

"Personal Finance: Budgeting Strategies for Acquiring Wealth"

September 10

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room,
South Statesville Skills Center

MCC September 11

Memorial Program

September 11

8:40 to 9 a.m.

On the Circle

Community Remembrance Program

September 11

7:30 p.m.

Statesville Civic Center

Pool Tournament

September 12 & 13

10 a.m.

Montgomery Student Center

Student vs. Faculty/Staff Basketball
Game

September 17

12:20 p.m.

Little Gym

Administrative Council Meeting

September 19

3 p.m.

Kirkman House

Board of Trustees Meeting

September 25

7:30 p.m.

Kirkman House



The Inspiring Corner: Inviting Learning

Neither do excuses relieve one of responsibility nor do reasons justify lack of results. Responsibility rests with the responsible.

—Submitted by Employee Development

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Circle K Meeting

Circle K will meet on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 12:15 in VB 203. Be a star in your community and on campus. New members and those interested in information about MCC Circle K membership are encouraged to attend. —Submitted by Gail Elmore (09.10.02)

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 (09.04.02)

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 (09.04.02)

Announcement

Mitchell Community College is scheduled for a site visit for initial accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, September 24-26. The Associate Degree Nursing Faculty invites you to attend a public forum meeting Wednesday September 25 from 4:00-5:00 PM in Shearer Hall. This is your opportunity to make public comment and show support for our nursing program. —Submitted by Linda Wiersch (09.10.02)

MCC September 11 Memorial Program Sponsored by SGA

On Wednesday, September 11, SGA is sponsoring a brief memorial program on the Circle. Following is the schedule for the event: **8:40 a.m.** Classes are suspended so that the campus community may gather on the Circle. (Should the weather be inclement, the ceremony will be moved to Shearer Hall.) The SGA asks that you please gather on the Circle in silence. Through silence, individuals may wish to offer thoughts, prayers, and/or reflections in their own personal way. **8:46 a.m.** Church bells will ring throughout the community marking the

time when the first World Trade Center tower was attacked last year. Following the ringing of the bells, Rev. Mike Perry will offer some prayerful remarks. Following Rev. Perry, Dr. Eason will offer remarks. Following Dr. Eason's remarks, those who wish will sing "God Bless America." SGA will provide copies of the lyrics. The program should end so that there will be time for students to attend 9:00 classes on schedule. We hope this program will be a time of reverence and a time of healing. While the administration has made it possible so that every campus member has the opportunity to attend the program, please help students understand that attendance at the program is **elective**. As an alternative or as an addition to this program, Shearer Hall will be set up as a silent room where members of the campus community may go for reflection/prayer/meditation—unless the program must be held there because of inclement weather. Rev. Lynne Lepley will have a journal available in which people may write their thoughts/feelings/prayers. Thanks in advance for your support of SGA's efforts to remember this significant day in a special way. —Submitted by Doug Rhoney (09.10.02)

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 (08.21.02)

Speakers on Middle East

On Tuesday, September 17, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. in Shearer Hall, two Lebanese speakers will be

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Full-time Employee Birthdays

September 10 through 16

Kristen Macemore September 13
Carol Setzer September 15

speaking concerning interfaith relations in the Middle East and how their culture affects these relationships. Father Boulos Wehbe of Beirut, Lebanon, is a Greek Orthodox Priest from Notre Dame University of Lebanon. He is an instructor of "human thought," religion and English. He is a doctorate candidate at Durham University, and has a bachelor in business administration from the American University of Beirut. The second speaker, Dr. Saoud El Mawla, also of Beirut Lebanon, has a doctorate in Islamic studies and civilization from the Sorbonne University. He is a professor at Lebanese University in Beirut. Both of these men are visiting as part of the Presbyterian Church Peacemaking Program. —Submitted by Vicki Holland (09.10.02)

A Plea For Funding

The Minority Teacher Development Program is currently looking for organizations that can give a \$600 scholarship to sponsor a minority student enrolled in the pre-elementary, pre-secondary, or the early childhood education programs. This



From the President's Desk . . .

Thanks to the MCC College Council, the reception for new employees held in Alumni Lobby in the Main Building on Thursday afternoon, September 5 was a great success. What a nice way to welcome new folks to the Mitchell community. I was very pleased to see the good turnout for the reception and the very positive fellowship people seemed to be enjoying. For those of you who missed this event, the punch and cake were delicious and the new employees are certainly an interesting bunch of folks. To a person, they told

me that their first days at Mitchell had been made much easier due to the friendliness and warmth of the campus community. This is an attribute of Mitchell that we too often take for granted. Over the past eleven years I have often been struck by the kind, caring community that Mitchell folks create for themselves and for our students. This is a mark of quality that we should celebrate any chance we get. The new employees in whose honor the reception was given are: Kristen Abernethy (Accounting Technician), Sandra Cox (Administrative Assistant to VP for Instruction), Donald Clarke (Maintenance Technician), David Damron (Maintenance Technician), Jodee Fulton (Human Resources Coordinator), Shana Funderburk (Math Instructor), Barbara Harris (Cosmetology Instructor), Heather Jett (English Instructor), Jennifer Middlesworth (Developmental English Instructor), Kirby Moore (Special Populations Counselor), Amelie Schinck (Math Instructor), Cheryl Sells (Continuing Education Receptionist), Vernon Shoaf (Computer Lab Instructor), and Linda Stamper (Business Instructor). Please make sure you greet these folks and offer your support to them as they begin—or continue—their work at MCC. It might be well for each of us to recall a time when we were new in an organization and the challenges that brings. As a teaching institution, we should also remind ourselves that many of our students are also newcomers and need our greeting, support, and encouragement as they acclimate themselves to being a college student.

money will assist in paying tuition and fees for one of the program participants. If you know of any such organizations, please let me know as soon as possible. One of our program objectives is to attract minority students to the field of teaching. —Submitted by Carolyn Morrison (09.10.02)

Better Security, Yes, But Also...

As we pay our respects to the 3043 people who died a year ago, and as we focus on security, hopefully it will not be disrespectful to remind ourselves of a quieter tragedy, self-inflicted. Every 2.8 days cigarette smoking kills as many Americans as the terrorist attacks did. Every 3.7 days poor eating habits and lack of exercise cause a similar number of American deaths. It would take 230 such terrorist attacks a year (more than one every other day) to equal these other fatalities. Admittedly, terrorism strikes almost at random, while philosophy of life plays a role in personal habits and vices. So to fend off enthusiasm vampire nominations, I now conjure up some Abe Lincoln words, providing solace to those of us with bad habits: "It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues." —Submitted by Rex Buelin (09.10.02)

God Bless America—by Irving Berlin In Memory of September 11, 2001

"While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer. "

God Bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home.
God bless America, My home sweet home.

