

# Mitchell Columns

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The newsletter of Mitchell Community College

## Important Dates

- Faculty/Staff Assembly  
**February 17**  
12:15 p.m.  
Shearer Hall
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- “Love Jones” Friday Night  
**February 18**  
7 p.m.  
Montgomery Student Center
- 
- Choir Day Concert  
**February 27**  
4 p.m.  
Shearer Hall
- 
- Driving Miss Daisy*  
**March 4**  
8 p.m.  
**March 5**  
3 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
Shearer Hall
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- First 8-Week Session Ends  
**March 7**
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- Second 8-Week Session Begins  
**March 8**
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- Spring Break (NO CLASSES)  
**March 28 to April 1**

### The Inspiring Corner: Inviting Learning

Thus far in this series we have addressed issues dealing with *people, places, and policies*. This week, **programs** are the focus of our attention. Developing and managing programs are necessary functions of leaders and the institutions they head. Regrettably, sometimes well-meaning programs actually harm people and ultimately the institution if their focus is too narrow. When meeting “minimum standards” is the goal of a program, minimum standards often become maximum goals. Programs that treat people as objects to be fixed are doomed to failure. Successful programs affirm the value of collaborative decision-making, mutual trust, and a warm and caring collegiality. People generally behave according to the way they are treated.

—Submitted by Employee Development  
(02.16.05)

### Faculty/Staff Assembly

A faculty/staff assembly will be held Thursday, February 17, at 12:15 p.m., in Shearer Hall. All full-time faculty and staff are required to attend. If you cannot attend that day, please notify your immediate supervisor. —Submitted by Sarah Davis (02.09.05)

### Bible Study

The Christian season of Lent is a time of spiritual preparation leading up to Easter. You are invited to take part in a Bible study, “Sensing the Passion,” which will be held on Thursdays through March 17, from 12:20 to 1:20 p.m. in MB-321. —Submitted by Lynne Lepley (02.16.05)

### February 2 American Red Cross Blood Drive Results

Goal—30; Total Donors Presenting—35; Deferred Donors—1; First Time Donors—5; Total Donations Collected—30; Percent of Goal—100%. Maybe you made an announcement to your class, you took time to mention the drive to a friend, or you rolled up your sleeve and gave. Because of you the goal was met and we helped make a difference. —Submitted by Gail Elmore (02.16.05)

### SGA Executive Board Positions Available

The deadline to apply for an SGA position on next year’s Executive Board is Thursday, February 17, at 5 p.m. All positions on the board are available. Students can run for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Special Populations Officer, and Public Information Officer. A minimum 2.5 G.P.A. is needed to apply and students must complete a petition to run for office. Applications can be obtained from the SGA office, located on the second floor of the Montgomery Student Center. For more information, see Nikkole Davis-Amerson, advisor, in the Main Building. —Submitted by Nikkole Davis-Amerson (02.16.05)

### *Driving Miss Daisy*

The Pulitzer Prize winning play, *Driving Miss Daisy* by Alfred Uhry, will be presented in Shearer Hall at Mitchell Community College the first weekend of March to benefit the MCC Endowment for Excellence. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 4, and 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 5. The cast includes Jennifer Grant as Daisy Werthan; Perry Lackey as Hoke Coleburn; Jim Roof as Boolie Werthan. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. MCC students will be admitted free with a College ID. —Submitted by Ann Kelly (02.09.05)

### A Cultural Experience

The Diversity Task Force along with SGA will sponsor a bus trip to Winston-Salem on Thursday, February 24. This event is open to faculty, staff, and students; however, there are limited seats for faculty and staff. We will visit four different sites, to include the campuses of Winston-Salem State University and Wake Forest University. We will see three art exhibits along with a tour of the oldest standing African-American church in N.C. The bus will depart at 8:15 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. Please call 704.878.3364 or come by MB-103B to sign up. —Submitted by Mary Wall (02.02.05)

### “Love Jones” Friday Night

The Diverse Expressions Creative Writing Club will host a night of open-mic poetry on Friday, February 18, 2005, at 7 p.m. in the Montgomery Student Center. The cost of admission is \$3.00 for Mitchell students, if purchased in advance, and \$5.00 otherwise. All proceeds will go toward the establishment of a scholarship fund for Mitchell students. Come on out and listen to the poetic creations and expressions of a variety of students, faculty and staff members. Please stop by SB-210 or contact any Diverse Expressions member for more details. —Submitted by Bruce Johnson (02.09.05)

### Choir Day Concert

The Mitchell Inspirational Choir will be celebrating their annual Choir Day Concert on Sunday, February 27, at 4 p.m., in Shearer Hall on the main campus of Mitchell Community College. This year’s program will include a slide show presentation and testimonials about the choir’s mission trip to Fiji last September. The theme of this year’s concert is “Heal the Land” and will feature vocalists and musicians from Statesville and the surrounding areas. The choir is under the direction of Mr. Freddie Morrison and Mr. Derone McNeill. —Submitted by Vicki Holland (02.16.05)

### Spring Court Election Results

The Spring Court election results are in! Arnold Feimster was elected King and Tonya Allison was elected Queen. The following students were elected  
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### Full-Time Employee Birthdays

February 17 through 23

Rex Klett ..... 17th  
Sarah Davis ..... 22nd



### From the President's Desk

Following the celebration of Valentine's Day this past Monday, I have been reflecting on how we might appropriately mark the day in a professional setting. Clearly, the Valentine's Day of romance and roses resides in the private, personal domain. Nevertheless, this special day seems to me to be an opportune time to celebrate our appreciation for each other in the work place. Taking time to write a note—whether on a Valentine card or not—or giving someone candy or a plant or a book with

an indication of our appreciation for their work and for their friendship helps create a positive climate in our organization. Even though it's a few days after Valentine's Day, it's still not too late to express appreciation for a colleague or a friend for all the things they do to enrich our lives. I certainly want to thank all the folks at Mitchell for making every day interesting, exciting, and fulfilling for me. Sure, there are days that present great challenges, but I am always reminded of the importance of the work we do and the great, positive effect our work has on our students. Moreover, I greatly enjoy the day-to-day relationships with folks here on our campus. We are all so fortunate to have the opportunity to work in an environment of caring and support for the individual, as I know only too well from personal experience. Always celebrate the good things and the special persons in your personal life, but remember to express appreciation for friends and colleagues at work as well.



as Sophomore Court Attendants: Katrina Kerr, Sequoya Moore, Erin Waugh, and Narissa Wood. Freshman Court Attendants include: Shakita Bowman, Dwede Dennis, Keshia Gillion, and Tonja Sadler. Congratulations to all and thanks to everyone who participated in the elections! An important meeting of all Spring Court participants is scheduled for 12:20 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2005, in MB-110. Please make every effort to attend. Please contact Bonnie McCurry at 704.878.3281 if there are any questions or a need for additional information. —Submitted by Bonnie McCurry (02.16.05)

### Mock JETS Competition

The 2nd annual Mock JETS (Junior Engineering Technology Society) and Robotic competition was held on February 10 at the Continuing Education Center (CEC). Led by Amy Ray, Coordinator of Electronics Engineering Technology, over 45 students, teachers and staff from Iredell/Statesville high schools competed for trophies and prizes. Students spent their day solving difficult engineering problems and building robots to shoot balls into a hoop with a Lego Mindstorm® kit. Special thanks to the CEC staff for their help. Also, thanks to UNCC, NSF (National Science Foundation), JMS Temperature Control, and Energy United for all of their support. First place went to Statesville Senior High, second place to Lake Norman High and third place to West Iredell High. —Submitted by Amy Ray (02.16.05)

### Intramural Club

The Student Government Association has put together a new intramural program that is open to students, faculty and staff. The Mavericks Intramural Club was formed this semester and will start initially with men's and women's basketball teams. Other sports will be added in the future. The Mavericks will have their second practice on February 19, at 5 p.m. Practices are held at Grace Park in Statesville. Men, women, students, faculty and staff are invited to come out and participate. More than 25 students have already signed up and are practicing for upcoming games later this

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spring. For more information, contact Brian Long, coach of the Mavericks, at 704.878.4325 or go by the SGA office. —Submitted by Nikkole Davis-Amerson (02.16.05)

### Buy Recycled!

Thank you Mitchell for working with Tammy Rackley to "buy recycled!" The Governor's Executive Order #156 charges all state agencies to strive to reach 100% use of recycled goods when available. Tammy received the following e-mail from the NC Division of Purchase and Contract this week: "...Mitchell Community College's 2003-2004 Report for Recycled Content Purchases reflects that recycled content paper made up 86% of your paper purchases in FY 2004 and 87% of your contracted print orders. In particular, 92% of your office papers, 71% of your towels/tissues, and 50% of your other miscellaneous papers were recycled content. Your recycled content paper purchases are above the 77 percent average of all reporting agencies. Congratulations! For more information or to see the complete report, visit [www.p2pays.org/epp/reports.asp](http://www.p2pays.org/epp/reports.asp). Thank you for leading NC agencies to success!" —Submitted by Barbara Wheeler (02.16.05)

### FBLA/PBL Week

Phi Beta Lambda is celebrating FBLA/PBL Week from February 13 through 19. This is the week chapters in schools across the nation spread the word about our organization. Future Business Leaders of America/Phi Beta Lambda is a national nonprofit 501 (c)(3) education association of students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. The association has four divisions: 1. FBLA Middle Level for junior high, middle and intermediate school students; 2. FBLA for high school students; 3. PBL for postsecondary students; 4. Professional division for business people, educators and parents, who support the goals of the Association. The FBLA/PBL mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. FBLA/PBL is headquartered in Reston, Virginia, and organized on local, state and national levels. Business teachers/advisers and advisory councils (including school officials, business people and community representatives) guide local chapters. State advisers and committee members coordinate chapter activities for the national organization. —Submitted by Susan Stinson (02.16.05)

### Phi Beta Lambda "Fishing for New Members"

Wednesday, February 16, begins our "Fishing for New Members" membership drive. A membership recruitment booth will be set up in the lobby of the Vocational Building, Wednesday, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. to disperse information about our organization. Our membership drive will last through March 1. Any new member joining the organization and paying dues by March 1 (12:20 p.m.) will be entered in a drawing at our meeting for a free membership. Our chapter is in the planning stage for attending the 2005 State Leadership Conference April 13 through 16 at the University Hilton in Charlotte, NC. This conference begins with competitive events in numerous subject categories, includes leadership development seminars, and ends with an awards banquet on Saturday night to announce the winners of the competitions. So join now and join in the fun! Students interested in competing at the state level should see either Susan Stinson in VB-201A or MaryBeth Powden in VB-207B for membership information. A list of competitive events may be found on the PBL bulletin boards at either end of the second floor of the Vocational Building or the main lobby on the first floor of the Vocational Building. —Submitted by Susan Stinson (02.16.05)

## MCC Policy Manual

### Change of Employee Information

MCC Policy Number: 05 - 35

**POLICY:** Changes of address and/or telephone number(s) should be made by completing a "Change of Employee Information Form" and forwarding it to Human Resources. In the event of an emergency, it is necessary for the College to have a number to contact faculty and staff. Faculty and staff may request that their telephone numbers not be published in the College directory. —Submitted by Jodee Fulton (02.16.05)