

Women's 3-on-3 Basketball
November 19 & 21
12:20 p.m.
Old Gym

College Council Meeting
November 19
2 p.m.
Kirkman House

Mooreville Center Early Registration
November 19
5 to 7 p.m.

Spring Semester Advising & Early Registration
Ends
November 20

A Christmas Story in Art
November 26
12:15 to 1:15 p.m.
Rotary Auditorium

College CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday
November 27, 28 and 29

Walk-In Messiah
December 1
3 p.m.
Shearer Hall

Cosmetic Arts Center Ribbon Cutting
December 3
4 to 6 p.m.

West Park Shopping Center
3223 Taylorsville Highway

Board of Trustees Meeting
December 4
7:30 p.m.
Kirkman House

Holiday Luncheon
December 5
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Continuing Education Center Cafeteria

"Amahl and the Night Visitors"
December 5 and 6
7 p.m.
December 7
3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Shearer Hall

Tickets: \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 students

Mitchell Columns will not be published on November 26. The next issue will be December 3. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

The Inspiring Corner: Inviting Learning

"Leadership is a matter of how to be, not how to do. We spend most of our lives mastering how to do things, but in the end it is the quality and character of the individual that defines the performance of great leaders."—Frances Hesselbein, **Leader to Leader**, (1999)
—Submitted by Employee Development

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Mitchell Columns

The newsletter of Mitchell Community College

Board of Trustees Meeting

The MCC Board of Trustees will meet in Kirkman House at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4.
—Submitted by Douglas Eason (11.19.02)

Extra Day of Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 27, will be an official college holiday in celebration of meeting the United Way goal!
—Submitted by Douglas Eason (11.19.02)

Holiday Luncheon

The MCC Holiday Luncheon sponsored by the College Council will be held on Thursday, December 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Continuing Education Center cafeteria. —Submitted by Douglas Eason (11.19.02)

Faculty-Staff Assembly Cancelled

In view of the "called" faculty-staff assembly on October 24, the faculty-staff assembly scheduled for November 21, 2002, has been cancelled. The next assembly is scheduled for February 20, 2003, at 12:15 p.m., in Rotary Auditorium. —Submitted by Margaret McNeely (11.19.02)

Checks Mailed Tuesday, Nov. 26, after 5 p.m.

Mitchell Community College will be closed November 27, 28, 29 for Thanksgiving holiday. All part-time and full-time checks will be mailed Tuesday, Nov. 26, after 5:00 p.m. —Submitted by Judy Bell (11.05.02)

Maple House Cafe Serving Lunch Mondays & Wednesdays

The Maple House Cafe serves lunch every Monday & Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Montgomery Student Center. Any menu ideas or suggestions are greatly appreciated. —Submitted by Bill Findt (11.12.02)

Mitchell Community College Cosmetic Arts Center Ribbon Cutting and Open House

The Mitchell Community College Cosmetic Arts Center Ribbon Cutting and Open House will be Tuesday, December 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. (Ribbon cutting will be at 4 p.m.) The Center is located in the West Park Shopping Center, 3223 Taylorsville Highway, Statesville. —Submitted by Vicki Holland (11.19.02)

Bright Ideas Grants Reviewed

Communication instructor Rita Taggart recently served as a lead grant reviewer for the Energy United Bright Ideas Education Grants for the state of North Carolina. English instructor Daphne Holland ably assisted Ms. Taggart with the grants review. Kudos to these faculty members for their teamwork and service to the local

community and to educators across the state.
—Submitted by Roxanne Newton (11.19.02)

Phi Beta Lambda Thanksgiving Raffle

PBL Thanksgiving raffle tickets are now on sale for \$1.00. 1st prize is a Thanksgiving family dinner. 2nd prize is a Thanksgiving turkey. 3rd prize is a gift basket. The drawing will be held on November 25, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. You do not have to be present to win. PBL members will be selling tickets all around campus. Get your tickets today! —Submitted by Jewelye Birkhofer, Public Information Officer (11.12.02)

Walk-In Messiah

Mitchell Community College will host the annual Walk-In Messiah on Sunday, December 1, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. in Shearer Hall. All choral participants practice on Saturday, November 30, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. This years performance is dedicated in memory of Mr. Kenneth Bradshaw, former director of the Mitchell Community College Choir and Dean of Student Services. —Submitted by Vicki Holland (11.19.02)

Scholarship Opportunities

Altrusa Club of Statesville will award one \$600 scholarship this year. The only requirements are: You must take a minimum of two courses per semester, be enrolled in education, Have a projected graduation date, and Be a well-rounded person. The deadline to submit applications is November 22, 2002. Applications are available in the MCC Financial Aid Office, 1st floor-Main Building. **Datatel Scholars Foundation** will offer four scholarships for 2003-2004. Please visit their Website, www.datatel.com, "Scholars Foundation" for more specific information regarding eligibility requirements. All applicants must submit their completed on-line application via the Datatel web site by January 31, 2003. —Submitted by Candace Cooper (11.19.02)

A Christmas Story in Art

All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend Mr. Don Moore's "A Christmas Story in Art" on Tuesday, November 26, 2002, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in Rotary Auditorium. He will explain the conventional symbols used in Christian art during the Renaissance period. Both Flemish and Italian Renaissance masters will be examined including Jan Van Eyck, Robert Campen, Leonardo Da Vinci, Botticelli, and others. Renaissance
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Full-Time Employee Birthdays November 19 through December 2

Libby Beam 22nd
Tom Myers 23rd

art is a combination of abstract symbols developed during the middle ages and a renewed humanism. By understanding the hidden symbols in Flemish and Italian art, the viewer gains an increased enjoyment of the meaning of this beautiful art. This event is free of charge. —Submitted by Vicki Holland (11.12.02)

Diversity Awards

Mitchell Community College established three awards in 1996 named for a former MCC employee and called them the Viola Kimbrough Parker diversity awards. Viola Kimbrough Parker loved people, and would respond to any situation and be ready to help solve any problem. She was never too busy to help a person, whether it was just to boost their spirits or to share a problem. The Viola Kimbrough Parker Diversity Award recognizes the efforts of three individuals in promoting and understanding diversity. Nominations will be presented in three categories. One recipient will be a person from the community at large, one from the MCC faculty/staff and one an MCC student. Ms. Parker's commitment to the community was no less noteworthy. She was an indefatigable volunteer for the United Way, Appropriate Punishment Options for her eastside neighborhood, Kimbrough Park and Shiloh AME Zion Church. Viola was an early champion of diversity efforts on the Mitchell Community College campus. She truly believed that people could learn to love and respect one another no matter what their differences. She taught the lessons of diversity by living a life of love and understanding for people every day. She was never afraid to reach out to people and did so without regard for their rank or status, their race or gender, their abilities or hindrances. The awards will be presented on Thursday, January 16, 2003, at the annual Martin Luther King program. To nominate a deserving person, submit a letter of nomination to Margaret Rumble-McNeely, including the nominee's name and a brief explanation of the reasons you feel this person deserves this honor. Nominations will be accepted until January 6, 2003. For additional information contact Bernard Robertson at 704-878-3228. —Submitted by Bernard Robertson (11.19.02)

MCC Sesquicentennial Gift Options

The Mitchell Community College sesquicentennial Christmas ornament is now available through the Development Office or the College Bookstore. Profits from the ornaments will go to the Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellence. These ornaments make the perfect Christmas gift—cost is \$15.00. The Mitchell Community College



From the President's Desk . . .

We all like to get compliments, especially when we know they are justified and well-deserved. I had the great pleasure last week of meeting with Mr. Dave Hall, our current FTE auditor from the System Office, who reported to me that our current "enrollment" audit had gone very well indeed. We will have no exceptions or findings in his report which he will submit to the System Office, but he was eager to tell me what a great job our staff was doing in our record keeping. He particularly singled out

Greg Stanley and his staff and Carol Johnson and her staff at Continuing Education. Mr. Hall said our records were in tip-top shape and that the staff had every item ready for him when needed. In fact, he said that Mitchell was one of the best colleges he had audited in his 28 years with the System. Now that's a compliment! Speaking of compliments, let me hand out a few. Phi Theta Kappa, our student honor society, held a reception for new members last Thursday and they had an excellent turnout. Tom Myers and Bob Smith are the sponsors and it is apparent that we have a very active group of students this year. They have just completed a project of collecting books for the children's area at Davis Community Hospital. I was also pleased to learn that Dr. Gloria Rember's Professional Development class had planned, facilitated and carried out a program for public school students entitled "Bridges to Success." The half-day program focused on assisting students in planning for college. Some 400 public school students were in attendance at our Continuing Education Center last Friday. Congratulations to Dr. Rember and her class for assisting young students and for promoting Mitchell. Our Circle K club won the pizza lunch for the student club collecting the most money for United Way this year. Congratulations to Gail Elmore and club members for this outstanding performance. The money they raised will provide support to the 26 United Way agencies which make life better for all of us. As we approach the Thanksgiving holidays, let me remind each of you to pass out a compliment to someone in your area for a job well done and to give thanks for all the good things done at Mitchell Community College by faculty, staff, and students.

Cookbook contains 500 recipes from faculty, staff, students and members of the community. A special feature will be recipes from the 1937 Mitchell College Cookbook and a brief history of the importance of food and fellowship to the College, written by Bill Moose. Profits from the cookbook will go to the Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellence. The cookbook will go on sale at the end of November—just in time for Christmas presents—cost is \$15.00. *The Mitchell Community College ornament and the cookbook may be purchased in the College Bookstore. For delivery, please send your request to Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mitchell Community College, 500 West Broad Street, Statesville, NC 28677. The ornament and the cookbook are \$15 each. For each order, add \$5 for postage and handling. For orders of five or more items add \$10 for postage and handling. Please write check to Mitchell Community College. We are not able to process credit card orders. For information, please telephone Mrs. Johnson at 704.878.3356.*—Submitted by William Findt (10.22.02)

MIND Center Workshops

● Basic Spanish Conversational Skills

Wednesday, November 20, 2:00-3:00 p.m., VB-206

This interactive, engaging session will enable you to learn how to communicate with your students, your classmates, and our neighbors in the community. This workshop offers an introduction to basic greetings and common language needs of native speakers of Spanish. In addition, you will become more oriented to Hispanic/Latino cultural differences. **Facilitator: Eduardo Garcia**

● Final Impact: Conquering Exams

Tuesday, November 26, 12:20-1:20 p.m., VB-210

Ban the cram! At this workshop, participants will learn how to prepare mentally, physically, and emotionally for final exams. Discover options for managing time, information, and other demands to achieve high performance on comprehensive final exams! **Facilitator: Yolanda Wilson**

—Submitted by Dean Blackwelder (09.17.02)

Thankful Thoughts for the Holidays

When you are gathered together with your family and friends, these blessings, toasts and proverbs can help express your moment of thanksgiving. You can also use them as accents to your place settings, as sentiments in holiday cards or accompanying a Thanksgiving cornucopia.

- ◆ Real abundance is found when we join hands with those we love.
- ◆ Thanksgiving is a circle of memories. Wishing you peace & plenty this holiday.
- ◆ Thanksgiving is a time for remembering and appreciating the special people in our lives.
- ◆ We give thanks for friends and family, for life's good things, both large and small.
- ◆ May your Thanksgiving be abundant with the gifts of love and friendship.
- ◆ May your home be warmed by the love of family and friends.

Faculty/Staff Profiles

Margaret McNeely (Executive Secretary to the President and the Board of Trustees)



I am the secretary to the President and the Board of Trustees. I came to work at MCC on January 4, 1988; I will be retiring February 1, 2003. I spent my first 13.5 years in the System at Catawba Valley Community College. I am a happy newlywed, and I have a nephew and niece who are the lights of my life. Working at Mitchell with Dr. Eason, the Board, staff, and faculty has been very rewarding and a lot of fun. I will miss everyone here very much but I am also ready to go!

Don Moore (Fine Arts Program Coordinator)



Although Steve Herman, Tom Myers and I all started at Mitchell shortly after the last Ice Age, I am probably one of the least known instructors at the college. As Fine Arts Program Coordinator, I spend my days in Wallace House teaching studio courses, as well as art appreciation and art history. I also am the gallery director for the Louise Gilbert Memorial Gallery, which sponsors six exhibits per academic year for students, staff, and the community. I'm also an active artist in the community—I've been the president of the Statesville Artist's Guild, involved with the Signal Hill Gallery at the mall, and I'm on two committees with the Iredell Museum.