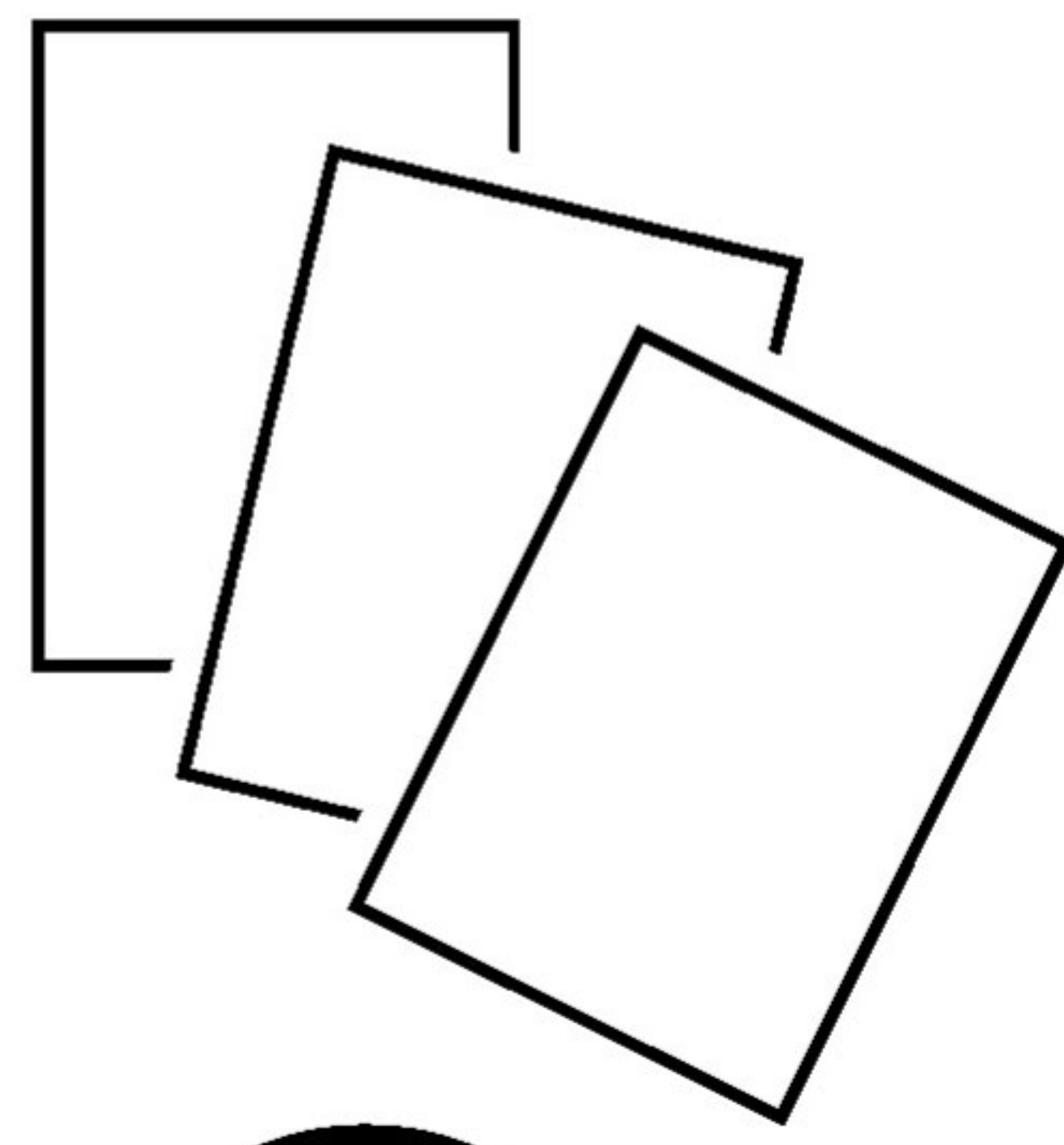


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**a photo album of student life activities this semester**

**Raymond Greeno  
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tale to fellow vets**



## **The Art Wing's Community Wall**

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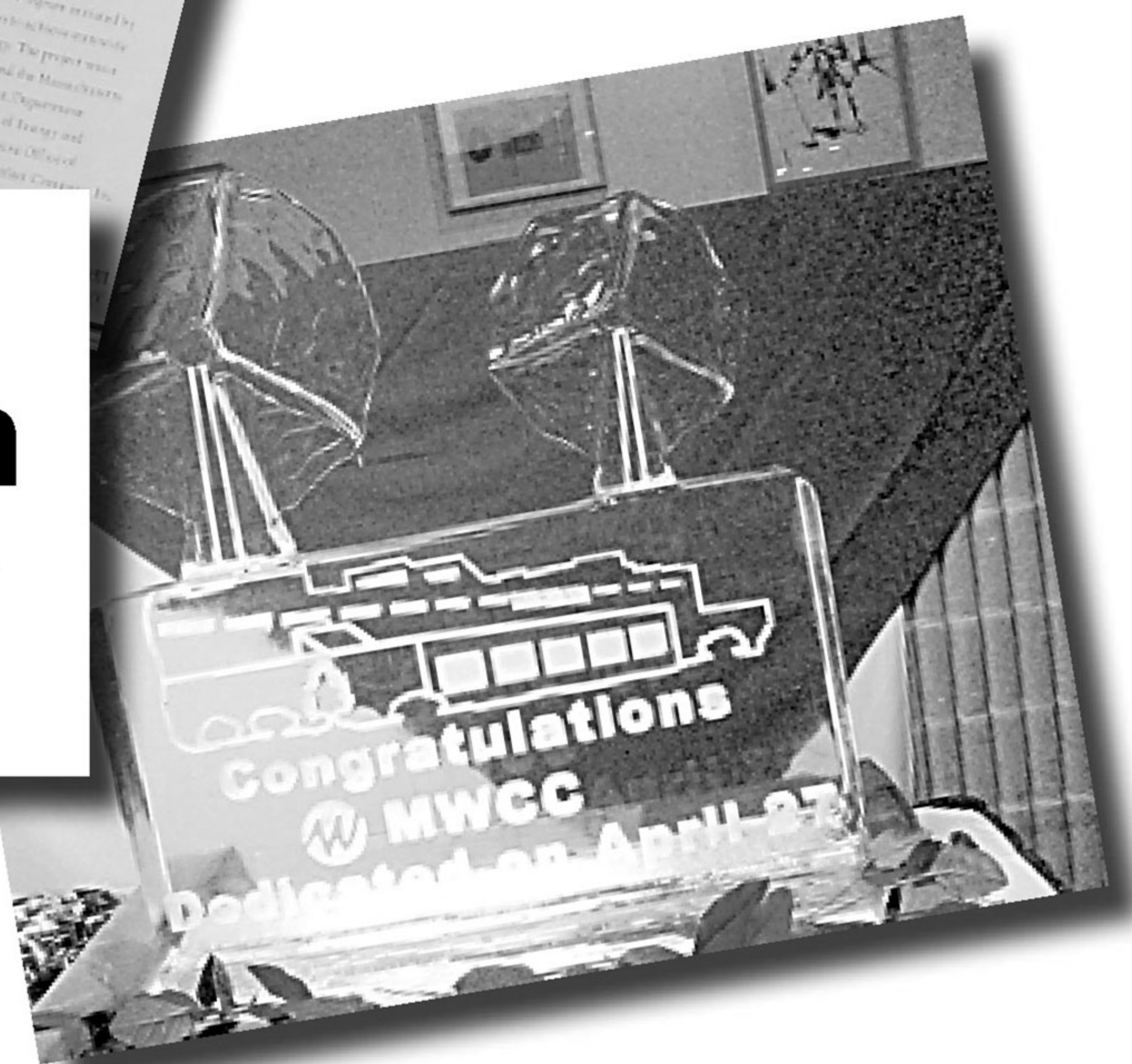
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Greg Clement signing in students for a student leader appreciation luncheon.



# Turbine Dedication Ceremony



Mitzi Guzman (left) and Heather Young (right) selling cupcakes for suicide prevention.



Meagan Roraback supporting suicide prevention

## FINAL SGA MEETING ADDS SOMETHING NEW

by Jenny Cooper

The Student Government Association (SGA) met on April 19 for the final time this semester. The elections were run two weeks prior so the meeting had both incumbent and new members in attendance.

The SGA election on April 5 and 6 was the second time they used online voting. Voter turnout rose from 125 to 113 since the last election. "A small increase, but an increase nonetheless" said Greg Clement, Advisor to the SGA. The ballot question, Do you approve the removal of the following sentence from the SGA

By-laws in Article 5; Section 6: All officer candidates must have a minimum of two months experience as a seated SGA member, was approved by an 87 Yes to a 28 No vote.

During the meeting, it was discussed that The Raffle for the Memorial Park fundraiser raised roughly \$500; the bake sale that was held on the 11th of April with ALANA, with proceeds going to help Japan, raised roughly \$157; The Constitution Committee will be holding a separate meeting to discuss the possibility of adding another club at MWCC; and the SGA will be at orientation acting as orientations advisors on August 31 and September 1.

## NEW WEBSITE

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"We're going to completely scrap what we have now and start over," McMaster said. "I'm sure that's going to go over well with some people - some people also like the website we have now. We're going to build from scratch."

Some of the information on the current website will not be touched during this project, but other pieces may be completely omitted. Constructing the entire website from the ground up will be quite a process in itself; techs working on the project will start with the main site, then follow up with other parts.

The plan is for the website to be up-to-date in terms of technology and to make it easier for the college to update all on what is going on. "One of the tools we are going to use to make that happen is a communication blog," McMaster said. The blog will provide readers with updates on the progress of the project.

As with regular blogs, the blog regarding the project will allow users to post questions and feedback. "The feedback of the student body is very important to us," McMaster said, "the website is just as much for everybody out there in the community as it is for you all, as you're one of our main audiences. We just want to make sure everyone is in the loop."

Rebecca Gilbert, a student at MWCC, said, in regards to revamping the website, "I think it's a great idea. I think it's cool that they're going to have different sections for the different departments - it might be a lot easier for the students to see what's going on."

Furthermore, Sandy Arsenault of Student Services at MWCC said, "I think it's always good to revamp something every so many years. Things have changed, there are new things on campus, so definitely it's always good to update things."

## THE MWCC NURSING PROGRAM: A BRIEF OVERVIEW

by Sam Ingemie

One of the more popular majors at Mount Wachusett Community College is the Nursing Program. Preparing its students for work in the medical field and beyond, the MWCC Nursing Program has an array of rigorous courses involved including one 14-credit course. "It's a lot, a lot, of work," Judy Giacoppe, a nursing professor at MWCC said, "but at the end of the day, it's a very rewarding field."

As with every other major, students interested in the Nursing Program must first start out with the respective general education courses such as English, math, sociology, psychology, etc. One difference between the Nursing Program and a Liberal Arts program is the electives. The Nursing program electives are more limited in terms of what the students can take and still be relevant to their course of study.

From the more general courses, a student would move into Anatomy and Physiology (A&P) I and II and microbiology, two courses more specific to Nursing. And finally after a student is done with A&P I and II, he or she would move into the actual nursing courses.

"Most of our students take the general education courses first and get them out of the way," said Giacoppe, "and then they take their nursing courses during their last two years - the last two years being more fundamental nursing courses." Pediatric Obstetrical Nursing, Medical Surgery I and II, and other courses covering more advanced concepts in nursing are some of the classes the students would have to take in their last two years.

Two of the main ways in which the Nursing program at MWCC is evaluated is by the National Licensure Exams and exit surveys that are distributed to students who have graduated. The National Licensure Exams are federally mandated tests that measure the extent to which nursing students have learned the information presented to them. Typically, MWCC has a pass-rate in the low-90s.

The exit surveys are distributed to graduates of MWCC about 6 months after their graduation. One of its questions explores how well the students think the MWCC program prepared them for the workforce, "And we usually do really, really well with that," Giacoppe said.

## MAS/MOC/MCC: A LITTLE KNOWN CLUB

by Jenny Cooper

Mount Wachusett has a variety of clubs. There seems to be one for everything from the Anatomy and Physiology and Human Biology Club to the Green Society Club. One of these clubs is The Medical Assisting and Medical Office Certificate and Medical Billing and Coding Club(MAS/MOC/MCC).

The purpose of MAS/MOC/MCC is to create professional networks for its members within the medical field for employment or clinical internship purposes; offer its members opportunity for volunteer and community service activity; develop professional confidence and leadership skill for its members; and provide its members a support system for academic study.

The MAS/MOC/MCC only has six members of which five are graduating in May which will leave only the President Lisa Brooks in the Club. Brooks took over the Presidency this semester, after previous President Betsy Cox had to step down due to outside commitments. When asked why enrollment in the Club was so low, Donna Rahaim, Treasurer, said, "lack of advertisement of the club and most of the programs are one year certificate programs so with classes there really isn't much time to invest in a club."

Brooks thinks that they could "bump up enrollment on the Medical Assisting side; that's a two year program." You do not have to be in one of the three programs

to join the club. "Any and everyone are welcome," Rahaim said, "you just have to contribute in a positive manner."

The MAS/MOC/MCC just held a seminar called "Nail the Interview, Get the Job." All clubs at MWCC must provide at least one Community Service project a year. The MAS/MOC/MCC chose this seminar as "This seemed a natural progression as Pat Brewerton, (Career Development Counselor/Career Placement at MWCC) was sitting in on meetings with us and working on the job fair and with graduation one month away students will be looking to get jobs and we thought it would be helpful if they had the information on interviewing", Rahaim said.

Rahaim said the clubs biggest strength might not be in numbers but in the "intelligence of members and dedication to follow through." Brooks said the strength is "all members are passionate about going into the Healthcare field." The weakness is obvious - low enrollment. They need new members that will bring fresh ideas to the table.

"It is not only easy to join the club," Rahaim said, "we need you, we want you to be part of our club and it's not all that time consuming." Though meetings for this semester are over, the club will meet again in the fall semester. If you would like information on joining this club you can contact Lisa Brooks at [masmocc@gmail.com](mailto:masmocc@gmail.com).

## LAST CHANCE FOR JOB SHADOWING

by Rebecca Gilbert

Job shadowing, or externship, is a service currently offered by Mount Wachusett Community College to First Year Seminar (FYE101) students, but may be for a limited time only. The grant that provides for this service will no longer be funded come the end of the month of June this year.

Job shadowing is an experiential learning opportunity. Students learn about a job by spending time observing a worker.

Job Shadow Coordinator, Elaine Murray, calls it "a way of gaining insight into a career." She said, "It's an opportunity to go into the private or public sector to observe first-hand, particular positions of interest to the student."

Students who have taken or are currently enrolled in a First Year Seminar class can contact Elaine Murray in the Advising and Counseling Center to find out more information about job shadowing. Act now. These services are only available until the end of June, 2011.

### PRESS RELEASE:

## DENISE KINDSCHI GOSSELIN & RICHARD ELMER NAMED 2011 ALUMNI OF THE YEAR



Gosselin(left) and Elmer(right).  
Photos courtesy of Janice O'Connor

Mount Wachusett Community College will honor Dr. Denise Kindschi Gosselin, an author and chair of the sociology and criminal justice department at Western New England College, and Richard Elmer, senior manager of learning and development for Bristol-Myers Squibb, as the 2011 Alumni of the Year. The two will

be recognized during the college's 46th Commencement on May 19 at 6 p.m. in Fitness & Wellness Center.

"I am pleased to honor Dr. Gosselin and Mr. Elmer as our 2011 alumni of the year," said MWCC President Daniel M. Asquino. "Both of these outstanding alumni built upon the academic foundation they received at MWCC to develop successful careers in their chosen fields. Their contributions to the college and to the community are an inspiration."

Gosselin, a native of Lunenburg, is an associate professor of criminal justice at Western New England College and is the author of Heavy Hands: An Introduction to the Crimes of Family Vi-

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SONG REVIEW:

**"JUDAS" BY LADY GAGA**



by *Sam Ingemie*

Lady Gaga's highly anticipated second single "Judas" off her new album *Born This Way*, was leaked to the internet April 14, just 4 days shy of its original release date. Regardless of the leak, Lady Gaga did not disappoint.

In "Judas," Gaga treads in familiar territory with a fast-pace, huge beat, and insanely catchy dance tune. It is not, however, some substance-less song that is only good to dance to. "Judas" maintains a deeper meaning throughout the song, another strong point of Gaga's.

"Judas," a much darker song in comparison to the new album's first single "Born This Way," is a track that represents different ideas or elements that Gaga has struggled with. In an interview with "The Skorpion Show" on YouTube.com Gaga said, "I sing about what a 'Holy fool' I am, and that although moments of my life are so cruel and relationships can be so cruel,

I'm still in love with Judas - I still go back, and back again."

In the song she uses biblical references to emphasize this meaning. The Judas that she speaks of in the song is a reference to Judas Iscariot, the man in the Bible who betrayed Jesus Christ.

"Judas" is not only lyrically powerful, but also powerful in the sense of hooks. Gaga has definitely mastered the "art" of musical hooks - beats, rhythms, or lyrics that catch a listener's ear. There are three main hooks in "Judas," all masterfully crafted together to form one insanely catchy dance song.

From the introduction of the song to the two main verses to the chorus, "Judas" packs a huge punch in terms of beats and lyrics in its hooks. Much like some of her previous singles, namely "Poker Face" and "Bad Romance," "Judas" is one of those songs you can just never seem to get out of your head.

Both rhythmically and lyrically powerful, Gaga has outdone herself, yet again, bringing an inevitable chart-smashing number 1 hit to the table. It is Gaga, though, what else can you expect?

My rating? 10/10. Huge fan of "Judas" and of Gaga herself. I, personally, cannot wait to see what *Born This Way*, her new album dropping May 23, is going to bring to the table! From how it has been shaping up, it has all the potential to go down in the record books.

PRESS RELEASE:

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olence, a leading textbook in the field of domestic violence, and of *Smart Talk: Contemporary Interviewing and Interrogation*.

She earned an associate degree in law enforcement in 1976, then went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice from Westfield State University and a doctorate in criminal justice at Capella University, while raising a family.

Along the way, she has broken barriers for women in the field by becoming the first uniformed officer for Lunenburg and the first female campus police officer at MWCC. In 1978, the Massachusetts Senate honored her as the first woman appointed constable for the city of Fitchburg. Gosselin retired as a trooper from the Massachusetts State Police in 2002. She served as a uniformed officer, as a drill instructor at the department's academy, and as a major crime detective.

"The education that I received at Mount Wachusett Community College launched a career in policing and my future in academia," she said. "Going to the Mount was a tradition in my family. The year that I graduated, my father graduated with his degree in nursing. For my father, it was a second career after service in the military. For me, it provided the beginning of a criminal justice career that made me yearn for more education. Mount Wachu-

sett Community College made so much possible for me. It is an honor to be recognized as Alumni of the Year."

Elmer, a Pepperell resident who graduated in 1971 with an associate degree in general studies, went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Fitchburg State University in 1973. In recent years, he has made significant contributions to the college's Devens campus and to the Biotechnology/Bio-manufacturing Department. His support of the college's biotech program helped the college successfully obtain a three-year, \$1.6 million training grant from the U.S. Department of Labor in 2008. The grant enabled the college to equip its newly renovated Devens labs to expand the capabilities of the biotechnology credit program, as well as launch a non-credit workforce training program

In addition, he worked to establish an internship program for MWCC students at Bristol-Myers Squibb and serves as a key figure on the college's biotechnology advisory board.

As a corporate manager, Elmer was able to facilitate a major contribution of biotechnology equipment from BMS to the college. The equipment has since been incorporated into the labs.

He spent 17 years at Digital Equipment Corporation as a training manager, quality consultant and human resource busi-

PUB REVIEW:

**TINO'S**

by *Jenny Cooper*

Tino's is a homey small bar with a fun atmosphere. The people there are extremely friendly and make you feel right at home. Whether you are stepping in on a Wednesday night for a drink after work or meeting a bunch of friends for a hopping Friday night out, you will fit right in at Tino's.

Kim and Scott Salvi have opened this bar at 102 Front St. in Whinchendon

and it seems to be just what the town needed! They are very warm, welcoming, and are quick to make you feel like you are family when you enter their establishment.

A large flat screen illuminates the bar with sporting events for patrons and a jukebox resides on the adjacent wall for the partying crowd to enjoy. At the far end of the bar is a small stage for their open mic nights (Every other Friday) and karaoke (Thursdays and Saturdays - complete with wireless microphones and lighting!) Whether you enjoy live music or are feeling courageous enough to test the waters yourself and belt out a tune, Tinos is a perfect place as it is small yet warm and inviting.

iPOD SHUFFLE:

**LISA BROOKS**

by *Jenny Cooper*

Lisa Brooks, 31, a Medical Assistant major at Mount Wachusett Community College said her favorite gift of all time was "My iPod Nano. It was a hand me down gift from my mother when she received her updated iPod, from me."

You can find a wide variety of music on Brooks' iPod, ranging anywhere from Christian music to Snoop Dogg to Metallica. "You will also find an overwhelming amount of music from Pink, Journey, and Trace Adkins; My most favorite musicians of all time." When Brooks' was asked if we would find anything embarrassing on her iPod she replied "Nothing that would embarrass me, but plenty of songs/musicians that people would poke jokes at me for having." Brooks mainly uses the iPod Nano, 4 GB in the car and while walking her other favorite gift of all time, a 70 pound English Bulldog, Kobe.

The top ten favorite songs on Brooks' iPod are (in no particular order):

Tino's tends to keep their customers entertained with Scott's musical knowledge and Kim's sarcastic sense of humor. There is always the option of Trivia & Buzztime Poker, a dartboard, and if a game is on you can be sure it will be shown on the flat screens for your viewing pleasure (5 flatscreens!!!).

The drinks are competitively priced with draft beer starting around \$4 and martinis around \$7. Kim is not only an owner, but she is the main bartender and can make up just about anything to suit your needs, be it a soft drink to a hard liquor cocktail. Martinis? Kim is the queen of making a martini to fill any taste bud's dream.

The menu is American Pub food, but is slowly integrating some Italian dishes. So far there is mostly food like Angus burgers and wings (bone in or boneless) and they make them either BBQ, buffalo or plain! Tino's is also quickly becoming known for their hand cut, homemade French fries as well as their homemade mac-n-cheese bites!

All in all Tino's is a great town meeting spot to meet old friends and make new friends or just stopping by to unwind after a long day.

1. *Sweet Caroline* - Neil Diamond
2. *Find Out Who Your Friends Are* - Tracy Lawrence
3. *Brown Chicken Brown Cow* - Trace Adkins
4. *Live Like You Were Dying* - Tim McGraw
5. *'Cuz I Can* - Pink
6. *Crazy Train* - Ozzy Osbourne
7. *November Rain* - Guns n' Roses
8. *Don't Stop Believing* - Journey
9. *Cannibal* - Ke\$ha
10. *Rockstar* - Nickelback

When Brooks isn't studying or listening to music she can be found organizing the 1st Annual John Brooks National Kidney Foundation Benefit to be held April 23rd at Vegas Lounge in Lunenburg in honor of her terminally ill father who is fighting end stage chronic kidney failure. She also loves to spend time with friends and family. Brooks currently resides in Gardner with her dog, Kobe.

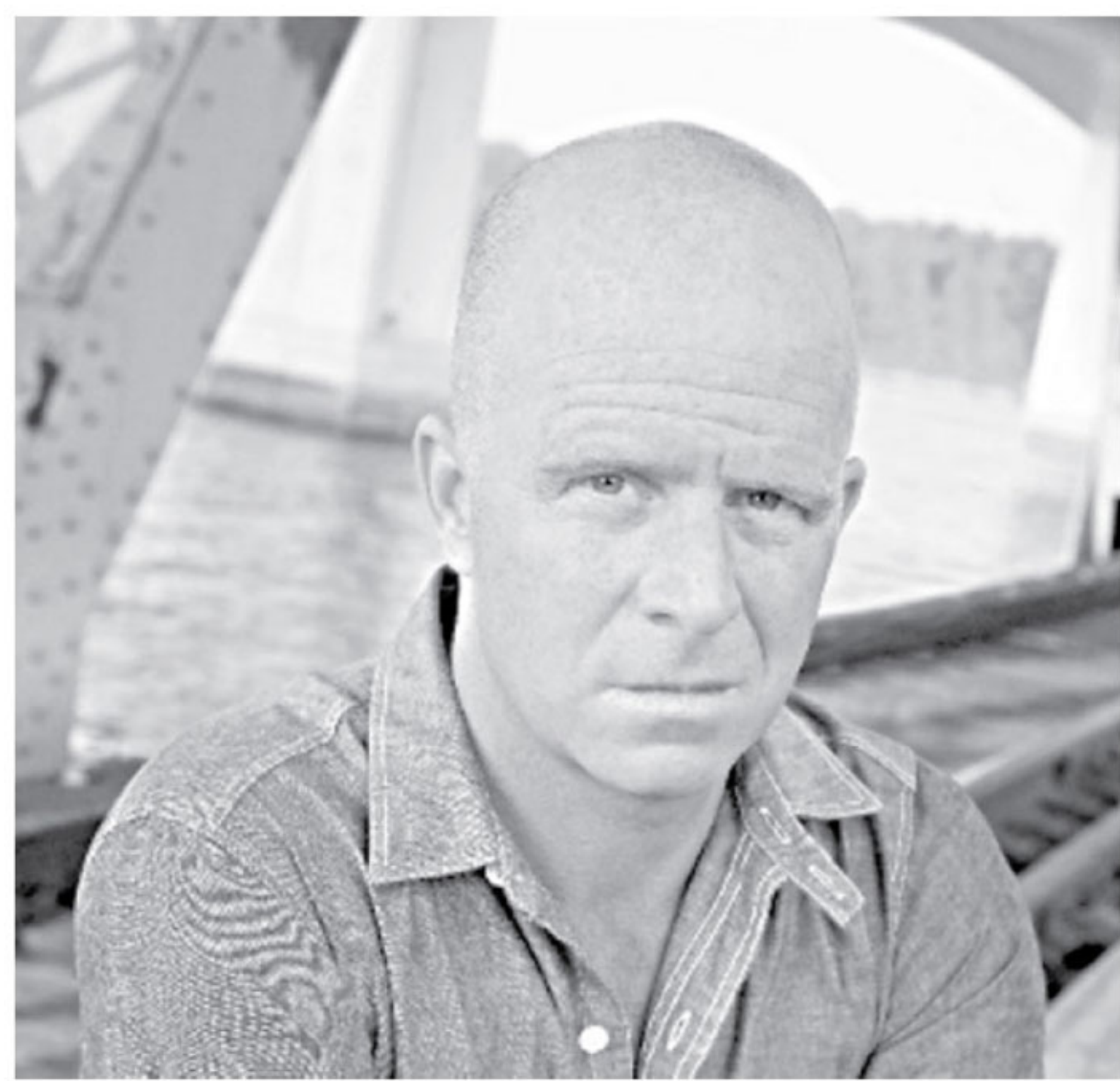
ness partner. Additionally, he worked as a quality consultant with Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, as a training manager at Simplex Time Recorder, and as a senior manager of training and communication for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals before joining BMS in 2007.

Elmer has been an invaluable supporter of MWCC and continues to remain receptive to ideas about how the relationship between the pharmaceutical company and the college can continue to thrive and grow.

"It's an honor to have been nominated and selected for this recognition," Elmer said. "As I reflect back to my two years as a student at MWCC, I realize how this experience created the framework for continuous learning which enabled me to develop both personally and professionally. As the senior manager for Learning and Development at a major biologics firm, I applaud MWCC for its continuous efforts to prepare individuals for their professional careers and to the programs and support staff at the Devens campus."

Janice O'Connor  
Director of Public Relations

## AUTHOR BEN COES TO SPEAK AT MWCC'S COMMENCEMENT



Ben Coes, author of the acclaimed suspense novel, *Power Down*, will be the featured speaker at Mount Wachusett Community College's 46th Commencement ceremony on May 19.

"We are delighted and honored to have Ben Coes as our commencement speaker this year," said MWCC President Daniel M. Asquino. "Ben represents a new generation of thriller authors in the company of Vince Flynn, Brad Thor and others. He accomplished this by setting out to fulfill a long-held dream, which makes him an extraordinary role model for our graduates, who are moving forward with their own dreams."

A graduate of Columbia College, Coes worked at the White House under President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush and was a White House-ap-

pointed speechwriter to U.S. Secretary of Energy James Watkins during the Gulf War. He later wrote speeches for Texas oilman billionaire T. Boone Pickens, a proponent of alternative energy.

In 2002, Coes served as campaign manager for Mitt Romney's successful run for Governor of Massachusetts and is currently a partner at the Boston-based The Mustang Group, LLC, an alternative investment firm that makes control investments in companies through divisional buy-outs, public company buy-outs, and acquisitions of privately held companies.

*Power Down*, released in September 2010 by St. Martin's Press, has been hailed as a gripping, compelling debut thriller about a series of terrorist attacks that shatter America's energy-producing capacity while underscoring the fragility of the country's dependence on oil from the Middle East. Coes second novel, the sequel *Coup D'État*, will be released in September.

"I'm very excited to come out and speak to the graduating class of Mount Wachusett Community College," said Coes. "As a Massachusetts resident, I know that Mount Wachusett and other community colleges serve a critical role in our economy and in the future of the state. I'm looking forward to coming out and meeting everyone and sharing a few words."

Coes, who served as a Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, is the recipient of several awards, including the prestigious Bennett Cerf Memorial Prize for Fiction during his senior year at Columbia. He resides in Wellesley with his wife, Shannon, and their four children.

MWCC's commencement will take place at 6 p.m. in the college's Fitness and Wellness Center.

Janice O'Connor  
Director of Public Relations

## THANK YOU

MWCC's Veterans Success Center would like to thank students and faculty for their support during their first bake sale. With all your support, it was a great success!



## Announcements

## TAM AUDITIONS FOR RENT

Theatre at the Mount will hold auditions for the musical *RENT* on Monday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m. Auditions will be held in room 182 at Mount Wachusett Community College.

Director Mark LeBlanc Peterson, music director Steven Bergman, and choreographer Chris Casello are looking for a cast of 20 to 30 teens and adults (ages 17 and up). Performers (principals and ensemble) should prepare a short singing selection in the style of the show, (accompanist provided - bring sheet music). A short dance/movement combination will be taught and cold readings from the script will be

required for principal roles.

*RENT* tells the story of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side in the thriving days of Bohemian Alphabet City.

Performances of *RENT* are scheduled for August 19, 20, 26, 27 at 8 p.m. and August 28 at 2 p.m.

For more information call Professor Gail Steele at 978 630-9162 or visit the TAM website at <http://theatre.mwcc.mass.edu>

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