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Mitchell Community Choir Practice

The Mitchell Community Choir resumes practice on Tuesday, September 7, at 7 p.m. in Shearer Hall. Please e-mail vholland@mitchellcc.edu or call 704.878.4321 if you are interested in joining this group. —Submitted by Vicki Holland (09.01.10)

Mitchell Community Band Practice

The Mitchell Community Band resumes practice on Monday, September 13, at 7 p.m. in Shearer Hall. Please e-mail vholland@mitchellcc.edu or call 704.878.4321 if you are interested in joining this group. —Submitted by Vicki Holland (09.01.10)

Get Discounts With Your MCC Student ID

Now your MCC Student ID can get you valuable discounts at these businesses, retailers and restaurants. Visit the Student Discount page on the MCC website for more information: http://www.mitchellcc.edu/studserv/student_life/student-discounts.cfm —Submitted by Student Services (09.01.10)

9/11 Remembrance

The College will observe a moment of silence on Friday, September 10 in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, from the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. Instructors, students, and employees are invited to gather on the Circle at 8:50 a.m. to remember and to reflect on this event. In the event of rain, please assemble on the porches of the College buildings. Employees and students at other College locations will gather at designated public gathering sites. —Submitted by Vicki Holland (09.01.10)

Full-Time Employee Birthdays September 2 through 8

Christina Brown..... 2nd
Tony Ricciardelli..... 3rd
Kesley Caldwell..... 4th

Did You Know?

TIPS FROM THE WEBMASTER

Accessing MCC|net Remotely

MCC|net is the internal website for faculty and staff that hosts training materials, forms, upcoming events, benefits information and much more. **Did you know that you can access MCC|net from your home, your office, while on vacation or anywhere else you can get an Internet connection?** All you need is your username (lastname.firstname) and password and this website address: <http://mccnet.mitchellcc.edu>. If you have any problems accessing MCC|net, please contact David Ross at (704) 978-1304 or dross@mitchellcc.edu. If you do not have an MCC|net account, send an e-mail to David Ross with the following information:

- Your Name
- Title
- Faculty/Staff
- Department
- Full Phone Number (not just the extension)
- Office Location (building & room #— or Off-Campus if you have a home office)
- E-mail Address

—Submitted by David Ross (09.01.10)

Poetry Readings in Honor of Labor Day

On Tuesday, September 7, at 12:30 p.m. in Rotary Auditorium, and again at 7 p.m. at the Mooresville Center, the Diversity Task Force, in honor of Labor Day, will sponsor a poetry reading by and about work and workers from various nationally-acclaimed writers, including Alice Walker, Adrienne Rich, Philip Levine, Ron Rash, Tim Peeler, Tillie Olsen, John Olivares Espinoza, Tess Gallagher, and Michael McFee, among others. The poetry will be read by special MCC

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New Employee Reception

September 2

2 to 3:30 p.m.

Alumni Lobby

Labor Day Holiday

September 6

COLLEGE CLOSED

Poetry Readings

September 7

12:30 p.m.

Rotary Auditorium

7 p.m.

Mooresville Center

Mitchell Community Choir Practice

Resumes

September 7

7 p.m.

Shearer Hall

Faculty/Staff Assembly

September 9

12:15 p.m.

Shearer Hall

FOCUS ON Diversity



Labor Day— Celebrating Workers' Contributions to the U.S.

On Monday, September 6, the United States will celebrate the national holiday in honor of organized labor and the achievements of American workers. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the holiday originated in New York City on September 5, 1882 and was organized by the Central Labor Union of New York. Other industrial cities soon followed New York's example. By 1894, 23 states had adopted the holiday, and that same year the United States declared a national Labor Day holiday. "The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership—the American worker."

[The quote is excerpted from the Department of Labor web site at www.dol.gov.] —Submitted by Diversity Task Force (09.01.10)

Highlights from the MCC Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, August 25, 2010

- Heard the Student Government Association report. Approved the SGA budget for 2010-2011.
- Heard the MCCEE report.
- Heard a report on the Main Building Renovation Project and the Phase III Main Campus Improvement Project. Both projects should be completed by mid-September.
- Approved M.B. Momentum Construction for the Drake Street Annex Metal Building project.
- Received the State Financial Audit report. The College received a clean audit with no findings or recommendations.
- Approved a 2010-2011 travel budget for President Eason.
- Heard the Fall 2010 Curriculum Enrollment report. Headcount for fall is 3,697.
- Approved Policy Number 03-20: Student Absences for Religious Observances.

—Submitted by Sarah Davis, Secretary, MCC Board of Trustees (09.01.10)

FACULTY/STAFF PROFILES



Amy Naylor (Biology and Chemistry Instructor)

Before coming to Mitchell fulltime, I was in private practice as a Naturopath here in Statesville. Previously, I worked in HIV

Education in Durham. I am a big fan of Iredell County and I enjoy cooking, walking, knitting, sewing, gardening, and listening to live music.

“celebrity” performers from the MCC faculty and staff. Please join us for this literary event hosted by the Diversity Task Force. —Submitted by Roxanne Newton (09.01.10)

SGA Officers for 2010-2011



Pictured left to right—Front: Shyris Gamble, Secretary; Hannah Radford, Mooresville Center Officer. **Back:** James Imes, Intramural Activities Officer; Tyler Peart, President; and Kevin Speaks, Treasurer.

Dancing WITH THE PRESIDENT
Thursday, September 16
 12:20 p.m.
 Montgomery Student Union
 Dr. Eason will be doing the **Electric Slide** and the **Cupid Shuffle** with the Student Body.
 It will be a fun hour of music, dancing, and laughter.
 Refreshments will be provided.

Music From The Grove

Mitchell Community College presents Music from the Grove on Friday, September 24, at 7 p.m. in Shearer Hall on the Main Campus in Statesville. This concert and jam session will feature the musical talents from the Cook Shack. Donations will be accepted at the door and proceeds will benefit the Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellence (MC-CEE). Featured artists include Clay Lunsford; J. P. Van Hoy; Dr. Phil Goodson; Pal, Myles Ireland and family; Maynard Self; and Tom and Gail Watts. Endowment Board members Alan Eisele and Marie Speece are co-chairs for the event. For more information call 704.878.4321 or visit www.mitchellcc.edu. The MCCEE is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.

—Submitted by Vicki Holland (09.01.10)

View photos of the Fall Convocation at www.mitchellcc.edu/columns/FallConvocation2010.htm



From the President's Desk

Fall Convocation turned out to be a great day on the MCC campus. The weather was beautiful (not so hot) and we had a grand

turnout for the SGA sponsored campus lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs in Montgomery Student Union. The ceremony itself was impressive with our almost 100 strong full-time faculty marching into Shearer Hall in their caps and gowns as music instructor Jane Pardue played Bach and Handel on the organ. Our new SGA President Tyler Peart welcomed students and guests and Dr. Tim Brewer gave a greeting and introduced MCC Board of Trustees members Pam Stamey, Dorothy Woodard, Larry Nichols, and Board Chair Dr. Ralph Bentley who presented the faculty and staff awards to Phillip Holleran, Jodee Fulton, Jennifer Warren, and Keith Moore. It was clear that everyone in attendance joined in the general congratulations to these outstanding employees. In addition, Dr. Brewer recognized Jill Channing as last-year's nominee for the state Excellence in Education Award. The highlight of the occasion for me was the awarding of the Distinguished Alumni Award to Mrs. Margaret Bloodworth who unfortunately died this past spring after she had been informed of her being selected to receive the honor.

Her daughter, Ms. Diane Forrester, drove from Decatur, Georgia to accept the award on her late mother's behalf. Obviously moved by the occasion and the wonderful memories of her mother, Ms. Forrester did an excellent job of



Diane Forrester

giving us a sense of the delightful person her mother was. Ms. Forrester even provided a few choice vignettes of her mother's recollections of her days at Mitchell in the 1930s and some of the rules governing student behavior. All who heard Ms. Forrester's remarks felt a connection with Mrs. Bloodworth and with that bygone era when she attended Mitchell. While the College has changed in so many ways since Mrs. Bloodworth was a student here, it was wonderful to be reminded of the long tradition of which we are a part. One can only imagine students some 80 years from now, hearing stories of our era in the early 2000s!