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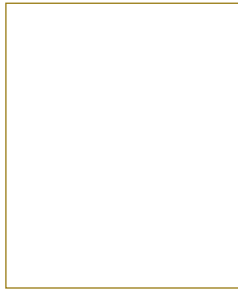
A new exit on the Internet super highway is giving Montgomery College alumni personal access to all the latest College news and events.

Through this new portal, current and former students, faculty, staff, and retirees can get information on campus and College events; access chat rooms and message boards; join various clubs or organizations at the College; and access personal College records and online class registration at any time.

This new portal is called My MC and keeping up with College news and events just got easier. My MC is a secure site, available from any computer with Internet access. To access My MC, the user must first obtain their personalized key to entry.

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There are plenty of reasons for viewing the glass as being half empty these days, what with the fog of war in Iraq, the threat of a global pandemic here at home, and the downturn in the economy. Here at Montgomery College, our current budget challenges are enormous given the fact that we are facing the reality of reduced state and county revenues at a time of continued growing enrollment.

Like most states, Maryland has encountered the harsh reality of the economic downturn and less revenues. The budget cuts enacted have fallen disproportionately on higher education. What is heartening in this situation is that many alumni and students have stepped forward to provide living evidence of the value of the College in their lives, as we make the case for our need of state and county funding. I can't tell you how gratified I am for your help in advocating on behalf of your College. Even during the summer, you continue to make a difference. Just go to the Government Relations Web page of our Web site to find a few ideas on advocacy: www.montgomerycollege.edu/legislative

Thanks to you as well as our current students, faculty, and staff, I am reminded that the glass, indeed, is half full. Your stories inspire me because, despite recent challenges, I know that Montgomery College continues to achieve its mission of changing lives.

As another outstanding academic year comes to a close, I want to share with you three student stories in particular. These students overcame their own personal challenges to become successes. Donald W. Washington, Jr., a student at our Rockville Campus, and Carine Nadem, who attends our Germantown Campus, are among 30 community college students nationwide to receive prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarships that will allow them to continue their education at four-year institutions. Donald maintained a 3.8 grade point average and managed the student newspaper, *The Advocate*, as its editor-in-chief. He did all this while having no home of his own. Donald lives in a Montgomery County men's homeless shelter, apart from his mother who must live in a women's shelter and commuted three hours round trip to MC by bus. I am confident that one day Donald will own an African-American newspaper, but for the immediate future, he will use his \$60,000 scholarship to attend Morehouse College.

Carine Nadem is originally from Cameroon, but she left family and friends behind for a better education in America. Carine excelled in our Biomedical Scholars program, receiving a perfect 4.0 GPA. She dreams of becoming a physician and working at a clinic. I admire her desire to use her profession to help those less fortunate. This fall, Carine will attend Dickinson College in Pennsylvania.

I'd also like to tell you how proud we are of Thomas Gibson from the Takoma Park Campus. Thomas recently received a surprise \$25,000 scholarship to attend Morgan State University. Thanks to his scholarship, Thomas now knows he will no longer have to work two jobs to afford his education. He looks forward to opening a business in the future and starting up a non-profit organization that will provide educational opportunities, health care, and jobs for others.

I am also buoyed by the acts of hope and optimism that occur on our three campuses each and every day of the year. At the Germantown Campus, we are celebrating a major milestone—the 25th anniversary. In Takoma Park, construction continues on our campus expansion project. The new Health Sciences Center on Georgia Avenue should be ready for classes as early as next January. At the Rockville Campus, our new Arts Institute offers students internships at the National Gallery of Art, special lectures, and master classes presented by outstanding artists.

The combination of these exciting new undertakings and the successes of our alumni, students, faculty, and staff shows that our commitment to our core mission remains strong. Certainly, there are more stories out there that would be an inspiration to those at the College. If you have a reflection or milestone to share, please do not hesitate to e-mail or contact alumni@mc.cc.md.us. We love hearing from you! Thank you for your contributions and continued support of Montgomery College.

Dr. Charlene R. Nunley, President

Lifetime Television's Dr. Winifred King '77 recalls herself as a shy and sheltered young woman when she began attending Montgomery College at 16, just after graduating from high school on an accelerated schedule.

While the College was only a matter of miles from her family and her home in Wheaton, it was a world away from her experience of being a bookish and reserved young woman in high school.

"I was a scared little 16 year old, but I was also fascinated by the freedom and opportunity to make my own choices," says King, in a phone interview from Los Angeles in between tapings of *Speaking of Women's Health*, a popular talk show she co-hosts on Lifetime Television. "Montgomery College gave me the platform from which to launch my dreams."

An award-winning television journalist and doctor of emergency medicine, King is anything

Photo illustration by Clint Wu



BY RICHARD RICHINA

THE DOCTOR IS IN

“I felt I needed to reach people sooner than when I saw them in the emergency room.”

Photos courtesy of Winifred King



but shy or retiring. Today, she has committed her career to relieving the physical and mental pain of her patients and to educating the public about health issues. Her dream of helping people, which she initially discovered while at Montgomery College, has kept her going through the ups and downs of two stressful careers—medicine and broadcast journalism.

“You need a clear vision of what you want to achieve and a game plan that you follow,” she says of her success within both her professions. “When you are weary or obstacles arise, you need something to fall back on.”

Currently, King works as an emergency physician at Florida Hospital and lives with her husband of three years, John Fuld, an American history professor, in Orlando, Florida. In addition to co-hosting *Speaking of Women’s Health*, she is one of three experts who host a new “reality-based” talk show called *What Should I Do*, which was launched by Lifetime Television in April. The series focuses on how ordinary people handle traumatic experiences. It provides suggestions about what to do and what not to do in the event of such a situation.

“The show is based on real-life situations that happened to real people and I am very excited about it, because it’s very informative,” she says.

King grew up in Wheaton within a family of educators; her mother was an elementary school teacher and her father taught adult education. She is the eldest of two daughters.

She describes her family as “close knit” and says their conversations often centered around subjects such as existentialism or literature.

She says her decision to come to Montgomery College was mostly practical. Because of her young age, her family did not want her first college experience to be at a large university. Her time spent at Montgomery College provided an opportunity to “figure out things” and to make some critical decisions.

She was initially interested in becoming a psychologist, but her family persuaded her to consider psychiatry. However, a near fatal car accident—which occurred when she fell asleep at the wheel of her car, as a graduate student at Howard University Medical School—turned her life toward emergency medicine. “It put me in the role of patient, and I felt the pain and the fear, all the things a patient feels,” she recalls.

According to King, the idea of the all-knowing physician who snatches an ill patient from the clutches of sickness is slowly being replaced by a more collaborative model, one that focuses more on patient knowledge and proactive measures to stay healthy.

King’s own epiphany regarding the need for more patient education came in part from her near fatal accident and in part from her experience of having to face the surviving family members of patients who passed away in the emergency rooms where she worked. As a result of these experiences, she turned to journalism for a remedy.

“I felt that I wasn’t doing enough,” she recalls of her decision to get into the field. “I felt that I needed to reach people sooner than when I saw them in the emergency room.”

King accepted a job as a health reporter for WMAR TV (Channel 2) in Baltimore in 1990. There she reported on health issues and was utilized as an expert commentator on health issues. A series she did on emergency medicine earned her the American College of Emergency Physicians Journalism Award in 1992.

In 1993, she became a full-time journalist working as an editor for KCBS TV (Channel 2) in Los Angeles, where her reporting won a Golden Mike Award. In 1997, the opportunity she had been waiting for appeared when Orlando-based America’s Health Network began searching for talent for its new health-oriented programs. “My whole reason for doing news was to eventually do a talk show, so this was a perfect place for me,” says King, explaining her relocation to Florida.

As for the future, King will devote the majority of her time caring for the patients who roll into her emergency room at Florida Hospital. In addition to her current broadcast projects, she is considering her own syndicated health-oriented program for television and/or radio. Her agent has also encouraged her to pursue her interest in singing. With a little chuckle, she declares, “We have had the singing nun, but I am not sure primetime is ready for the singing doctor.”

BY GARY HONG

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AT GERMANTOWN

The Montgomery College Germantown Campus began offering classes in September 1975, initially holding them in locations such as Seneca Valley High School and the Montgomery Village Visitors Center. The campus opened its own facilities in September 1978 with 1,163 students taking classes at the new site. Today, Germantown serves approximately 5,000 full- and part-time day, evening, and weekend students.

When the formal dedication of the campus was held on Oct. 21, 1978, only two of the three classroom buildings—the Humanities and Social Sciences Building (HS) and the Sciences and Applied Studies Building (SA)—were completed. The third structure, the Physical Education Complex (PG), was still under construction.

The Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects bestowed architectural excellence awards on the HS and SA buildings. A unique feature of the structures was the placement of solar panels on their roofs, which have been used to supplement internal climate control. Another special feature was located in the SA building—a large multiple use interdisciplinary laboratory. Several lab sections can be held simultaneously in this huge lab-without-walls.

With the dedication of the indoor swimming pool in 1982, the first phase of the campus construction ended. The Germantown Campus has made a special commitment to

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> one
Tom Renwick, Evelyn (Miller) Ashley, Bob Brown, and Stanley Dahlman (left to right) discuss their vision for a new campus in October 1975.

> two
Montgomery College welcomes its newest campus in Germantown with a groundbreaking ceremony in June 1976.

> three
Construction efforts begin and the Germantown Campus opens its doors in fall 1978.

> four
For 25 years Germantown has provided innovative programs in fields ranging from business to bioscience and opportunities for those looking to retrain for the changing marketplace.

> five
The High Technology and Science Center opens its doors in fall 1996 to provide courses integrally related to the high tech industries of Montgomery County.

> six
One of the most distinctive physical presences on campus is a two million-gallon water tank painted to look like the earth.

1978

- > The world's population is 4.4 billion people. 200,000 newborns arrive each day.
- > The first test-tube baby, Louise Brown, is born in London's Oldham Hospital.
- > The Camp David Peace Treaty between Israel and Egypt is signed.
- > The U.S. and the People's Republic of China announce the establishment of full diplomatic relations.
- > The U.S. Senate ratifies the Panama Canal Treaty to return the Panama Canal to Panama in 2000.
- > The U.S. Supreme Court bars college admission quota systems but affirms the constitutionality of programs giving advantage to minorities.
- > The median U.S. household income (in current dollars) is \$15,064.
- > Unemployment reaches 7.1%.
- > 98% of all American households have a television.
- > *The Deer Hunter* (released in 1977) wins the 1978 Oscar for Best Picture. Meryl Streep is nominated Best Supporting Actress.
- > Box office hits include *Jaws 2*, *Grease*, *Superman*, and *Animal House*.
- > Billy Joel's *Just the Way You Are* wins the 1978 Grammy for Record and Song of the Year. *Saturday Night Fever* wins Album of the Year.
- > The Dallas Cowboys are the Super Bowl champions.
- > The New York Yankees are the World Series champions.
- > The Washington Bullets are the NBA champions.
- > Montgomery College's Germantown Campus opens with 31 full-time faculty members. Montgomery College students pay \$22 per credit hour in tuition.
- > Monthly rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Gaithersburg is \$257, and the average cost for a home in Germantown is \$64,000.



THE YEAR WAS 1978

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

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community use of its facilities such as the library, swimming pool, and other facilities.

The next phase of growth at the campus began in the mid-1980s. Continued rapid upcounty population growth during the 1980s convinced then-president Robert E. Parilla that additional plans

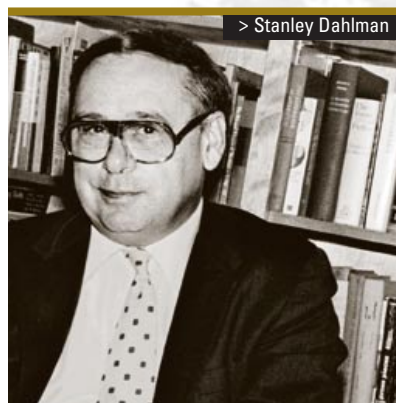
for campus expansion should be developed. Working with staff, public school officials, local business leaders, and residents, Germantown Campus Provost Stanley M. Dahlman developed a plan to construct a high technology center to help meet the growing needs of technicians in businesses located along the Interstate 270 corridor. The High Technology and Science Center opened in 1996 with more than 75,000 square feet of space and houses classrooms, specialty technology labs, teleconferencing studios, computer-equipped classrooms, the 500-seat Globe Hall,

faculty offices, and computer learning and math learning centers.

One of the most distinctive physical presences on the campus is the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's two million-gallon water tank called the "Big Blue Marble." This spherical tank, painted to look like the earth, gives the Germantown campus a unique landmark and marks the site of the campus on the Germantown skyline. The tank and idyllic campus setting also have given the campus its first motto, "Almost Heaven."

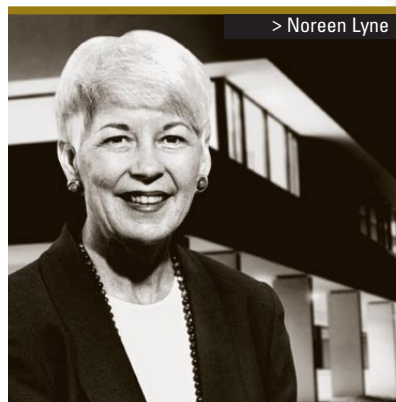
A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

BY LESLEY KAMENSHINE



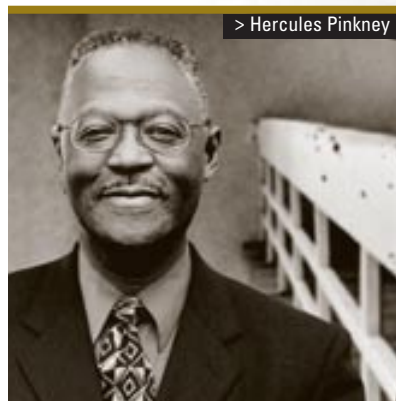
> Stanley Dahlman

Dahlman served as Germantown provost from 1978-1992.



> Noreen Lyne

Lyne served as Germantown provost from 1992-2000.



> Hercules Pinkney

Pinkney began serving as Germantown provost in 2000.

The Germantown Campus continues to weave its impressive tapestry of integrating education and service to the community, as it marks its silver anniversary.

Over the years, the campus has provided the foundation of a well-rounded liberal education for students who wish to transfer, as well as access to opportunities for those students looking to retrain for the changing marketplace. Students have come to the campus to pursue majors in education, engineering, business, and to take up careers in landscape technology or computer applications among other career programs.

The founding provost Dr. Stanley Dahlman, an English teacher, was director of planning and facilities for the College who oversaw the birth and infancy of the campus. Dr. Noreen Lyne, now a leadership coach, was an expert in educating adult learners and headed the College's Office of Community Services (now Workforce Development & Continuing Education), which gave her valuable contacts within the business and civic community. The current Vice President and Provost, Dr. Hercules Pinkney, who has taught at all levels of the academic spectrum and has held administrative leadership positions in four-year as well as two-year colleges, is leading the campus at a time when it is about to experience a dramatic growth in its arts, sciences, career-oriented programs, and an increased emphasis on adult learners. He is also launching a unique partnership between the biotech industry and the College.

There has always been and continues to be a strong relationship with the local community. When the campus opened, no community library or swimming pool existed. The campus opened its library stacks to local residents and its new swimming pool to the community. Equally important, Germantown sought partnerships with local employers to meet their workforce needs. "We got lots and lots of students that way," Dahlman recalls, adding that Germantown was the first campus to develop specific curricula for business workforce development needs.

The relationship between the business community and the College was nourished by the campus's leadership outreach. Lyne was president of the Germantown Chamber while provost, and Pinkney currently serves on the board of the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce. The local

business community has acknowledged this positive relationship for years with letters of support. During Lyne's tenure, the business community provided millions of dollars in donations to enhance the programs of the High Technology and Science Center that was erected on the Germantown Campus in 1996.

The campus's implementation of the College's mission is approaching greater heights. "I see a campus ready to explode into the future," says Pinkney. Explode indeed, state projections of student growth in the Germantown area indicate a doubling in the next decade. Adapting to the times has been a hallmark of the campus growth over its first 25 years. Dahlman planned a high tech building for the campus. Lyne was instrumental in moving biotech programs from the Takoma Park Campus to Germantown with the support of the High Tech Council, as well as developing the College's Information Technology Institute at Germantown. And now, Pinkney will initiate the establishment of a new bioscience center and program that will address the projected short fall in classroom space as well as create new opportunities for careers in bioscience.

The new initiative will give students the opportunity to fulfill all requirements for a baccalaureate degree in biotechnology to be offered by the University of Maryland College Park on the campus, a first for Montgomery College. Specifically, the Bioscience Center will provide an education and training continuum that spans middle school to postdoctoral education and training levels, Pinkney notes.

Under this new initiative, the College has agreed to combine the remaining 20 acres of campus grounds with 20 acres acquired by the county and state to create a 40-acre bioscience and technology park complete with a business incubator. The business park will create endless opportunities for synergy between the College and industry, including real-life internships for students, and consulting opportunities for faculty as well as space for start-up businesses to help ease the transition from "bench to business." Revenues from the business park may be available to help construct the Bioscience Center.

As for the future, the campus will continue to be a place where students come to learn about Shakespeare or physics, and, most importantly, to experience new possibilities for themselves.

Montgomery College sociology professor Nathan Starr sees his job as one of challenging his students to think for themselves. And he is one of those teachers alumni remember years later, as was the case with alumna Winifred King.

"There was a sociology professor, Nathan Starr, whose classes I remember quite well," recalls King without prompting or foreknowledge about this profile, during an interview for this publication.

This type of acknowledgement does not occur often, according to Starr, who remembers King as a bright and engaging student and one of the few African-American students attending the College's Rockville Campus in 1976. But Starr does not teach for the accolades of students.

"I just love the classroom and interacting with students," he declares. Starr does not embellish his claim further, implying that no more needs to be said to understand what has kept him in the classroom for over 32 years.

In the past year, Starr has limited his teaching to direct the newly established Center for Community Leadership Development and Public Policy. The center is a research institute at the College that focuses on building democracy through public policy debate and developing community leaders. His enthusiasm for the center's work dampens his disappointment in teaching only part time.

The father of two grown children—Michael and Alison, Starr and his wife of 32 years, Gayle, live in North Potomac.

Starr grew up during the era of segregation in Houston, Texas. His childhood was spent in a community where white-collar, blue-collar, and economically disadvantaged African-Americans lived together as a consequence of segregation.

"Exposure to that diversity of people, occupations, and income levels, to say nothing of the diversity of problems, I always found interesting," Starr recalls. But it was the awareness that "if you were not there to see it, you would

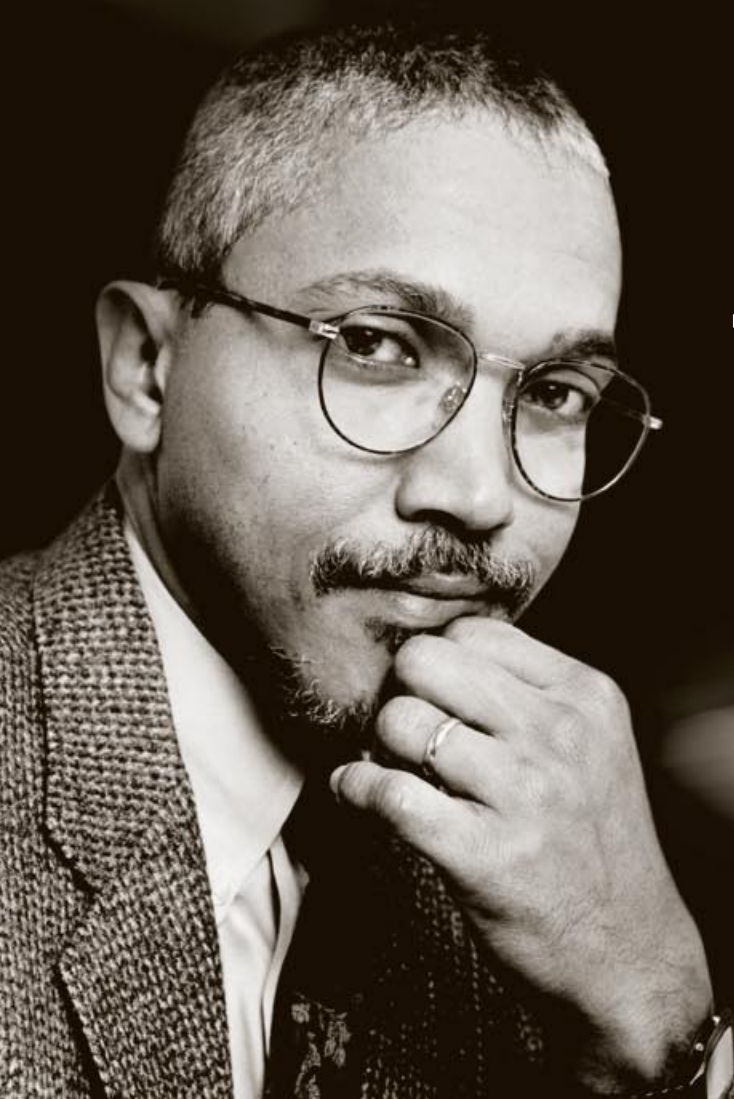
not know it was happening," that took him into sociology, he says.

It was at Texas Southern University where his interest in social dynamics took on a more focused and practical turn. His interest in social work grew through his work in the anti-poverty program and his fieldwork for his sociology classes. But it was the intellectual connection and the inspiration of his professors that convinced him to pursue teaching.

"They (the professors) were not only models of very positive values, but also of positive teaching skills—how to connect and communicate with students," says Starr.

Engaging his students has been the goal that has driven Starr's career as a teacher. The changing diversity of MC's student population has been both a challenge and an opportunity for him to learn and grow as a teacher.

"I don't claim to be the best teacher in the world," he says, "because I know there is always something I can learn."



THE ART OF TEACHING

BY RICHARD RICHINA



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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Patricia Lopez knows first hand what a life changing experience it is to receive a scholarship to attend Montgomery College.

As a high school senior who had recently immigrated from El Salvador with her family in 1988, Lopez understood the value of higher education to her future success, but her family could not afford to pay for her college education. She was preparing to defer her academic plans when a guidance counselor at Winston Churchill High School selected her for a Montgomery College Board of Trustees Scholarship.

Now, nearly a decade later, Lopez is administering all scholarship programs offered by the College, including the Board of Trustees Scholarship that made it possible for her to become the first member of her family to graduate from college.

"I probably wouldn't be where I am today if I had not been given that scholarship," says Lopez matter-of-factly, adding that she is currently working on a Master of Business Arts at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland.

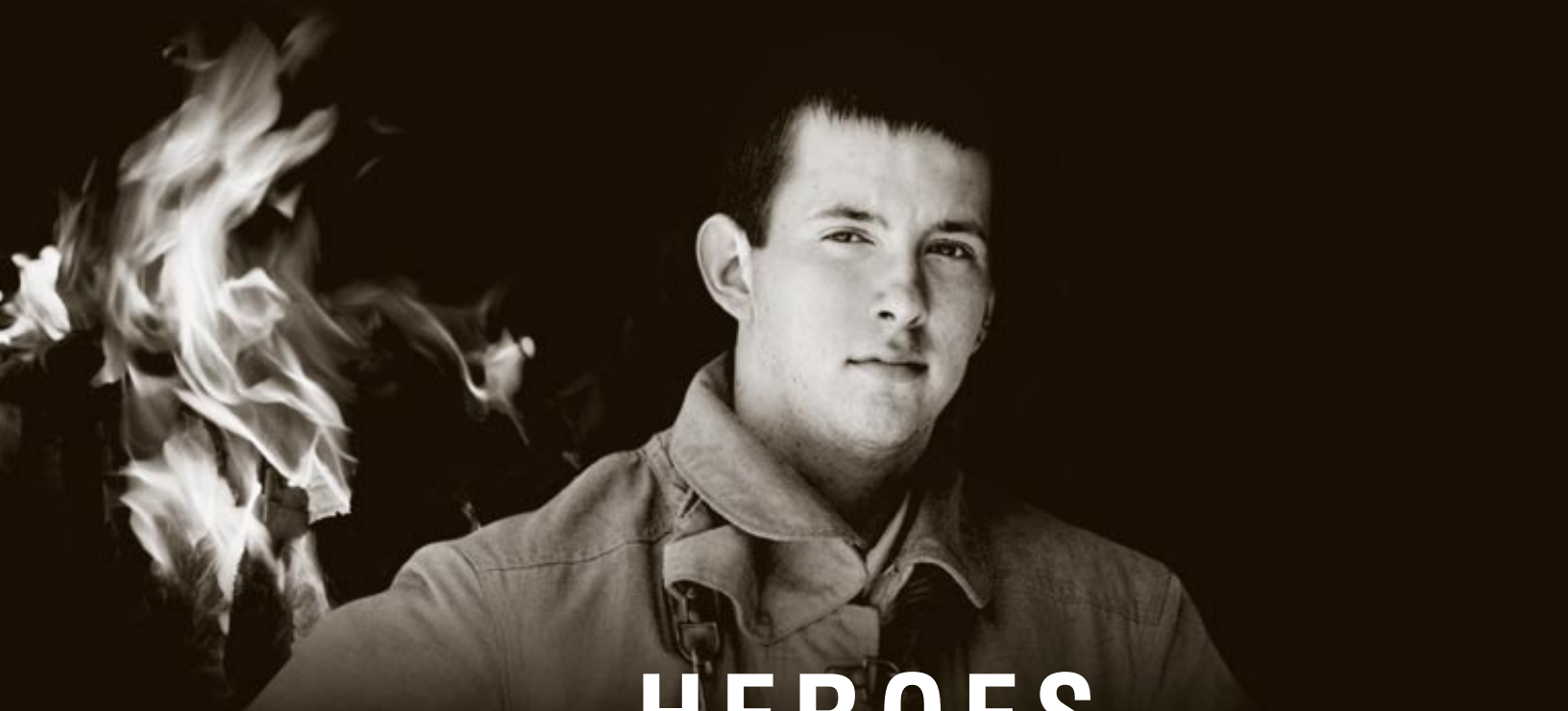
The tuition for Montgomery College is relatively modest—\$3,354 for tuition and other fees for 15 credit hours for two academic terms. Providing higher education opportunities for students who cannot afford higher education is a priority.

Nonetheless, more than 8,000 of Montgomery College's students receive financial aid. More than \$1 million in scholarships, both academic and needs based, are granted to students annually from a plethora of public and private sources. Despite this impressive figure, the economic need of the College's student population still outstrips the resources available. "Montgomery College is affordable, but we are not free," Lopez notes.

This need, in part, was the reason that friends and benefactors of the College in the early 1980s established a non-profit educational foundation to provide, among other financial resources, scholarships to deserving students. More than \$300,000 in Foundation scholarships has been awarded to 330 students in the 2002–03 academic year. The Foundation scholarship program is one of Lopez's primary responsibilities, and applications are pouring in for the upcoming academic year.

"I feel like my telephone number has been posted in a public square," jokes Lopez, adding that the most difficult part of her job is turning down applicants due to the lack of available funds. Only one-third of all qualified applicants were awarded Foundation scholarships this year.

"The most gratifying part of my job," Lopez says, "is helping someone who otherwise might not have the opportunity. Montgomery College really is making a difference in their lives."



BY TINA KRAMER

HEROES TRAINED HERE

Once upon a time, firefighters were an unheralded group. But 9/11 changed everything, with a new awareness of the extreme sacrifices these heroes make every day and of the vitally important role they play in ensuring public safety.

At Montgomery College, prospective “heroes” can enroll in degree and certificate programs in fire science management and fire and arson investigation.

Student Doug Wright, 19, of Frederick, Md., cut his teeth on a fire hose. His father is a lieutenant in the D.C. fire department.

“Basically, I was born and raised in the fire service,” he said. “A lot of students in this program have parents in the public safety field—policemen, medics.”

Wright, a volunteer at Independent Hose Company No. 1 in Frederick, Md., likes the family atmosphere in the firehouse. “You have to get along with a lot of people. You live, sleep, and eat with those people,” he said. “It’s a brotherhood.”

A Hot Career

Many people who are attracted to firefighting note that the field provides great job security and the opportunity to perform an essential public function.

Montgomery College’s fire science degree program assists career and volunteer firefighters, as well as

uniformed fire service personnel preparing for rank promotions.

The fire and arson investigation certificate program covers facets of both fire science and criminal justice. After receiving the certificate, students may work toward the A.A.S. in either fire science or criminal justice.

Doug Wright puts in long hours at the fire station and studies in the bunkhouse. When the alarm goes off, he drops his books and races off to a fire. He doesn’t mind it a bit. “Being able to help others is what it’s all about. It’s their hour of need, and you’re the one able to help them.”

In a Class by Themselves

Professor Irey says students in the program are a rare breed. “Students in this program are the most respectful human beings I’ve ever met,” she said. “Firefighters put everybody before themselves.”

“Fire people are the most modest people,” agrees student Wright, who hopes to become a firefighter and a medic. “You never hear them bragging. When someone you’ve helped says ‘thank you,’ it’s like a million bucks.”

For more information about the fire science A.A.S. and the fire and arson investigation certificate, call 301-251-7199 or 301-279-5142.

The notion that nurses could be trained in an academic setting, rather than a clinical one, was relatively new, and even progressive, when Helen Statts came to Montgomery College in 1966, as the first director of the nurse training program.

During her three-decade tenure, Statts built the fledgling initiative into a nationally recognized training program that has expanded the pool of available nurses and opened new career paths to students who might otherwise not have considered nursing.

One of those students and her husband are giving back and acknowledging Statts' contribution to the nursing profession with a gift of \$1 million to the College in Statts' name. The funds will support the nationally recognized nurse training program that is housed at the Takoma Park Campus.

In addition, a section of the new Health Sciences Center that is now under construction will be named in Statts' memory as a result of the anonymous gift.

"This gift will support the program and our faculty," says Sharon Bernier, the current director of the nursing program. "It is hoped that other graduates of the nursing program will continue the momentum started by this generous couple and other sections of the new facility will be named in their honor."

Statts passed away in December of 2000, but the program she established continues to flourish, graduating approximately 100 nursing students each year.

Nursing alumni are working to establish an endowment to support nursing students in perpetuity. Alumna Marilyn Kucharski and her husband John have recently initiated a challenge gift to establish a Nursing Alumni Endowed Scholarship. If you wish to contribute to this fund or other Health Sciences areas, please contact **Jessica Warnick, Alumni Director**, at **301-251-7977**.

LEAVING A LEGACY



> Helen Statts (left), founding director of Montgomery College's nursing program, and current director Sharon Bernier. Statts passed away in 2000.

CLASS NOTES

> **Charles T. (Chip) Whittier '62** is working toward his doctorate in political science at the University of Oklahoma. Whittier has worked for over 25 years as a consultant on management, international information security, technology, and financial matters. Currently, he is the president of Information Integrity Specialists, Inc. He is also the president of TEDSCo, Inc.

> **Melvin F. Willis '71** is vice president and district director of Burgess & Niple's Rockville, Maryland office. Willis oversees office administrative and technical functions including business development, client liaison, marketing, production, and quality control. He currently resides in Rockville, Maryland, with his wife, Sharon.

> **Ira Wilsker '72** is a professor at Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont, Texas. He also serves as the director of the Management Development Program and is completing his fourth term as

president of the Faculty Senate. His wife, Donna, is an assistant professor of nursing at Lamar University. They have four daughters.

> **Karla Berg Walker '74** earned her master's in education at the University of Maryland. Walker is an educator with Montgomery County public schools and is currently working with new teachers. She resides near Burtonsville, Maryland, with her husband. They have three children.

> **Wayson P. Lee '86** earned his basic and advanced certificates in hypnosis from The Hypnosis Institute in Las Vegas. A member of the Screen Actor's Guild, he worked five days on the set of *Head of State*, which stars Chris Rock and Bernie Mac.

> **Jeffery Ferrell '95** is the owner of Heritage and Heirloom Photography and Oyster Reef Photography. Ferrell has photographed for numerous

newspapers and magazines, and his photography has appeared on television programs focusing on the agricultural history of Montgomery County. Part of his Chesapeake Bay photography has been archived by the National Gallery of Art as a memento of Paul Mellon's interest in the conservation of natural resources.

> **John Millett '95** passed away on February 17, 2003. Millett worked as an MC employee for over ten years, most recently as an administrative aide in the Department of Psychology at the Rockville Campus. He had hoped to further his studies in elementary education and begin student teaching. A scholarship fund at the College has been established in his name. Contributions may be sent to: **The Montgomery College Foundation, 900 Hungerford Drive, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20850, Attn: Ms. Nell Kane.** Please note on your check "John Millett Scholarship Fund."

REMEMBER WHEN...



Montgomery College has always promoted women's interests. In 1947, the Women's Organization was formed to promote women's rights. All women enrolled at Montgomery Junior College were automatically made members of this group. In 1954, the Women's Organization (above) drew from the 96 women enrolled at the College (397 men were then enrolled); by fall 2002, total enrollment had grown to 21,805 credit-program students with 57% of those being female.

In fall 1984, the Women's Studies Program debuted at Montgomery College. In March 1988, the first annual Women's Studies Scholarship

Breakfast was held in celebration of International Women's Day. In 1994, the program earned a first-place award for the best program of its kind in the nation by the American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges.

Today, the MC Women's Studies Program curriculum offers more than 10 courses taught by more than 23 faculty, and awards four scholarships to deserving students each year. For more information, please contact **Genevieve Carminati** at **301-251-7446** or **gcarmina@mc.cc.md.us**. Visit their Web site at **www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/wstudies/**.

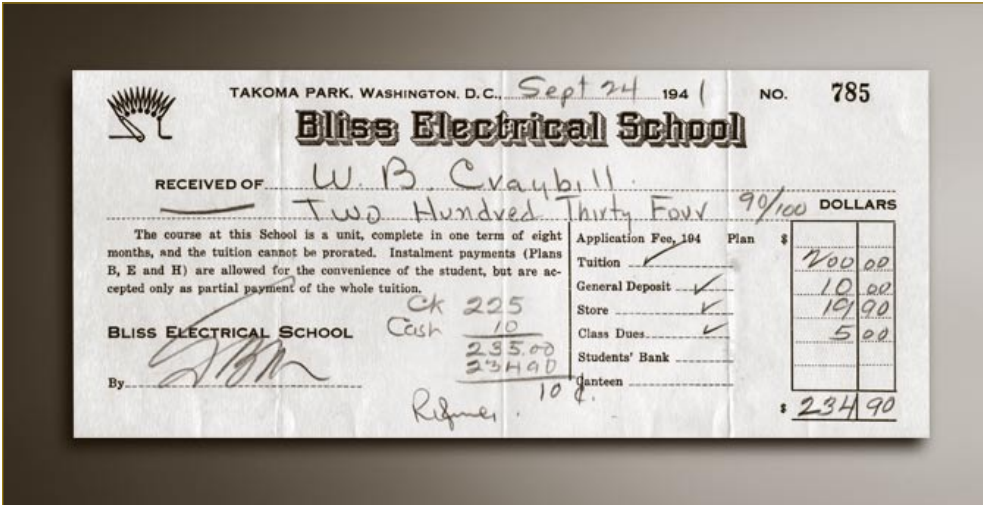
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Are you a MC alumnus/alumna who has served in the armed forces? Have any of your family members served? We welcome your stories and encourage you to share with us your experiences for an upcoming issue of *Insights*. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts, observations, and experiences, please e-mail your stories and photographs to **alumni@mc.cc.md.us** or send them to the address below:

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A Memory of Yesteryear
 Submitted by Ward Crabill '42

When my father passed away, I ran across a receipt from the Bliss Electrical School dated September 24, 1941, for \$234.90. This amount covered payment for courses at Bliss. Here is a breakdown. Tuition was \$200. Since I had been awarded a scholarship of \$300, payment for the course was satisfied. I did not incur any dormitory fees since I lived at home. General deposit was \$10. Store was \$19.90. Class dues were \$5.

What a deal! Although, at the time, I had difficulty paying for it! Look at what it led to: an excellent study course which proved invaluable in my chosen line of work at the C&P Telephone Company; a won-

derful group of friends, some of whom I am still in touch; a great relationship with the school and the staff of teachers; and a religious experience each day at the chapel! Where could you get that today for \$200? Bliss was an excellent school, and my graduating class ('42) was the last civilian class before the Navy started training radiomen there on June 1, 1942.

I have been retired from C&P/Bell Atlantic/Verizon for almost 20 years after working for 41 years. I am living in Florida where life is easy—no snow or ice to battle—and I am still able to enjoy family, church, and friends. I am married to former Montgomery Junior College dental professor Dorothy Crabill. I would be happy to hear from any of my Bliss classmates. My e-mail address is bdgcrabill@juno.com.

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Age	One Life
60	6.0%
70	6.7%
80	8.3%
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