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## THE GREEN SOCIETY GETS MWCC A WATER FILLING STATION

by Jonathan Jones

Since the clubs inception in 2004, The Green Society has set out to educate students about the environmental issues of the day and give back in the form of community service.

With the introduction of the water bottle filling station in the Commons area, The Green Society has successfully completed both goals by bringing to light the damaging effect that plastic water bottles have on the environment while providing students and staff with a cost free alternative to bottled water.

In just a few short weeks of existence, the station has saved over

400 plastic bottles and Green Society Advisor, Professor Tom Montagno, explains the possibility and challenge of adding more stations to the campus.

“That’s our long term hope and goal, we are going to see how this one is received and it seems to be doing quite well” said Professor Montagno.

He added, “I don’t know if we can afford to purchase more of these but perhaps the college might consider that if it was something the students and staff would demand, and enjoy.”

The bottle filling station was made possible by a \$1,000 grant from United Way Youth Venture and \$500 from the Student Gov-

ernment Association. According to Prof. Montagno, they have not yet received an invoice for the installation or purchase but it is expected to be in the area of \$2,000 dollars. The Green Society will pay the difference by holding fundraisers.

In addition to the annual fundraisers in the winter and spring, the Green Society will soon be offering students a chance to purchase stainless steel water bottles for use at the stations.

Prof. Montagno explains, “ [in the past] we have never requested money from the SGA for budgetary purposes, simply because our fundraisers are successful.”

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Filling a water bottle at the station provided by the Green Society (photo by Cheyne Ordonio)

## A TO B AND BEYOND SAVES STUDENTS MONEY



Rivera Limari (photo by Matthew Cohen)

by Benjamin Allen

Business students at Mount MWCC can save money on their bachelor’s degrees by enrolling in a program called the A to B

and Beyond with Nichols College. Nora LuQuer, the liaison between Nichols College and MWCC, said, “in today’s turbulent economic climate, the A to B program provides a clear path-

way to an associate’s/bachelor’s degree with three-quarters of the costs...”

LuQuer said participants can complete their first three years at MWCC and finish their senior year in Nichols’ evening and online programs. Courses are offered by Nichols’ professors at the MWCC Devens campus, Quinsigamond Community College, and Nichols College. Students also have the option of full day classes and living on campus. Sixty-nine students are currently enrolled in the program and eleven students have already graduated.

To increase flexibility in the program, Nichols College offers fourth year classes completely online. LuQuer said this makes the program attractive to students who work full time or have families and need to stay within their community while pursuing their education.

Third year costs are the same as the first two years and the fourth year of classes can be completed for \$8,250. This is considerably less than most four year bachelor

degree programs on the national Forbes.com ranking of college prices. In addition to the low costs of this program, Nichols College also offers financial aid to all students in the program.

Another aspect to this program is the “beyond” description. Nichols College has a continuing education path which allows students to enter into its graduate program upon completion of the four year degree. This program can also be completed 100% online.

For students interested in other programs like this one, MWCC offers other 3+1 programs with Bellevue University, Charter Oak State College, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Mount Ida College, Regis College, and Saint Joseph’s College. For more information about these programs, contact Rivera Limari, Transfer and Academic Counselor, in the advising center.

## SGA DISCUSSES COMMUNITY HOUR

by Benjamin Allen

A debate took place at the Oct over the importance of community time at the college. Arguments against getting rid of the free time between 12:15pm and 1:45pm are being voiced by faculty and students. Some concerns expressed were that students use this time for the academic support center, club meetings, meeting with professors and working on group projects with their classmates. The SGA determined that further student input will be needed before a decision is made

by the school and this data will be collected by taking a survey within the college.

In the last minutes of the meeting, a student and tutor at the Academic Support Center voiced growing concerns about the lack of computers and other issues since moving the support center from its previous location in room 115 & 116. The SGA will be gathering more information on this topic as it becomes available.

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## SGA ALLOCATES CLUB FUNDS

by Benjamin Allen

The Student Government Association voted to allocate \$6,729.30 in funds to twenty-two clubs at MWCC. In addition, \$500.00 was also allocated to the Green Society to purchase a new water filtration system for the school.

According to the Ways and Means Committee, each semester the clubs will receive half of their allocated budgets from the SGA to run their organizations. Due to limited resources, the SGA was only able to give out approximately 40% of what was requested by the various clubs. To receive all the allocated funds, clubs must perform two community service projects

and participate in two student life training or club expositions. The clubs must also spend all of their allocated funds and raise 30% of their budget requests through fundraising.

Iris Luna, a new member, was voted in as the VP of the SGA in a unanimous vote. She will be assisting Isaac Matson who is currently the President of the SGA.

The fundraising effort of the SGA to Help the Troops totaled \$1,974.82 with the recent iPad raffle contributing \$948.10. According to Greg Clement, MWCC is competing with other Community Colleges in the state and hopes to break the \$2,000 mark for this year.

## GREEN STREET CAFÉ TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEIFER PROJECT

by Jillian Richard

The Green Street Café is participating in a fundraiser this November. The Heifer Project is an international organization founded in Rutland to provide the world with knowledge and insight on how to maintain food.

The main purpose is to provide animals to underdeveloped countries, giving them the tools to keep food an ongoing process. For Instance, Lynne Franciose gave an example of a water buffalo; they have the strength to pull a plow to maintain a field for whatever food they are growing.

Cows are great for milk and chickens are an asset to keep eggs on hand at all times. Absolutely no slaughtering takes place with this project.

The fundraiser aims to keep the college aware of this organization, to donate to hungry families across the world, and to pass on the spirit of giving. Last year in December the cafeteria collected \$800. This year the goal is \$1000, making a little more every year to show that everyone can make the difference in the world as well as the community.

## HELP DESK WORKS TO HELP STUDENTS CONNECT



Luis Rivera (photo by Matthew Cohen)

by Marie I. MacDonald

MWCC – Are you having trouble with your laptop? Can't figure out how to connect to the WIFI system at school? Trouble logging in to iConnect from home? Who should you call? You should call or visit the Help Desk, located on the lower level of LaChance Library.

On a recent visit to the Help Desk, I needed help working with my laptop at the school. I couldn't seem to figure out why the WIFI was not connecting. I dropped in to visit the Help Desk and was greeted by Luis Rivera, a Help Desk Specialist. He helped me figure out the best way to use WIFI. When asked why we don't log in to the system individually, Mr. Rivera explained that a new, simpler WIFI system was implemented over the past summer. A new Guest Network was added to make it easy for students to connect. Most computers have the ability to automatically detect a WIFI signal and implementing a new, easy to connect to system was important to the college.

When asked about logging in to the iConnect system and the randomly generated password a student gets upon setting up the account, Susan McHugh, Executive Director of IT cited security as the main reason. Randomly generated passwords are more secure and people are less likely to have their accounts hacked by using a password that the system generates. It avoids the common pitfall of people using the same password, over and over, for all kinds of computer logins, which can lead to serious issues of safety and IT integrity. If a student forgets their password, all they have to do is ask the system to generate a new one, thus keeping their private data safe on the MWCC IT infrastructure.

The IT department at MWCC works in various ways to ensure a good experience for all students. With close to 100 distance learning classes being conducted entirely online during the Fall 2011 semester, the IT department is developing an even more robust and easy to use computer infrastructure to support student learning. Plans are in progress to roll out improvements to the IT system over the next several years which will blend seamlessly into existing services.

The Help Desk is open to all during the week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. According to the Help Desk home page (just search for the term Help Desk on the college home page), they work closely with students, staff and faculty on such issues as computer account setup, email, network (wired/wireless) connectivity, password resets and much more. The department also offers a 24/7 Live Chat option for students working from home. A student can also telephone 866-520-7129 or email [helpdesk@mwcc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@mwcc.edu) with any questions or problems.

## INSTITUTE STUDENT SEEK TO TRANSFER TO FSU

by Alison Griffin

A tute is a student who applied regular admission to Fitchburg State University and was denied. A tute is also one who read the entire rejection letter, finding the opportunity live on campus at FSU, and take classes at The Mount. The goal for these students is to transfer to FSU.

To transfer to FSU, the students must have obtained a 2.5 GPA and 12 transferable credits; this entails four classes, three credits each. Once the student has completed this, The Mount ensures a smooth matriculation between schools. Coming into FSU, each student already has an academic advisor, experience with the layout of the campus, and hopefully, a few friends.

Each student is required to take a First Year Experience class with Institute academic advisor, Deborah Boucher. This course is designed to teach study skills and time-management to the students, ensuring their success at FSU. If the student does not obtain a 2.5 first semester, they have the next semester to improve themselves.

Virginia A. Ogbeiw, an Institute Student, said, "They're more than helpful at The Mount, and they want to see their students succeed." She then said, "I expect to transfer with honors...I knew from the first day, I'm here to get an education, community college, or university, and that's what I'm going to do."

## GREEN SOCIETY

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All maintenance and repair costs for the bottle filling stations will also be paid for by the Green Society.

The bottle filling station does require a filter change after 3,000 bottle fillings and the Green Society will be responsible for the cost of those filters which are \$20-\$30 dollars apiece.



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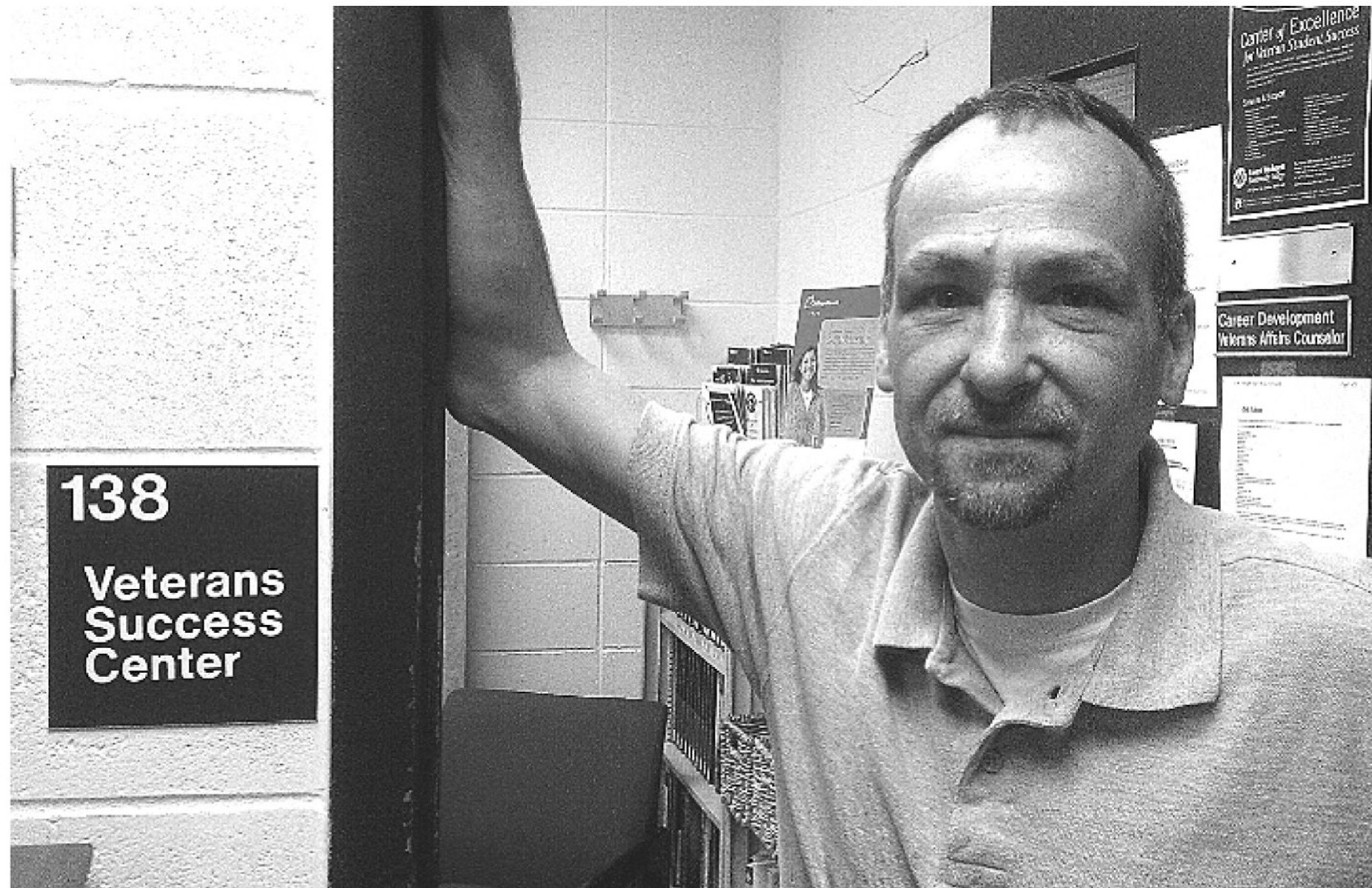
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## ALPHA BETA GAMMA IS A BUNCH OF "GO-GETTERS"



James "Kevin" Finch (photo by Christopher Kyprianos)

by *Christopher Kyprianos*

James "Kevin" Finch wears many hats, which now includes being the President of the Alpha Beta Gamma Honors Society at MWCC. Finch's goal for the 2011/2012 scholastic year is to guide the club's community service and fundraising efforts while focusing their main attention on this year's two elected charitable organizations, the House of Peace & Education in Gardner and National Education for Assistance Dog Services (NEADS) in Princeton.

"We are a community service oriented group. Our membership is full of Go-Getters!" Finch said.

On Wednesday, October 26, the ABG club kicked off their efforts with HOPE by running a pumpkin drawing event for two groups of youngsters. HOPE offers after school opportunities for elementary

school students in need. After the youths used markers to decorate the donated softball-sized pumpkins, they took them home. ABG also provided snacks of apple cider and popcorn balls.

In November, ABG will host a free period event where service dogs trained at NEADS and their masters will give demonstrations on what the dogs are capable of doing to help out their owners. The event will be open to students, faculty, administration and the general public.

Finch also currently serves as the Veteran's Club Secretary and works for the Veteran's Success Center at the college. He graduated from MWCC in May with an Automotive Technology Degree and is now finishing a few courses before moving forward into the 3 Plus 1 program at Franklin University where he plans to acquire his bachelor's degree.

## UNITED WAY YOUTH VENTURE GETS KIDS TO HELP COMMUNITIES

by *Marie I. MacDonald*

On October 20, over 500 young people from across Massachusetts descended on The Mount to participate in the United Way Youth Venture (UWYV) program of North Central Massachusetts. Aptly titled "Dream It. Do It," UWYV works with 23 partner sites including 18 area schools and additional community organizations to encourage young people to initiate and create positive lasting change in their communities.

Co-sponsored by the Center for Democracy and Humanity at MWCC, Ashoka's Youth Venture, and the United Way of North Central Massachusetts, this annual event gathers young people from across the Commonwealth and works to inspire them to come up with original ideas and awards each approved team up to \$1,000 in seed funding to launch their project within their community.

April Brewer, daughter of State Senator Steven Brewer and recently back from time with the Peace Corps in Zambia, said she considers herself lucky to be doing the same work here in Massachusetts as she did overseas, working in youth development. Ms. Brewer said, "my job is primarily working directly with the stu-

dents at the schools, helping them to create their action plan and going through the whole venture process."

Ms. Brewer explained the plan for the day, talking about the different tracks the students could participate in according to their interests and level of need. "Experienced high schoolers are spending time learning how to pitch their ventures to funders and how to sustain it and continue after they graduate from high school," said Brewer. "More experienced middle-schoolers are going more in depth with team and group dynamics and learning how to be a good leader. Young people new to the process are learning how to think outside the box and come up with new ideas."

Tyler Sweeney works as an AmeriCorps volunteer at the Ayer Shirley Middle School as part of the Youth Venture program at the school. Mr. Sweeney explained how the Youth Venture program encourages kids to look at their communities, identify problems, and use their passion and interest to address those problems. It encourages young people to be change-makers in their community. He is a Champion Ally trained by the Center for Hu-

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## STUDENT QUESTION OF THE MONTH

story and photos by *Brienna Lahti*

"Where is the best place to study on campus?"



**JAKE ROBICHAUD**

History major  
1st semester at MWCC

"I think the cafeteria is best because there is plenty of space."



**TAYLOR LIIMATAINEN**

General studies major  
1st semester at MWCC

"The library is the best place to study because it is quiet and they have comfortable seats. It's great."



**LUIZ ARDUINI**

Photography major  
1st semester at MWCC

"The library is the best place, down in the lobby because it's fairly quiet."



**KEVIN WHITMAN**

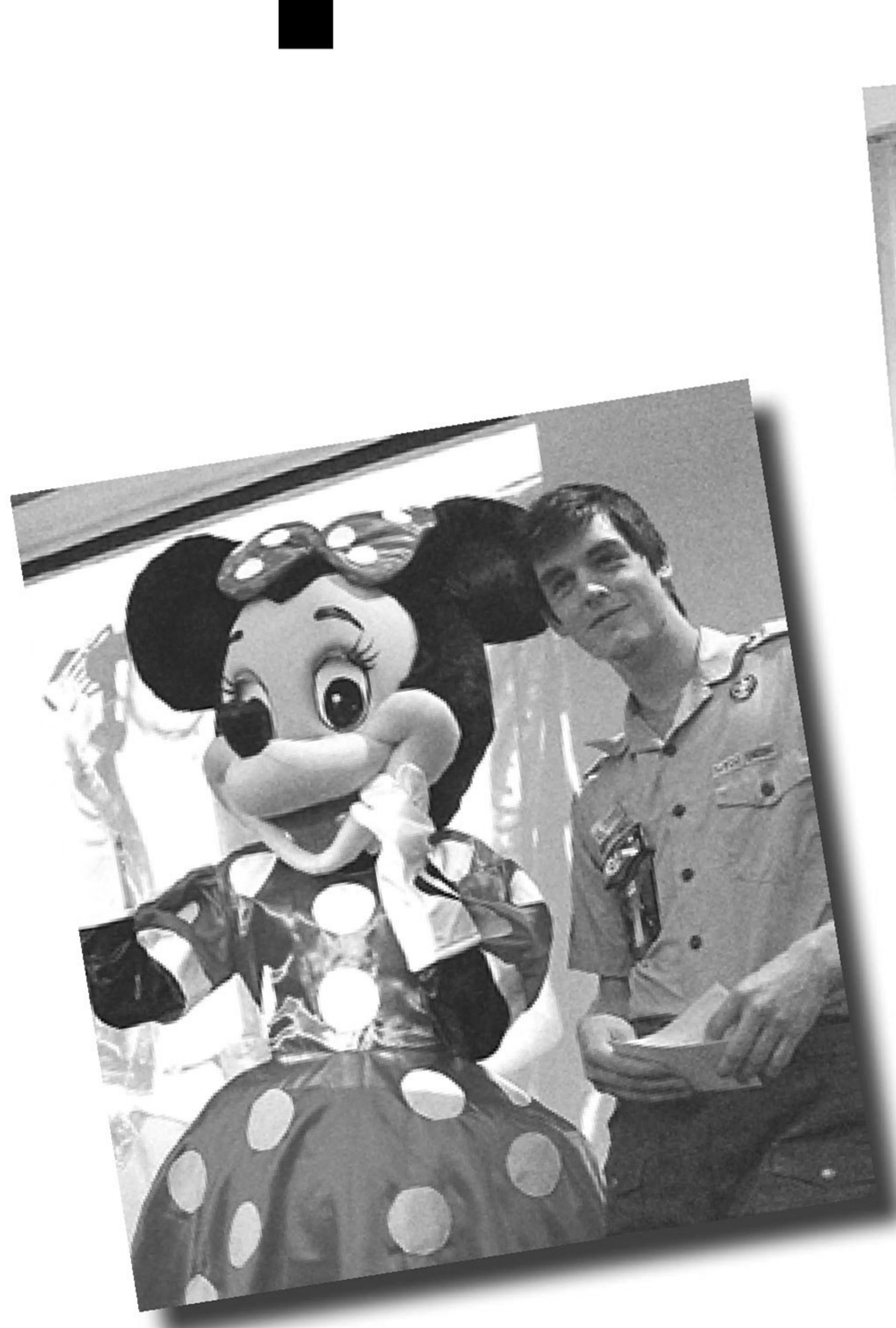
Fine arts major  
6th semester at MWCC

"At home. I can't get anything done here. I know too many people."

# face space

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a photo album of student life activities this semester



## MWCC'S Annual COSTUME Fashion Show





## REDEMPTION PHOTOGRAPHY

### Featured Student Blog

by *Brienna Lahti*

First blog, ever. So, bear with me.

Ultimately, in this blog, I'd like to tell you all about my experiences on shoots and things that are happening now in my photography life, but before I do that I should brief you on how I got to this point. So, the background to all of this good stuff goes a little something like this: this past summer I decided to pursue photography after being in school for elementary education for three years. I got my first camera, took some classes, yada yada yada, now I'm starting my own business. End scene.

So here we are, post wedding numero uno. First, I'd just like to say congratulations to the happy couple, Eric and Danielle Newman. I pray that your marriage will glorify God in its fullest and purest form! I really am genuinely happy for you two (and not just because I got to shoot your big day).

How did I book a wedding, you ask? Well, let me tell you. My pastor sent out an e-mail to the congregation the Sunday before that said something to the effect of "Eric and Danielle's wedding is this Saturday and everyone is welcome. Hope to see you then!" I read the e-mail, thought to myself "Well, that's nice", closed my computer, and walked away. Not two minutes later, God gave me this super, wonderful, fantastic idea, so I ran back to my computer and wrote Jason back saying "I don't know if Eric and Danielle have a photographer yet, but I would be more than willing to shoot it for free, please let me know either way".

Then I waited.

And waited.

Checked my e-mail about five (thousand) times and waited some more.

Then, finally!! The e-mail of all e-mails! Jason replied saying that they would love for me to shoot their big day! I screamed I was so excited. My dad's girlfriend was like "Waaaaaa, you crazy guuurrrll" (she doesn't talk like that).

Anyways, all week I was super excited and really, really nervous. I mean, I was going to be capturing memories that they were going to keep forever. Talk about pressure, people! I was told by multiple photographers that I wouldn't be able to sleep the night before because I'll be so nervous. Thank God, I slept like a baby and on top of that I wasn't even nervous that entire day.

Technical stuff: I wasn't sure what to expect really, because I had never shot a wedding before, I didn't know how cooperative everyone would be. I just knew what I had read in books and what I had heard from wedding veterans. The lighting was a tricky in both the ceremony space and reception (the reception was worse by a landslide, though. Just think: church basement with minimal natural light and dull overhead lightage. No bueno).

Overall, I was really pleased with the majority of the shots that I got. Everyone was so gracious and thankful for me being able to capture Danielle and Eric's big day. Looking back, I don't think I could have gotten any more blessed when it comes to shooting a first wedding. I'm glad it's over, though, and we can only go up from here. Praise the Lord!

To view this blog and photos, visit <http://redemptionphotographybl.blogspot.com>.

## MEMBERS OF MATH CLUB TUTOR FELLOW STUDENTS

by *Luiz Arduini*

Raising awareness of mathematics on campus is the Math Club's main purpose. "We want to show students that math is not as bad as it seems", said Alan Gogue, President of the Math Club. According to Gogue, when students face the reality that math is a subject they must grasp, understand, and not avoid, they are more apt to learn. That is when students can then take advantage of the Math Club community service tutoring.

The Math Club meets in room 349, between 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Mondays to help students with their homework. "It's an

hour of my day dedicated solely to math", said Carly Cagne, a student who has been attending every tutoring session. "It's a time and place that gives me the motivation and discipline to just do the work. Usually students from your own class will be helping you out, which, when you mess up a lot, is a lot less intimidating than a professor."

On Wednesday, November 2, Dr. Amy Wehe from Fitchburg State University will be coming to speak to students about the many benefits of pursuing and studying mathematics. The event will be held in Room 071 in the Library, between 12:30-1:30pm.

School in Shirley; and Water to the People based right at Mount Wachusett Community College.

One Venturer from Sky View Middle School is quoted as saying, "UWYV changed how I look at and treat my community and the people around me."



## UNITED WAY

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manity and Democracy and United Way Youth Venture to go out into the schools and work directly with young people.

According to the UWYV Fiscal 2011 report, a few of the projects launched during the 2010-2011 School Year are: Get F.I.T. (Fitness Is Timeless) at the Sky View Middle School in Leominster; Hugs for Homeless at the Ayer Shirley Middle

## ENROLLMENT DECREASES AT MWCC

by *Benjamin Allen*

At MWCC, enrollment rates are down 3.8% in the 2011 fall semester after several years of continuous increases. You can see the changes in enrollment rates in the chart below.

The associate VP of enrollment management and student financial aid, Ryan Forsythe, attributed the decrease to a change in the economic situation and people with less of a need to go to school. The decline is also caused by smaller high school graduating class sizes and a change in demographics in the community. Forsythe also noted that these enrollment rates are fluctuating around the area with many other colleges seeing changes in their enrollment rates.

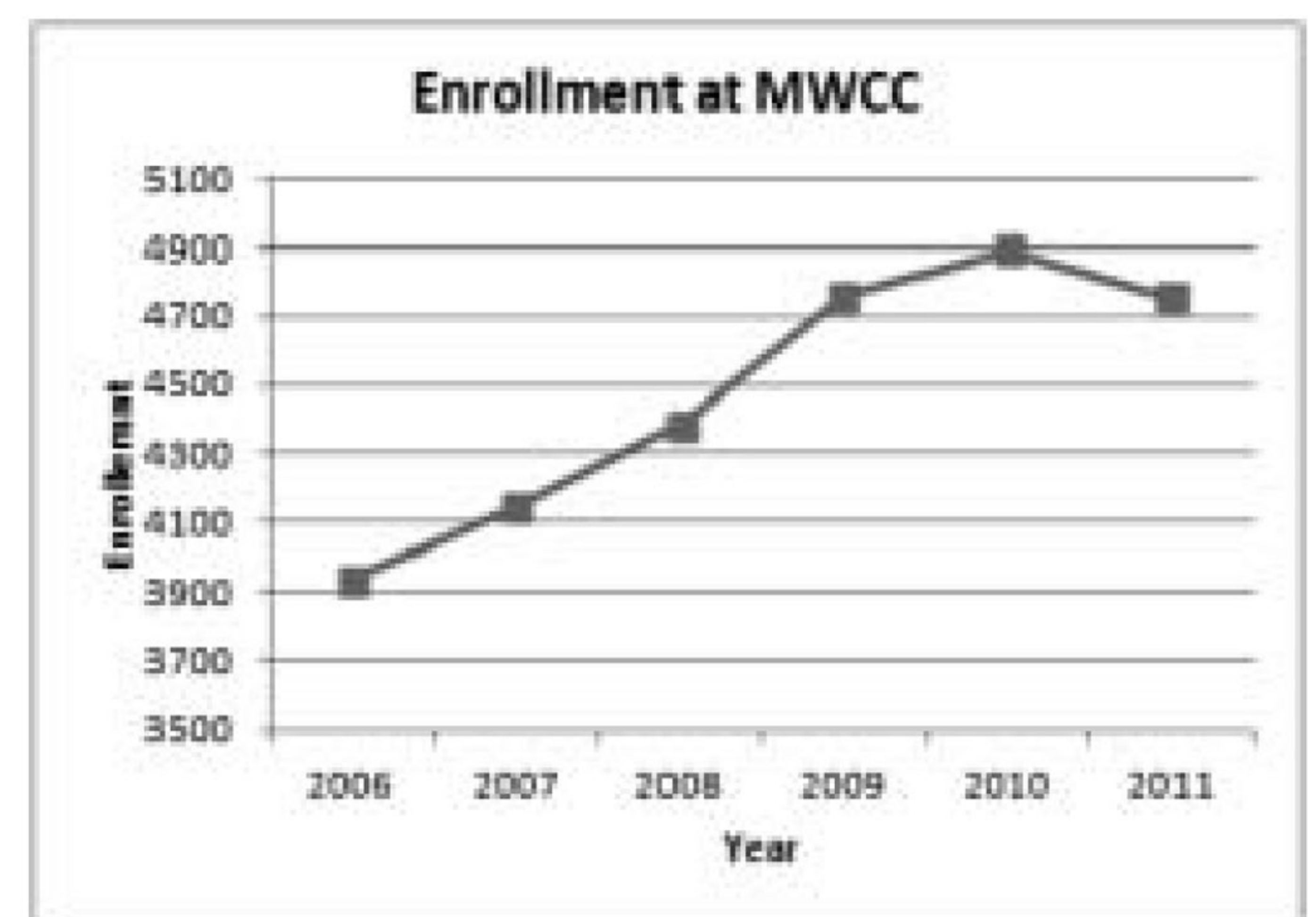
Forsythe said that the change in enrollment numbers was worked into to the budget and semester plans. Class sizes and course offerings have not been affected, nor have there been any faculty adjustments. The administration also noted that it was too early to speculate on upcoming growth or decline.

Forsythe also said that previous years of enrollment growth was caused by new aca-

demographic programs, marketing and recruitment efforts, community service projects completed by the college and a declining economy.

Forsythe reported that his role as Associate Vice-President of Enrollment Management is a new position created by the college with the hope of addressing these enrollment changes; the previous position was called the Director of Admissions. The new position was also created to help leverage financial aid to improve enrollment numbers.

MWCC is planning to combat the declining enrollment rate with new marketing and recruitment techniques. Staff has been setting up information centers at local high schools and will continue to do so in the future. The college has also been recruiting at new places, such as local business and Chambers of Commerce.



## THEFTS AT MWCC ARE RISING

by *Ericka Pultorak*

Karen Kolimaga, Chief of Campus Police and Public Safety at Mount Wachusett Community College, finds the increase in crimes on campus to be a result of the decrease of economic wealth around the country.

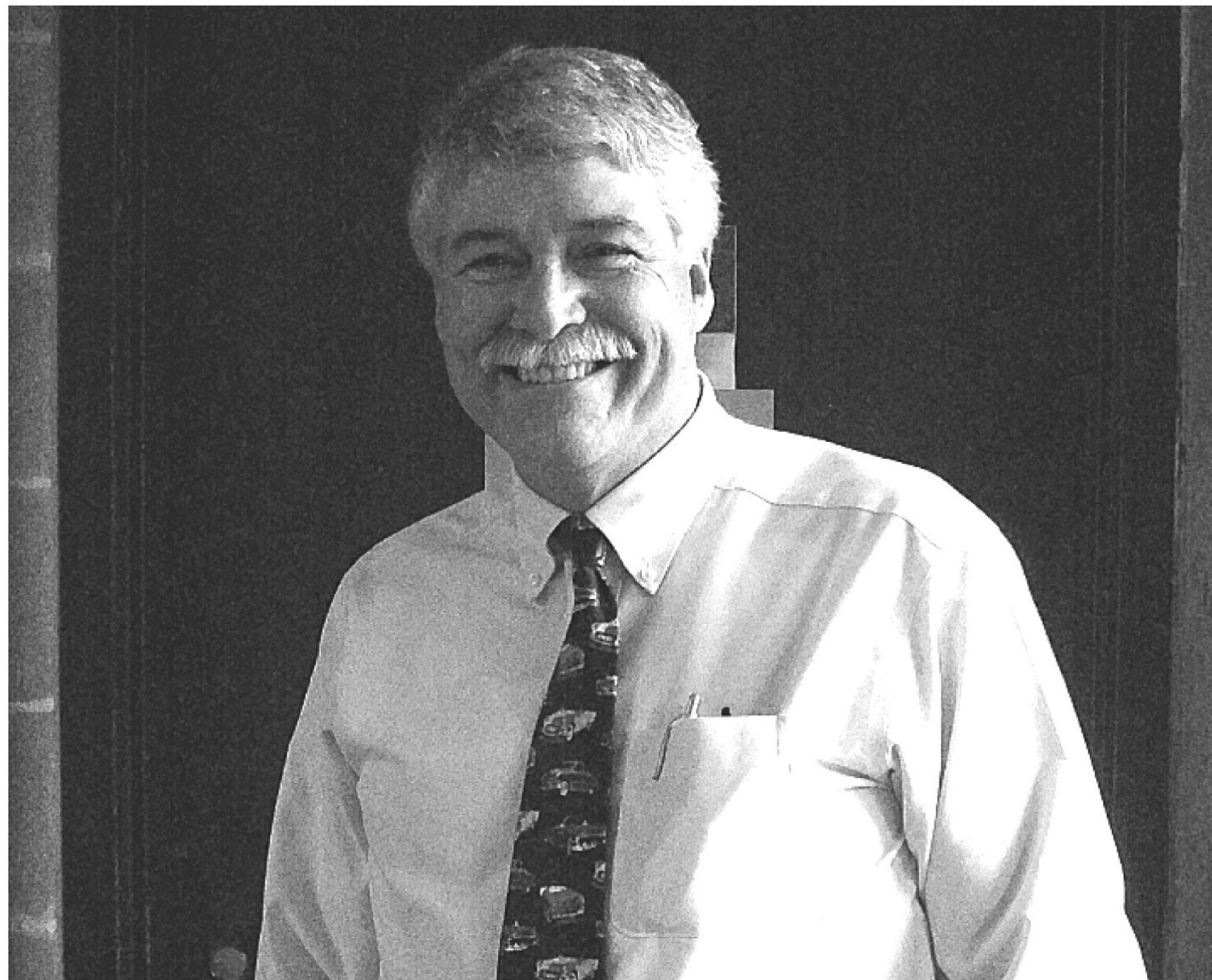
According to the 2010 Annual Safety and Security Report MWCC is pretty quiet. On the Gardner campus alone, four burglaries occurred, also, there was one drug law violation. These offenses are an increase to previous years according to Mrs. Kolimaga. This is kind of an odd situation because the crime numbers are up but there really aren't that many crimes. Kolimaga explained that because the Mount is sort of set outside of the city, city crimes don't really end up on campus. However, because of how bad the economy has been over the years people are getting increasingly desperate. This is where the larcenies come in.

Karen Kolimaga deals with about 10 to 15 larcenies every year and these numbers are increasing as the public's general wealth decreases. She even specifically said "The biggest thing we struggle with is larceny." Many students just leave their bags for "two seconds" or will have someone else look after their bags. Both methods she finds to be reasons why students get their possessions stolen. Karen Kolimaga said "Don't depend on somebody else to watch your stuff."

In order to prevent thefts the police team put up posters last year around the school. They have also tried to make the students aware of places such as bathrooms and lunchrooms where the thefts normally take place. Specifically, Mrs. Kolimaga recommends bringing your things into the stall and making sure your bags aren't left anywhere unprotected. Also, make sure the things in your car aren't visible or are at least covered up.



## Photography: A New Business Concentration



Bob Mayer (photo by Cheyne Ordonio)

by **Matt DeFeo**

According to Bob Mayer, Instructor of Photography and Graphic Design, the new photography concentration, created this semester under the business major, is a good opportunity for students. "I'm excited. I think it's a wonderful thing," Mayer, who has been working at MWCC for 12 years, said.

There are currently twelve certificate students and six degree students enrolled for a total of eighteen students in the photography program. Students get a quality education in both photography and business at a fraction of the cost of larger schools like The Hallmark School of Photography or Art Institute of Boston. "Are they six times better than us, I'm not so sure," Mr. Mayer said

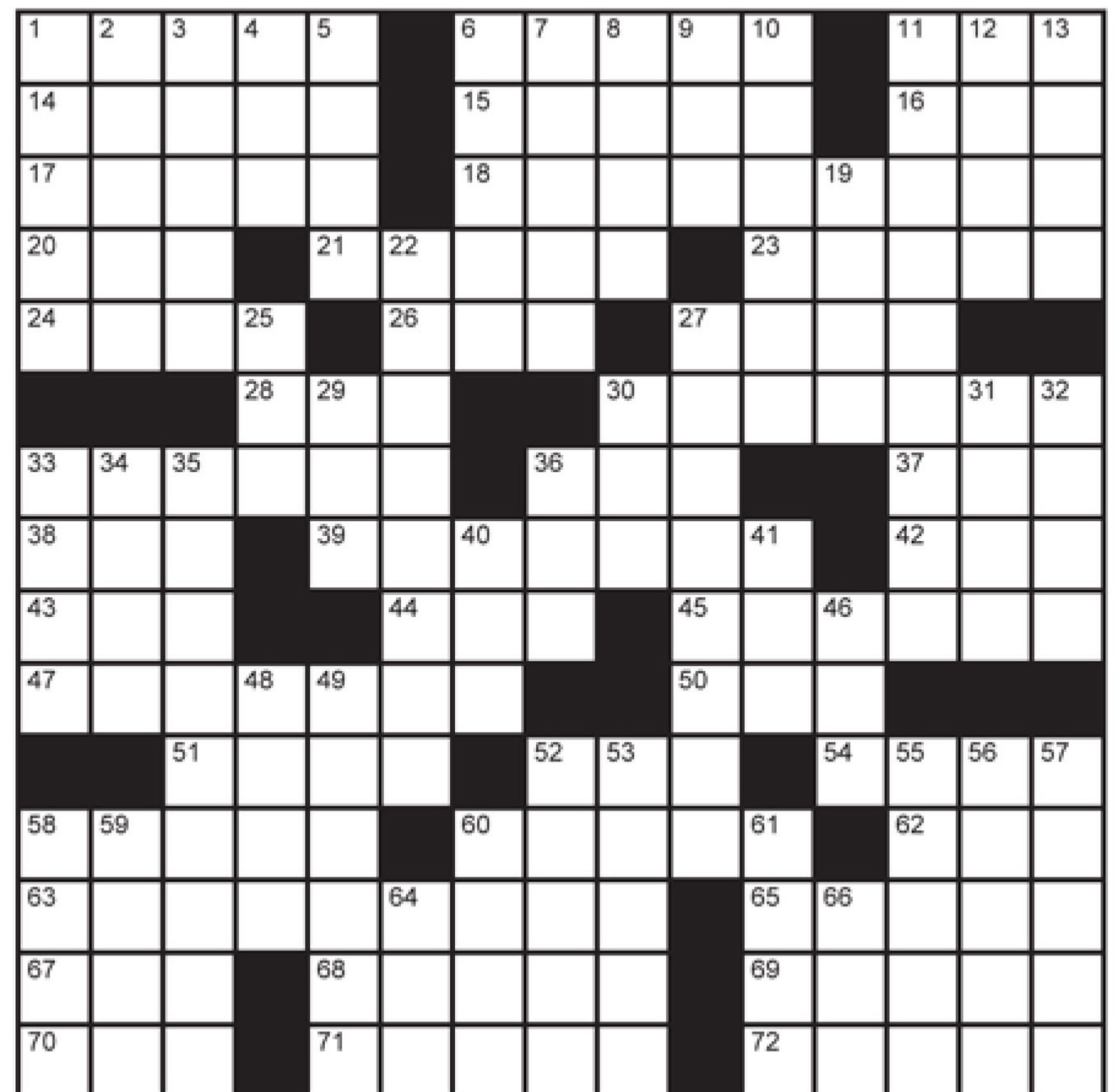
Mayer did a lot of the research to determine what photography classes were re-

quired to get the program moving but he didn't work alone; it was more of a collaborative effort. The entire broadcasting degree program had to be revamped. John Little and Joel Anderson were very instrumental in this process. Mayer also received help and support from a large group of people including Chuck Weitze, Janice Barney, and the Academic Affairs Committee which approves new major programs.

The photography program has been in the works for many years. When Mayer first came to MWCC, there was only one photography class offered; a film photography class. Two years ago a certificate program in photography was offered, and now the new degree program encompasses five photography classes.

# PUZZLES

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|   |   | <b>25</b> Snoop             | <b>66</b> <i>Lolita</i> actress Lyon |
|   |   | <b>27</b> Rifle             |                                      |
|   |   | <b>29</b> Totally           |                                      |

## 2012 COMECC CAMPAIGN CHILI COOK-OFF

**Monday, November 14, 2011**  
**North Cafeteria**  
**Beginning at 12:00 Noon**

Faculty and Staff will enter their best chili

Give your taste buds a treat - taste and vote for your favorites

Two (2) Grand Prizes will be awarded

to the Chili's with the most votes

Prizes given to all entrants

\$5 to enter your recipe

\$2 for employees to taste and vote

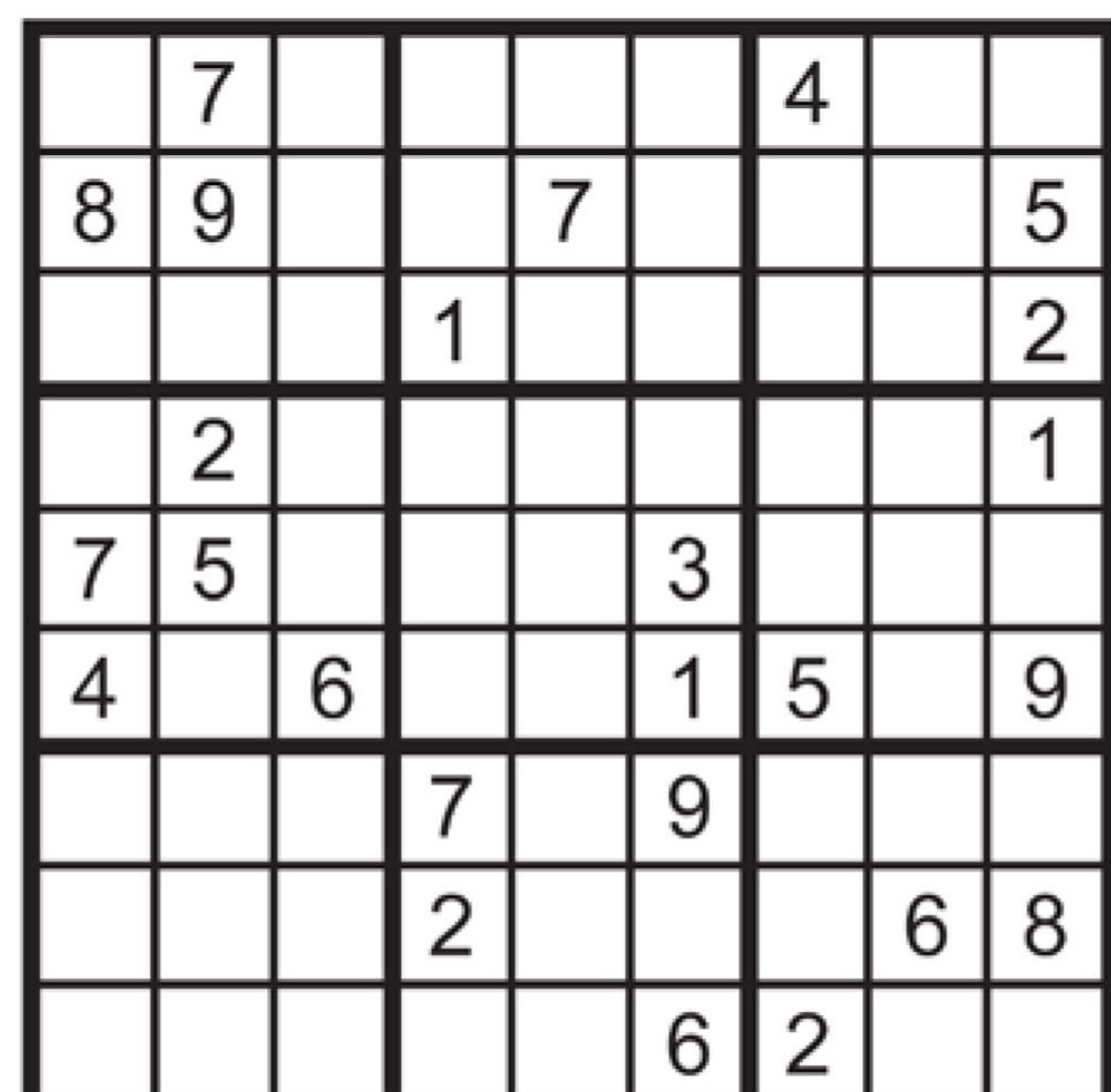
\$1 for students to taste and vote

All proceeds go toward MWCC's

2012 COMECC Campaign Drive

Also, enter to win the Thanksgiving Dinner Fixins Basket

Tickets will be sold at the Chili Cook-off



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## NOVEMBER STUDENT LIFE CALENDAR

### Leadership for Life

Nov. 8, 22; Dec. 6.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in Murphy Conference room

A series of short presentations on topics that will help you feel more comfortable and be successful at MWCC. For more information: contact the student life office [studentlife@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:studentlife@mwcc.mass.edu). Walk-ins welcome.

### Intramural Activity—Ultimate (Frisbee):

Wed., Nov. 2

12:30 - 1:30 p.m., MWCC Fitness and Wellness Center.

You must have athletic sneakers to participate. For more information contact Paula in Room 149.

### Film, *Native Spirit & the Sun Dance Way* and FREE POP-CORN

Wed., Nov. 9

12:30 p.m., North Café.

*Native Spirit & the Sun Dance Way* is an informative and moving documentary. It gives an authentic account not only of the Sun Dance rite but of the whole spiritual economy of which it is the central expression. *Native Spirit* brings this traditional wisdom to the attention of Native Americans, and will contribute to the preservation of modes of experience and understanding which are so urgently needed in the modern world.

### Sand Art Event

Thurs., Nov. 10 – LEOMINSTER CAMPUS

11:45 a.m., Classroom 8.

Come and be creative and make yourself a FREE Sand Art in a genie bottle. Sponsored by the Student Life Office and CATS.

### Intramural Activity—Basketball

Thurs., Nov. 10

12:30 - 1:30 p.m., MWCC Fitness and Wellness Center.

You must have athletic sneakers to participate. For more information contact Paula in Room 149.

### Ping Pong Tournament

Wed., Nov. 16 (and Nov. 17)

12:30 pm - 1:30 p.m., Lion's Den Student Center.

Pre-registration required; sign up in Room 150 or 151. Must be available to compete on both Nov. 16 and Nov. 17. Sponsored by the Student Life Office.

### Make Your Own Lanyard Lacing Key Chain

Mon., Nov. 21

12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Lion's Den Student Center.

Come relive your younger days when you made a key chain from lanyard lacing—it's free. Sponsored by the Student Life Office and CATS.

### Intramural Activity—Racquetball

Mon., Nov. 21

12:30 - 1:30 pm, MWCC Fitness and Wellness Center.

You must have athletic sneakers to participate. For more information contact Paula in Room 149.

### Intramural Activity—Kickball

Tues., Nov. 29

12:30 - 1:30 p.m., MWCC Fitness and Wellness Center.

You must have athletic sneakers to participate. For more information contact Paula in Room 149.

### Winterfest Fair

Tues., Nov. 29; Wed., Nov. 30

Commons Area, 9:00 am – 2:00 p.m.

Featuring the raffling off of more than twenty decorated trees and also theme baskets. There will be a variety of vendors selling items from children's books to Pashmina scarves. Sponsored by the Student Life office and Student Services.

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

<<<Puzzles located on page 7

### Sudoku

1	7	3	5	9	2	4	8	6
8	9	2	6	7	4	3	1	5
6	4	5	1	3	8	7	9	2
9	2	8	4	5	7	6	3	1
7	5	1	9	6	3	8	2	4
4	3	6	8	2	1	5	7	9
2	6	4	7	8	9	1	5	3
3	1	7	2	4	5	9	6	8
5	8	9	3	1	6	2	4	7

### Crossword

A	T	T	A	R	E	A	S	E	L	D	A	B		
F	O	R	T	E	D	E	E	R	E	R	O	E		
T	R	E	E	S	G	R	E	N	A	D	I	N	E	
E	S	S	T	H	E	I	R	D	E	F	E	R		
R	O	S	S	I	R	E	B	E	S	T				
		P	A	L		P	A	R	K	W	A	Y		
J	E	K	Y	L	L	M	A	Y		O	R	A		
A	L	I	L	O	C	A	T	O	R	O	I	L		
M	A	L		C	O	D		N	O	O	D	L	E	
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		M	A	G	S	S	A	T		T	A	G	S	
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S	I	R		S	T	E	A	D		S	E	E	D	S



## THEATRE AT THE MOUNT

PRESS RELEASE  
October 25, 2011

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### CHILDREN OF EDEN

#### *Opens Thanksgiving Weekend*

Theatre at the Mount concludes its 2011 season with the popular Stephen Schwartz musical *Children of Eden*, opening for 6 performances beginning Thanksgiving weekend.

From the creators of *Godspell*, *Pippin* and *Les Miserables* comes this joyous and inspirational new musical about parents, children and their search for understanding. *Children of Eden* is a musical parable based on the first nine chapters of the Book of Genesis, from Adam and Eve to Noah and the Great Flood. Stephen Schwartz, who also wrote the music for "Pocahontas" and "The Prince of Egypt" created the music and lyrics, and John Caird wrote the book.

The cast for *Children of Eden* includes Matt Dombroski as Father, Nick Howe as Adam/Noah and Fatima Lewis as Eve/Mama Noah. Also featured in the show are Amanda Carpenito, Alison Laverdiere, Taylor Lawton, Michael Kozloski, Tyler Moran, Joel LeBlanc, Melissa Gates, Jacob McDonald, Emily Xarras and a large ensemble of singers and dancers.

Performance dates for *Children of Eden* are November 25, 26, December 2, 3 at 8PM and November 27 and December 4 at 2PM. Ticket prices are \$20 for evenings, \$15 for matinees, and \$10 for children ages 16 and under. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Theatre at the Mount Box Office at [978 632-2403](tel:978-632-2403) or online at <http://theatre.mwcc.edu>