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President Announces Retirement

Following Annual Commencement Ceremony

Saying it is time to move on to “other adventures,” President Jonathan M. Daube announced his plan to retire at the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Daube announced his intent in a letter sent to the head of the Board of Trustees and the chancellor of Connecticut Community Colleges and shared with the faculty and staff of the college May 25.

Daube, 69, has been president of MCC since 1987. In his letter, Daube said the next year would provide ample time for him to reflect on his “immense good fortune to have been named to the position I now hold; it has been a wonderful ride and a wonderful, continuing learning experience. I assure you that I intend to be fully engaged until my very last day at MCC.”

Born and educated in Great Britain, Daube came to the United States in 1963. Before coming to MCC, he had been an English teacher, a school superintendent, a graduate school director and a community college president in Western Massachusetts. His doctorate is from Harvard University and he spent 1968-1970 teaching at the University of Malawi in Central Africa. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, has served as a visiting member of the editorial board of the Hartford Courant newspaper and, in the fall of 2002, spent ten weeks on sabbatical at the University of London.

Daube was recently elected president of the University of Aberdeen (Scotland) Development Trust USA.

Just the day before announcing his retirement, Daube had presided over the 43rd annual Commencement Ceremony where more than 600 students graduated from MCC. Graduates from 73 towns across Connecticut and seven other states, were awarded associate of science degrees, associate of arts degrees and certificates.

Speakers at the ceremony included Margaret “Margie” Girardi, of Vernon/Rockville, who was the 2007 valedictorian, earning an associate of science degree in Therapeutic Recreation. Girardi is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society serving two-year colleges, and was recognized on the Dean’s List and President’s List for her outstanding academic achievement.

Girardi started her academic career at MCC five years ago and enrolled in the Adults in Transition program which, she said, helped her to feel comfortable in returning to school as an adult student.



Photo by Lucy A. Hurston

Pres. Jonathan M. Daube models his T-shirt given to him by Lucy A. Hurston, making him an honorary member of her Community Involvement class that traveled to New Orleans in June to work on rebuilding projects with Habitat for Humanity. Daube was presented with the shirt during a retreat held June 5 in the Fireside Commons.

“It takes a lot of strength to come back and the program gave me the courage to return to school with self-confidence,” said Girardi. Adults in Transition is a one-semester program that provides support for students who are returning to school seeking a career change, after a long absence or because their pursuit for further education was interrupted.

Girardi said her academic accomplishments came with hard work, resilience, and perseverance.

“Even while working four jobs, I really believed that I could succeed in my classes, due in large part to the exceptional professors I’ve had the privilege to work with,” she told attendees. “Their belief in my abilities helped me to believe in myself.”

Girardi works with the Board of Education and the Department of Human Services for the town of Tolland, where she facilitates the Rite of Passage Experience (R.O.P.E.) program for young people and

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Campus Briefs

Gallery Exhibits Planned for Fall Semester

Two exhibits are planned for the fall semester in the Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery on the lower level of the Arts, Sciences and Technologies building. From Sept. 6 to Oct. 17 the work of artist Ken Morgan will be exhibited in a show titled "Out of Thin Air." Morgan will discuss his work during an opening reception Thursday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m.

That show will be followed by the annual Alumni Exhibition, from Oct. 25 to Nov. 28. The opening reception for that show will be held Thursday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m.

MCC Graduate Named 2006-07 NJCAA Academic All-American

MCC graduate Jason Banks, of Stafford Springs, has been named a 2006-07 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Academic All-American in the sport of baseball. Banks graduated in May with an associate degree in science. Banks, a 2006 NJCAA Division III All-Region XXI first-team designated hitter and a 2007 NJCAA Division III All-Region XXI second-team outfielder, concluded his junior college career with 80 hits in 207 at-bats (.386 average), 54 runs, two home runs, 58 RBIs and

103 total bases in 61 career games. He led the 2007 Cougars with a .395 batting average, 29 runs, 45 hits, 26 RBIs, 19 walks and a .474 on-base percentage. He had four doubles, one triple, one home run, 54 total bases, a .474 slugging percentage and 10 stolen bases in 32 games. Banks struck out a team-low seven times in 114 at-bats (once every 16.3 at-bats). Banks recently accepted a full-time position at Gerber Scientific in its Tolland, Conn., office, and is undecided about his future college baseball plans. He is an outfielder for the East Hartford Jets of the Greater Hartford Twilight League this summer. See photo on page 13.

New Outdoor Club Announces First Meeting

Come join the new Outdoor Club at its first meeting of the new school year Sept. 13, at 3:30pm. Learn all about hiking the trails in Manchester and all over Connecticut.

There will be a guest speaker with a slide show and refreshments will also be served. For the location of the meeting please check the MCC website calendar. If hiking, biking, camping or canoeing is your thing, please come and join us. For more information contact Holly Mann, president of the Outdoor Club, at HollyBerry63001@aol.com.

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adults. She is also very active in her community, participating in the Walk for Cancer and the Walk for Hunger.

Marc S. Herzog, chancellor of the Connecticut Community College system, delivered the commencement address. Other speakers included Gene S. Mazur, president of the Manchester Community College Foundation and human resources director for the Hartford Courant. Mazur received the Board of Trustees' Merit Award for his commitment, service and leadership to the College. The Award was created in 1990 to recognize outstanding service and support from community members or groups on behalf of an individual community college, the system of Connecticut Community Colleges, or the cause of community college education in general.

Other awards conferred during the ceremony included the Regional Advisory Council's Community Service Award, which was presented to Kyle D. Bennett of New Britain. This award recognizes service to the College. Bennett began his academic career at MCC in 2004 to pursue a degree in Sports and Exercise Studies and Therapeutic Recreation. Bennett is also member of Phi Theta Kappa and of Alpha Mu Gamma for excellence in Spanish.

Shawn M. Lukaszewicz of Norwich was the recipient of the President's Student Award. This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated unusual perseverance in spite of difficulties, obstacles or challenges.



Shawn M. Lukaszewicz, left, recipient of the President's Student Award, enjoys the day with **Alfred Carter**, right, MCC Dean of Students.

Information provided by Endia DeCordova-Murphy

Student Senate Will Hold First Meeting

The Student Senate will hold its first meeting of the 2007-2008 school year Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 3:30 to 4:30 in room A108 in the LRC. The Student Senate office is in the Lowe building, room L154. For more information, contact the Student Senate at 860-512-3292.

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Monday, September 24, 2007

Please call Diane McHutchinson, Office of Institutional Development, with any additional questions at 512-2904



MCC News

Author Will Discuss Using Hip-Hop to Educate and Inspire



photo courtesy of Solomon Comissiong

Have you ever wanted to know about the true identity of hip-hop culture or how it could be used as an educational tool? A speaker coming to Manchester Community College in October will provide practical examples on how to use hip-hop in the classroom.

Solomon Comissiong, an educational administrator at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., will discuss how hip-hop music can be used in several ways to educate poorly motivated students. Comissiong is the author of "Mining the Positive Motivators from Hip Hop to Educate," and is president and owner of SCMB Educational Consulting. He also teaches several 400-level courses that explore social issues through the lens of hip hop culture.

The event will be held Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SBM Charitable Foundation Auditorium in the lobby of the AST building. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the MCC MinorityCaucus, a longtime college group that advocates and promotes diversity in hiring, curriculum and programming.

For more information about the event or the Minority Caucus, contact Ta'Shema Odoms at (860) 512-3307.

Information from Endia DeCordova-Murphy

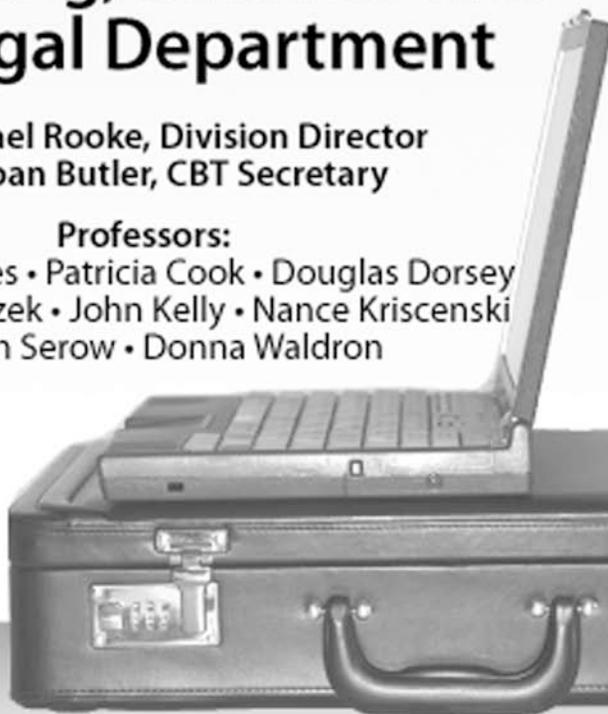
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Thursday, October 4	Interviewing Skills
Thursday, October 11	Effective Resume Writing
Thursday, October 18	Job Search & Cover Letters
Thursday, October 25	Interviewing Skills
Thursday, November 1	Effective Resume Writing
Thursday, November 8	Job Search & Cover Letters
Thursday, November 15	Interviewing Skills

Tuesday afternoon workshops are held from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, October 16	Effective Resume Writing
Tuesday, October 23	Interviewing Skills
Tuesday, October 30	Job Search & Cover Letters
Tuesday, November 6	Effective Resume Writing
Tuesday, November 13	Interviewing Skills
Tuesday, November 20	Job Search & Cover Letters

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The Manchester Pipe Band leads the procession of graduates, faculty and staff to the bandshell during the MCC graduation ceremony.

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society



The Alpha Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society welcomes new and former students to an exciting year at MCC!

In order to be invited to join the honor society, students must have 12 MCC credits and a cumulative GPA of 3.75. The mission of the honor society is to develop Scholarship, Leadership, Community Service and Fellowship among the members.

Invitations to join are mailed to eligible students who achieve the requirements listed above early in September. Keep an eye out for the invitation to join us if you have met these requirements!

Upcoming Events

- Phi Theta Kappa Business Meeting – August 16, 2007
- Phi Theta Kappa Planning Meeting – August 24, 2007
- Bake/Candy Sale to benefit Nikki's Run, Walk & Roll – August 29, 2007
 - Nikki's Run, Walk & Roll – September 9, 2007
- Regional Leadership Conference – October 5 & 6, 2007
 - Santa Event for Children – December 8, 2007
 - Blue Angels Holiday Party – December 15, 2007



Nikki's Run, Walk & Roll is an event held on campus to raise funds for children's cancer research. Alpha Upsilon Alpha takes part in this activity every year as part of our service to the community. Nikki died of bone cancer at a very young age and her mother, Gail Giampolo, has turned this tragic event in her life into something positive to help other children who could be facing the same outcome. Please visit www.nikkisrun.org for more information on how you can help.

Note: More chapter activities will be added to the schedule this semester. Check out our bulletin board located in the Lowe Lobby for updated information or go online at www.mccptk.org!

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Editorials



Volunteering Can Lead the Way to a New Career

Keith Rugar
Former Editor-In-Chief

Life after college can be difficult. In school you gain the knowledge, but often lack experience; you have the ambition, but lack the opportunity. Finding that opportunity can also be difficult. In order to find a good job you might have to make a big transition in your life. It could be a transition from home to a new state, a transition from one job, or like me from no job to a new line of work. This time of transition can be a problematic one. But there is one technique you can try: tell people you will work for free.

These days working for free, or volunteering, does not sound like a good idea. With the growing cost of gas and other living expenses, it's a real sacrifice to commit your time to others without receiving compensation. However, the benefits of such an act can outweigh the negatives. When you think of volunteering, most people think of working at a hospital, a charity, or doing yard-work for their grandparents. These are all great ways to help others, but it is interesting to see the types of opportunities that people will give you if you say, "you don't have to pay me."

This summer I worked three jobs without pay. Now, this is not something that I would recommend everyone doing all of the time. I mean, you have to pay your bills somehow. But, let's face it, with the current slow job market, finding a good job with minimal experience is difficult. However,

by volunteering you gain the opportunity to show people that you can learn.

This summer I got the opportunity to work for Habitat for Humanity through a Community Involvement summer class taught by Lucy Anne Hurston, who teaches sociology here. Me and more than 30 other students, faculty and staff people from MCC spent a week rebuilding home in New Orleans, which was devastated by floods in August 2005. Before then, I had never built a house before, but I learned that, with some instruction, I could do many of the jobs involved in building a house. This was a new experience and I enjoyed seeing the progress that people working as a team could accomplish.

After that, I decided it was time to break into the movie business.

I contacted a friend, and former *Live Wire* editor, Michael Goodin, who was working on a film being shot in Wallingford called "The Other Side of the Tracks." He said that the crew needed a "talent driver," someone to drive the actors to and from the set. This was probably one of the more interesting jobs that I have had in my many years of infrequent employment. By accepting this job I got to meet actors, movie producers and other production people and I found the process of filmmaking to be interesting. Seeing that it took the expertise and cooperation of many people to make a film, I tried to get an idea for what each person did.

I was then referred by Marty Lang, who worked as a locations scout for the movie to work

on a film in Stamford called "Fog Warning," again for no pay. Here, I met a group of young filmmakers and had a great time. As a production assistant I ran errands and set out food and water for the crew. It was here that working for free finally began to pay off. After "Fog Warning" wrapped up shooting, I was referred by the film's assistant director to work on a film being shot in Manhattan called "Buzz Kill." This was my chance at the big time with a paid position as a production assistant.

So, by working for free I gained invaluable experience and made contacts that let to a paid position.

Sometimes in life the most important thing you can do is to help others. You can help others who are less fortunate than yourself through charities, or you can just volunteer to help a friend with a movie project. This is important because, by working for free, you not only help others achieve their goals, but you also establish a relationship with people who can help you in the future. It is sort of a give and take situation. If you give others some of your time and hard work they will be more open to helping you in the future. Although working without pay is a short term solution, it won't help your finances or keep the creditors off your back. But in the long-run, by meeting people and gaining their friendship, you can find a career-field that you may not have been able to attain otherwise.

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“As we drove into New Orleans, I looked out the window at the street after street, neighborhood after neighborhood and waited for the end of the world.”



Done with a days work: Lucy Hurston, center, in kerchief and sunglasses, leader of the group that traveled to New Orleans, enjoys the end of a days work with some MCC students. Pictured, from left, are Nicholas Morrett, Chloe Zeldner, Stephanie Weiner, Chris Woodward, Hurston, Sean Onthank, Nico Webster, Kofi Gyebi, Tracy Bonczek, Ezra Morrison and Morgan Beaudoin. Photographer unknown.

By Christina Krawec

Previous to arriving in New Orleans, I had hoped to have a life-altering experience, although I never thought it would actually happen. It wasn't until our third day of work that I had the privilege of meeting a woman named Erica. We were working on rebuilding her house. Erica and her family lost their home during Hurricane Katrina and have been rebuilding their lives ever since. Years before that, Erica had lost her leg in a car accident. For a woman who has endured such trauma and devastation, Erica's generosity caught me off guard and warmed my heart. She sent over a large jug of sweet lemonade so we didn't have to drink warm water and hobbled back and forth on her prosthetic leg. She served us sandwiches for lunch in her aunts air-conditioned home across the street and thanked us for helping build her home. She spent the entire day in the overwhelming Louisiana heat helping on the work site. She even held my ladder for me because I was scared I was going

to fall as we worked on putting up the last few boards of siding. I cannot say that I would be a positive person if I had endured the same amount of loss that Erica has, but her positive attitude and generosity have encouraged me to seek a positive outlook in life no matter how tough it might get.



In the early morning haze, members of the MCC contingent wait in their trademark green shirts for rides to their various work sites. Photographer unknown.



Tombs still lie where the water tossed them two weeks ago in St. Bernard Parish.

At the edge of the world

The lives lost
The tears shed
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The evil waters they once
Now is the source of the
With a little saved, and
I have come down to save
My cut hands and sweat
Will now leave memories
The heat I've sustained,
dealt with
Will not be in vain
For I know now, with me
That the future is bright

By K.J. Smoot





Photo by Rae Strickland

A spraypainted mural is a chilling memorial to the Ninth Ward, a portion of New Orleans that was devastated when a nearby levee collapsed and flooded the community. This wall is part of the rebuilt barrier.

How Long it Takes

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Photo by Rae Strickland

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By Tara Echo

The morning of Sept. 11, 2001, I was on my way to work downtown in New York City. I remember watching a plane fly particularly low before it hit the first building. I remember having to watch people make a decision to jump to their deaths. I remember studying the devastation on the faces of the firefighters as they drove home each day. I remember trying to maintain some sort of normalcy in continuing to go to work. Most of all, I remember the smell. I will never forget how it felt to know that that smell was not a rodent decaying in my wall or an animal that fell victim to a car on the highway. That smell belonged to the faces that I got to know on the Missing Person posters that I walked by each day.

As we began to prepare for our journey to New Orleans, many of those experiences began to resurface as we heard or read the accounts of the victims of the flooding caused by the broken levees.

As we drove into New Orleans, I looked out the window at house after house, street after street, neighborhood after neighborhood, and waited for the end of the devastation. The day before we left New Orleans, after a weeks stay, I had the opportunity to put on a face mask and walk through a home that had just been opened in preparations for its gutting. Before that day, no one had walked through that house since before the flooding. Everything was still wet inside. This was one of countless homes still untouched two years later. Two years after the story of what happened in New Orleans was all but abandoned by the media.

Back in Connecticut, on my way home from the airport, my cab driver asked where I had traveled. When I replied New Orleans, he said, "Oh good, it's better?"

Well, no it isn't. What happened, is happening, in New Orleans is a current event and its future is significant. The terrorist attacks in New York and the flooding in New Orleans make evident the values of those in decision-making positions of power. But they also remind us of our strength and there is power in that. The governor of Louisiana has said that this event brought out the worst in people. I agree, just not with the people she was referring to. As long as there is an imbalance in this system, I trust that it will force people to rise to the occasion and that continues to give me hope.

Jeanine DeRusha, an English instructor who was one of several faculty chaperones on the trip, holds a can of filtered drinking water. The can is one of thousands distributed soon after the floods in August 2005 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA. The water, good for just a few months, was still being widely consumed in New Orleans in June 2007.



Photo by Lucy Hurston

Student Christina Krawec wields the power saw as Jessica Murphy looks on at one of three Habitat for Humanity rebuilding worksites.



Arts & Entertainment

“Talk to Me” Speaks Volumes About the Life of a Radio Legend



photo courtesy of <http://movies.yahoo.com>

Taraji P Henson and Don Cheadle in the movie “Talk to Me.”

By Robert Cooper
Live Wire Staff Writer

By the time the month of August comes around, all of the big-budget, popcorn, action movies have come and gone. It is hard to find a good movie from the slim pickings. *Talk to Me*, starring Don Cheadle, which is loosely based on the life of legendary Washington, D.C., radio personality and comedian Ralph Waldo Emerson “Petey” Greene, provides a great movie in the middle of the summer doldrums.

The real Greene overcame a drug addiction and a prison sentence to become a radio personality who is credited with being the original “shock jock,” and a two time Emmy award winning television talk show host. His passing in 1984 from cancer drew a crowd of more than 10,000 to a memorial service in below-freezing January weather.

Talk to Me begins in 1966 with a visit to the prison by a radio station’s program director, the straight-laced Dewey Hughes, played by English actor Chiwetel Ejofer, who had a prominent role in the science fiction movie *Children of Men*. Hughes reluctantly visits his brother Milo in the prison, where he gets a dose of Greene’s prison radio show. After the two bump into each other, Hughes jokingly tells Greene a job is waiting for him at his station when he gets out, not knowing that as soon as he does come out, that is the first place Greene goes.

Greene makes a loud splash at the radio station with his feisty girlfriend, Vernell Watson, played with sassy, comedic flair by the beautiful Tariji P. Henson. That first taste of Greene shocks the entire radio station, especially the stations manager, E.G. Sonderling, played by Martin Sheen. Greene is finally given the chance to go on air after picketing in front of the station.

From his first unsuccessful day on the job to his untimely death, the movie revolves around the relationship between the “tell it like it is” Greene, and the uptight, Johnny Carson-worshipping Hughes. Cheadle captures the essence of the late 1960’s and 70’s. With a tightly shaped Afro, and a Black militant swagger, Cheadle walks it and talks it loud.

Ejofer is also brilliant. With no hint of his native English accent, he’s commanding as Hughes, who is from the ‘hood, but has left it behind to

Please see *Talk to Me* on page 11

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- Classes are held on Mon. and Thurs. evenings, and some Saturdays
- Prepares you for the Connecticut State Certified E.M.T. exam

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Don Cheadle in the movie "Talk to Me"

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in his ambition to be successful. Ejofer is able to hold his own with the Oscar-nominated Cheadle as a perfect opposite.

Other stars in the movie who also lend their acting talents in bringing authenticity to the era include Cedric The Entertainer as the smooth velvety voiced "Nighthawk" Bob Terry, and Vondie Curtis-Hall as Sunny Jim Kelsey who has his radio spot hijacked by Greene.

Besides having great acting performances, and a story that will get a lot of laughter, the soundtrack is dynamite, and matches the time of the movie. The movie may not have a summertime feel to it, but it will definitely be noticed in the winter at the beginning of next year when the Oscar nominations are announced.

A new ICE age is coming... (are you ready?!)

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MCC Community Service Fair



Wednesday
October 24th, 2007
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
AST Building

MCC's 9th annual Community Service Fair will bring approximately 25 community based agencies to campus to share with students, and the general public, information about the variety of volunteer opportunities available in the Greater Hartford Area. We encourage students, professionals and community members to attend. The event will provide an excellent opportunity for all involved to learn more about the rewarding experiences that can be gained through Community Service!



For more information, please call Julie Greene, Associate Director of MCC Career Services at (860) 512-3374, or visit the Office in Lowe 177, opposite the bookstore.

A Class Schedule That Fits Your Schedule



Going to college just got easier! MCC's College by Design accelerated weekend and on-line courses can jumpstart your college career or help you complete your degree.

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Join us in learning more about one of the US's most important allies, while sampling the cultural richness of this European powerhouse.

Monday, October 15 • Tuesday, October 16 • Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.

French Film Festival • Free

Thursday, October 18 • 6:00 p.m.

French buffet dinner with wine • Keynote speaker: Monsieur Jean-Philippe Pérol, Directeur, Maison de la France • Tickets for the French buffet dinner are \$20 for the general public and \$10 for MCC students. Seating is limited; pre-registration is required.

Friday, October 19 • 7:00 p.m.

Soprano Marian Maccarone and pianist Tim Stella will present a program of French music • Tickets are \$5

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Sports



MCC graduate Jason Banks, of Stafford Springs, has been named a 2006-07 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Academic All-American in the sport of baseball.



There's No Room In Life for Dumbbells. Or Is There...

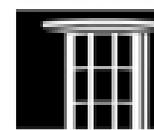


Whether it's cramming for an exam, retaking a class to improve your GPA, getting someone who needs you to an appointment, or just getting to work on time... sometimes you just need a little time to do something good for yourself.

The MCC Fitness Center is here for you to do just that. Student membership rates are affordable because we understand your wallet is already under siege. If you go to classes here at MCC you can get a membership for \$15 or \$20 for the semester. Try beating that rate! The weight and cardio room is packed with new functional strength equipment as well as the good ole traditional stuff to accommodate your exercise style. If you don't like to exercise alone, we have you covered there too. Our group classes are diverse in style and intensity and include yoga, strength training, Pilates, kickboxing, and even more.

Yes, you are busy with your studies but we encourage you to get fit and healthy too. In the process you will look better, feel better, and reduce your risk of health problems both now and in the future.

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Great Path Academy

Great Path Academy Construction Accelerates



Architects rendering of the new Great Path Academy building on the MCC campus.

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By Tom Danehy
Great Path Academy Principal

A new, state of the art school building that will house Great Path Academy will soon start to rise adjacent to the east side of the Lowe Building. It is scheduled to be completed Jan. 5, 2009.

The school will have 18 classrooms, three science labs, a culinary arts room, art studio, graphic arts class, and early childhood classroom; a gymnasium; large formal meeting area; a multi-purpose gathering area/art gallery; two-story foyer with Internet café; language lab; and a landscaped center courtyard.

Banton Construction trucks have been spotted around the area along with a bevy of construction trailers and new electrical wiring. You will notice a temporary change to the parking and traffic pattern around campus due to the construction. A formal groundbreaking ceremony will be held early in the semester.

Other key dates include:

- Summer '07: Parking Lot Expansions, Playground Relocation
- Oct. '07: Foundation Work Begins
- Nov. '07: Steel Erection Begins
- Jan. '08: Roofing and Masonry Work Begin
- Feb. '08: Framing of Interior Walls Begins

- March '08: Exterior Curtain Wall and Window Installation Begins
- May '08: Building is fully enclosed and Interior Finish Work Begins

Mechanical Systems Installation starts in October of this year with underground utility installation and runs through October '08. Electrical Installation starts March '08 and runs through November. Landscaping is expected to occur in both the spring and fall of 2008. The cafeteria will be renovated in the spring of 2008 and furniture installation will probably occur in December '08 and January '09.

The construction project is the result of years of planning and preparation after a committee from Manchester High School recommended starting a middle college high school to provide a smaller learning community for high school students. Dr. Jonathan M. Daube, president of MCC and a member of the original committee, offered to provide the new school four classrooms six years ago. Since then, 150 students have graduated from GPA and moved on to continue their college studies. The finished school will accommodate 325 students in grades 10, 11 and 12.

THE CONCRETE MAZE

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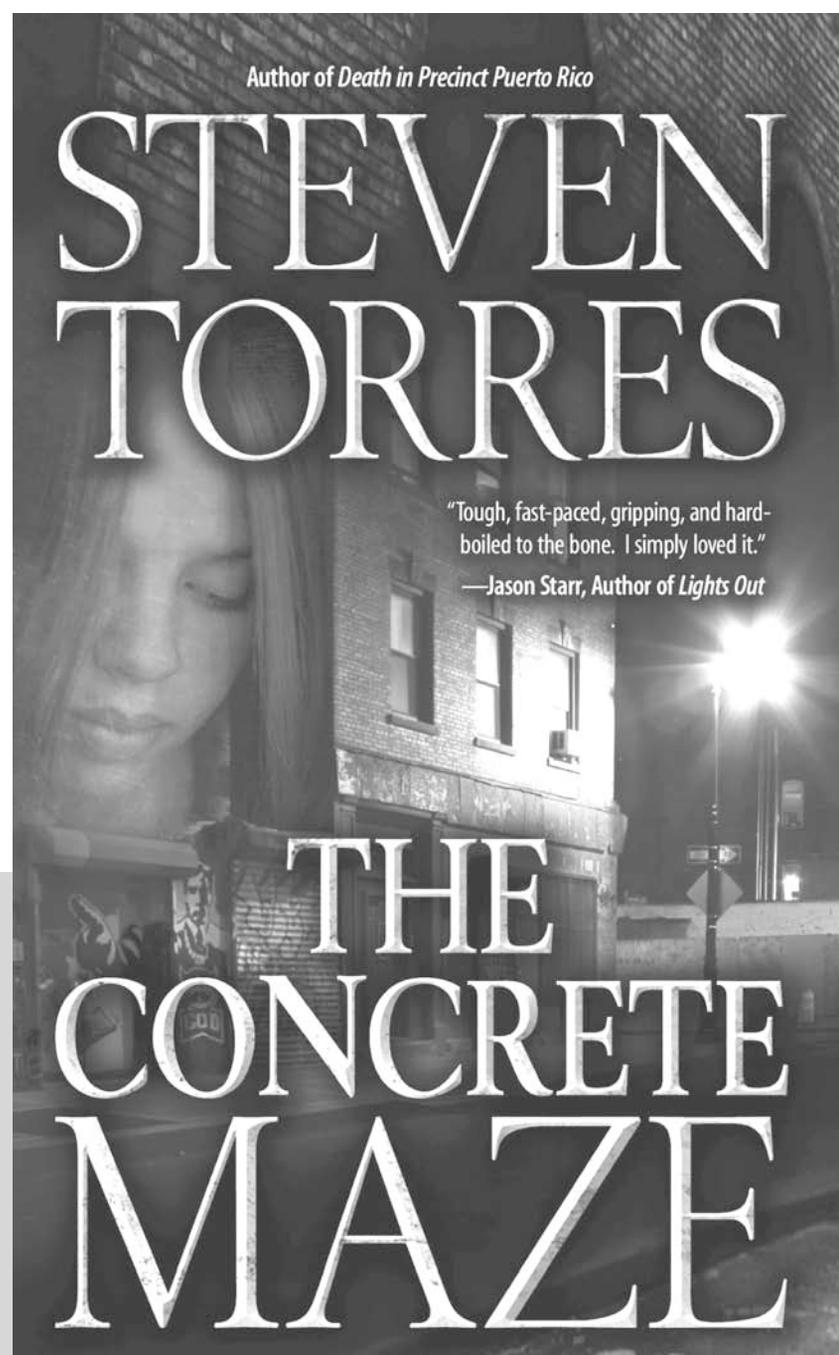
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Where: MCC Fireside Commons
When: October 3rd at 6pm

WORD on campus

What do you like most about MCC and why?



Alfred L. Carter
Dean of Student Affairs
“What I like most in my role as Dean of Student Affairs is that I meet with students from every background, and I have the opportunity to help them and learn from them. I’ve traveled the world by interacting with them and mentoring them.”



Brenda St. Peter
Liberal Arts Secretary
“The thing that stands out the most to me is how faculty and staff work well together. Both are working together to help students with their needs. We go out of our way to help the students.”



Duncan Harris
Academic Affairs
“The people that come here to work. We have a cohesive group that supports the mission of the college. Also the students who come here seeking to improve their condition.”



Katherine Jones
Admissions Secretary
“What I like best is the fact that I’m working at the front door, front office of the college, where I get the knowledge of knowing everything about MCC. There’s never a dull moment on a day-to-day basis here. I also have two of the best bosses to work with, Director Peter Harris and Associate Director Cynthia Zeldner.”



Pamela Perll
Library Associate
“I love its diversity. It’s interesting to meet and work with people from different countries, lifestyles, and opinions. I’ve met old people, young people, and people from all over the world and it’s fascinating. Plus, I keep young by dealing with young people. They keep me in tune with what’s going on in the world.”



Umesh Kunwar Vig
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
“The students. Everything about them in the sense that I look forward to being around them, seeing them from Convocation, growing into mature adults. It’s great to know at the end of the day, I’ve made a difference.”

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