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Stopwar is by Martin Silva for the BCT215 assignment, "amendment". For more of the art of MWCC, turn to page 11.

Enrollment Center Contest Winner



Lindsay White, a first-year MWCC student, was presented with a sweatshirt from the MWCC bookstore, courtesy of manager Bryan Johnson. Lindsay was the winner of a contest held by the Enrollment Center to encourage students to take advantage of the college's new Online Advising System. Students can email the Online Advisor at advisor@mwcc.mass.edu. They can also participate in a live chat by writing to the advisor at the following AOL IM Screenshotname: advisor@mwcc.mass.edu.

President Writing Grant for Dorms

by Tyler LaBell

President Daniel Asquino spoke Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the All College Meeting in the North Café about future plans of the college, staff, and students. President Asquino told the staff that his goal for the next couple of years is to hopefully have a Student Center, where students can hang out, do homework, and other activities. Another huge goal of President Asquino's is to build residential halls.

President Asquino stated that he has only received positive feedback from the community for dormitories and 331 students from a survey were very interested. He said it is feasible.

President Asquino is in the midst of writing a major Title 3 grant. This grant will give MWCC about \$3-5

million over five years; however, MWCC has not received this grant in at least 10 years. "This will not be another document that rests on the shelf," said President Asquino.

This grant will help build the 40,000 square foot dorms which will cost around \$6 to \$8 million. A huge goal of President Asquino's is to get the dorms built within the next two to three years.

President Asquino said, "We are not quite there on student satisfaction and graduation rates." The Student Center and dorms will help raise student satisfaction where he would like it, especially with student enrollment growing each year.

Last year the enrollment projection was a 3% increase, when in actuality student enrollment has increased 5.3%.

Notice anything new at the Observer Office?

Next time you walk by, stop and look up. You will see the newest improvement to our newsroom: a wooden "Mount Observer" sign created by Angela Stefaniak, a senior at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School in Fitchburg. The staff of The Observer sends sincerest thanks to Angela, to Monty Tech, and to Ed Terceiro, Executive Vice-President at MWCC, for his design consultation.

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Vandalism on Campus

Press release provided by Campus Police

On October 6, 2007 shortly after 10:00 p.m. a female party entered MWCC Fine Arts wing which was open for a play. The party gained access to the first floor of the college and proceeded throughout the first floor tossing brochures and papers onto the floors. Several pieces of art were also damaged including several sculptures. The estimated damage is approximately \$1000. The party was identified and Gardner Police Department assisted the Campus Police Department in the investigation of the incident. Criminal charges were filed by the Gardner Police Department. The incident is pending in the Gardner District Court. Restitution for damages will be sought through legal processes.

Police Log for Sept. 10, 24, and 27

Compiled by
Samantha Lemoine

Larceny under \$250 - 130562 Reported 9/10/ at 11:57
Occurred on 9/07/2007 Hallway by public computers (open)

Dangerous Weapon - 13125 Reported 9/24/ in
Parking lot E (closed)

Larceny over \$250 - 131600 Reported 9/27/
at 4:35 Parking Lot

Police Log for September and October

Police Log for Sept. 7

Compiled by Tara Lloyd

Time	Unit	Activity	Description	Police Activity
12:10 A.M	DS		Building	Patrolled
1:30 A.M	DS		Building	Patrolled
2:14 A.M	MDS		Vehicles	Moved and Refueled State Motor Vehicles
2:45 A.M	DS		Check	Checked temperatures and exterior doors
3:13 A.M	DS		Patrol	Patrolled
5:10 A.M	DS		Vehicle Stop	Stopped Ms. Mary Potter for a stop sign violation. Issued verbal warning for failing to stop at stop sign.

Police Log for Oct. 5 – 8

Compiled by Matthew Gaspar

Oct. 5:
12:01 a.m. lost and found; 1
2:10 a.m., patrolled;
1:30 a.m., patrolled; 5:12 a.m., patrolled;
12:30 p.m., glass Mount Wachusett sign was knocked off wall;
3:05 p.m., notified of life flight;
4:05 p.m., Life flight departed at this time; 9:10 p.m., patrolled.

Oct. 6:
12:20 a.m., patrolled;
3:10 a.m., patrolled;
7 a.m., swim meet detail;
7:30 a.m., soccer detail;
5 p.m., swim meet still in progress;
7:05 p.m., everyone is out of the Fitness and Wellness Center.

Oct. 7:
12 a.m., patrolled building checking for damages and taking pictures
12:20 a.m., notified Ed Terceiro of incident at this time
8:15 a.m., let John Pacheco on campus at this time
8:30 a.m., Gary LeBlanc on campus to clean vandalism
10:30 a.m., Lots, roads, track patrolled, found two barrels turned upside down, no smoking sign in daycare broken.
3:10 p.m., John Pacheco off campus – advised that artist did not show to receive paintings, which were placed in room 182.
3:25 p.m., Artist retrieved paintings
5:10 p.m., UMass Life flight
5:20 p.m., Spoke to two male individuals skateboarding on stairs

Oct. 8:
12:10 a.m., patrolled
12:55 a.m., patrolled
7:30 a.m., patrolled
1:52 p.m., fall on handicap ramp going down to Fitness and Wellness Center
8:25 p.m., patrolled
11:10 p.m., emergency test conducted

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Fitness Center Fees Discussed in SGA Meeting

By Jackie Hope

During the Student Government Association (SGA) meeting on October 19, Steve Washkevich, Director of the Fitness & Wellness Center, discussed the recent raise in student fees.

Washkevich said the increase for students to \$60 per semester was not implemented to benefit other members of the community who are not students. Washkevich said it occurred because "We run as a business over there, and we need to make enough money to keep it going." He said the increase in fees was not to punish students but to produce funds to improve the facility for members and keep the fitness center going strong.

Also, Washkevich said Paula Richards has been offering a free intramurals program during community time from 11:40 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesdays. All students are welcome.

In other business, the SGA will be conducting a food drive on Saturday, October 27 and they need volunteers. The SGA agreed to take \$500 from contingency to fund gift certificates for thanksgiving dinner donations to students in need and also to donate to the food pantry. For more information, contact Katie Forgues, SGA President at SmalFrie411@aol.com.

Your Survey Results for Noncredit Courses

The Division of Lifelong Learning and Workforce Development would like to thank all of the students who participated in our survey to determine if there was interest in participating in non-credit offerings during community time. We were very pleased with the survey results and are working on creating low cost programming for our day students in areas that interest them the most. Students showed an interest in topics that ranged from recreation and leisure activities to computer trainings.

For the spring, we intend on piloting the program by offering at least one non-credit offering

The Number One Choice for a Non-Credit Course was COOKING

per month. But we are willing to offer more programs if students show an interest.

The more students participate, the more offerings we can put together. Besides hiring external instructors, we are also willing to interview students who feel they have hobbies or skills that they would like to share with other students.

Have suggestions? Please feel free to contact Missi Sargent, Director of Non-Credit Programs at m_sargent@mwcc.mass.edu or by phone at 978-630-9273.

Congratulations to Kayla Barone, winner of the \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Card raffled for completing the survey.



Magazine drive for Iraq

The Alpha Beta Gamma National Business Society is conducting a semester-long magazine project for troops in Iraq. Drop-off boxes are located in the Commons area of the Gardner campus.

The Business Society is responding to a request from Major Todd Bajakian, a former Alumnus of the year, who recently returned to Iraq and said his troops would appreciate copies of magazines since there is little to read.

For more information, contact Professor Linda Bolduc at l_bolduc@mwcc.mass.edu

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For more information, contact Michelle Valois, Faculty Advisor for i magazine, ext. 364 or mvalois@mwcc.mass.edu



Summer Programs a Success for MWCC

by Katie Ciccolini

The MWCC Board of Trustees discussed the positive outcomes the summer programs had on the community during their recent meeting. During the summer of 2007, the Division of Access and Transition, in collaboration with community agencies, provided programs and services to 724 area children, youth, and teens.

There were ten programs in all including Summer Up, Summer Up Summer School, Gateway to College, MCAS Academy, MWCC Math and Science Camp, Cyber Camp, Math and Engineering Program Design Camp, MCAS Pathways to Success, and Kid's Summer Activity Program (KSAP).

The Summer Up Program was designed to give young people jobs over the summer and keep them out of trouble. The program employs teens as youth counselors to younger children at playgrounds and parks. They play games, sports, and do crafts. The program also provided free meals to those attending, which were mainly children from low-income homes.

The program was implemented in Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner, and Winchendon at various sites. Of the youth who participated in Summer Up, 54 percent thought they contributed to their community because of the program. Also, 71 percent reported a reduction in risky behaviors over the summer. There were 150 youth counselors employed

and total attendance at these sites averaged 371 elementary students daily.

In addition to Summer Up, the Summer Up: Summer School Program supported local families and public schools by contributing a total of \$16,000 towards the cost of summer school classes. This summer, 110 low-income students received financial assistance towards the classes they needed to advance to the next grade.

The Gateway to College program is a high-school dropout recovery program. It is for young people ages 16 to 20. The program's inaugural semester began in the fall of 2006 but over the summer, 29 new students joined.

MCAS Academy Program helps those entering the 9th grade with the English and math skills in order to pass the MCAS. This summer, 47 students participated.

The rest of the programs, which focus on math, science, and computer skills, had equal amounts of success, with 18 students in the Math and Science Camp, 46 in the Cyber Camp, 18 in Math and Engineering Program Design Camp, and 25 in MCAS Pathways to Success.

The Kid's Summer Activity Program, a program for the children of MWCC staff and faculty had 20 participants in its first year. The 7-week long program included sports, crafts, nature-based activities, and academics.

Mind Control on Campus: Hypnotist visits MWCC

by Joslyn Thiem

The Mount recently had nineteen students fulfill their dream of being hypnotized. Steve Taubman, magician and hypnotist shared his talents with the Mount once again this year. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Taubman walked around the South Café and shared his magic tricks at each table. Between 11:30 and 12:40, Taubman put on a hypnosis

show that got the whole cafeteria's attention.

Nineteen volunteers were hypnotized. Taubman went through different steps, starting off with the volunteers standing in a line swaying to making them answer shoes as if they were telephones ringing. Taubman had the hypnotized students believe they were experiencing the hottest day ever.

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Committee Discusses Advising Improvements

by Esteban Barreto

"We have a problem and the problem is that not many students go to see their advisors as they should," said Jane Carney, Dean of the Social Science Division.

The Academic Success Committee met recently for the first time this semester to discuss their goals for the 2007-08 school year. Considering the Committee does not have a solid plan yet, they are focusing on better ways of advising students in their academics. The Committee's number

one goal is to improve student services, such as advising, counseling, and enrollment.

Faculty and staff agreed that students are not showing up to see their counselors and advisors. They said that some students used to see advisors just in time for registration but now that they can register online, they won't meet with them. The Committee also discussed how difficult it is for professors to advise their own students.

When he did this, they all began waving their arms like fans; some even started to take their layers off. He then made them believe they were freezing, which made them put their clothes back on. Some of Taubman's magic tricks included the invisible coin trick and a card trick. The invisible coin trick really makes one wonder because throughout

the trick Taubman showed that his sleeves were rolled up and nothing was under his watch. The coin got larger throughout the trick and went from one hand to the other without being placed there.

The card trick was similar to most card tricks. Taubman told an audience member to name a card in the deck and somehow he found it and made it appear

Opinion Page

Smoke Free Campus?

By Renee Donofrio

Mount Wachusett Community College is a spectacular college to attend. They have many programs to join and events to attend. The staff and students here are all very pleasant and kind people to work with. They do very well to keep up the look and atmosphere of the college. One thing I noticed that could be improved at the Mount is the number of students who smoke on campus. There are signs posted on all the doors of the school and the lawns stating that this school is a smoke free campus, yet every morning you see people smoking in the common area outside, only a few feet from the doors. There are cigarette

butts on the ground outside the school and that does put a damper on the scenery of the school. Also there are people who smoke only a few feet from the children's center. It's not fair for the kids who do not smoke, or who have bad lungs and asthma, to have to inhale everyone else's second hand smoke. I myself suffer from severe asthma and it's very hard for me to breathe in that smoke every morning when I walk by those people who are smoking. To help with this problem I think campus security should be more alert and should maybe try to enforce this rule among those who are smoking on campus. Also, maybe have someone come and clean up those areas that are covered with cigarette butts so it can look just as nice as the rest of the school campus does. Smoking on campus has an effect on everyone who breathes in the smoke and it should be taken seriously.

Ray Hendricks Review

by Kim Anderson

Mount Wachusett Community College students gathered in the South Cafeteria on Wednesday, October 3, for a performance from Ray Hendricks Revival Band. The event was sponsored by CATS (Campus Activities Team for Students) and the student life office.

The band performed songs from their debut album, *Lost in the Year*. Ray Hendricks Revival Band played nine songs and after each song the audience applauded.

While the band performed, students sat around the tables to eat lunch and talk to friends. The crowd filled about three-quarters of the cafeteria.

Some students started tapping their fingers on the table, some bobbed their heads to the beat. One student stood up and danced for a moment. Throughout the performance, there was a flow of students coming in and out of the cafeteria.

The band consists of Ray Hendricks (vocals/guitar), Pat Patterson (lead guitar), Chris O'Brien (bass), and Dan Thompson (drums).

The band is from Athol, MA. The group formed in late 2005. For more tour dates,

visit their MySpace: <http://www.myspace.com/rayhendricks>.

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Horror Film Convention Review

by Danielle Bettro

The Rock-n-Shock Horror Film Convention took place at the DCU center and the Palladium in Worcester Ma on October 12, 13, 14 200, from 11:00am to 12:00am Tickets are \$30.00 a day. There were signings and pictures by your most beloved horror movie actors and actresses, such as Kane Hodder from Friday the thirteenth and Hatchet; PJ Soles from Halloween 1; also William Forsythe who played Deborah Myers Boyfriend in the 2007 remake of Halloween; Daeg Faerch as 10 year old Michael Myers in 2007 version of Halloween; and Tom Towels as

Lieutenant Wydell in House of 1000 corpses and others. There was also a Q&A done by the KNB EFX Group who did the special effects on the movies Creep Show and Grind house. After 4:00pm the bands at the palladium started which consisted of Type O Negative, Bury your Dead and Mushroomhead. The vendors at the convention had tons of vintage horror movie memorabilia: posters, toys and costumes from the actual movies. Nightmare Tattoo was also on hand doing live tattoos. I suggest all of you boils and goils attend next year it's a scream!

Transformers Movie Review

by Tyler LaBell

The movie Transformers starring Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox, and directed by Steven Spielberg, is based off a cartoon from the mid-1980s. All of the characters in the movie were based on characters from the cartoon.

Just like the cartoon, there were the Autobots and the Decepticons, but there were small differences in the movie. In the cartoon, one of the Autobots was named Bumblebee. Bumblebee transformed from a Volkswagen Beetle in the cartoon, while in the movie it was a Chevrolet Camaro.

The Decepticons are trying to recover the all spark so they can gain control of the Universe, while the Autobots went to Earth to destroy it in order to keep it out of the

hands of the Decepticons. The Autobots, while trying to save mankind, run into trouble with the government.

A secret agency named Sector 7, started by President Hoover, believes all of the transformers are bad.

This action-based movie with great graphics will keep you laughing throughout and will have you on the edge of your seat rooting for the Autobots like it was a major sporting event! The movie had plenty of intense war scenes, with great stunts, and amazing visual effects. The sound effects were also unbelievable.

If you're into action or comedy movies, this had a mixture of both with a good plot and great directing by Spielberg.

SPORTS PAGE

A Great End to a Great Season: The Red Sox Route to Victory

by Tyler LaBell

The Red Sox, who led all major league teams with a 96-66 record, advanced to the World Series for the first time since they broke the curse of the Bambino in 2004. Similar to 2004, when they made the greatest comeback in MLB history by coming back from a 3 game deficit to the New York Yankees to win the series 4-3 and sweep the Cardinals in the World Series, the Red Sox came back from being down 3 games to 1 to beat the Cleveland Indians and swept the Colorado Rockies in the World Series.

Josh Beckett who had the best record in all of baseball (20-7) had his worst game of the season against the Colorado Rockies back in June. After coming off two great starts to help the Red Sox beat the Indians, and being crowned ALCS MVP, Beckett won his fourth game of the playoffs by beating Jeff Francis (17-9) in game 1 of the World Series by a score of 13-1. Beckett pitched 7 strong innings while allowing only 1 run.

Colorado's streak of winning 21 of their last 22 games,

including sweeping the first 2 series of the post-season, ended by the Red Sox sweeping the Rockies in 4 games.

The favorite to win the National League MVP Matt Holliday did everything he could to help Colorado win their first World Series Championship since becoming an expansion franchise in 1993. Holliday hit a 3 run home run to put them down by 1 run in game 3, but the Red Sox rookie sensation Dustin Pedroia, who had the best batting average of a rookie second baseman and most RBI's in an ALCS game with 5 by a rookie, hit a 2 run double to help the Red Sox win 10-5.

Jacoby Ellsbury, who took Cocoa Crisp's starting spot in centerfield in game 6 of the ALCS, hit a lead off double and scored in the 1st inning of game 4. They never looked back. Jon Lester pitched 5 and 2/3 scoreless innings. Mike Lowell, the World Series MVP, and Bobby Kielty each hit home runs later in the game, with Kielty's being his first Worlds Series at bat, putting them 4-1 and went on to win 4-3.

Bruins May Have a Shot

By Sean Reardon

The Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League have not been a good team for the last few years, but with a new goaltender and an improved offense and defense from last year, this team has a good shot at making the playoffs this year.

The Bruins have not qualified for postseason play the last two seasons and have finished in the basement of the division. Over the last few years, the coaching and front office of the team have been looking for all the right players to fit their system and this year, it looks like they really have the right players.

The Bruin's offense will have to play great again this season for the team to be successful. Last year, the Bruins were one of the better teams in the NHL on the offensive side of the ice. With a good mixture of young talent and veteran experience on offense, this team is expected to be one of the league leaders in points scored.

Line one pairs 22-year-old Patrice Bergeron with 34-year-old Right Winger Glen Murray. Nineteen-year-old Phil Kessel will begin his second season with the Bruins and is expected to put up big numbers. Kessel will rely on the veteran help of teammates, such as Marc Savard, Marco Sturm, P.J. Axellson, and new Boston Bruin Peter Schaffer. If the team is going to be successful this season, the offensive unit will be a bit part of their success.

On the other side of the ice, the Bruin's defense is a whole other story. If the team wants to be successful, the defense will have to play better than they did in the last few seasons. Last season, the Bruin's defense ranked as one of the worst units in the National Hockey League. The lone star defenseman on the team is the Bruin's captain, 6'9" Zdeno Chara. Chara, a native of Trenchin, Slovakia, will begin his second season with the team. Chara leads the group

of young, inexperienced defensemen, including Dennis Wideman, Andrew Alberts, Mark Stuart, Matt Lashoff, and Andrew Ference.

Alongside them are veterans Jason York and Aaron Ward. The team's defense is described as a mixture of unproven young players and washed up older players and is known as one of the worst defensive units in the NHL. It is the job of the defense to prove to the League, and the fans, that they can step up their game and help out their goaltender.

"With a good mixture of young talent and veteran experience on offense, this team is expected to be one of the league leaders in points scored."

The biggest change the Bruins made this off-season is the acquisition of Goalie Manny Fernandez. The Bruins acquired Fernandez from the Minnesota Wild in exchange for Petr Kalus. The 33-year-old adds much needed stability to the Bruin's shaky goaltending unit. Backing up Fernandez this season will be last year's starter, Tim Thomas. Thomas started nearly 60 games last season, winning about half his games. Many critics now believe with a stable goalie, the Bruins have all the pieces to the puzzle to make a playoff push.

Boston Bruin's management, teammates, and fans all believe this year's team has a realistic shot at getting out of the basement of the division and making a post-season run. If the offense plays as well as last season, the defense improves, and the goaltending is stable, I believe we will all be watching as the Bruins compete in the playoffs this year and make a push for the Stanley Cup.

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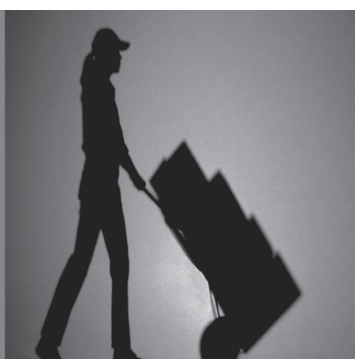
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Celtics going for Banner

By John Roche

The Boston Celtics have had their good seasons and their bad. The most memorable seasons were produced while under the direction of coaching guru Red Auerbach. The Celtics produced three dynasties winning 16 World Titles from 1957 to 1986 with eight of the sixteen being consecutive wins. However, in the years following, not as many positive things can be said about the Boston Celtics. The last glimpse of hope came in 2002 when they made an appearance in the Eastern Conference Finals. Although, there has been much talk of the 07'-08' team bringing home another banner. With this being said, one must wonder what happened to the glory days? What brought upon such a downfall and could this year really be a banner year?

Let's start with the glory years. Why were the Boston Celtics so successful from 1957 to 1986? Anybody that knows basketball knows about Red Auerbach, one of the greatest coaches in the history of the game. With a coach like Auerbach and a team which consisted of players such as Bob Cousy, Bill Sharman, Frank Ramsey, Tommy Heinsohn and Bill Russell, how could you not be successful? Russell revolutionized the role of the big man in basketball. With his shot blocking, rebounding, and passing, he turned a good team into a powerhouse. Cousy was an amazing point guard who mastered the fast break and, with the other players performing their roles flawlessly game after game, the glory years had begun. As this era of players retired, Auerbach drafted new ones. With the likes of Dave Cowens, John Havlicek and other key role players joining the team the Celtics added two more championship banners to the rafters in the 70's. Larry Bird was the final chapter of the glory years. He led the team to championships number

fourteen, fifteen and sixteen. A standard for basketball excellence was established by the Celtics with their sixteen championships and twenty eight Hall of Famers.

So what happened to the glory years? How could all the success just end? When Larry Bird retired, hard times fell upon the Celtics. All-star draft pick Reggie Lewis died moments before his first game, Kevin McHale retired and Robert Parish departed from the team. With this the glory years were over. Skip ahead a few years to the Antoine Walker and Paul Pierce years. The two all-stars were the only glimpses of hope the Celtics had seen in years. Although no championships were won, trips to the conference finals were made possible. However this was not enough in the minds of the players, coaches and fans. They all continued to ask the same question "Why not us?"

As you might already know, this upcoming season has been predicted to be a banner year. Could the Celtics really bring home a championship this year? Well heck, why not us? This year's team is filled with talent. With the likes of veterans Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnet, Ray Allen and other talented players such as James Posey, Scott Pollard, Eddy House and Tony Allen this could be the start of a new decade of glory years. Anything less than a championship this season would be a letdown. As long as all the new players can adapt and learn to play with each other, we should see another banner hanging from the rafters of the Garden.

The past glory years are long gone, the in between years are over, but the future looks bright. We know why the Celtics were so successful in the past, what went wrong after those years and I think it is safe to say that we know what will be hanging from the rafters in the near future.

Intramural Sports being Offered at the Mount

A new Intramural Sports Program is being developed at the Mount and will be taking place at the Fitness and Wellness Center. A gym membership is not needed to participate. This is a noncommittal program so students can show up as often as they want. Currently the weekly time slot for activities is Wednesdays 11:40am to 12:30pm, with an option to stay until 1pm.

A variety of sport and physical activities will be available including basketball, soccer and volleyball. The program is still in development and is seeking ideas from the students to further improve it. There are plans in work for a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Interested individuals or teams can stop by or call for sign-up information. The deadline to sign up for the tournament will be November 13th.

Paula Richard will be available to speak with students about the program in her office, room 149 on most Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 2pm, or she can be reached via telephone at 978-630-9349.

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New Courses Offered in Spring

BIO 128, Plants and Society (taught by Thomas J. Montagno, Ph.D.). It is a non-lab 3 credit hour science course which can serve as a general elective or a science elective, depending on the specific program requirements. It will be offered at the Gardner campus and at Leominster campus (1st cycle). It is intended for students that have an interest in plants and the many ways they are used in various societies around the world as well as the historical significance of plants in shaping our world. The formal course description is:

“Plants and Society is a survey course that looks at the origins, historical and current use of plants in societies including food, spices, clothing, beverages, building material and medicines. The search for and exploitation of many plant species by humans has directly and indirectly shaped the geopolitical world we now live in. These topics will follow a brief introduction to basic plant structure, function, and life cycle. The increasing role of plants in biotechnology will also be studied, as well as the important uses of algae and fungi as they relate to people, plants, and plant products.”

CGD205 Digital Photo Art is an online course offered by the Computer Graphic Design Department. Taught by Professor Meg Gillis, the course is available to all majors and fulfills a humanities elective requirement. Professor Gillis stresses an artistic approach to digital imaging and manipulation using a number of creative techniques. The class is taught using both Adobe Photoshop, used by CGD majors, and Photoshop Elements, used by non-majors. Photoshop, a state-of-the-art digital imaging program, has long been the standard in the design community and is used in a number of other industries, such as broadcasting and traditional photography. Photoshop Elements (a less expensive program which does much of what the professional program does) is quite often used by photographers to make the transition from analog film to digital.

Though the class is conducted online, Professor Gillis meets on campus once a month with her students. Students will have access to the extensive Computer Graphic Design facilities, which are fully staffed at all times should assistance be required.

Student Life Calendar for November 2007

(All events are on the Gardner Campus unless noted otherwise.)

November 14

Morgan White, the Trivia Guy, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, South Cafeteria. Answer the trivia questions correctly or stump the Trivia Guy and WIN PRIZES. Open to students, faculty, and staff. Sponsored by CATS (Campus Activities Team for Students) and the student life office.

November 29

Winter Fest Fair, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, commons area. Vendors and crafters will be selling items. The event will feature the annual “Theme Baskets” raffle. Sponsored by student life office, student services and CATS.

November 30

Winter Fest Fair, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, commons area. Vendors and crafters will be selling items. The event will feature the annual “Theme Baskets” raffle. Sponsored by student life office, student services and CATS.

Upcoming Events

December 5

Play Bingo—Win CASH!!! 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, Lion’s Den Student Center (room 153). Come enjoy playing bingo and win CASH PRIZES! Event is free for all MWCC students. Sponsored by the student life office and CATS.

December 7

“It’s Your Birthday” Celebration! If your birthday falls in November, December or January—come celebrate with us in the Lion’s Den Student Center, Room 153, between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. Enjoy a piece of cake and enter free to win great prizes. Feel free to bring one guest. Sponsored by the student life office and CATS.

Students Now Enrolling for Spring Semester

Students can now view the SPRING 2008 course schedule online at www.mwcc.mass.edu using Web Connect.

Registration for spring and winter intersession classes will begin on Monday, November 5. Continuing students begin registering for classes on Monday, November 5 and have a greater chance of the getting the classes they want if they register before the 12th. New students begin registering for classes on Monday, November 12.

Prior to registering online, you should meet with your academic advisor. Your advisor will assist you in selecting courses and assuring your progress towards the completion of your

degree or certificate. Printed copies of the schedule will be available at the Enrollment Center on the Gardner campus, Leominster campus and Devens campus beginning Monday, November 5.

You can access advisor information at the Enrollment Center, the Advising and Counseling Center and online at www.mwcc.mass.edu <<http://www.mwcc.mass.edu>> using Web-Connect. Leominster and Devens campus students receive advising from the staff located at that campus. Gardner evening students should consult the Enrollment Center at extension 238 for advising assistance.

Don’t delay – courses fill quickly! Insure your preferred schedule by registering early!!

Blood Drive and AIDS Awareness Info

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wed, Nov 14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Commons Area. Stop by the Health Services Office, Room 133, to register or call Diane or Marianne x136.

Walk-Ins Welcome!

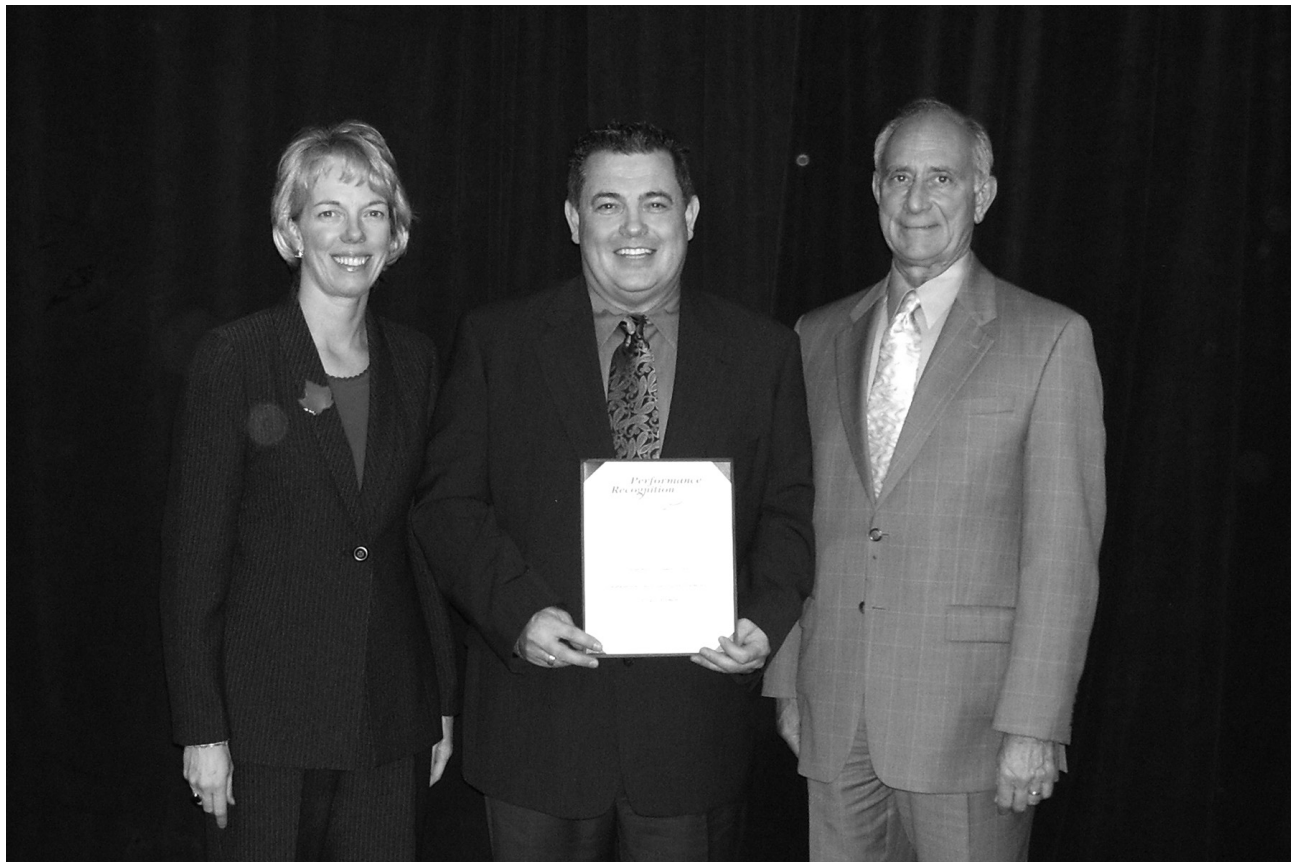
Also, World AIDS Day Awareness, Pro Health information table, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Cafeteria Hallway



Greg Clement Honored for Outstanding Performance

Gregory Clement, Assistant Dean of Student Services, was selected for the 2007 Commonwealth Citation for Outstanding Performance. He recently attended a presentation at the State House with Governor Deval Patrick. Accompanying Clement from MWCC was President Daniel Aquino, Ann McDonald, Vice-President of Student Services and Enrollment Management, and Diane Ruksnaitis, Associate Vice President of Human Resources.

Clement has been employed for three years at the college and, according to a letter of recommendation written by McDonald, he first became the Director of Student Life when student involvement was decreasing. McDonald wrote, "Low budgets and increasingly committed students resulted in students seeking their involvement outside of the college. Within two years, Greg has worked with his limited budget and turned student activities and leadership programs into one of the college's centers of excellence.



Some of Clement's specific achievements include:

- Increase in participation of Student Government Association (SGA) members to full capacity representing its highest level in six years.
- 50% increase in student social programming including programming for day, evening, and all off-campus locations.
- Expanded orientation programs (20% increase) including the implementation of a Student Life website featuring an orientation resource website.
- Opened MWCC Student Center (fall 2005)
- Creation of Leadership Camp program which features a civic engagement activity where new students and college staff assist in a Habitat for Humanity project.
- Development of educational programming on campus for students and the local community. Programs such as "Love Makes a Family," the Boston Gay History Project, Black Inventors and many others highlight diversity issues in our community and world in a format that educates and raises awareness.
- Awarded the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Leadership Award (Fall 2006)
- Provided leadership to the Massachusetts Community College Student Life Association (CCSLA) by serving on the 2006 conference committee and leading the civic engagement project that raised over \$4500.00 for the Houses of Haiti program.

Getting to Know Greg

By Joslyn Thiem

Perhaps you know him as the Assistant Dean of Students, or maybe as a colleague. There is a man here at the Mount who goes above and beyond his job title. This man is Greg Clement, who has been a part of the staff since January 31, 2004. When asked if he thinks he is a workaholic, he said, "I prefer to call it a "passionate worker" because I love my job and I love what I do."

Clement is the type of per-

son who when you meet him, you feel at ease immediately. He is laid back and feels it is important to be supportive and help students become part of the greater college community. Student affairs staff had a huge impact on his life in college and he wants to pass that on to students he works with today. As Clement put it, "I feel as though I'm paying it forward." He stated, "Student activities in the past gave me a voice, some of the greatest times in my life, and have given me a purpose." Clement grew up in Maine, where he loved to go boating and participate in other activities as a child. Following high school, he went to Husson Col-

lege, located in Bangor, which is a private business college with about 4,000 students. While there Clement was President of his freshmen class, President of his fraternity, Vice-President of the student government and a Residential Assistant. When asked if he was a well liked RA., he stated that he felt as though he was because he knew how to take care of problems but he didn't have many to deal with because he was on a close floor that felt like a small community.

In his spare time, Clement loves to roller blade, watch movies, and spend time with a few close friends. He said that as hard as it is to believe, when

he is not at work he feels he is an introvert. When he is at work, he is an extrovert because of all the activities he helps to plan and take part in.

Clement loves to travel and plans to travel a lot more when he retires, which he hopes will be in ten years. One of his favorite places in the world is Brazil; he has been six times. He has both family and friends there and just loves everything about Brazil. Some of the other places he said he would like to travel to include Australia because he loves kangaroos, koalas, and sharks and is also a big fan of the accent the people have; he would also like to see Iceland and Churchill, Quebec.



MWCC receives \$43 Million for Repairs

By Kim Anderson

President Daniel Asquino announced on Oct. 10 at the Board of Trustees meeting that MWCC will receive a \$43 million grant for repairs and renovations. The meeting took place in the Murphy Conference room at 5:30 p.m.

Asquino said this is one of the largest grants that MWCC has

ever received and it is one of the largest grants given to a college in the past 25 years.

The government grant will cover over a 5 to 10 year period. The money will be used to create a new Student Life Center, parking lots, and paved walkways. The College also wants to renovate the theatre by installing a new sound system and lighting.

Five million of the grant is awarded just for the school's parking lots, which have already been worked on.

Construction to the Automotive Tech labs is the first thing on the drawing board, said Asquino. The Automotive Tech construction was previously number eight on their list of plans but recently the College pushed it to number one.

Ed Terceiro, Executive Vice-President and Resident Engineer, said it was the only change in their plans.

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SGA Votes Club Monies

by Carolina Moreno

The Student Government Association (SGA) recently voted on the budget towards clubs at MWCC.

The Ways & Means Committee made a motion to set aside \$8,185 for MWCC clubs and organizations including: Alana Club, \$775; Alpha Beta Gamma, \$800; Art, \$800; Campus Crusade for Christ, \$600; Computer Graphic Design, \$800; Dental Hygiene, \$500; Early Childhood, \$700; Human Services, \$150; International Club, \$500; Legal Studies, \$760; Marc Club, \$200; Marketing Club, \$400; Phi Theta Kappa, \$400; and Pride, \$800. All members agreed on the motion.

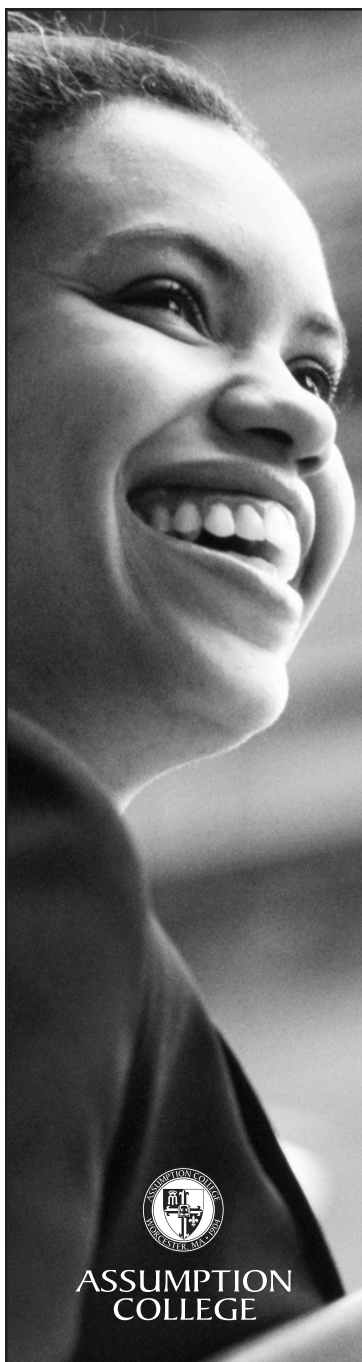
Half the amount of money will be given to the clubs and organizations fall semester and the other half will be distributed next semester.

During their regular meeting, SGA members talked with Bryan Johnson, manager of the bookstore, who said, "We are the ones that look like the bad ones because we take your money."

He said the instructors have little say in what books to choose and that he is aware of the high prices of textbooks. Professor Candace Shivers also said that faculty is aware of the high prices of books. Johnson said, "I work real hard to get used books on shelves to lower the cost."

The bookstore has a new Bookstore Advisory Committee that will discuss such subjects as the improvements in prices and availability of books. Johnson said the first meeting will be held in November.

Twelve new members were elected to the SGA: Emmanuel Medero, Nicole Progin, Mark Thomas, Mary Allen, Samantha Chace, Timothy J. Coelho, Lori Forgues, Brad Swanson, Wilfred Cintron, Elizabeth L. Cox, Alysha White, and Eveliz Rivera.



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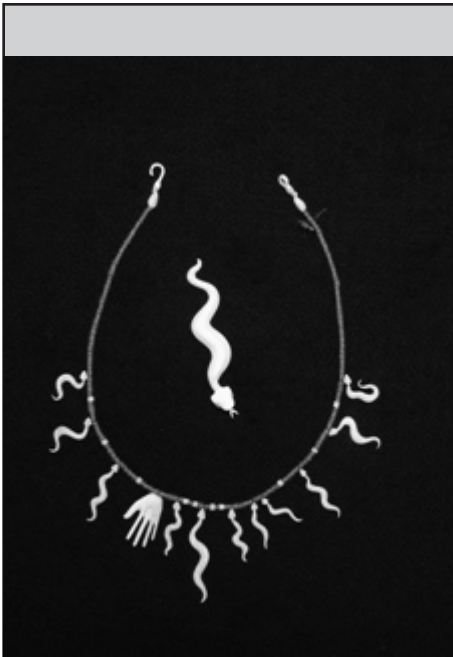


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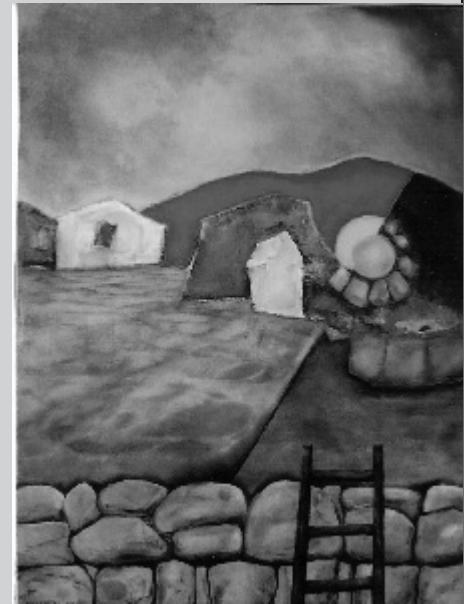
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Artists of the Mount



Alumnus Michael Remillard displays his recent work (jewelry, carvings, objects) in the glass cases of the East Wing Gallery until November 9. The art gallery is open until 9 p.m., Mon.-Thurs., and until 5 p.m. on Fridays. Pictured above is an untitled piece of antique elephant and walrus ivories, red coral.



"Kinship with Rocks," an exhibition of paintings by Judith Ferrara will hang in the East Wing Gallery until November 19. Ferrara's painting (pictured above) is entitled "Landscape Tapestry III."



"Angelic", Noah Chicoine, BCT215, First Amendment assignment



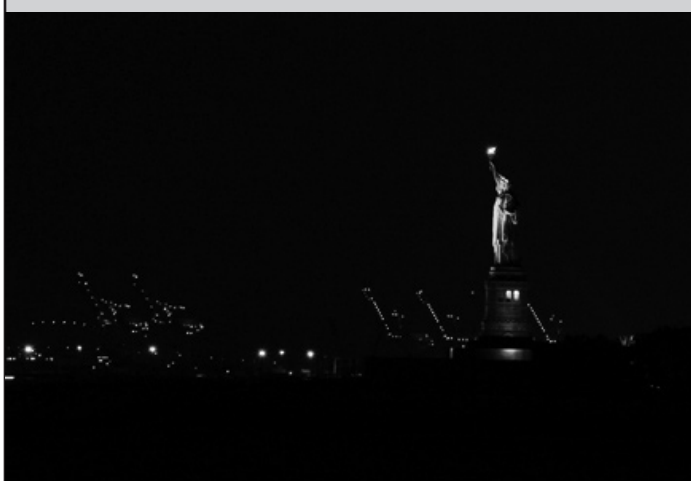
1866 is done by Stephanie Taylor for the BCT115 assignment, "chairs".



Ashley Van Dyke, BCT115, Chair assignment



Assignment1 is by Renee Goodwin for the BCT215 assignment, "texture".



"statue", Ryan Holmgren, BCT115, Long Exposure assignment

Colleges Set Campus Visits

Mount Holyoke, Smith, and Amherst Colleges will be on campus on Tuesday, November 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the MWCC Board Room.

Mt. Holyoke and Smith are all-women's colleges, and they each have a successful program in place for female students 24 years of age and over who demonstrate exceptional academic ability. Several of MWCC qualifying students have transferred to Mt. Holyoke College and have received services and support from the Frances Perkins Program. Likewise, students have transferred to Smith College and have been able to take advantage of the Ada Comstock Program specially designed for this population.

This is the first time an Amherst College admissions representative will be joining Mt. Holyoke and Smith in this annual event. Amherst is recruiting male and female traditional-aged disadvantaged students

(different races, classes, and ethnic groups) of intellectual promise who have demonstrated qualities of mind and character (minimum GPA of 3.2). All applicants to Amherst College must be capable of enrolling as full-time students while at Amherst.

All three colleges are in a position to offer generous financial aid packages to MWCC students who are accepted into their programs. Pre-registration is required for students wishing to attend the information session. Call Dawn Fontaine in the Advising & Counseling Center at 978.630.9568 to reserve a spot. (Visions students can contact Tammy Tebo, room 143, at 978.630.9316).

For more information, visit the websites of these three colleges: Mount Holyoke <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/fp/>; Smith College <http://www.smith.edu/ada/>; and Amherst College <http://www.amherst.edu/>.

Becker College – Becker College transfer representative Kate Henry-Schill will be on campus to meet with students on Monday, November 14 from 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. at the Transfer Services Table.*

Fitchburg State College – Fitchburg State College transfer representative Shanni Smith will be on campus meeting with students on Wednesday, November 14 from 9:30 a.m.– 2 pm. You must pre-register in the Advising & Counseling Center, room 134, 978.630.9568. Visions students can register with Tammy Tebo, room 143, 978.630.9316.

Salem State College – Salem State College transfer representative Avril Hevey-Doucette will be on campus to meet with students on Monday, November 19 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Transfer Services Table.*

UMASS Lowell – UMASS Lowell transfer representative Deb Smith will be on campus to meet with students on Monday, November 26 from 10 a.m.

– 1 p.m. at the Transfer Services Table.

Becker College – Becker College transfer representative Kate Henry-Schill will be on campus to meet with students on Monday, December 3 from 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. at the Transfer Services Table.

UMASS Lowell – UMASS Lowell transfer representative Gerry Durkin will be on campus to meet with students on Tuesday, December 4 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Transfer Services Table.*

Fitchburg State College – Fitchburg State College transfer representative Shanni Smith will be on campus meeting with students on Wednesday, December 5 from 9:30 a.m.– 2 p.m. You must pre-register in the Advising & Counseling Center, room 134, 978.630.9568. Visions students can register with Tammy Tebo, room 143, 978.630.9316.

*Transfer Services Table located in the hallway leading to the cafeteria

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