



Mercer County Police Academy Opens at MCCC

Beginning this January, police recruits from throughout Mercer County will be able to receive their training locally. In partnership with the county of Mercer, the college has adapted existing classroom space to establish the Mercer County Police Academy at the West Windsor campus.

The academy's goal is to standardize training for county police departments while maximizing resources. The classrooms will be made available to other law enforcement organizations as well. Those completing the academy's training will earn 15 college credits that can be applied to a Mercer degree in Criminal Justice with options in Law Enforcement or Corrections. Recruits will have use of college facilities, including the library, computer labs, fitness center and pool.



Announcing the opening of the Mercer County Police Academy on MCCC's West Windsor Campus are, from left, Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph Bocchini Jr., Mercer County Sheriff Kevin Larkin, and Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes.

Dr. Patricia C. Donohue Appointed MCCC President

After an extensive national search, the college's Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Patricia C. Donohue as president. She will assume her duties on February 1.

A nationally respected community college leader who has served as president of Luzerne County Community College since 2003, Dr. Donohue said, "I am both honored and thrilled to have been selected as the next president. I have long admired Mercer County Community College and I look forward to being part of an ambitious future of quality, distinctiveness and purpose."

MCCC Board Chairman Anthony (Skip) Cimino commented, "We believe the experience, knowledge, and collaborative management style Dr. Donohue brings to the position will enable the entire college community to work together in a new spirit of cooperation."

Dr. Donohue's extensive experience in higher education includes serving as vice chancellor for education at St. Louis Community College and as acting president of St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. At Harrisburg Area Community College, she was vice president of external affairs and community development, interim dean of the Lebanon Campus, and dean of the School of Business, Engineering and Technology.

She holds an A.B. in Mathematics from Duke University. She earned an M.A. in Mathematics Education and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, with emphasis on Education



Administration, from the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

Mercer's VP for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Thomas N. Wilfrid, has served as acting president of the college since November of 2005.

Utility Technology Graduates Honored

Public Service Electric and Gas Company, the college's partner in designing the Utility Technology associate degree program, honored this semester's graduates at a recent breakfast. Graduate James Carrol spoke about his positive experiences going through the program and working at PSE&G.

The highly successful program, which began at Mercer in January, 2003, and has expanded to two other community colleges, was designed to fill the need for PSE&G technical staff members. The curriculum combines classroom training with internships, and company employees serve as mentors.

According to Margaret Pego, vice president of human resources at PSE&G, the program has exceeded the company's expectations.

Graduates of Mercer's Utility Technology program are pictured at a recognition ceremony with MCCC's Acting President, Dr. Thomas N. Wilfrid, fourth from left, standing, and Acting Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Mark McCormick, right. Seated are Peter Ababio, left, and Joe Topley. Standing, from left, are Alexandre Grogan, Marek Zietek, Ray Mentor, Leslie Jones, James Carrol, and Andrew Barnes. Not pictured is Enrique Gordillo.



Mercer is First College to Sign Agreement with ETS

Mercer has become the first college to sign an agreement with Educational Testing Service (ETS). The college will serve as a test site for ETS through a new three-year agreement which builds upon an existing relationship. Mercer has already pilot-tested several instruments for this pre-eminent national organization.

Acting President Thomas N. Wilfrid has been a member of ETS's National Community College Advisory Council since 2004. "We are delighted that ETS is expanding its focus on community colleges," he said. "This partnership makes perfect sense for both organizations, and we hope it will be the first of many such agreements between ETS and community colleges."



MCCC Acting President Thomas N. Wilfrid and ETS Senior Vice President of Higher Education Mari Perlman.

Groups Help MCCC Students Through Rough Patches

Mercer students now have access to three different groups on campus that offer support when they need it. According to MCCC student advocate Cynthia Matyas, the groups are designed to give students a place to turn when personal issues may be affecting their ability to get the job done at school.

The groups function as a form of peer counseling, where students can talk in a communal setting on topics such as relationships and family stresses. The first group, "Chill and Chat," was launched last year as an experiment and proved to hit on a real need. "We had students come and go, but there were a number who were regulars. They wanted to see it start up again," Matyas said.

Two additional groups have come to campus this fall, offering bereavement support and support for single parents who are Mercer students. With this kind of assistance, Matyas believes Mercer will improve retention of students most at risk for dropping out of school. For questions or more information, e-mail Cindy Matyas at matyasc@mccc.edu.

Building Addition Opens Doors at the James Kerney Campus

Students who attend classes at Mercer's James Kerney Campus in downtown Trenton have a new entryway at 101 North Broad Street. Completed this year, the 2000-square-foot building addition provides a sloping glass-walled entrance, a 27-seat classroom, a security station and a terrazzo stairway. The Spiezle Group of Trenton was the project's architectural firm.

The college's Trenton campus has seen enrollment grow by 13% in the past year. In addition to associate degree programs, the campus offers noncredit programs such as GED preparation, the Career Training Institute, English language courses at all levels, and youth development programs.

Plan Now for Summer Camp

Learn about all the MCCC summer camp programs for children ages 6 to 17 when MCCC hosts a Summer Camps Open House on Sunday, Jan. 28, from noon to 3 p.m. in the MCCC Student Center, 1200 Old Trenton Road. (Snow date: Feb. 4.)

Representatives from Camp College, Sports Camps, Tomato Patch Visual and Performing Arts Workshops and the James Kerney Campus summer academic enrichment programs will be on hand. The 2007 summer season starts June 18 and ends August 10 for Camp College and Sports Camps. The Tomato Patch season is from June 25 to August 10.

Additional Camp College Open Houses are Feb. 24, Mar. 31, and Apr. 28, noon to 2 p.m. in the MCCC Conference Center.

For more information, call (609) 570-3311 or e-mail campcollege@mccc.edu.



Cutting the ribbon for a newly-completed entrance to the James Kerney Campus in Trenton are, from left, Freeholders Keith Hamilton and Anthony Carabelli, County Executive Brian Hughes, MCCC Vice President and James Kerney Campus Provost, Dr. Beverly Richardson, MCCC Trustee, Rev. William Coleman, and MCCC Board Chairman Anthony Cimino.



New Dual Admissions Agreement with Wilmington College

From left, MCCC's Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs Mark McCormick with Wilmington College's President Jack Varsalona and Vice President Betty Caffo, after signing a new dual admissions agreement. Qualified Mercer students in 17 different programs will be able to transfer into their junior year at Wilmington College, Delaware. Mercer now has such agreements with eight colleges, and additional transfer agreements with dozens of other schools.

Annual Report Available Online

Mercer's 2005-06 Annual Report is now available online. The publication features campus improvements, academic innovation and enrichment, student achievement, new opportunities, community connections, fast facts, a financial overview, and photos of the college's trustees. Go to http://www.mccc.edu/pdf/annual_report_2005-06.pdf.



Honors Program Offers Opportunities for Academic Enrichment

Better transfer opportunities and enhanced employment potential are just two of the benefits students will gain in Mercer's new honors program, set to begin in January. In just a little over a year, 17 MCCC faculty members helped to develop the program, to be offered to academically exceptional students. According to Honors Coordinator, Dr. Carol Bork, honors courses will engage students at the highest academic level, promoting intellectual growth through critical thinking, analytical writing, and effective public speaking.

Bork, an assistant English professor, described an intensive effort that began in the fall of 2005 during a Faculty Forum for Teaching and Learning. "There was much enthusiasm about the possibility of offering honors courses at Mercer," she said. After extensive research into programs at other two-year schools and discussions of how to best serve Mercer's exceptional students, the committee developed

a proposal that was approved by the college's administration.

According to Bork, acceptance into the program is a rigorous process that includes an application, a faculty recommendation, 12 prior college credits with a GPA of 3.5 or better, and an interview with the Honors Council, comprised of faculty and advisors. Students are required to take at least four honors courses (12 credits) and to maintain a 3.5 GPA or better.

Bork believes the rewards for the extra effort will be significant. "Those who graduate with an honors designation will find themselves extremely well-prepared for transfer to a four-year college or university. For those who are heading straight to the workplace, an honors designation is great for a resume. Employers are impressed when they see that students have chosen to do more than what is expected of them," she said.

The program's pilot semester includes hon-

ors versions of four general education courses: English 102, History 106 (Civil War to the present), Sociology 101, and Psychology 101. Other divisions, including Arts & Communication and Business & Technology, are in the process of developing courses for future inclusion. Opportunities for independent research, service learning and internships are envisioned as well.

According to Bork, these courses will differ qualitatively from standard classes. "The emphasis will be on a collaborative approach and a student-driven classroom. Lectures will not be the primary format," she explained. "By being in class with other motivated learners, students will cover material in more depth and go way beyond the basics," she said.

Mercer is a new member of the National Collegiate Honors Council, a group that supports honors education and creates networking opportunities for leading educators across the country.

Capturing Regional Voices: "Kelsey Review" Celebrates 25 Years

Poet Michael Lee is a high school English teacher and advisor to his school's Hip-Hop Club. Tony Vizzari finally has time to write short stories after retiring from a career in communications. Kasey Tararuj says that, for her, art is more of a necessity than a hobby.

These three Mercer County residents, along with 15 others, are featured in the 2006 edition of "Kelsey Review," MCCC's literary and art journal that celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. According to English faculty member, Dr. Ed Carmien, who serves as co-editor with colleague Holly-Katherine Mathews, "Our goal is to bring the literature of the county to the county, highlighting the notion that you don't have to live and write in New York City to see your work published. "Kelsey Review" provides a vehicle for this, and gives readers a flavor of the local arts experience." The co-editors took over from MCCC Liberal Arts Dean, Dr. Robin Schore, who served as editor from 1988-2005.

Carmien and Mathews have solid backgrounds for their new assignment. Both have published short stories and have served as book editors. Mathews notes that the partnership was an ideal way to split up the work, as submissions for the 2006 issue started trickling in well before the publication's May 1st deadline.

With 100 works submitted, the editors were able to compile an eclectic mix of themes and genres in short fiction, poetry, and illustration from writers and artists of widely varying ages and backgrounds. "We are all about celebrating the literature by selecting the best work from the county in which we live and work," Carmien said. Helping in the selection process were editorial board members Luray Gross of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Ellen Jacko of Allentown High School, and Robbie Clipper Sethi of Rider University.

According to Mathews, one of the longer-term goals for "Kelsey Review" is to invite contributors to participate in readings. The "Spring Forward" project, held each April by the city of Trenton, sponsors readings at book stores around the city. Last spring, five "Kelsey Review" contributors read their works at this event.

Eighteen hundred copies of "Kelsey Review" were distributed to Mercer County libraries and local book stores in September. Mathews said they have already begun to receive submissions for the 2007 edition. The "Kelsey Review" is listed in "Writer's Market" and is also publicized through posters placed around the county and in local newspapers. In order to include more artists and print in full color next year, the editors are seeking additional funds to supplement those from the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

"Kelsey Review" editors Ed Carmien and Holly-Katherine Mathews



MCCC Teaches How to "Retire With Attitude"

Those who want to plan ahead for a fulfilling retirement have a new opportunity through Mercer's "Retire With Attitude" series of noncredit classes. Centered around four essential areas, the series focuses on work, economic security, good health and personal fulfillment.

After a successful kickoff in the fall, more classes are set to begin from January through April, including "Mind Maps," which helps participants explore what is most important to them. Other classes include fitness and nutrition, retirement jobs, volunteering, and finances. For more information call 609-570-3311, e-mail ComEd@mccc.edu, or visit the college website.

Keith L. Becker, standing, of Citigroup Smith Barney, teaches "Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement" as part of the new "Retire With Attitude" series offered by Mercer's Center for Continuing Studies.



Faculty Focus



Professor Focuses on History of Football in Recent Book

For Dr. Craig Coenen, a history professor with a devotion to the Green Bay Packers, a book about the history of football was the perfect marriage of two passions. Originating as a Ph.D. dissertation completed at Lehigh University, Coenen's "From Sandlots to the Super Bowl: The National Football League, 1920-1967," published by the University of Tennessee Press, has proven popular with sports fans as well as academics.

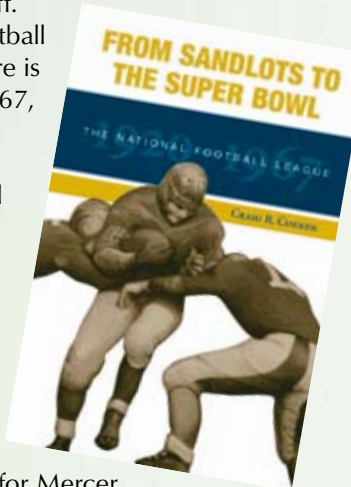
The book examines the four decades that turned football into America's dominant sport, offering an in-depth summary of the National Football League's (NFL) formative years and its efforts to build an identity. "Football started off needing fans at the local level. It took about 30 years for fans to care," Coenen said. Once the sport caught on in local communities, the next step was to enlarge the audience. The 1950s, coined the "TV decade," created the perfect environment for football to take off.

"Where baseball is often considered dull to watch on television, football provided 'high drama,'" Coenen said. "Every three to four plays, there is either a defensive or offensive play that advances the game." By 1967, the year of the first Super Bowl, the country was hooked.

To research his topic, Coenen relocated to Ohio for a year. He spent many days hunched over historic materials at the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, and became well known to the staff there. He also visited other Ohio towns where football is hugely popular.

Coenen hopes his book will add to a growing respect for the study of sports history. "American sports contribute to who we are as a people. They reveal the need for community and a sense of belonging," he said. He also notes that football translates into big business, not only for the NFL, but for the many businesses related to football.

Despite his hectic teaching schedule and his role as announcer for Mercer men's and women's basketball games aired on the college cable channel, Coenen "felt the need and found the time" to write the book. "I felt passionate about getting this book out," he said. Published in the fall of 2005, most of the book's initial copies are gone; another hard cover or a paperback printing is planned for the coming months.



Donna Penn Works to Develop Nursing in Bangladesh

Donna Penn is on a mission to change nursing education in Bangladesh. Last summer the Nursing faculty member took an 18-hour flight to that developing country to help doctors and educators initiate a nursing education program.

Penn became interested in the project after a Bangladeshi co-worker at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, where she works one day a week, told her about the needs there. The American Hospital Consortium, a group of doctors working to open a hospital and nursing school using American standards of care, was looking for someone with both clinical and teaching experience. "I had to think about it," Penn said. "I had never been out of the country before, except for Mexico."

While en route to Bangladesh, Penn stopped at Dubai and Dhaka, near India's Bay of Bengal. Soon after her arrival in Bangladesh, she met an American oncologist and his 16-year-old daughter. "I was always with a group," she said. "I was the only nurse from America."

In the town of Sylhet, Penn spoke at a medical college about the nursing profession. "Nursing is looked down upon there. People don't encourage their daughters or sons to go into nursing. It's not considered dignified to deal with sick people," she said. The salaries for nurses are very low, she added.

Penn said the hospitals in Bangladesh

are government-operated or privately funded, and nursing is taught very differently than in American schools. "The nurses seem light years behind us in clinical decision-making. They are under the thumb of the physicians. Here we stress knowing what is wrong with a patient and alerting the physician."

Working every day with the American Hospital Consortium, which is privately funded, Penn shared her expertise. "I brought course outlines and explained how we do things in America. One recommendation I made is that they come here and observe American education," she said. Now operating with four faculty members, a teacher of English and a computer teacher, the school admitted a class of 12 students this year. The plan is to teach all courses in English.

Despite their difficulties, Penn said the faculty members are very excited and really want to learn. "It's hard. Their lesson plans are very basic, with no computers, no resource books, and old textbooks. It was frustrating for me to see what little they have to work with."

During Penn's trip, conditions were hot and humid, and she was struck by the number of people everywhere. Streets were congested, with few traffic signals, lots of beeping horns and an abundance of rickshaws. "It was mass chaos on the roads," Penn said.

Bangladesh is well known as a poor



Barbara Behrens, left, and Debbie Kell.

Making a Game Out of Online Orientation

Students anticipating a long and tedious orientation session for online classes will be pleasantly surprised when they sign up for web-based courses at Mercer. Thanks to the creative approach of Barbara Behrens and Debbie Kell, two MCCC faculty members who lead the introductory sessions, orientation has become a game - of sorts. According to Behrens, "I came upon the game show format a couple of years ago and suggested it to Debbie for use in the orientations. We have been using it ever since. It has made a tremendous difference in the response we get from students."

With Kell as the emcee explaining the online course experience and Behrens at the keyboard, students are asked to respond to multiple choice questions on a big screen. Correct answers yield nifty prizes such as MCCC tote bags and travel mugs. Last March, the two professors did a presentation about their program at the "League for Innovation in the Community College" conference in Atlanta. They will do a second presentation at the e-Learning Conference in Albuquerque in February.

"The approach we take with the orientation is unique," Behrens noted. "Students are getting savvy about how they want information conveyed to them. Many in this generation of learners are gamers and by communicating the information in a game format, we tend to keep more of them engaged since they want to play along."



MCCC Nursing faculty member Donna Penn, center, with nurses outside a hospital in Bangladesh.

country. "Women would walk up to the car window and hold up their sick children," Penn said. "There is no health insurance, so the level of care is dependent on what you can pay." Despite the poverty, there are some wealthy people, as a Mercedes dealership along one road made clear.

The people were Penn's favorite part of her trip. "They were all so friendly, and very sad to see me go," she said. "I'm going to stay involved. I will probably go back next summer and evaluate where they have come so far. They have a big goal, and they need a lot of help."

Thinking Critically About Critical Thinking

Critical thinking has been identified as a core goal of a Mercer education, but what does that concept mean? How do professors cultivate it in their students? And how do they assess whether they have been successful? Associate Prof. Nancy Halstead spent the month of June at Educational Testing Service in the Community College Scholars Project investigating these questions.

Chosen as one of four scholars representing community colleges nationwide, Halstead and her partner from a California community college began by developing a working definition of the term. "Critical thinking is one of the 'buzz' terms heard in higher education today," Halstead told a group of MCCC colleagues who gathered for her presentation during a faculty "Writing Across the Disciplines" meeting in September. While there is no standard definition, there are common threads, including reasoned thinking, problem-solving ability, fair-minded evaluation, and informed judgments.

According to Halstead, developing curricula that foster these skills requires a deliberate approach. "While each discipline has its own particular applications, there are methods across the disciplines that encourage students to think," she said. She suggests "application situations," where problems must be solved using real life examples; written assignments and tests that demand a reasoned response or persuasive argument; journal entries that ask students to think beyond the classroom text; and class debates and discussions.

As chair of MCCC's Foundations program, Halstead oversees the college's developmental classes, where faculty members work with students to ready them for college-level work. She notes that many of these students successfully use critical thinking on a daily basis in real life situations. "We need to get them to activate that schema in the classroom," she said. "Some students think that bright people have the answers right away. They need to understand that learning is a process. This is crucial to building confidence and helping them achieve."

A faculty workshop series is planned to focus on implementing critical thinking approaches and assessment tools across academic disciplines at Mercer.

MCCC Joins Education Honor Society

MCCC joined Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Tau chapter, an international honor society in education, on Oct. 25, with the induction of 11 students and two faculty members. Faculty member/counselor Elizabeth DeGiorgio is third from left, back. Co-counselor and Education Program Coordinator Marianne Reynolds is sixth from left, back. At back, right side, are Acting President Thomas Wilfrid and Dean Robin Schore.

Students in the News

Flight Team Dominates Regional Competition

Mercer's Aviation Flight Technology students dominated the Intercollegiate Flying Association's regional championship competitions in Schenectady, New York, this fall, and will be competing in the national competition in the spring.

Pitting their skills in the air and on the ground against six four-year and two-year colleges, Mercer's team was the overall winner, scoring 310 points while the second-place team scored 141. Evan Conley and Sean Day ranked numbers one and two in the "Top Scoring Male Contestant" category, and Tabatha Ialacci scored number one in the "Top Scoring Female Contestant" category.

Mercer's Aviation Flight Technology program attracts students from throughout the region. The college owns a fleet of airplanes housed at the Trenton-Mercer Airport.



Displaying their trophies are members of the MCCC Flight Team, from left, Tabatha Ialacci, Andres Hidalgo, Luis Nazario, Jacob Copeland, Evan Conley, and Sean Day, with MCCC Technical Assistant Diane Loving.



Mercer's Television students videotape and monitor the college's very own cooking show, "Dish It Out," with Chef Rita Bohlumbaum and Program Coordinator Doug Fee.

"Dish It Out" TV Show Makes its Debut

Mercer's Television students have joined forces with the Hospitality program to produce a cooking show called "Dish It Out," aired on the college's cable TV station, channel 26. Each week MCCC Hospitality Program Coordinator Doug Fee joins a guest chef or college faculty member on camera to demonstrate a variety of cooking techniques. An "Ask Frank" segment features Teaching Assistant Frank Benowitz answering questions sent in by audience members.

Shows have featured guest chef Bill Conrad of Sysco Foods, grilling Hawaiian prawns and poundcake. Hyatt Regency Princeton's pastry chef, Rita Bohlumbaum, prepared an apple crisp, and Princeton University Executive Chef Larry Frazer prepared Yukon gold potato soup with black truffle oil.

The show airs weekdays in Mercer County at 9 p.m. except Wednesdays.

Students Conduct International Business in Quebec

Preparing to depart for the International Business Practice Firm Trade Fair in Quebec are, left to right, students Andrew Whitmore, Amber Jennings, and Michael Trainor, with faculty member Joan Jones and staff member Mary McCormick. The students are taking the college's innovative "Business Practice Firm" class, where they operate a simulated business and "trade" with other such businesses at colleges and high schools worldwide.



Dear Alumni and Friends,



Mercer's College Advancement office wants to help keep you connected to the college and to each other. Our e-mailed newsletter, "eNews@MCCC," will inform you of upcoming social and alumni events, and keep you updated on college news. If you haven't yet signed up to receive the bulletin, please send an e-mail with the word "subscribe" in the subject line to: eNews@mccc.edu.

Please remember that as a Mercer graduate (60 credits or more), you are entitled to certain privileges. Your Alumni Card gives you free access to the college library, student admission rates to Kelsey Theatre and other cultural events, a discount on MCCC's Fitness Center membership, discounts on recreation permits, and career placement services. To request your card, or to update us on your professional accomplishments, please e-mail us at alumni@mccc.edu or call 609-570-3607 and speak with our Foundation Coordinator, Elaine Stout.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kay Eaton
Director of College Advancement



On Broadway

Get Ready for Mercer's 2007 Scholarship Dinner Dance

"On Broadway" will be the place to be on March 10, 2007, when Mercer County Community College's Foundation welcomes guests to the Hyatt Regency, Princeton. Alumni and friends are invited to enjoy superb dining, a silent auction, dancing, and networking in support of scholarships for deserving students.

The evening features dancing to the "Kennedy Orchestra." For sponsorship information, or to purchase an ad or tickets, call Elaine Stout at 609-570-3607.

Alumni Reunion Events Planned

Mercer's Education program will host an alumni reunion on Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Student Center, featuring an informal discussion with current students. For more information, contact Marianne Reynolds at reynoldm@mccc.edu.



The Physical Therapist Assistant program is planning its tenth anniversary reunion. Entitled "A Chocolate Affair," the event will feature elegant desserts prepared by the college's Hospitality Club students. For the date and more information, e-mail behrens@mccc.edu.



HRIM Sponsors Underwrite Scholarships and Lab Coats

Program Coordinator Doug Fee of Mercer's Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management (HRIM) program, left, and Senior Teaching Assistant Frank Benowitz, right, with students who won \$500 scholarships from the "Sponsor Partnership" program, which also underwrote their chef's jackets. The students are, from left, Nicholas Meisberger, Lucia Scotto, Sandra Smith, Swee Choo Khor, Rodney Wright and Mark Sprague. The seven sponsors are Firmenich, Inc., Harrison Conference Center, Java Moon Café, Princeton Marriott Resort & Spa Hotel, Rats Restaurant, Symrise, and Sysco Foods.



Outstanding Continuing Students Recognized at Honors Ceremony

Terry Melvin, fourth from left, receives the Kopcho Memorial Scholarship for students of psychology at Mercer's recent Recognition Ceremony for Continuing Students. Presenting the award, from left, are Dr. Thomas N. Wilfrid, acting president, with donors Nicole Wendel and Nadia Kopcho. At right is Dr. Robin Schore, MCCC's dean of Liberal Arts. Ninety-five scholarships were awarded to continuing students this academic year. Donors are invited to designate the terms and conditions of their scholarship, and to meet their scholarship's recipients.

Alumni Return for Funeral Service Program's 30th Anniversary

Owners and managers of funeral homes throughout the region who graduated from Mercer's Funeral Service program returned to campus in November to help celebrate the program's 30th anniversary.

The alumni came with fond memories of their time at Mercer. After meeting with fellow classmates and enjoying a luncheon, they were escorted by current students on a tour of updated facilities. In recent years Mercer has renovated its classrooms and three-station embalming lab, and recently added a "selection room," which displays caskets and urns.

According to Robert Smith, Funeral Service program director, about a third of today's students come from a family tradition in the business, while many others are career changers. Approximately 25 to 30% of the program's students are over the age of 25, and about 25% enter the program with bachelor's degrees. State licensure requires two years of college.

Ted Ricci of Spotswood, NJ, entered the field after serving as a police officer for 25 years. "I knew I wanted to own my own business, and this fell into place. I have always worked with people." A 2000 Mercer graduate, he now owns two funeral homes. "I enjoyed the program at Mercer. The professors were great," he said.

After a series of career changes, Deb Tolboom, a 1996 graduate, now teaches at Mercer. She began studying in the Funeral Service program after working as a registered nurse and a music director, and then started teaching part-time while she worked at a local funeral home. She was surprised to learn how much she enjoyed it. "The teaching really caught me by surprise," she said. "I really enjoy interacting with the students."

Mercer has been attracting students interested in this specialized field from a wide geographical region - Bergen County to Cape May to eastern Pennsylvania - since 1975. One of only 57 of its kind in the country, and the only one in New Jersey, the program is also one of

the most successful. Over the years, graduates taking the national licensing exam for the first time have consistently achieved a pass rate of 90%. Only five schools nationwide show a higher pass rate, according to 2004 statistics.

Students in Mercer's program study a wide range of topics. In addition to classes specific to the field, such as embalming, pathology, restorative art, counseling, microbiology and funeral service, students take classes in business management, marketing and accounting, psychology, chemistry and anatomy. The program accepts body donations for teaching purposes.

In addition to providing students with excellent preparation for the field, Mercer offers a pleasant learning environment. According to Patrice Juliani, a career-changer from the nursing profession who graduated in 2002, "Mercer is the most user-friendly college I have ever

been to - everybody from the people in the kitchen to the library." Juliani, who now works per diem for a funeral home in Philadelphia, plans to switch to full-time after she "retires" from nursing in three years. "I loved being here at Mercer. This was the best."



Funeral Service Program Director Robert Smith talks with alumnae Liz Carrol, middle, and Patrice Juliani.



Funeral Service alumni, left to right, Timothy Reeg, Mark Wade, Jeff Callahan, David Chiacchio and Albert Opacity enjoy a Mercer reunion.

TV Students Win Telly Award



Television program students took home a 2006 Telly Award for their live coverage of the Mercer County high school basketball tournament held at the college and aired on MCCC's Cable Channel 26. Displaying their trophy, from left in the front row, are students Joshua Miller, Wilmar Luna and Jennifer Leigh, with faculty member Dr. Craig Coenen, who served as broadcaster, and student director Tom Carroll. In the back row are Television Program Coordinator Steve Voorhees, camera operator and alumnus Jeff Zygmunt, and students Michael Gradzki and Jake Wiley. The Telly Awards honor outstanding video and film productions nationally and locally.



Scholarship Endowed for HIV/AIDS

Presenting a \$27,497 scholarship check to MCCC are Beverly Rednor, left, president of the Rick Rednor AIDS Foundation, and Andrew Conrad, AIDS Foundation co-chair and a former dean at Mercer. Accepting for the college are Mercer's Vice President Dr. Beverly Richardson and Foundation Coordinator Elaine Stout, at back. The donation establishes an annual \$5,000 scholarship for a student interested in working with people with HIV/AIDS.



Jacques Chancy, third from left in front row, with music students outside a communication school in the Haitian capital, Port-Au-Prince.

Alum Hits the Right Note in Haiti

Talk to musician and teacher Jacques Chancy and he'll tell you that music can change the course of people's lives. "Music sends good messages. I deeply believe that music is one of the greatest tools we have to address problems that people face." Chancy puts his theory to the test every summer when he flies to his native country, Haiti, to teach music to as many people as he can during his six-week visits.

A music teacher at the Grace Norton Rogers Elementary School in Hightstown, Chancy developed the program he calls "JAKAM" in 2001. (There is no literal English translation for Jen n Ayisyen Kap Apran n Mizik. It is loosely translated as "young Haitians learning music.") "My idea was to go back and share my music with them," he said. "They do not have formal music education in Haiti. They had it when I was young, but now it has disappeared." That first summer he spent two weeks in his hometown of Gros-Morne. This past summer, Chancy visited 22 towns and delivered music instruction to approximately 400 students.

He explains that classes vary in size, age of students, and subject matter. "Everywhere I go, I begin with an assessment. I first ask, 'Who knows how to read music?' Then I decide what I need to teach. I teach mostly

children, but anyone can attend - children as young as 11 and adults as old as 55." Chancy recalled one man who played keyboard for his church, but didn't know how to read music. A wheelchair-bound young man plays guitar and attends every year. Even music teachers join in his sessions. "I can help them be better teachers," he said.

Mapping out his summer schedule far in advance, Chancy visits and revisits as many towns as he can, introducing music concepts to new students and assessing the progress of those he has taught in prior summers. Held in schools and churches, instructional sessions can last from two to four days. The curriculum includes reading music, instrument basics, and techniques for more advanced students. Visits to each town conclude with a concert. "I invite the local musicians to perform and I play too," he said.

Chancy was an established musician when he came to the United States in 1986. After getting his GED from Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, he performed with Haitian bands in New York and Florida, eventually deciding that a college degree was the next step. He enrolled at Mercer in 1996, which proved both convenient and affordable; flexible scheduling allowed him to work as a school

bus driver in East Windsor while attending college. Receiving Mercer's academic award in Music, Chancy graduated with an A.S. in Music in 1999, then transferred to The College of New Jersey, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Education.

A participant in the federal Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program at MCCC, Chancy notes that his success really started at Mercer. "Mercer gave me the opportunity to continue with higher education. During my time there, I also worked as an EOF ambassador. My mission was to help EOF students succeed." He was student speaker at graduation, delivering an inspiring message on hope and the importance of education.

Funding for his visits to Haiti comes from the private lessons Chancy gives during the school year, as well as from performances on evenings and weekends. He also receives support from businesses such as Russo's Music in Hamilton, which donates several instruments each year. "The Haitian students are charged 15 cents in U.S. money, which enables them to rent the instrument for one hour to learn the basics. The money is used to clean and maintain the instruments," Chancy said. Typically many youngsters from the town will share an instrument until their parents are able to purchase one.

Chancy firmly believes that music can be a central constructive force for young Haitians. "They have nothing positive to do. Music is positive," he said. As he explained in an interview on Haitian national television this summer, "If you put a musical instrument in the hand of a young Haitian, you take a weapon out of his hand." Chancy has even had the ear of Haitian President Rene Preval, speaking with Preval at length about his music program. Chancy said the president applauds his efforts and would like to see a music curriculum reinstated in schools throughout the country.

Why does he go back each year? "Your heart talks to you," Chancy said. "I don't like to see poverty. If I can help anyone be a musician, they may be able to make a good living from that." There is also the reaction he gets each time he goes. "They are excited to see me. They recognize and appreciate what I'm trying to do for them. I don't need to put money in my pocket to be happy."



Performing Chemistry Marvels

Students and faculty from MCCC and Rider University performed scientific marvels for hundreds of enthusiastic youngsters at five area elementary schools as part of an observance of National Chemistry Week from Oct. 23-27. Volunteers pictured outside Dutch Neck School are (front row, left to right) MCCC alum Rachael Jones, and students Virlyn Gibson and Judy Athmejvar; (back row, left to right) MCCC faculty members Helen Tanzini and Bruce Chorba, and students Pete Meagher, Tim Klockner and Chris Bennett. Tanzini coordinates the annual project with support from the Trenton Section of the American Chemical Society.



To the Conference Center for the Holidays

Party perfect! The staff at the MCCC Conference Center hosted elegant holiday affairs for Bristol-Myers Squibb and other area organizations. The center's state-of-the-art facilities include a conference-style auditorium equipped with individual laptop ports, high-tech computer labs, and private meeting rooms. To learn more about facilities and corporate training, call 609-570-3643 or visit www.mccc.edu/cc.



Alum Shares Insights on Career in Corrections

Looking back on a long and distinguished career in the corrections field, Dr. William Sondervan credits MCCC with being the start of it all. "Without Mercer I never would have been able to accomplish the things I did. It changed my life," he told a group of students, staff and community members during a talk he presented for Mercer's Distinguished Lecture Series in October.

Sondervan explained that he came from a family where no one before him had graduated high school. He graduated in the bottom ten percent of his class and noted that the only thing that kept him in school was wrestling on his high school team. But serving in Vietnam in the late 1960s changed him. "I needed to grow up and do something with my life," he said. He played catch-up at Mercer with foundation classes in English and math, then began to excel, earning an A.A.S. in Marketing in 1972, and an A.S. in Business Administration in 1973. He received a full scholarship to Trenton State College and then continued his education at Rider University, where he was a member of ROTC and graduated at the top of his class.

The next step for Sondervan was to join the military police, where he served for 21

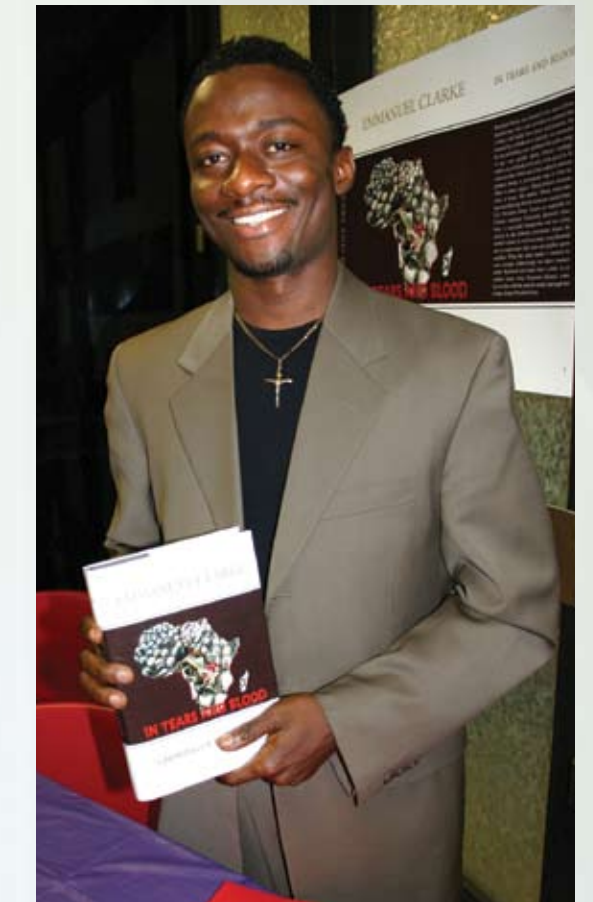
years. Throughout his military career, he was still busy in school, earning a master's degree in counseling through Boston University while stationed overseas in Germany, and a second master's in Public Administration from Jacksonville University. He received a doctorate in Education from Virginia Tech in 1995.

After retiring from the military as a lieutenant colonel, he became deputy commissioner of the Maryland Division of Corrections in 1994, and was then appointed by the governor to serve as commissioner, a post he held through 2003. Managing the state's largest criminal justice agency, he worked closely with government officials, the media, unions, and other stakeholders.

From 2003 until early in 2006, Sondervan was the director of professional development for the American Correctional Association, overseeing the management, development and implementation of the Certified Corrections Professional program. Currently he is doing a full circle back to higher education as a professor at the University of Maryland, where he oversees the Criminal Justice program, one of the university's largest schools, made up primarily of part-time adult learners.

MCCC alum, Dr. William Sondervan, third from left, discussed the challenges facing the U.S. corrections system during a lecture this fall. He is pictured with, from left, student Greg Paul, a New Jersey corrections lieutenant, faculty member Cavitt Cooley and Dr. Peter Home, Criminal Justice coordinator. Sondervan encouraged MCCC students to consider a career in the field, where "there is much to be done and there is never a dull day."

Successful Alum Writes Story of Liberia



Emmanuel Clarke Gaye holds his book, "In Tears and Blood," during a book signing and talk at the college.

Emmanuel Clarke Gaye has just published his first novel, "In Tears and Blood," based on his own and his friends' experiences coming of age in war-torn Liberia, West Africa.

A 2003 Mercer graduate, Gaye began his writing career as a newspaper reporter in the late 1990s, while in Sierra Leone as a war refugee. In his book, young Raymond Morris, at age six, "witnesses the violent rape of his mother by unknown gunmen during an attempted coup d'etat... As civil war rages all around, young Raymond tries to understand what turns one neighbor against another and why he was raised in a well-to-do family while his best friend was dirt poor."

In 1999 Gaye came to the United States to join his mother, who had emigrated to Hightstown, N.J. After earning an A.A.S. in Computer Programming from Mercer, he completed his B.S. in Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He is now employed as a management information systems coordinator, and is an adjunct instructor at Mercer. He serves on an MCCC advisory board, is choir director at his church, and is starting his own business. Gaye also continues to write and promote his book. For more information visit www.emmanuelclarke.com.



Marketing Staff Wins Seven Awards

Mercer's Marketing staff won seven awards at the Eastern Regional Conference of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR). Pictured at the awards ceremony are Web and Print Editor Brad Kent, Public Information Coordinator Saveria Symons, Public Information Writer/Editor Wendy Humphrey, Director of Marketing Lynn Holl, Senior Graphic Designer Francis Paixao, Graphic Designer Tracy Patterson, Administrative Specialist Rosanne Zarrilli, and Foundation Coordinator Elaine Stout. Holl and Paixao co-chaired this year's Medallion Awards ceremony. The staff won gold awards for the college's marketing campaign, "You're Unique, So Are We," for the college's catalog, and for transit advertising. Silver awards were for the Kelsey Theatre season brochure, a print advertisement series, and the MCCC viewbook. A presentation folder earned a bronze award. The NCMPR region includes two-year colleges throughout the eastern U.S., from Maryland to New England, plus Eastern Canada and the United Kingdom.

Men's Soccer

The Vikings came in a close second in the NJCAA National Tournament in Tyler, TX, losing to Jefferson College (MO) 2-1 in overtime. With a season record of 15-3-3, this Vikings team came together in the second half of the season to pull off upset after upset over higher-seeded teams in tournament play.

After winning the Region 19 final against Essex CC (NJ) 4-0 on Oct. 29, the Vikings headed to the Northeast District Tournament ranked third out of four teams. They faced Bryant & Stratton on Nov. 4, a team they had tied earlier in the season, but this time defeated 1-0. The next day they faced Monroe CC, another team they had tied earlier, and again they won 1-0. With that victory, Mercer qualified for a return to the nationals in Tyler, TX, Nov. 16-19, their sixth straight appearance in the NJCAA tournament.

The underdog theme was similar at the nationals. In the quarterfinal on Nov. 16, no. 5 Mercer faced no. 2 Yavapai CC (AZ), a team that they had played at the nationals in past years. The fierce contest was tied 1-1 after double overtime and Mercer advanced after winning the penalty kick round 4-3. Next up was no. 3 ranked Louisburg (NC), a team Mercer had tied earlier in the season. Refael Segal assisted Arnold Roberts on the first score and then put in one of his own with two minutes left, defeating Louisburg 2-1.



First row (left to right) Luigi Moriello, Ibrahima Fadiga, Michael Jaramillo, Walter Taffur, McQuinn Burch, Ricardo Garcia, and Shane Rennie; middle row (left to right) Asst. Coach Paul Tanimae, Lester Ombayo, Refael Segal, Anthony Moy, Robert Cooper, Arnold Roberts, Victor Hernandez, Jorge Sanchez, and Keron Ponchoo; back row (left to right) Head Coach Charlie Inverso, Shawn Carr, Robert Zullo, Joe Ingrassia, Yacob Rahav, Awel Ahmed, Christopher Bensch, Jilmar Perez, Anthony Pompei, Justin Grant and Asst. Coach Pat Snyder.

Head Coach Charlie Inverso, who completes his 18th season, notes that small changes in the lineup and defensive strength bolstered the late season effort. Inverso credits a team approach and key defensive plays in protecting narrow leads in numerous games.

Goalie Shawn Carr was solid, along with defenders/midfielders Keron Panchoo and Yacob Rahav, and Ricardo Garcia and Victor Her-

nandez. Leading scorers were Awel Ahmed, Refael Segal, Arnold Roberts, and Shane Rennie.

All-Region and All-GSAC honors went to Awel Ahmed, Shawn Carr, Ricardo Garcia, Keron Panchoo, Shane Rennie, and Refael Segal. Segal was named a First Team All-American. Inverso was assisted this season by Larry Povia, Bill Dailey, John Pietrowski, Pat Snyder and Paul Tanimae.

Head Coach Charlie Inverso and former Vikings goalie Cris Vaccaro ('78) were inducted into the NJCAA Soccer Hall of Fame during the national tournament.

Women's Soccer

While last year's Vikings started the season 0-3 but went on to a winning season, this year the team started 3-0, but unfortunately, the win streak didn't last.

The Vikings' disappointing 5-11-1 season was due in part to injuries, making it necessary for Head Coach Shelly Dearden to move players to new positions on the field, where they had to adapt quickly.

Despite the setbacks, a number of players had strong seasons. Standouts included leading scorer Jenna Scaccetti, who was named to the All-Region and All-GSAC teams for the second year, and freshman Maria Goins, also named All-Region and All-GSAC. Sophomore Leah Sachs was the Vikings' goalie. Other key players were defenders/midfielders Nicole Hover, Stephanie Borota, and Kristina Connors, and forward Lauren Dunn.

The Vikings were the no. 4 seed in the Region 19 tournament, losing 6-0 to no. 1 Morris CC in the opening round on Oct. 25. Coach Dearden completes her 11th season with the Vikings. She was assisted by Cindy Astore, Krissy Tramo, and Chelsea Dixon.

Mercer is "Great, Great, Great!"

Former Soccer Player Passes Skills to Local High School Students

Tigana Dalce sees soccer as a way to pass on both athletic and life skills. Having just completed his first season as the new head coach for boys soccer at Allentown High School, he said, "We try to get better and better every day on and off the field. I don't just focus on teaching the boys about soccer, but about everything in life. I try to change their mentality, teach them discipline, responsibility, and self-esteem." With an improved 11-8-3 record over last year's 8-9 season, Dalce was named the All-CVC Coach of the Year.

A former member of the Haitian national team, Dalce was originally attracted to Mercer for its soccer program. He was a top player on Mercer's 1996 national championship team and the 1997 team that came in second nationally. But his outlook shifted under the leadership of head coach Charlie Inverso.

"I always tell my players what Coach Inverso told me: 'Education first, soccer second.'" Dalce, who studied Liberal Arts at Mercer, said, "I like the American system. I knew if I wanted



Tigana Dalce offers halftime advice to his Allentown High School boys soccer team.

to play, I had to get the grades."

Dalce is as passionate about MCCC as he is about soccer. "Mercer is great, great, great. After I finished there, I wished it were a four-year school so I could have stayed. Mercer has good faculty, a good soccer program, and good people. There is nothing more you can ask for."

Grad Wins New Jersey Student-Athlete Award

Chosen from among all female student athletes at New Jersey community colleges, May graduate Natalia Huff received the 2006 Student-Athlete Award in October from the Collegiate Athletic Administrators of New Jersey.

An International Studies major, Huff earned a perfect 4.0 average. She played #1 singles

MCCC grad Natalia Huff with tennis coach Marc Vecchiolla (left) and Athletics Director John Simone at the CAANJ awards ceremony.



Men's Basketball

For Head Coach Kelly Williams, who is in his eighth season with the Vikings, there is always one goal. "We are knocking at the door of a regional championship," he said. This just might be the year. Undefeated in the first half of the season, the Viking's 12-0 record places them among the best teams that have ever played at Mercer. As of the winter break, Mercer was ranked fifth in the nation.

With four returning sophomores who possess size and experience, the key is concentrating on the "small things with the ball," Williams said. "Without question, 6'8" center Jores Dongo will get lot of attention, but we will also be looking for a lot from Nguema Landry and many other players. We will have to do well at both ends of the court."

For the second year, the Vikings' team captain is point guard Eric Blackmon-Hayes. "We are looking for a steady effort from him," Williams said. "He is the glue to our team and a great, unselfish role model. He is respected on and off the court."

Coach Williams is also encouraged by the players who are coming off the bench: sophomores Miles Smith, Craig Dacres, and Josh Hernandez, and two freshmen, center Randy Clark and forward Irvin Johnson. Brian McPherson is expected to join the roster in January.

Williams' goal off the court is to assist sophomores in moving on to four-year schools. That mission is already accomplished for Dongo, who signed a letter of intent to play for SUNY-Stonybrook University next year. Williams said this is the first time he has had a player sign to a Division I school. Originally from Gabon, Africa, Dongo came to the United States last year.

Assistant coaches are Gary Williams, Greg Grant, Scott Nance, and Mike Falco. New to the coaching staff is Chris Poznick, a former MCCC player and team captain who is a graduate of the University of Tampa.

Athletic Trainer Lisa Camillone Honored by National Association.

MCCC athletic trainer Lisa Camillone has been honored by the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) with its Annual Service Award. Camillone served as a member of the organization's Women in Athletic Training Committee from 1999-2005. The committee's mission is to address issues facing female trainers, such as juggling job and family, fairness in the job market, leadership roles and mentoring.

When Camillone started out in the field 27 years ago, men outnumbered women by a large margin. "There had been a lack of female role models," Camillone said. "Now there's a trail that women can follow. Our organization helped to establish that." In addition to her five years of service on the national committee, Camillone was the first female president of the Athletic Trainers Society of New Jersey (1991-93).

While Camillone has an office - with a desk and a computer - the playing fields and basketball court at Mercer are her true home. "I am present at every practice and at every home game, whether Mercer is playing or we are hosting a tournament for other colleges," Camillone said. She got even busier once Mercer installed its artificial turf, which is used steadily by both Mercer teams and other schools, even in bad weather. "There are no

MCCC's "Man of the Year" Recognized

John Wagner, coordinator of athletics and events at Mercer, has been selected "Man of the Year" by the Trenton Select Committee in recognition of his many years of dedication to young athletes. Before coming to MCCC, Wagner was a high school social studies teacher, and coached soccer at both Notre Dame and Hightstown high schools. He also coached in youth leagues and served at Mercer as director of the summer soccer camp and as assistant baseball coach.



Women's Basketball

With returning sophomore Patti Foley having already made a major mark in the Mercer record book - she was named an NJCAA pre-season All-American - Foley is clearly one of the "go to" players for the Lady Vikes this season. But Head Coach Mike Tenaglia is expecting big things from his other players too.

"Patti is our captain and a key forward," said Tenaglia, who starts his 17th season with the team. "She is strong both athletically and academically, which is what we want for all our players." Sophomore guard Ashley Diggs should prove another force on the court. Sophomores who will be helpful off the bench are forward Rosie Fedak and guards Nicole Hover and Christine Calabrese.

Freshmen recruits will be pivotal in several positions. Center Charlene Phelps, a transfer student, missed much of the pre-season due to a knee injury, but has made a solid contribution in early season victories. "At 6' she will be a force in the paint," Tenaglia said. "Guards Krista Regan and Jasmine Tucker are fierce competitors who should step up the pace of the game. Krystal Schnarr will also add to the depth at guard."

Tenaglia anticipates that the Vikings will hold their own in a competitive region. With only nine on the roster, he will be asking the most from every player. "Defense will probably be our biggest strength," he predicted. Mercer is ranked 19th in the nation after Harcum CC, Region 19's newest addition, which is ranked 18th. Mercer faces Harcum on Jan. 9 and Feb. 15.

Women's Tennis

With no returning starters, this was a classic rebuilding year for Mercer women's tennis. For a team that has gone 69-4 over nine seasons, the Vikings' season record of 3-5 was a bit unusual. But in the end, said Head Coach Marc Vecchiolla, "We achieved some important goals. The players learned a lot, we created a family-like atmosphere, and we had fun."

Last year's lone returning player, Jane Senor, moved from the no. 7 to the no. 1 spot. She ended the season with a 6-4 record, reaching the Region 19 final on Oct. 22. Daniela Provost, who was on last year's roster but only practiced with the team, moved from no. 9 to no. 2. Last year's no. 10 player, Jessica Fleming, moved to no. 6. Also on the roster were Tara Fischbach at no. 3, Katherine Walsh at no. 4, and Kristen Orlandi at no. 5.

Vecchiolla saw real effort and solid progress among his players. With the three wins coming in the last four matches, Vecchiolla observed, "In a way, we ran out of time. There is a lot of potential here."

With 10 years as head coach, Vecchiolla always tells his players that "winning any kind of championship is icing on the cake. This year we had the cake without the icing," he said. He is confident that there is a solid nucleus for a much improved Mercer squad next year. He was assisted by Barb Pleva and Ralph Ben-civengo.



Lisa Camillone

"The most important message I give young athletes is to take care of themselves," Camillone said. "Typically they think that nothing can hurt them. I want them to listen to their bodies." She is gratified to see that by their second year of competing at the college level, most players have taken her advice. "Coaches also play a key role in encouraging their players to seek my help."

Camillone notes that the field of athletic training has changed dramatically since she earned her bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Montclair State and her master's in Education from Trenton State College. At that time she completed an extensive apprenticeship. Today's programs include a highly rigorous academic curriculum and an intensive national certification exam. Athletic trainers are now recognized as allied health professionals.

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- The Baker's Wife***
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- For the Glory –
The Civil War Musical***
February 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18
- Breaking Legs***
March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11
- Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella***
March 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, April 1
- Woyzeck***
April 20, 21, 27, 28, 29
- The Trailer Park Musical***
May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12
- Mercer Dance Ensemble – Unleashed!***
June 9, 10

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- Russian American Kids Circus***
January 20
- James & The Giant Peach***
January 26, 27, 28
- The Lion, the Witch & The Wardrobe***
February 3
- Henry & Mudge***, February 17
- Strike Up The Band***, March 17
- The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere***
April 14
- The Three Little Pigs***, April 28
- Harry, The Dirty Dog***, May 5
- The Velveteen Rabbit***
May 18, 19, 20
- Winnie The Pooh – The Musical***
June 1, 2, 3
- Alexander & the Terrible... Day***
June 9

Events at MCCC's Gallery

- Mercer County Artists 2007***
January 22 – February 16
- Dangerous Women II***
March 5 - April 6
- MCCC Visual Arts Student Show***
April 23 - May 11



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Academic Calendar

- January 16** Classes begin for 15-week, 7-week and 5-week sessions
- February 20** Classes begin for 10-week and second 5-week sessions
- March 12-18** Spring recess
- March 20** Classes begin for second 7-week session
- April 3** Classes begin for third 5-week session
- May 7** Classes end
- May 24** Commencement

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