

Fine Art Faculty Exhibit
September 3 through 20
Wallace House

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“Internet and E-mail Basics”
September 5
12:20 to 1:20 p.m.
VB-209

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New Employee Reception
September 5
3 to 4:30 p.m.
Alumni Lobby, Main Building

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MCC Employee Fitness Challenge
September 5
4 to 7 p.m.
CEC Weight Room (Gym)

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“Personal Finance: Budgeting
Strategies for Acquiring Wealth”
September 10
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room,
South Statesville Skills Center

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MCC September 11
Memorial Program
September 11
8:40 to 9 a.m.
On the Circle

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Community Remembrance
Program
September 11
7:30 p.m.
Statesville Civic Center

The Inspiring Corner: Inviting Learning

If nothing is put in, nothing comes out. Be certain that information and resources are adequate to produce desired outcomes.

—Submitted by *Employee Development*

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Faculty-Staff Assembly Cancelled

The Faculty-Staff Assembly scheduled for Thursday, September 12, has been cancelled. An Assembly may be scheduled for a later date if there are sufficient items for the agenda.

—Submitted by *Margaret McNeely (September 4, 02)*

MCC Employee Fitness Challenge

Thursday, September 5, 4 to 7 p.m., Continuing Education Weight Room (Gym). Free fitness assesment, development of individualized program, instruction on using fitness facility, benchmark for follow-up assessments through the year. For information call Gordon Knight at 3253.

—Submitted by *Douglas Eason (September 4, 02)*

Club Expo 2002

SGA would like to thank the Faculty, Students and Clubs for making CLUB EXPO a huge success. Congratulations to the Ebony Kinship Club for the “Best Club Table”, winning \$50 given by Dr. Eason. Congratulations to Jennifer Spitzer, The winner of a DVD player. If you missed any of the CLUB EXPO you can still join campus clubs by attending their meetings as published in the Student Handbook on page 48.—Submitted by *Jewelye Birkhofer, SGA Public Information Officer (September 4, 02)*

Community Colleges Foster Economic Development

The North Carolina Economic Development Board commissioned KPMG Consulting Firm to do a study of economic development efforts in North Carolina. As a part of that study they did a survey of business and development interests across North Carolina to determine whether state agencies were seen as helping or hendering economic development efforts. Several state agencies got negative reviews, somewere just over 50%

Mitchell Columns

Beginning next week, September 11, **Mitchell Columns** will be distributed early Wednesday mornings by Vicki Holland. Our new article submission deadline will be **every Tuesday by 9 a.m.** This will be a firm deadline . . . meaning if any articles are submitted after 9 a.m. on Tuesday they will appear in the next week’s issue.

—Submitted by *Judy Phillips (August 28, 02)*

positive, BUT community colleges got a 93% “helps economic development” rating! —Submitted by *Judy Erickson (September 4, 02)*

Child Care Assistance Program

Applications are being accepted for MCC’s child care assistance program. If you have children in daycare and have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, you may be eligible for assistance. Contact Judy Erickson in the Financial Aid Office, MB130 or call 704.878.3255.

—Submitted by *Judy Erickson (September 4, 02)*

Faculty, Staff, Students Invited to Join Choirs

Members of the campus community are encouraged to participate in these Mitchell Community College musical organizations. For details call Dr. William Findt at 4321 or show up for the first session. There is no charge.

- The **Mitchell Community College Band** will meet 7-9 p.m. Mondays beginning September 9 in Shearer Hall. Jim Calabrese is the director.
- The **Mitchell Inspirational Choir** will meet 7-9 p.m. Thursdays beginning September 5 at the Continuing Education Center on West Front Street. Fred Morrison is the director.
- The **Mitchell Community Chorus** will meet 7-9 p.m. in Shearer Hall. Tuesdays beginning September 3. Dan Pardue is the director.

—Submitted by *Douglas Eason (September 4, 02)*

Statesville Not Cooperating With Global Warming?

Between stacks of papers to grade, I looked over the Weather Channel’s statistics for Statesville since 1907. With 1954 as the mid-point, we could hypothesize that about half of our record high temperatures and half of our record lows would

have occurred on each side of 1954. Two (monthly) record *highs* were precisely in that mid-year, eight were before 1954, and only two have happened afterward, leading one to suspect long-term cooling. Looking at record lows is also impressive. Only two record *low* temps were recorded

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Full-time Employee Birthdays

September 4 through 9

Dewey Waters September 5
 Mark Coley September 5

prior to 1954, and ten occurred after 1954. (Note to administrators: I really do have enough to do! Perhaps another testable hypothesis is that getting older causes people to dwell more on the weather.) —Submitted by Rex Buelin (September 4, 02)

MCCEE Memorials and Honor Gifts

Memorials and honor gifts given to the MCC Endowment for Excellence by current and retired MCC employees, trustees, and MCCEE directors (August 1, 2002 through August 31, 2002):

- Ralph Bentley-memorials for Mildred Alverson, Jenna Kurfees, Ben Stimson, and Justin Harris
- Douglas Eason-memorials for Charlie Pittman, Ben Stimson, Constance McHargue, and George Carlton Brown
- Donna Etheridge-memorials for Charlie Pittman and Constance McHargue
- William Findt-memorials for Ben Stimson, Charles Valentine and Arthur Johnson
- MCC Mooresville Center Staff in memory of Arthur Johnson
- Margaret Rumble McNeely-memorials for Constance McHargue, Hoyt Freeze, and George Rodgers
- Judy Phillips in memory of George Rodgers
- Linda Stikeleather-memorials for Jenna Kurfees and Ann Rowe

—Submitted by Mary Johnson (September 4, 02)



From the President's Desk . . .

The Sesquicentennial Celebration during Fall Convocation was a very special day in the life of the College and, to some extent, in each of our lives. I'm sure you agree that Bill Moose did an absolutely wonderful job of giving the flavor of the history of this institution in only a few minutes. I know all of you are anxious to read the whole story in the book we plan to publish during this year. As I pointed out following his remarks, each of us can weave our own thread into the rich fabric of the history of this institution. We can

hope someone 150 years from now will at least see evidence of our work and say that they it is good. Mitchell has had such a remarkable ability to survive and to reinvent itself to serve the community and new constituencies with each new generation. I am convinced that Mitchell has become a much better institution which has better served the total needs of the community over time. Our goal must be to see that this tradition of "Times Change; Quality Endures" continue on after we are gone. I know that each of you works every day to make sure that our students have the very best learning experience they possibly can with the resources we have. The cool, cloudy August day was rounded out with the SGA sponsored lunch in the Montgomery Student Center. I was especially proud of the exhibits that our 16 student clubs had put together for the Club Expo. Let's all join together to make this year and each year to come special. And, by the way, keep your eye out for Sesquicentennial events coming up!



Fall Convocation, 2002

Above left: Bill Moose, History Instructor, was the featured speaker.

Above center: Diane Pritchard was the recipient of the Educational Support Staff R.D. Grier Excellence in Education Award.

Above right: Rita Taggart was the recipient of the Faculty R.D. Grier Excellence in Education Award.

Right: Joan Jordan was the recipient of the Support Staff R.D. Grier Excellence in Education Award.

Other award winners not pictured: Martha Lambert—Facilities Support Staff and Carol Craig—Adjunct Faculty.



MCC September 11 Memorial Program

Sponsored by SGA

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, classes will be suspended from 8:40 a.m.-8:50 a.m. so that the campus community may participate in a brief campus memorial program on the Circle. Church bells will ring throughout the community at 8:46 a.m., the time when the first plane hit the World Trade Center last September 11. Rev. Mike Perry will lead the group with prayerful remarks. Then, Dr. Eason will share some remarks. Following this time, all gathered will sing "God Bless America." The program will conclude with time for 9:00 classes to begin on schedule. Shearer Hall will be set up on this day as a quiet area set aside for remembrance of those lost during the attacks last year. Rev. Lynne Lepley will provide a journal where members of the campus community may write their thoughts and prayers. We hope this will be a time of healing and of lifting up our nation. —Submitted by Doug Rhoney (August 28, 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)