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The newsletter of Mitchell Community College

Open Auditions for
"Amahl and the Night Visitors"
August 22 & 23
7 to 8:30 p.m.
Shearer Hall

Last day for 75% refund for
16-week session
August 26

Fall Convocation
August 29
12 noon
Shearer Hall

"Exploring Campus
Resources" Workshop
August 27
12:20 to 1:20 p.m.
VB-210

"Debt-Free Living"
August 27
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
South Statesville Skills Center
Multi-Purpose Room

Club Expo
August 29
Following Fall Convocation
On the Circle

"Powerful Presentations with
PowerPoint 2002"
August 29
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
CEC-25

The Inspiring Corner: Inviting Learning

In "knowledge" work **quality** is far
more important than quantity
because "quality" is value-added.

—Submitted by Employee Development

New ESSC Assistant

Ingrid Gaither started work this past
Monday as our new ESSC Assistant. Come
over when you get a chance and welcome
her to the MCC family. Her hours are 1 to 5
p.m., Monday through Friday. —Submitted by
Judy Phillips (August 21, 02)

Student Parking Permits

Students may pick up parking permits at
the Cherry Street Center, Monday through
Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Friday, 8
a.m. to 3 p.m. Thank you and have a great
semester! —Submitted by Carolyn Turner (August 21, 02)

Congratulations to Denise Benfield

Denise Benfield, Administrative Assistant
for the Humanities and Developmental
Education Division, recently completed
Certified Nurse Assistant I training.
Congratulations, Denise, on your
accomplishment! —Submitted by Roxanne Newton
(August 21, 02)

Exploring Campus Resources Workshop

The MIND Center presents the first student
workshop of the year: "Exploring Campus
Resources at MCC." This workshop is
open to all students and will be held on
Tuesday, August 27, from 12:20-1:20 p.m.
(Community Hour) in VB-210. Facilitators
will be Michele Pasko, SGA President, who
will discuss the SGA and student
organizations; Doug Rhoney, counselor and
SGA advisor, who will explain the student
handbook and student rights; Vicki
Caldwell, librarian, who will share tips on

using Huskins Library effectively; and
Lynne Lepley, campus chaplain, who will
discuss her role at the college. Come
learn some of what MCC has to offer
students! For more information, contact a
MIND Center staff member. —Submitted by
Roxanne Newton (August 21, 02)

Humanities Class Field Trip

The Immigrant Experience in America
class will visit Fort Dobbs on Tuesday,
August 27, to explore the impact of
immigrants in the lives of Native
Americans. Students will miss no other
classes for this field trip. —Submitted by
Roxanne Newton (August 21, 02)

Open Auditions for Opera

Open auditions for Gian-Carlo Menotti's
opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" will
be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday and
Friday in Shearer Hall at Mitchell
Community College, 500 West Front Street.
Casting will take place for these roles:
Amahl, boy, soprano; his mother, soprano;
King Kaspar, tenor; King Melchoir, bass;
the page, bass; and the chorus of
shepherds and villagers to include
soprano, mezzo-soprano, tenor and bass.
Mitchell Community College students and
employees are encouraged to participate.
All interested singers should bring a
prepared piece to sing. An accompanist
will be provided. For details, contact
Melody Morrison Beaty, musical director,
(704) 876-4469. —Submitted by Vicki Holland
(August 21, 02)

Club Expo

SGA will be hosting the Club Expo following the fall convocation on Thursday, August 29. This is the official kick-off for SGA and club activities for the academic year. Each club will decorate a table. The "Best Club Table" will receive a \$50 cash prize from

Dr. Eason. The best table will be the one that displays the most creativity and best explains what the club is all about. A DVD player will be given away to a student who visits all the club booths and wins the drawing. During the Club Expo, the entire campus community is invited to a

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From the President's Desk . . .

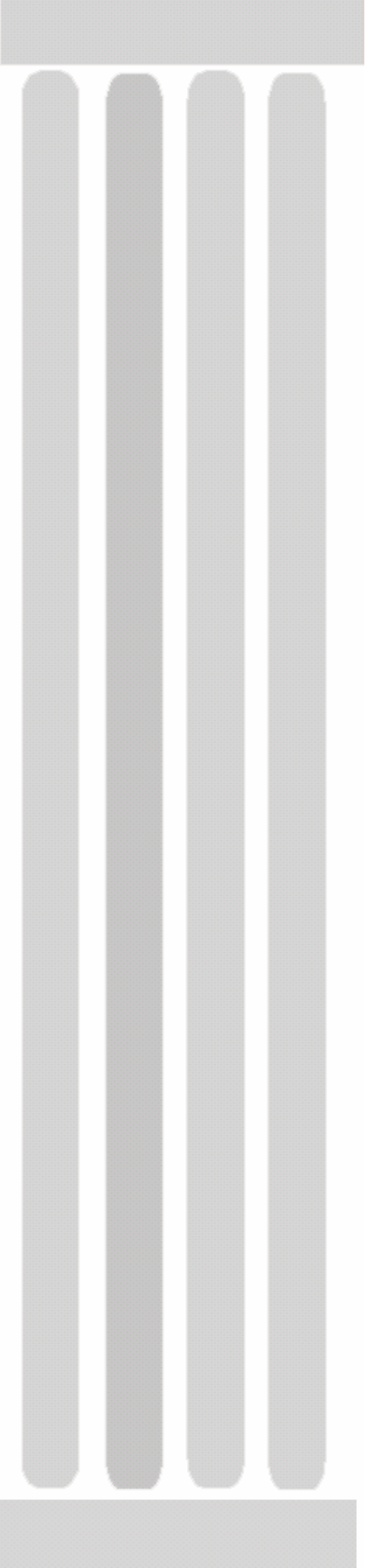
From all reports, it appears that we have gotten another year off to a good start in spite of a number of challenges. In fact, my citing of the numerous challenges before us at our



Faculty-Staff Assembly last Wednesday produced a rather surprising result. I was awarded the 2002-2003 ENTHUSIASM VAMPIRE AWARD! Yes, you've got it right. I am the champion Enthusiasm Vampire on campus. The photos below should give you some idea of just what the award looks like. It is an authentic anti-vampire kit with all needed elements for warding off vampires. Included with the kit was the following message: "Congratulations! You are the Recipient of the 2002-2003 *Enthusiasm Vampire Award*. This vampire hunter's kit contains: two crosses, two stakes, one rope for restraining the suspect, one bottle of holy water, one bag of garlic powder, and several black candles and matches to find your way.

This award should be passed along to the next person who brings you news that you would rather not have heard. The person or persons who receive the award most often during the school year will get to keep the award. #1 Dr. Doug Eason for sharing the budget process with faculty and staff." This is followed by nine spaces for future recipients. I understand that the English Department is establishing an "Enthus-a-tron" on the third floor where folks can go for a fix of electronically induced enthusiasm. Other variations on this idea are popping up on campus. I must say, however, that I am so delighted with my award that I am loath to give it up even in the face of pretty awful news. I do feel free, nevertheless, to sprinkle the garlic power around freely. So if you smell something that could be mistaken for a whiff of the Olive Garden kitchen, it may have been me dusting your threshold with garlic power. With all kidding aside, I am bemused that the presentation of Denise Ryan on Monday had such an effect. I may give up my title as #1 Enthusiasm Vampire but I plan to keep the award anyway!





luncheon in the Montgomery Student Center. We will have a delicious meal and celebrate the start of a new academic year!

—Submitted by Doug Rhoney (August 14, 02)

Community Remembrance Program on September 11

7:30 p.m. Civic Center at 300 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

- Prelude—Mitchell Community College Band, Jim Calabrese, Director
- Opening by Mr. John Marshall
- Presentation of Colors—Iredell County Sheriff's Department
- 9/11 Video
- Musical selection by Mr. Freddie Morrison's Choir
- Closing by Ms. Sarah Haire Tice, Chairman, Iredell County Commissioners
- Star-Spangled Banner by Ms. Wendy Scott
- Closing—Mitchell Community College Band, Jim Calabrese, Director

—Submitted by Vicki Holland (August 21, 02)

Water Conservation

Because of the critical water situation in Iredell County, MCC is making every effort to conserve water and reduce water consumption. We halted watering of plants and lawns over a month ago. We are not washing cars or doing any pressure washing, so please bear with us. Please ask your students to conserve whenever and wherever possible, at home and at MCC. Anyone having suggestions that would enhance our water conservation efforts should forward those suggestions to me. Thank you. Dr. Findt has reported that we are using paper products at all MCC food serving functions to eliminate the need for washing dishes. —Submitted by Gary Johnson (August 21, 02)

Powerful Presentations with PowerPoint 2002

The Small Business Center will offer a one-day computer class entitled "Powerful

Presentations with PowerPoint 2002 ". This class will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (one-hour lunch break) in Room 25 of the Continuing Education Center, 701 West Front Street, Statesville. The instructor for this class is Ms. Carol Doss. Microsoft PowerPoint 2002 is a presentation program that is an integral part of the new Office XP Suite. It allows you to create electronic slide shows or transparencies for an overhead projector. The following topics will be covered: getting started with PowerPoint 2002; creating, modifying, enhancing, and customizing a presentation; creating handouts; enhancing charts; working with embedded and linked objects and hyperlinks; and using advanced features. Specific features and enhancements of this new version of software will be discussed.

The registration for this class is held at the Continuing Education Center Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the receptionist desk. The registration fee for this course is \$60.00 plus the textbook. Space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis upon payment of fees. Please call 704-878-3220 for additional information.—Submitted by Mike Tucker (August 21, 02)

"Debt-Free Living" Offered at the South Statesville Skills Center

The Small Business Center will be offering a seminar entitled "Debt-Free Living" on Tuesday, August 27, 2002. This seminar will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the South Statesville Skills Center, 1415 Shelton Avenue, Statesville. This workshop is designed for individuals who want to live a debt-free, stress-free lifestyle leading to financial independence. You will learn specific powerful and proven strategies for debt reduction that work every single time. Learn how to pay off all debts in just 5-7 years and feel less pressure to "make more money." Bring with you to this

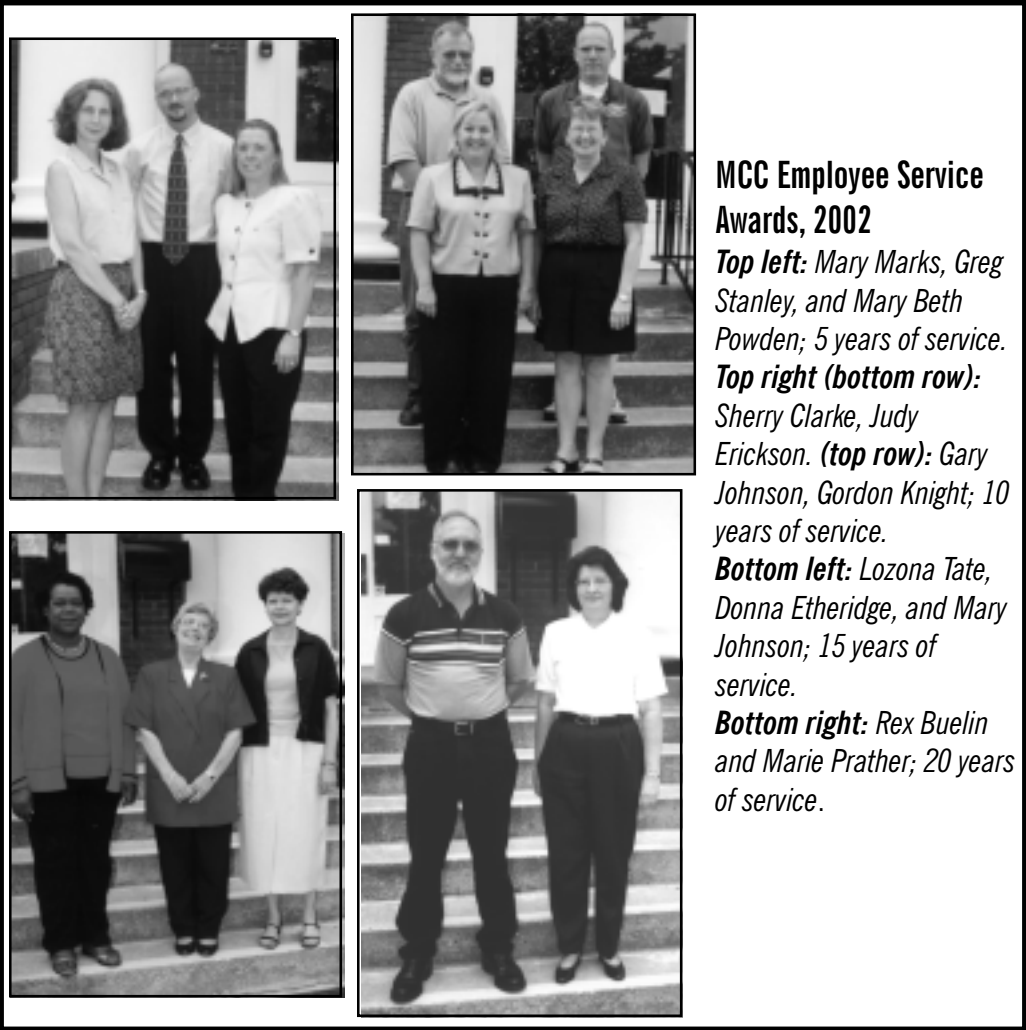
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seminar a list of your debts with balances and monthly payments. During class you will develop your own step-by-step debt-elimination plan that can be implemented immediately into your lifestyle. Please bring a pocket calculator to class. Textbooks will be available for \$39.00. The presenter for this seminar will be Mr. George Lucke, owner and seminar leader of GELCORE Financial, a financial service whose mission is "Providing a lifetime of financial education, without a lifetime of costs." This seminar is free of charge. Please call Mike Tucker at 704-878-3220 or Peggy Murdock at 704-978-2461 to pre-register or for additional information.

—Submitted by Mike Tucker (August 21, 02)

Full-time Employee Birthdays	
August 21 through 27	
Rex Buelin	23rd
Ellen Bedore	24th
Dede Dunst	27th

The deadline for submitting articles is every Tuesday at noon. Send to Judy Phillips at jphillips@mitchell.cc.nc.us



MCC Employee Service Awards, 2002

Top left: Mary Marks, Greg Stanley, and Mary Beth Powden; 5 years of service.

Top right (bottom row): Sherry Clarke, Judy Erickson. (top row): Gary Johnson, Gordon Knight; 10 years of service.

Bottom left: Lozona Tate, Donna Etheridge, and Mary Johnson; 15 years of service.

Bottom right: Rex Buelin and Marie Prather; 20 years of service.