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MONTGOMERY COLLEGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EXHIBITS

December

Wearable Sculptures and Vessels/Objects:

North American Invitational Exhibition

With Eight Contemporary Artists

Curated by: Komelia Hongja Okim

Now through December 16, 2005

Art Gallery, second floor of the Paul Peck Art Building, Rockville Campus. 301-279-5115.

"Black and White Perspectives: Images from the Three Campuses of Montgomery College"

Now through December 17, 2005

Communications Arts Technologies Gallery, Lower Level, Technical Center, Rockville Campus. 301-251-7521.



Photo by Consuelo Lopez de Mesa

Closing in January

Underwater Photography Show

Featuring the Work of Faculty Zeki Findikoglu and Dr. Esat Atikkan

Now through January 31, 2006

High Technology Galleria, second floor, Germantown Campus. 301-353-7762.



Photo by Zeki Findikoglu



Photo by Dr. Esat Atikkan

Visual Arts Faculty Show

December 5, 2005–January 26, 2006

Pavilion of Fine Arts, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. 301-650-1368.

Closing in February

Annual School of Art and Design

Student Exhibition

December 12, 2005–February 5, 2006

Gudelsky Gallery and Auxiliary Gallery, School of Art and Design, 10500 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Award Ceremony and Reception: Monday, December 19, 6:30–7:30 p.m. 301-649-4454.

Michael Farrell: Recent Work

January 30–February 24, 2006

Art Gallery, second floor of the Paul Peck Art Building, Rockville Campus. Reception: Monday, January 30, 5–7 p.m. 301-279-5115.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE

January

"Color Me Dark: A Story of the Great Migration North"

January 7, 2006, 11 a.m.

Recommended for ages 9 and up, Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. Tickets: \$7 adults; \$6 alumni and children. Box Office: 301-279-5301.

DANCE

March

Sleeping Beauty

Moscow Festival Ballet

Tuesday, March 14, 2006, 8 p.m.

Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. Tickets: \$40 regular; \$38 alumni. Box Office: 301-279-5301.

April

Spring Dance Concert

Friday–Saturday, April 28–29, 2006, 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 30, 2006, 2 p.m.

Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. Tickets: \$10 regular; \$8 alumni. Box Office: 301-279-5301.

CONCERTS

December

MC Chamber Singers

December 9, 2005, 8 p.m.

Molly Donnelly, conductor. Musical Recital Hall, Music Building, Rockville Campus. Free Admission.

The Joe Byrd Quintet

December 31, 2005, 9:30 p.m.

Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. Tickets: \$50 regular; \$48 alumni. Box Office: 301-279-5301.

January

The Pipes, Drums, and Highland Dancers

of the 1st Battalion of the Black Watch and The Band of the Welsh Guards

January 20, 2006, 8 p.m.

Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. Tickets: \$40 regular; \$38 alumni. Box Office: 301-279-5301.



Photo courtesy Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

February

Freddy Cole Quartet

February 4, 2006, 8 p.m.

Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. Tickets: \$26 regular; \$24 alumni. Box Office: 301-279-5301.

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Our earliest alumni are graduates of the Bliss Electrical School in Takoma Park, which became Montgomery College's original campus nearly six decades ago. I know the Bliss alums faced that name change with mixed emotions because, as a Takoma Park graduate myself, I felt the same way one morning last summer. Here's what happened.

MC is pursuing an ambitious upgrade of its oldest campus. A stunning new Health Sciences Center opens onto Georgia Avenue, across the tracks—and the Takoma Park city line—from the older buildings. More construction is coming, but the room to grow is in Silver Spring: The old Giant bakery will become an arts center, and a 500-seat cultural arts auditorium will stand at East-West Highway. Meanwhile, through the School of Art and Design, Arts Institute, and annual Arts Stars Awards, MC is collaborating in Silver Spring's revival as an arts district. All in all, it makes sense to embrace Silver Spring as part of a College whose new buildings are leading the transformation.

And so, this year, our first campus was renamed, ever so slightly: "Takoma Park/Silver Spring." It took me a moment to adjust when I first saw the new name...but only a moment. Times do change, and this change opens a great new chapter for our College and the whole community.

Up the Pike, another part of MC is celebrating a milestone: The Rockville Campus turns 40 this year. I'm pleased to report that the state and county governments have approved modernization and expansion of Rockville's science facilities, which are attracting more students than they can accommodate. You'll hear more about this soon, as well as about plans for a gala anniversary celebration on April 4.

Our cover story in this issue is unusual, as it features a *future* alumna. Casha Jones '05 is one of several Gulf Coast evacuees studying at MC as part of county efforts to help those affected by the recent hurricanes. The Montgomery College Foundation is working to assist with their expenses through scholarships and donated funds. I hope you'll consider supporting these, and other MC students through a contribution to the Foundation.

Robert J. Hydorn '71
Alumni Association President



Germantown Campus Counselor Audrey Hill worked through the evening to place Casha Jones in four classes—one of which began the next morning at 8 a.m.

OUTRIDING THE STORM

BY DIANE BOSSER

Reluctant to evacuate her home in Belle Chasse, La., 18-year-old Casha Jones shoved two pairs of jeans and a T-shirt into a bag and got into the family car that Sunday morning. She was expecting to be back home in a day or two. One week later, holding back tears, Casha stood before curious classmates in Professor Darren Smith's math class on Montgomery College's Germantown Campus as one of the new students displaced from New Orleans.

Casha's expectations, like many who live along the Gulf Coast, were based on past experiences with tropical storms and hurricanes. Born and raised below sea level in one of the southernmost parishes on Louisiana's coastal region, Casha and her family faithfully heeded evacuation warnings. They usually drove clear

of the storm, waited in a hotel, then returned home when the all-clear was issued. But Hurricane Katrina wasn't the usual storm.

As the category 1 hurricane accumulated strength on its westerly track across southern Florida and into the Gulf of Mexico, Casha's family formed a four-car caravan and drove to Pensacola, Fla., ahead of the storm. "We made reservations at a hotel," said Casha, "but when we got there we had to evacuate there, too."

Within hours after reaching Lake City, Fla., east of Pensacola, the 23-member extended family checked in to another hotel, road weary and anxious. They watched TV reports hoping for the best that Sunday night, but when Katrina hit Louisiana the next day with 145 mph winds, and the levees failed, and 80 percent of New

Orleans sank under water, they knew they couldn't go back home. Not now, anyway.

With little choice and even less time—they were running out of money for the mounting hotel and restaurant bills for such a large group—the now-homeless Casha, her mother and two siblings, a wheelchair-dependent grandmother, a grandfather suffering from Alzheimer's disease, her cousins, an aunt, a friend, and a dog drove northward to a relative's home in Montgomery County, Md.

After about 18 hours on the road, Casha and family arrived at Mable and Calvin Ogden's home in Montgomery Village. "We got in around 5 a.m. on Wednesday. The next morning, I was roused out of bed: 'You are going to school today.'" Casha couldn't believe it: "I thought we might be staying a week or so."

"All we knew was they weren't going back," said Calvin Ogden, Casha's uncle and host, "and there were 23 of us in here, from ages 2 to 82." In an effort to inject some order into a chaotic situation, the adults decided to get the children into school immediately. "The youngest children were enrolled first," he said, "then we got to Casha. We looked to Montgomery College right away. Our two boys had gone to Montgomery College, and we were encouraged when we found out Ms. Hill was there."

Montgomery College Counselor Audrey Hill recalls the night she met the family in the hallway outside her Germantown office. "I was meeting with a student in my office and went to photocopy something for her. In the hallway, I heard someone call my name: 'Miss Hill!' Up jumps Mrs. Ogden, and she says to me: 'I want you to meet my homeless family. Twenty-three of them landed on my doorstep yesterday!'"

Audrey Hill stood shocked to be talking with the Ogdens, a family she had met years earlier when she worked as a counselor in the county's public school system. They soon made introductions and got to work placing Casha, who had just completed her first week as a freshman at Delgado Community College in New Orleans. Hill recalls: "Casha said to me:

"The sunshine through the storm: the generosity of strangers and opportunities I never dreamed about have made so many good things possible." —Casha Jones

"The only thing I have to prove it is my student ID card."

Counselor Hill ushered in her new charge. Montgomery College staff had been notified to prepare for Katrina evacuees who might need to enroll. Late-starting classes were announced and the Montgomery College Foundation set up a Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund to support scholarships, books, fees, and other critical needs for arriving students.

Working through the evening, Hill successfully placed Casha in four classes, the first beginning the next morning at 8 a.m. "They arrived at 6:45 that morning," said Hill, "Casha apologized for wearing flip flops, and what I thought was a wrap was really a throw, you know, a blanket, that she had on. She looked quite nice in it."

By establishing a daily routine, the family was able to settle down a little. FEMA and the Red Cross provided them enough funds to buy cold-weather clothing and other necessities. It also provided hotel accommodations, which created much needed space for the close-knit, but restless, family members.

Neighbors and strangers donated an assortment of food, clothing, household goods, and store gift cards. Casha was hired by the College's Institutional Advancement Office to work 20 hours a week around her academic schedule. She has learned to navigate public transportation, a temporary necessity while she saves up to buy herself a VW Beetle—hot pink or black.

Although she's been living miles away from her home, friends, and familiar hangouts, against her will for the most part, Casha has found that some things haven't changed. She still plans to become a nurse, get a master's degree, and buy that car. She doesn't yet know when she will be able to return to Louisiana, but she sees, in her words, "the sunshine through the storm: the generosity of strangers and opportunities I never dreamed about have made so many good things possible."

A Dedicated Server



A recent graduate of MC's Computer Applications Department's Web Careers Program, Javier Julio '05 joined the Katrina Search and Rescue operation via his PC. He and two other Web developers created the site www.katrinainlost.org to help Katrina victims and family members locate each other.

A Web site the size of Katrina Lost normally takes months to develop, and we did it all in two days. We started on Wednesday, the day I was approached by Kevin Kallsen, owner of E101 Linux Systems in western Connecticut, to create a Web site to help Katrina victims. He offered to host it and cover any fees for the domain name, bandwidth, and any other technologies.

I recruited help from my friend Jason Fill, and we started work on Friday, the first day we were free from our work obligations. We designed and built the site using ColdFusion,

a Macromedia product, working continuously through the weekend. I have never worked on such a site before: we used 10 GB of bandwidth within the first 10 days (most sites don't use 1 GB in a month!).

The site was officially released on Sunday. Kevin posted blogs all over the Web and worked with his media contacts to get the word out. He also got us mentioned on Fox News Daily, repeatedly. The first day we received more than 179,000 visitors. Based on the number of hits we have gotten since it started, and the many e-mails we received thanking us for what we have done, the site can be called successful.

Besides being a great professional challenge, this project was a great opportunity for me to contribute more than a one-time donation. I was able to give a large portion of my time and skills for a truly good cause.

—Javier Julio

RESCUE HEROES

MC Alumni Help Search for Survivors in Katrina Aftermath

Answering a call for help from New Orleans' fire chief, Montgomery County sent more than 400 firefighters, rescue workers, police officers, and Public Works employees to assist in Hurricane Katrina's wake, delivering supplies and manpower to New Orleans, Gulfport, and Waveland, Miss.

Among them were Montgomery College alumni, members of Maryland Task Force One (MD-TF1), the team mobilized by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. In addition to their "day jobs," task force members cross-train for specialized rescue situations, devoting thousands of hours preparing for man-made and natural disasters.

Richard Bowers '78 manages training, safety, and wellness for 2,000 Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Department personnel. He was promoted to division chief the day before he left for New Orleans.

"When the team arrived, the city was dark, deserted, and flooded. Fires were burning; buildings had collapsed; and debris littered

the streets; the entire city was a cesspool of hazardous materials, gunshots were reported...through it all, everyone on the team stayed focused on the mission and took the high road."

John Tippet '83, battalion chief and task force leader, oversees 75 career firefighters in six Montgomery County stations. He is based out of Station 31 in Darnestown.

"We brought 60,000 pounds of equipment—power saws, decontamination equipment, tools to stabilize structures—plus food, water, and medical supplies. We set up operations in a Sonic parking lot; canvassed a 6.8 square-mile area, searching several hundred streets for survivors; and assisted medical personnel."

Capt. Mark Bird '94, Fire Rescue Training Academy instructor, worked behind the scenes making sure the teams had food, water, tools, decontamination stations, etc.

"We cleaned out two washing machines and driers and wired them to generators—

more than 500 people were able to wash their clothes. It was not a glamorous job, but essential...I did get to meet the President of the United States, which was the highlight of my trip."

Sam Villani '94, taskforce communications specialist, provided logistics support in Gulfport, Miss.

"More of a radio geek than a box mover, I had a huge learning curve. Despite everything—high heat, humidity, lack of sanitation, and that smell—the smell of utter destruction, every single person I worked with was dedicated and unwavering."

The College's revitalized Fire Science program has seen a healthy increase in its enrollments since 9-11, according to Kathy Dayton, coordinator of the Fire Science and Emergency Services program. "We revised the curriculum to meet national fire academy standards; we've increased our EMT program; we're expanding to Takoma Park in the spring—and hope to add paramedic training soon."



Photo courtesy Scott Golestein

Wreckage in Waveland: the Mississippi coastal town saw a 20-foot storm surge and more than 60 percent of its structures destroyed.



Photo courtesy Richard Bowers

Devastation in New Orleans: debris-littered streets as seen through rescue workers' windshield.

GOAL KEEPER

Bichy Came to MC to Coach and Teach—He Learned a Few Things, Too



“My feeling has always been ‘we’re preparing these kids for the next level—whether it’s in soccer or in an English class.’”

— Tom Bichy

How can one man’s retirement create three position vacancies at a community college? When Tom Bichy ended his illustrious 37-year career as Montgomery College’s athletic director, head soccer coach, and professor, he did just that.

In the spring of 1968, Tom Bichy, a master’s degree candidate at the University of Maryland, walked on to the baseball field at Montgomery College’s Rockville Campus in search of a part-time teaching job for a baseball skills class. Many of the baseball players mistook the then-23-year-old for a new player. Lou Chacos, the College’s athletic director, hired Bichy on the spot.

After Bichy completed his part-time teaching stint and earned his degree, Chacos approached him with an offer: teach a full load of classes and serve as an assistant to Ray Fox, the baseball coach—and coach the soccer team.

Though his only experience with soccer was playing for one year—in the ninth grade—and a skills class at the University of Maryland, Bichy accepted the challenge. His career as the men’s soccer coach at Montgomery College is legendary. With 471 wins under his belt, he amassed the highest victory total of any soccer coach at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III level. He earned National Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and induction to the NJCAA Region 20 Hall of Fame in 2002. This November, he was inducted into the NJCAA Soccer Hall of Fame at the National Soccer Championships in Tyler, Tex. Bichy said his competitive streak was the driving force behind his success—on the playing field and in the classroom.

“When I started teaching and coaching at the College, everyone in my department was doing the same thing. There was a real chemistry here,” he said. “Everybody pitched in, whether it was teaching a new subject or attending a wrestling match on a Saturday.”

Bichy said if he had to teach a class or coach a team that he did not have the background for, he immersed himself in the subject matter to get to the level where he was knowledgeable and able to offer something to the kids. “My feeling has always been ‘we’re preparing these kids for the next level—whether it’s in soccer or in an English class,’” said Bichy.

“We’ve turned out some terrific student-athletes here at the College,” said Bichy. “Tommy Davis, who ran track and played basketball and baseball, later coached and taught at the College’s Germantown Campus. Dan Harwood, a basketball player who went on to play at Boston University, is now a very successful high school basketball coach at Magruder High School in Rockville. And Kenny Wilkerson, who earned All-ACC honors at the University Maryland, is one of the many soccer players I sent on to four-year schools.” It’s a source of great pride to Bichy that hundreds of Montgomery College athletes earned scholarships at four-year schools—and some even enjoyed professional athletic careers.

As he reflected on his 37-year career at the College, Bichy said he enjoyed the challenges of running a successful athletic program and coaching and teaching. “I hope I’m remembered as someone who was a role model for the kids,” he said. “I worked hard, I wanted to have as much fun as the kids, and most important, I wanted the kids to see the importance of moving toward a goal.”



Alumni Association Welcomes New Board Members

Alumni Association members elected seven new members to the association's governing board, and returned 12 current members to new terms. The newly elected members are introduced here.



> Rosco Lockhart '75

Mr. Lockhart is president of Phoenix Printing, the Rockville printing business he started out of his home in 1988. Now managing a staff of 15 employees and providing a full line of printing services, he serves a customer base of nearly 1,000 companies in Montgomery County and the Washington area.



> Rosemary Arkoian '05

Recently adding MC to her list of degrees, Ms. Arkoian has long been involved in local organizations, including PTAs and state and local civic groups. She was Congressional staff assistant in the office of Rep. Connie Morella. Earlier, she was a research analyst and linguist for the National Security Agency.



> S. Anthony McCann '64

Mr. McCann is Maryland's Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. He has held federal leadership roles in the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs, and most recently in the Smithsonian Institution. He is married to Joann Miller '63.



> Karen Bashir '04

Ms. Bashir has taught social studies in Montgomery County high schools. During her studies in MC's Nursing program, she began working with the Alumni Association as leader of an effort to strengthen the Association's Nursing Chapter and pursue joint activities with the Nursing Club.



> Kathleen Porter '79

Ms. Porter is marketing manager for Capital Card Systems, a Rockville security services firm. In her spare time she is also a folk singer appearing on the pub circuit in Washington and around Montgomery County, and she has volunteered her musical talents for Alumni Association events.



> Ron Karp '64

Mr. Karp is Managing Partner of the 25-lawyer Rockville civil litigation firm of Karp, Frosh, Lapidus, Wigodsky & Norwind. He has been a trial lawyer for more than 30 years, is a frequent lecturer at legal seminars, and has appeared on numerous television and radio programs.



> Alice Settle-Raskin '94

Ms. Settle-Raskin is editor and designer for *Rural Voices*, the magazine of the Housing Assistance Council in Washington. Formerly a marketing director for EXPO lists in Frederick, she is a long-time Webmaster and marketing volunteer for Frederick County's Habitat for Humanity. She is married to Larry Raskin '80.

REGIONAL REUNIONS

> New York City

New York area alumni met participants in the Alumni Association's November New York theatre trip. Several of them work in theatre themselves, including Dawn Petrik '87 and Barbara Walsh '75—both recipients of the Milton F. "Sonny" Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award.

Walsh, whose Broadway performance kept her away from last spring's award banquet, picked up her award in person from College President Charlene Nunley and members of the association's board of governors.



Director/choreographer Davyd H. Suber, Jr. '84 networks with actor/director Steven Petrillo '82 at the New York City reunion.



Actress Barbara Walsh '75 and set designer Dawn Petrik '87 catch up with former MC drama instructor Ed Sandler, now with the League of American Theatres and Producers.

ON COURT

Plenty for Hoops Fans at MC These Days!



Jerome Williams, dubbed the "Junkyard Dog" in his NBA playing days, shakes hands with a young fan who came for his August visit to the Rockville Campus.

Jerome Williams '94, former NBA and Georgetown University star—and before all that, an MC-Germantown basketball standout—recently paid a visit to Montgomery College to chat with MC students and some area kids. He retired at the end of last season as a player with the New York Knicks and moved into their front office. He is also an owner of a new professional franchise in the recently reformed American Basketball Association (the old "ABA" league with the red, white and blue balls).

Williams' new ABA team, the Montreal Matrix, will actually play a game at the MC-Rockville

Campus on Saturday, January 14, 2006, when it faces an opponent that now plays all of its home games at the campus. The Maryland Nighthawks, owned by another MC alumnus—Tom Doyle '83, an attorney in Rockville—invite all MC alumni and families to join them on weekends for fast-paced basketball in a close-up, small gym environment. A schedule of their upcoming home games is found below.

Meanwhile, MC's five teams—including men's teams on all three campuses and two women's squads—are all looking to score big in this year's NJCAA Division III competition. Come out and root the MC teams on!

—Steve Simon



Maryland Nighthawks (ABA Pro Team) Remaining 2005–2006 Home Schedule

All home games will be played at MC-Rockville.

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Sun. 12/11/05	6 p.m.	Niagara Daredevils	Maryland
Sat. 12/17/05	7 p.m.	Buffalo Rapids	Maryland
Sun. 12/18/05	6 p.m.	Boston Frenzy	Maryland
Sat. 1/07/06	7 p.m.	Rochester Razorshark	Maryland
Sun. 1/08/06	6 p.m.	Niagara Daredevils	Maryland
Sat. 1/14/06	7 p.m.	Montreal Matrix	Maryland
Sun. 1/15/06	6 p.m.	Long Island Sound	Maryland
Sun. 1/22/06	6 p.m.	Newark Express	Maryland
Sat. 1/28/06	7 p.m.	NE Penn Breakers	Maryland
Sun. 1/29/06	6 p.m.	Long Island Sound	Maryland
Sun. 2/19/06	6 p.m.	Newark Express	Maryland
Sun. 2/26/06	6 p.m.	NE Penn Breakers	Maryland
Sat. 3/04/06	7 p.m.	Niagara Daredevils	Maryland
Sun. 3/05/06	6 p.m.	Harlem Strong Dogs	Maryland

Visit www.marylandnighthawks.com for more information.

MC-Germantown Men's Basketball Remaining 2005–2006 Home Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	MC Campus Location
Sun. 12/11/05	3 p.m.	Redding Area C.C.	Germantown
Mon. 1/9/06	7 p.m.	Chesapeake	Germantown
Wed. 1/25/06	7 p.m.	Essex	Germantown
Sat. 1/28/06	3 p.m.	Frederick	Germantown
Wed. 2/1/06	7 p.m.	MC-Takoma Park/Silver Spring	Germantown
Wed. 2/8/06	7 p.m.	Howard	Germantown
Wed. 2/15/06	7 p.m.	Dundalk	Germantown

MC-Rockville Men's Basketball Remaining 2005–2006 Home Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	MC Campus Location
Sat. 12/10/05	7 p.m.	Allegany College	Rockville
Mon. 1/9/06	7 p.m.	MC-Takoma Park/Silver Spring	Rockville
Wed. 1/11/06	7 p.m.	MC-Germantown	Rockville
Wed. 1/18/06	7 p.m.	Baltimore C.C.	Rockville
Sat. 1/21/06	7 p.m.	Fashion Institute (NY)	Rockville
Sun. 1/22/06	1 p.m.	Globe I.T. (NY)	Rockville
Wed. 2/1/06	7 p.m.	Anne Arundel	Rockville
Sat. 2/4/06	7 p.m.	Essex C.C.	Rockville
Sat. 2/11/06	7 p.m.	Dundalk C.C.	Rockville
Mon. 2/13/06	7 p.m.	Prince George's C.C.	Rockville

MC-Rockville Women's Basketball Remaining 2005–2006 Home Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	MC Campus Location
Wed. 1/4/06	7 p.m.	Prince George's C.C.	Rockville
Sat. 1/7/06	2 p.m.	CCAC/Allegheny	Rockville
Wed. 1/11/06	5 p.m.	Harford C.C.	Rockville
Sat. 1/14/06	3 p.m.	C.S. MD	Rockville
Sun. 1/15/06	3 p.m.	Nassau C.C. (NY)	Rockville
Wed. 1/18/06	5 p.m.	Cecil C.C.	Rockville
Sat. 1/21/06	5 p.m.	Anne Arundel C.C.	Rockville
Sun. 1/29/06	TBA	Globe I.T. (NY)	Rockville
Sat. 2/4/06	5 p.m.	Frederick C.C.	Rockville

MC-Takoma Park/Silver Spring Men's Basketball Remaining 2005–2006 Home Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	MC Campus Location
Sun. 1/8/06	4 p.m.	Nassau (NY)	Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Thurs. 1/19/06	7 p.m.	NOVA	Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Sat. 1/21/06	7 p.m.	Globe (NY)	Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Sun. 1/22/06	1 p.m.	FIT (NY)	Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Wed. 1/25/06	7 p.m.	MC-Rockville	Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Sat. 1/28/06	2 p.m.	Chesapeake	Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Wed. 2/8/06	7 p.m.	CCBC Catonsville	Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Wed. 2/15/06	7 p.m.	Cecil	Takoma Park/Silver Spring

MC-Takoma Park/Silver Spring Women's Basketball Remaining 2005–2006 Home Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	MC Campus Location
Sat. 12/10/05	2 p.m.	MC-Rockville	Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Mon. 12/12/05	6 p.m.	NOVA	Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Tues. 1/24/06	5 p.m.	Chesapeake	Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Fri. 1/27/06	5 p.m.	Dundalk	Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Tues. 1/31/06	5 p.m.	Baltimore	Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Tues. 2/7/06	7 p.m.	Allegany	Takoma Park/Silver Spring

LETTERS FROM ALUMNI

> Chautauqua Query

Thank you for sending the Spring 2005 issue. However, page 7 (“Living History,” referencing the College’s Chautauqua program) revealed a great need for fact-checking. In the center column, Larry Moffi writes: “In his campaigns against Lincoln, William Jennings Bryan is said to have given the same speech at more than 3,000 Chautauquas.”

Major problem: Bryan was born in 1860. Lincoln died in 1865. At age 5, I doubt Bryan even knew who Lincoln was. Perhaps the writer was thinking of the Lincoln-Douglas debates? Who knows—the campaign’s reference is unclear.

Larry Pratt '72
Puyallup, Wash.

Larry Moffi responds:

My sincere apologies. I’ve gone through my notes and cannot account for the error. Thanks to the reader for catching my mistake.

BLISS BEAT

> Tuning In to the Past



Enoch Stanley Slone, Navy '44, visited the Bliss Memorial Room at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus in October, accompanied by daughter Jeanie Arnold and son Stanley Slone.

For Electrician’s Mate training in World War II, the U.S. Navy sent Enoch Stanley Slone '44 to Chicago’s Wright Junior College, and then to the Bliss Electrical School in Takoma Park.

A few officers were scattered among Slone’s Class 10-44. He thinks they were pilots who had washed out of air service, or who were being

> The Arts on the Rise



Janice Oloto '98, now with the Government Printing Office, writes to note the closing of the Giant Bakery in Silver Spring. “Smelling the delicious aromas emanating from that building as I went to and from the parking garage is one of my best memories of the Takoma Park Campus!”

The Heidi Bakery, originally the Sheridan Bakery until its 1948 purchase by Giant Food, closed in January 2000. Now the building has a new future with Montgomery College. After a \$33 million transformation, it will reopen in 2007 as the King Street Arts Center, the centerpiece of a major expansion of the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus.

retrained just because the Navy had too many pilots. (He once saw a note on a bulletin board imploring the officers to bring their grades up to match the enlisted men.)

Slone remembers being taught by two Blisses, father and son. “I don’t remember a lot about the classes, because I was thinking about going downtown to meet girls.” His best memory, though, was the meals: Bliss students sat in tables of 10 or 12 and were served by wait-staff—not exactly what Navy recruits were expecting.

The Bliss School introduced Slone to the secret new technology of radar. He once aimed a radar unit out a classroom window to track cars going by on the street. “There was no information on the screen—just a blip. If you weren’t trained to interpret the blips, you’d have no idea what you were seeing.”

One weekend, Slone visited New York with classmates Gerald Shea and Jack Signorello. The B&O train took them from the nearby Silver Spring station to Baltimore, where they caught the newly electrified line to New York. After dinner, and having been ditched by their dates, they spent the

night in Grand Central Station—sleeping on the escalators, which were turned off at 11 o’clock.

Slone went on to further training at Corpus Christi, Tex., and finally was posted to a Naval Air Corps station at Beavertail, R.I., as a radio technician. “We operated the radio station. When the radio went down, it was our job to get it back up and running.”

Reading his discharge papers after the war, Slone discovered he’d won a commendation for Pacific service, apparently because he was part of a command that saw action there. He found notations of his other training—but nothing about Bliss. He isn’t sure whether that was a clerical error, or if Bliss’s radar program was so secret that it was kept out of the personnel files.

Visiting Maryland this fall, Slone stopped by the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus to see what had changed. None of the 1940s buildings remain, but he got to look through the photos and memorabilia in the Bliss Memorial Room in the Commons Building—just where the main building of the Bliss Electrical School once stood.

—John Libby

> **MC President Nunley Named to U.S. Higher Education Commission**



Dr. Charlene R. Nunley

Montgomery College President Charlene R. Nunley has been named to the U.S. Department of Education's new Commission on the Future of Higher Education. Dr. Nunley is one of 19 education, business, and government leaders appointed to the commission, formed by U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.

According to the Department of Education, the commission is charged with "developing a comprehensive national strategy for post-secondary education that will meet the needs of America's diverse population and also address the economic and workforce needs of the country's future." The group has been tasked by Secretary Spellings with leading a national dialogue about key components of higher education, including access, affordability, accountability, and productivity.

Dr. Nunley also recently earned the Association of Community College Trustees' 2005 Northeast Region Chief Executive Officer of the Year award.

> **Davidson Named Outstanding Counselor**



Maria Davidson

Maria Davidson, an admissions counselor at the College's Rockville Campus, was named Maryland's Outstanding College Admissions Counselor of the Year by the Potomac and Chesapeake Association of Admissions Counselors. This is the first time the organization has recognized a community college admissions counselor.

Davidson, who lives in Germantown, has spent almost 10 years in the admissions field, seven of them at Montgomery College, where she manages and develops recruitment efforts for the Montgomery Scholars Program. This selective program for high school graduates features a rigorous curriculum of honors courses; specially

designed, team-taught interdisciplinary classes; and summer study at the University of Cambridge, in England. Davidson also coordinates the Board of Trustees Scholarship program, a competitive one-year scholarship for high school graduates that covers the full-time cost of Montgomery College tuition and fees.

> **MC Students Showcase Talents at NSO Decorators' Show House**

Montgomery College's interior design team was once again the only student team participating in this year's National Symphony Orchestra Decorators' Show House at Hidden Brook Manor in McLean, Va. The team was invited to participate by the Women's Committee for the National Symphony Orchestra, organizers of the annual event celebrating interior design.

The students transformed a plain, cream-colored laundry room into a colorful, rustic retreat, entitled "The Fresh Air Farmhouse Laundry." Ten students of various ages and backgrounds worked on the NSO Decorators' Show House design this year, contributing time, talents, and their collective creativity—Julie Dastvan, interior design team chair and Darnestown resident; Quintece Hill, mural artist and Gaithersburg resident; Gleice Brito, Germantown resident; Claudia Gillespie, Rockville resident; Fusako Kato, Olney resident; Dawn Newman, Silver Spring resident; Patti Richardson, Rockville resident; Dipa Hada Rustum, Rockville resident; Lian Sever, Potomac resident; and Christina Yun, Rockville resident.



Montgomery College's interior design students transformed an ordinary laundry room into a rustic retreat.

> **MC Celebrates the Arts at the 2005 Arts Stars Awards**



Photo courtesy: Imagination Stage

Bonnie Fogel



Photo courtesy: Judy Katz Public Relations

Brad Oscar '83



Photo courtesy: Strathmore

Eliot Pfanstiehl



Photo courtesy: Haven Films

Eduardo Sanchez '90



Photo courtesy: Sarah Silberman

Sarah Silberman '81



Photo courtesy: Round House Theatre

Jerry Whiddon

Montgomery College recently honored the arts at its **2005 Arts Stars Awards** at the AFI Theatre in Silver Spring. Students and faculty provided musical, theatrical, and cinematic entertainment for college supporters, arts patrons, local leaders, and the college community.

Recipients of the 2005 Arts Stars Awards are: **Bonnie Fogel**, founder and executive director of Imagination Stage, Inc.; **Brad Oscar '83**, who played as Max Bialystock in the Broadway musical *The Producers* and in his earlier acting days performed in Montgomery College's Summer Dinner Theatre; **Eliot Pfanstiehl**, president and CEO of Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc.; **Eduardo Sanchez '90**, a filmmaker who directed the blockbuster independent horror film, *The Blair Witch Project*, and the forthcoming *Altered*; and **Jerry Whiddon**, producing artistic director emeritus at the Round House Theatre. Sculptor **Sarah Silberman '81** received a Lifetime Achievement Award. Proceeds benefit the arts at the College, through the Arts Institute.

—Elizabeth Homan

Final '54 Grad Receives Diploma

Pre-education major Ronald "Crow" Groves '54 was president of his class, but a last-minute problem kept him from accepting his diploma at commencement—a blow he remembers as the worst day of his life.

College officials discovered last spring that Groves had never returned to "MJC." He was, however, planning to visit the area for a grandson's high school graduation.

Thanks to careful research by several departments, Ron's diploma was produced. In June, MC President Charlene Nunley conferred his degree in a special ceremony. Ron and his wife Pat then toured his old campus.



Recent graduate Ron Groves accepts his diploma from MC President Charlene R. Nunley.

Ron wrote afterward, "To see how far MC has progressed, especially the new medical training building, was mind boggling. We enjoyed the day tremendously and will never forget it." Our newest alumnus from the Class of 1954 (and 2005) added, "My diploma has a place of honor on our wall."

> **Robert A. Wise '41** writes from Asheboro, N.C., that he is "retired but still going strong and still smoking! Any others around that remember me?"

> **Henry Zablocki '42**, a member of the last pre-WWII civilian class of the Bliss Electrical School, writes from Nutley, N.J.: "I am pleased to see how the Bliss School has evolved and at the marvelous growth of the Takoma Park Campus."

> **Myron E. Rowe '53** credits MC with giving him a solid foundation for a successful career in electricity. "After my four year 'hitch' with the USN, I worked for Central Hudson Gas & Elec. Corp. as a substation electrician for two years. I then advanced to the Engineering Dept. as an engineering draftsman, specializing in electrical drafting and design. I worked my way through the ranks to 'Engineering Draftsman First Class,' the position from which I retired after 36 years."

> **Duncan Tebow '65** is assistant dean for liberal arts at Northern Virginia Community College. He and his wife Betsy live in Silver Spring, Md.

> **Gary Ditto '66** lives in Kensington, Md., with his wife Diana and three sons.

> **Kenneth A. Berlin '69** campaigned this fall for an alderman seat in Frederick, Md.

> **Barbara Weinstein '71** works for Americorps, the domestic volunteering program.

> **Charles F. Brown '72** has retired from Verizon after 31 years. He and his wife of 30 years live in Cape Coral, Fla.



Photo courtesy James Anderson

> **James Anderson '74** is a 17-year member of the Oakland, Calif., police department. Previously, he was an officer in the U.S. Navy, which he joined after graduating as a criminal justice major.

> **Bruce Lancaster '74** retired from Howard County Fire and Rescue after 31 years.

> **Karla Berg Walker '74** earned her B.S. in 1976 and her M.Ed. in 1980. She is a curriculum support teacher for Montgomery County schools and has raised three children.

> **Janet Langenderfer '76** has returned to the Washington, D.C., area, where she is a senior financial associate with Amtrak.

> **Ilene Baruch '77** writes: "The Montgomery College Mental Health program provided a valuable background for a successful real estate career in Sarasota, Fla."

> **Carl L. Wright '78** displayed his sculpture in a group show in Georgetown in May. A sculptor in alabaster, marble, and limestone, he lives in Martinsburg, W. Va.

> **Kim Bennett '79** founded Interiors by Kim, a home design company in Ocean View, Del.

> **Corinne Benson '79** has been traveling to Peru and to Arizona. She and her husband Howard have 15 grandchildren from Atlanta to Okinawa.

> **Priscilla Negron '79** retired from Computer Sciences Corp. after 31 years and is living with her husband in Olney, Md. A love of travel led her to return to MC for a class in Italian.

> **Sid Sclar '80** combined a passion for music with his training in construction and business to develop a consultation service for piano buyers. He works with Jordan Kitt's Music in the Washington, D.C., area.

> **Don Eckstein '81** has joined Technology Concepts and Design, Greensboro, N.C., as a network engineer.

> **Stuart Hirsch '81** recently concluded 28 years in the newspaper business and founded S3 Communications Group. He is coauthoring a book with his wife. They live in Indianapolis, Ind.

> **Carol Laumeier '83** is marketing and communications manager for VIEW Engineering in Gaithersburg, Md. She earned her B.A. in communications arts in 1985 and an M.B.A. in 2004.

> **Brian Fromme '89** operates Jeweler's Gallery in Rockville Md. He earned a political science degree in 1992.

> **Leland Cogdell '90** is a marketing specialist with the U.S. General Services Administration in Washington, D.C., and is pursuing his M.B.A. He is married and has identical twin boys.



Photo courtesy Billy Coulter

> **William Wickert Coulter '90** has returned to the local music scene and released his debut CD entitled "Billy Coulter."

CLASS NOTES

> **Frances Stanford '91** writes to correct a prior class listing that was a couple of years off the mark. Since graduating, she has earned her M.B.A. and become a Certified Professional Accountant.

> **Vincent DiGiorgio '93** founded Digital Lighting, an event lighting and fireworks company, in Germantown, Md.

> **William Matzkin '94**, a psychiatrist and sculptor, had a showing of mobiles and maquettes in Bethesda, Md., in July. He lives in Rockville, Md.

> **Sarah Hopkins '98**, a registered nurse at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Va., writes: "I have a career that I love and can be proud of, thanks to Montgomery College."

> **Carmen Jeeves '00** earned her B.A. in psychology in 2004 with a minor in studio art. She is a cued speech transliterator for Montgomery County schools.

> **Sandra Pope '01** founded Colour Art Studio in Silver Spring, Md., as a space to market artwork, including her own ceramics and paintings. Her work has been displayed at the National Air and Space Museum and the Mansion at Strathmore.

> **Susan Kornspan '02** is a training assistant at the CDRA Staff College, a professional development unit of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She currently resides in Germantown, Md.

> **Ernbert Kule-Thomas '03** is an accounting intern with Mooring Financial Corp. and has devoted some time to the Army. He earned his B.S. in accounting in 2004 and plans to pursue an M.B.A. in finance.

> **Jackie Van Ly '04** was listed by *Washingtonian* magazine as one of the best wedding photographers in the Washington, D.C., area.

If you'd like to share your notable accomplishments with your classmates, please send us a note in the enclosed reply envelope. You may also e-mail alumni@montgomerycollege.edu. We will highlight the achievements of former students in future issues.

IN MEMORIAM

The Alumni Association notes the passing of faculty, staff, and alumni of the College.

> **Binh Nguyen**, retiree, died May 9, 2005. She worked in the College's Accounts Payable Department from 1986 to 2004.

> **Gerard Toth '69** died May 31, 2005. He was a product engineer and technical specialist for Ford Motor Company.

> **Stuart Brosseit**, a counselor in Student Development at the Rockville Campus, died June 4, 2005. Former Student Senate president Mike Dupuy '81 remembers Professor Brosseit as "part of a unique group of teachers at Montgomery College.... He made you feel like you were the most important person he could be talking to. He was not only cool but down to earth."

> **Sandy Sonner**, retired senior program director for the College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education program, died July 1, 2005. In 2004, she was honored by Montgomery College's Board of Trustees with the Silver Medallion for her dedicated service. Over the years, she also welcomed into her home numerous Montgomery College students in need of housing or just a supportive family environment.

> **Glenice Davenport** died July 4, 2005. She was a supplies clerk for the College's Procurement Office for more than 30 years.

> **Rodney Niedomanski '64**, a past member of the Alumni Association's Board of Governors, died July 4, 2005. After retiring from Washington Gas Light Company in 1994, he served as a commissioner of Queen Anne's County.

> **Julida Kilafwakun** died August 10, 2005. She was an administrative aide in the Business, Science, Mathematics and Technology Department at the Germantown Campus.

> **Wade Matthews '77** died August 18, 2005. He taught bass in the Music Department at the Rockville Campus. A highly regarded musician, in styles ranging from jazz to R&B to rock to new age, he performed with area bands including the Kennedys, Nils Lofgren, and Mary Chapin Carpenter.

> **Richard Ulrich**, professor emeritus, died August 19, 2005. He taught in the Fire Science and Applied Technologies Department at the Rockville Campus since 1977.

> **James Burke** died August 31, 2005. He was an electronics technician in the Communication Arts Technologies Department at the Rockville Campus.

> **Robert Ritter** died September 3, 2005. He was an instructional assistant in the Business, Science, Mathematics, and Technology Department at the Germantown Campus.

> **Douglas Gleason**, acting instructional dean of fine, performing, and visual arts at the Rockville Campus, died September 7, 2005.



> **James Lindberg**, professor emeritus, died September 15, 2005, following a battle with Lou Gehrig's

disease. He taught in the Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Department at the Rockville Campus from 1967 until his retirement in July. He used his illness as an opportunity to teach about the disease. He was bearer of the mace at last May's commencement, in recognition of his long tenure at the College.

> **Martin Eveler '41** died October 8, 2005. He lived in Wheaton, Md.

If you wish to make a donation in memory of the deceased, please make your check payable to the Montgomery College Foundation. You may use the return envelope provided in this magazine, or mail your check to the MC Foundation, 900 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850.

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Charitable Gifts and Year-End Planning: A Powerful Combination

As we approach the holiday season and the New Year, many of us begin to focus on giving to our family and favorite charities. Gift giving can bring joy to the giver, as well as to the recipient. It can help our loved ones, our favorite causes, and society. Gift giving can also serve as a very powerful income tax, estate tax, and gift tax planning tool.

Special new tax law changes for 2005 allow unique planning opportunities. Some of these changes, enacted under the "Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act" (KETRA), are limited to hurricane relief efforts, while others apply to donations made to most types of public charities, such as the Montgomery College Foundation. However, these special opportunities are available for a short time—some expire at the end of 2005—so it's wise to study your options soon.

The special planning opportunities include ***deduction of certain charitable donations up to 100 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI)***. If you happen to be a high-income individual who loses the benefit of itemized deductions, you should know that *the new law exempts qualified charitable donations from the phase-out of itemized deductions* when

AGI reaches \$145,950. Cash donations made to public charities after August 28 and before December 31, 2005, may qualify. Donations to supporting types of charitable organizations, donor-advised funds, and certain private foundations are not eligible for this special treatment, but a donation to the Montgomery College Foundation does qualify under KETRA.

The Planned Gifts Committee of the Montgomery College Foundation has prepared a helpful guide for year-end planning. The guide includes a 2005 update of the committee's "*Top Nine*" year-end charitable giving techniques, along with more information about the special tax planning provisions in KETRA. It's available online at www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni/yearendgiving.doc. You may wish to review it with your own tax and legal advisors. We hope you will find it useful.

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