

M I T C H E L L C O L U M N S

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

Phi Theta Kappa Meeting
November 19
9 to 10 a.m. (Primary)
1 to 2 p.m. (Catch-Up)
LRC-201

Faculty Senate Meeting
November 20
1 p.m.
Kirkman House

Teaching Circle Interest Meeting
November 23
3 p.m.
MIND Center, VB-211

Eighth Grade Visits
November 23 and 24 AND
December 7
Main Campus

Woodturner's Association Art
Exhibit
November 23 to December 11
Wallace House

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Exhibit
November 24 to December 1
24 hrs. a day
Vacant lot beside Broad Street
United Methodist Church

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
November 30 through
December 4
Old Gym

National World AIDS Day Program
December 1
6:30 to 9 p.m.
Shearer Hall

Board of Trustees Meeting
December 2
7:30 p.m.
Kirkman House

Walk-In Messiah
December 6
3 p.m.
Shearer Hall

Administrative Council Meeting
December 10
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Kirkman House

Pirates of Penzance Auditions
December 10 & 11
7 to 9 p.m.
Shearer Hall

MCC Christmas Luncheon
December 11
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
CEC Cafeteria

Faculty Senate Meeting
December 11
2 p.m.
Kirkman House



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The Administrative Council will meet Thursday, December 10, 2:30 to 4:30 in Kirkman House. —Submitted by Margaret Rumple

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of Kirkman House. —Submitted by Margaret Rumple

GOOD NEWS!

The North Carolina Legislature increased the rate for the Teachers and State Employees Retirement System by 2.5%. For those who have retired, this is good news. For those who look toward future retirement, this is encouraging news. —Submitted by Douglas Eason

C. JOHNSON APPOINTED TO ADVISORY BOARD

Congratulations to Carol Johnson who has been appointed to the 1998-1999 Basic Skills Advisory Board of the North Carolina Community College System. Carol is a state-wide leader in adult basic education and literacy. —Submitted by Douglas Eason

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mike Tucker for being named a Paul Harris Fellow of the Greater Statesville Rotary Club on Thursday, November 12. Being

SUMMER REPORTS

Several MCC Faculty and Staff have agreed to present one-hour reports on their summer travel and the impressive seminars they attended. These reports will be given in Rotary Auditorium at 3 p.m. on Monday afternoons during the Fall semester. Everyone is welcome to attend these presentations. —Submitted by Douglas Eason

Monday, December 14, 3 p.m.

Devie Asel

"The Human Genome and A Cup of Tea"

designated a Paul Harris Fellow is the highest honor bestowed on an individual by a local Rotary Club. As some of you may remember, Dr. Mitchell was named a Paul Harris Fellow last year by the Rotary Club of Statesville. —Submitted by Douglas Eason

MITCHELL COLUMNS NEWS

There was a mistake in last week's article regarding publication dates of *Mitchell Columns*. The correct dates are indicated in this article. *Mitchell Columns* will not be published on Wednesday, November 25, due to the added Thanksgiving vacation day. This issue will be the last one before the holiday. Dates for December publication are as follows: December 3, 9, and 16. —Submitted by Judy Phillips

POSITIONS FILLED

We are happy to announce that the positions of Campus Support Specialist and Purchasing/Accounts Payable Officer have been filled. Tammy Hildebrand will join us on December 7 in the position of Campus Support Specialist and Jeff Wright will join us on November 30 in the position of Purchasing/Accounts Payable Officer. Please make an effort to meet them and welcome them to our MCC family. —Submitted by Ellen Bedore

WALK-IN MESSIAH

The 15th annual choral performance

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of the Walk-In Messiah will be presented on Sunday, December 6 at 3 p.m. in Shearer Hall. Dan Pardue, director, invites any interested persons to join the Mitchell Community College Community Chorus for practice on Saturday, December 5 at 3 p.m. in Shearer Hall. Scores are available at First Baptist Church. —Submitted by Linda Stikeleather

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Custodian - Ability to perform custodial duties and/or maintenance duties necessary to maintain the college facilities and grounds. Starting pay is \$5.50 per hour. Excellent state benefit package including health plan, paid vacation and holidays. Submit MCC application to: Personnel Office, Mitchell Community College, 500 West Broad Street, Statesville, NC, 28677-5293. Preference will be given to persons who apply by December 4, 1998. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. AA/EEO Employer. —Submitted by Ellen Bedore

1999 DIVERSITY AWARDS

Nominations are now being accepted for the MCC 1999 Diversity Awards. Awards will be made to one (1) MCC employee, one (1) MCC student, and one (1) community member on January 14, 1999, during the college's annual birthday celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Letters submitted for consideration must include the following: a) nominee's full name, address and telephone number; and b) brief explanation of nominee's contribution to an understanding of diversity in the community. Deadline for nominations is December 2, 1998. Please submit nominations to: Bill Jennings, Mitchell Community College, 500 West Broad Street, Statesville, NC, 28677, (704) 878-3256. —Submitted by Bill Jennings

NATIONAL WORLD AIDS DAY

December 1, 1998 is National World AIDS Day. The Ebony Kinship Club will host and sponsor a Gospel Celebration with the Iredell County HIV/AIDS Task Force. Several area choirs will be there along with other local talents. Information will be shared and admission is

free. Donations will help the HIV/AIDS Task Force provide direct assistance for individuals in Iredell County living with HIV/AIDS. The program will be held on the main campus in Shearer Hall on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Students, faculty, staff, and all community friends are invited to attend. Admission is free. —Submitted by Nichole Artis

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The SGA is sponsoring a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament to take place November 30 through December 4 in the MCC Gymnasium beside of Shearer Hall. There will be separate brackets for men and women. Look for postings across campus for details and to pick up a sign-up sheet. The sign-up sheets need to be returned to the Reception Desk in Student Services by Monday, November 23. The brackets will be announced Tuesday, November 24 and posted on the SGA bulletin board in the Montgomery Student Center. (Cont. on pg. 3)



From the desk of
THE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR INSTRUCTION . . .

Virginia R. Mitchell

It is true that Mitchell offers a world of opportunities to adults in Iredell County. It is also true that we at Mitchell have a world for which to be thankful. As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, let us count our blessings. We have a highly competent, caring faculty and staff who continue to learn and develop new ways of meeting the needs of our students. We have a diverse population of students who challenge us to be responsive to their needs. We work on a beautiful campus that is kept clean and attractive by a facilities support staff that understands its mission to provide an environment that is conducive to learning for our students. We live in a community that values and appreciates Mitchell Community College. We have an active, supportive Board of Trustees who work together as a team to provide leadership and direction for us. We have a state system of community colleges whose leadership has a plan for the development of a more efficient and effective future. As we offer our prayers of thanksgiving next week, let us give thanks for this institution and what it means in each of our lives and in the lives of people in our community. We are blessed to live in a land of opportunity and to be part of a college that supports and promotes opportunity for all.

Did You Know??

When planning a purchase, please be aware that it takes approximately 2 weeks from the time you write your Requisition for the Purchase Order to be processed and your order placed. All signatures are required as well as budget coding to be completed before it can be entered on the computer. **REMEMBER, PLAN AHEAD!**

Submitted by Ellen Bedore

Prize money will be awarded to the winning teams. Let's have some fun and raise the roof!

—Submitted by Doug Rhoney

ART EXHIBIT

There will be an exhibit on Monday, November 23, at the Louise Gilbert Memorial Gallery in the Wallace House. A reception is being held from 5 to 7 p.m. on November 23. The western North Carolina Woodturner's Association is a state-wide organization. The pieces of artwork are made from natural wood, and turned on lathes. This exhibit will feature many talented artists; including one of our very own, Gary Johnson. I encourage everyone to attend this most dazzling event. After the opening, the hours for the gallery are as follows: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday & Wednesday; 12 to 3 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday. Any other time, make an appointment with Don Moore at 878-3310. The show runs November 23 to December 11.

—Submitted by Rita Buntun

PIRATES OF PENZANCE AUDITIONS

MacDowell Music Club and Mitchell Community College will present "The Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert and Sullivan, April 16, 17 & 18, 1999. Auditions will be held Thursday and Friday,

December 10 and 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Shearer Hall at Mitchell Community College. Jennifer Grant will be the Artistic Director and Jane Pardue will be the Music Director. Singing parts are available for the following: The Pirate King; Samuel, his lieutenant; Frederic, a young pirate about to get his freedom; Ruth, a pirate maid, middle-aged; The Pirates; Major-General Stanley and his Daughters, Mabel (falls for Frederic), Isabel, Kate, Edith and extras; The Sergeant and the Police (note: the police sing and dance, some may be female). Bring a prepared song to audition. An accompanist will be provided, so bring your sheet music. This does not have to be a song from the show. For more information, call 872-9657.

—Submitted by Jane Pardue

CO-OP EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Data Entry Clerk - 2 F/T
Customer Service - 1 F/T
Machine Operator - 2 F/T
Secretary - 2 F/T
Shipping & Receiving - 6 F/T
Scanning Coordinator - F/T
Accounting Clerk - P/T
Business Account Rater - F/T
Customer Service Rep. - F/T
Office Assistant - P/T
Legal Secretary - P/T
Staff Assistants - 10 P/T
Bank Teller - P/T
CNC Operator - 10 F/T
Day Care Teacher - F/T, P/T
Customer Service - F/T
Telemarketer - 2 positions - P/T
Inventory Specialist - several positions
Weekend Merchandiser - 3 P/T
Telephone Operators - several positions - F/T, P/T
Manufacturing Engineering Tech. - P/T
Operations Mgmt. Tech. - P/T

The Inspiring Corner: Inviting Learning

People who feel inadequate often pretend they have no interest in being invited to participate or learn. It takes courage to invite in the rain, but that's when things grow best. Inviting comes from courage, and courage comes from caring.

—Submitted by Employee Development

Machining Tech. - P/T
Bus. Adm. - P/T
Engineering - P/T
Mathematics - P/T
Accounting Supervisor - F/T
After School Counselor/Van Driver - 1 P/T
Customer Service Representative - 1 F/T

For more information on these jobs or other opportunities, please contact the Co-Op Office, Student Union, 2nd floor, 878-4262/4263.

—Submitted by Randall Willie

UNITED WAY LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, November 11, the United Way held its last luncheon for its volunteer campaign leaders. Lisa Cooper and Jane Abernethy attended along with Dr. Eason and several other staff members of the campus community. United Way had specifically requested that students be invited to represent the campus clubs and organizations. Roger McCarter, Krista Tilly, Cindy Sloan, Anna Talley, Heather Galliher, Judy Wood, and Ken Ballard attended and were recognized as a group. The United Way campaign this year has been successful beyond our wildest dreams! Jane and I want to thank each and every person

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who donated money and/or time to surpass our goal and to show that MCC in yet another way is a leader in the community. The twenty-six member agencies which will benefit from your good works will be able to continue to provide their much needed services to our citizens in need, pain or sorrow because of your generosity. Please remember that this is an annual campaign and that the funds will only help continue operation of groups like Hospice and Appropriate Punishment Options for another year. We are very proud of our campus community. —Submitted by Lisa Cooper

THANKSGIVING FIXIN'S

Foods Available to the Pilgrims for their 1621 Thanksgiving

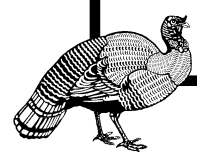
- FISH:** cod, bass, herring, shad, bluefish, and lots of eel.
- SEAFOOD:** clams, lobsters, mussels, and very small quantities of oysters
- BIRDS:** wild turkey, goose, duck, crane, swan, partridge, and other miscellaneous waterfowl; they were also known to have occasionally eaten eagles (which "tasted like mutton" according to Winslow in 1623.)
- OTHER MEAT:** venison (deer), possibly some salt pork or chicken.
- GRAIN:** wheat flour, Indian corn and corn meal; barley (mainly for beer-making).
- FRUITS:** raspberries, strawberries, grapes, plums, cherries, blueberries, gooseberries (these would have been dried, as none would have been in season).
- VEGETABLES:** small quantity of peas, squashes (including pumpkins), beans
- NUTS:** walnuts, chestnuts, acorns, hickory nuts, ground nuts
- HERBS and SEASONINGS:** onions, leeks, strawberry leaves, currants, sorrel, yarrow, carvel, brooklime, liverwort, watercress, and flax; From England they brought seeds and probably planted radishes, lettuce, carrots, onions, and cabbage. Olive oil in small quantities may have been brought over, though the Pilgrims had to sell most of their oil and butter before sailing, in order to stay on budget.
- OTHER:** maple syrup, honey; small quantities of butter, Holland cheese; and eggs.

—Submitted by Judy Phillips from <http://members.aol.com/calebj/thanksgiving.html>

Happy December Birthday!

(FULL-TIME MCC EMPLOYEES)

3	Dewie Asel.....	1st
	Bill Findt	7th
	Linda Wiersch	7th
	Doug Rhoney	9th
	David Cole	10th
	Rachel Knox.....	10th
	Sarah Cheek	13th
	Margaret Rankin	16th
	Charles LePrevost	17th
	Velva Stevenson	23rd
	Patricia Campbell	24th
	Gudrun Johannesdottir .	30th
	Paul Klaene	31st
	Lisa Nesbitt.....	31st
	Randall Willie.....	31st



THANKFULLY EATING

By Andrew Boorstyn

In some families it's a tradition to state what you're thankful for at the beginning of the holiday meal. But what if some guests are too shy or can't think of anything on the spot?

Thanks From A to Z:

The person who begins says they are thankful for something that starts with the letter "A," the next person, "B," the next, "C," and so on. In a small group, add a twist: after each person says what they're grateful for, have them repeat what each person before them has said. For instance, "I'm thankful for eggrolls, Aunt Esther is thankful for doilies, Cousin Joey is thankful for his cat, Grandma is thankful that Grandpa helped her bake the babka, and Uncle Albert is thankful he doesn't live in Albuquerque."

The Glad Game: If you get stumped when it's your turn to give thanks,

EVENTS TO HONOR VETERANS

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Wall Replica Exhibit

Beside Broad Street United Methodist Church

Tuesday, November 24 to December 1, 1998

Accessible 24 hours a day.

THIS EXHIBIT IS PROVIDED BY INDIVIDUALS FROM IREDELL COUNTY.

For further information, contact Bill Brater at 873-7223.

Book Display and Bibliography on Vietnam and the War in Vietnam

Mitchell Community College Library

November 1 - November 30
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday
Closed November 25, 26 & 27



"Morley Safer's Vietnam"

A video presentation about Vietnam

Thursday, November 19, 1998
Beginning at 9:00 a.m. and running continuously until 8:00 p.m., Montgomery Student Center

A Panel Discussion on Vietnam

Issues of the Vietnam War will be presented by a panel composed of local people. David Benbow, attorney, is the moderator.

Wednesday, November 18, 1998

7:30 p.m., Rotary Auditorium

MCC Community Band, directed by Jim Calabrese, presents

"A Salute to the Services and Music of the 60's" concert

Monday, November 23, 1998
7:30 p.m., Shearer Hall

take a cue from Pollyanna, the relentless optimist who was portrayed by Hayley Mills in the 1960 Disney movie. One Christmas Pollyanna breaks both her legs and says, "I'm so glad, glad, glad it happened! For you have to lose your legs to really love them!"

To play the Glad Game, think of something really awful that happened to you in the past year, and then tell everyone at the Thanksgiving table why you're grateful for it. Pass the turkey.

Andrew Boorstyn is an assistant editor for Reader's Digest General Books division in New York City.

From: http://www.readersdigest.com/features/thanksgiving/holiday_host/thankeating.html

USE OF MAIN CAMPUS FACILITIES

—Submitted by Sandi Dunn

Nov. 19	8:30a-10:30p	Children's Museum of Iredell County	Shearer
	4-6p	Believer's Faith Church	Old Gym
	6-8p	MCC Medieval Studies Club	Old Gym
Nov. 20	8:30a-1p	Children's Museum of Iredell County	Shearer
	10-11a	Phi Beta Lambda American Enterprise Day	Rotary
	1-3p	Faculty Senate Meeting	Kirkman
Nov. 21	8a-1p	Fall Workshop - Sex Equity	Kirkman
Nov. 22	6:30-9p	MCC Band Practice	Shearer
Nov. 23	8a-5p	Walter Bartlett - 8th Grade Visits	Shearer
	8a-5p	Walter Bartlett - 8th Grade Visits	Rotary
	11a-1:30p	Phi Beta Lambda - Chili & Soup Sale	Student Center
	6-9p	Communi Care	Kirkman
	6-10p	MCC Community Band "A Salute to the Services and Music of the 60's"	Shearer

Nov. 24	8a-5p	Walter Bartlett - 8th Grade Visits	Rotary
	8a-5p	Walter Bartlett - 8th Grade Visits	Shearer
	6-8p	Sheriff's Department	Old Gym
	8-10p	Front Street Baptist Church	Old Gym
Nov. 30	9a-2p	SGA - Basketball Tournament	Old Gym
	6-8p	Jet Corr	Old Gym
	8-10p	Clark Schwebel	Old Gym
Dec. 1	9a-2p	SGA - Basketball Tournament	Old Gym
	6-8p	Sheriff's Department	Old Gym
	6-9p	Nichole Artis - Ebony Kinship	Shearer
Dec. 2	9a-2p	SGA - Basketball Tournament	Old Gym
	7:30-9p	Board of Trustees Meeting	Kirkman
	8-10p	Jeff McNeely	Old Gym

USE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FACILITIES

—Submitted by Cindy Wagner

Nov. 18	7:30a-5:30p	Goodyear	Room 9
	5:30-7:20p	Volleyball - Pfeil	Gym
Nov. 19	7:30a-5p	Goodyear	Room 9
	10:30a-12p	Physical fitness - Knight	Gym
	1-2:15p	Aerobic dance - Cooney	Gym
	5-7p	BLET	Gym
Nov. 20	7:30a-5p	Goodyear	Room 9
	6-10p	Motorcycle Safety Education class	Room 10
	10-10:50a	First Aid - Myers	Room 19A
	11-11:50a	Walk, Jog, Run - Myers	Gym
	12-12:50p	Weight training - Myers	Weight room
Nov. 21	8a-6p	Motorcycle Safety Education class	Room 10 & West lot

Nov. 22	8a-6p	Motorcycle Safety Education class	Room 10 & West lot
Nov. 23	9a-12p	Jod Link Career Center meeting	Room 10
	6-9p	Cake decorating	Cafeteria
	10-10:50a	First Aid - Myers	Room 19A
	11-11:50a	Walk, Jog, Run - Myers	Gym
	12-12:50p	Weight training - Myers	Weight room
	5-7p	BLET	Gym
Nov. 24	5-10p	GED testing	Cafeteria
	10:30a-12p	Physical fitness - Knight	Gym
	1-2:15p	Aerobic Dance - Cooney	Gym
	5-7p	BLET	Gym