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Mercer and Bucks County Colleges Sign Unique Program-Sharing Agreement

Mercer and Bucks County Community Colleges have approved a program-sharing agreement that enables students to take advantage of academic programs not offered at their home schools.

A Bucks student interested in Aviation Flight

Technology, or eleven other Mercer associate degree majors not offered at Bucks, can now pursue the degree at Mercer. The tuition rate will be the same as charged to out-of-county New Jersey residents instead of the higher rates charged to out-of-state residents. The same arrangement applies to Mercer students seeking a Fine Woodwork-

ing degree or one of six other Bucks degrees not offered at Mercer. The agreement also applies to four certificate programs at Mercer and three certificate programs at Bucks. Certificate programs are shorter in duration and prepare students for direct entry into career fields.

Students will be able to take required liberal arts or elective courses at their home school and then transfer credits to Bucks or Mercer to take the other requirements for their major.

MCCC President Dr. Robert Rose, left, and Bucks President Dr. James Linksz recently signed an agreement at Trenton-Mercer Airport that will make programs such as Mercer's Aviation Flight Technology available to Bucks County, PA, students at the in-state tuition rate.



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Honors Graduate Overcomes Visual Handicap, Speaks at MCCC Commencement



Jean Wallenstein Milfort will enter Rutgers College of Rutgers University this fall to study foreign languages, with the goal of becoming a teacher. Although music would be his first career choice, reading the small black notes on the page has become too difficult for him. Now legally blind, the 25-year-old honors graduate delivered the student address at commencement on May 30.

Milfort expressed gratitude to MCCC for helping him achieve his goals. "This institution shines above Mercer County," he said. Some of his comments drew cheers. "Don't use your college degree, your skills and confidence to put down a fellow. Rather use them to help others," he said.

While at Mercer, Milfort managed his academic load with the help of an electronic notebook and magnifying software. He offers high praise for Mercer's Office of Special Services, staffed with specialists and equipment designed to assist students with disabilities. At a recent conference for 300 high school students with disabilities held on Mercer's campus, Milfort gave a moving and inspiring speech about how Mercer can help them pursue their education. "I told them not to worry because there are people at Mercer who will help them," he said.

Milfort, who was born in Haiti, studies German, French, Spanish, and English in addition to his native Creole. Very active at Mercer, Milfort was secretary of the Educational Opportunity Fund Club, a DJ on the college radio station and a member of the Jazz Band. He was inducted into the Spanish honor society and included in Who's Who in Community Colleges. At his church Milfort is a pianist and organizes the youth choir.

According to Spanish Professor Steven Richman "Jean stands out among all the students of recent years...He compensates for poor vision by means of extreme diligence." Milfort says he doesn't dwell on his vision. "Whatever you say, I see it in my mind...I don't worry about it. As long as God gives me a way to deal with it, I am fine."

Dee Rosebrock to Manage New Corporate Conference Center

Mercer's Corporate Conference Center, to be completed in the fall of 2002, has an able and enthusiastic new manager, Dee Rose-



brock. She comes to Mercer with an extensive background in conference management and has big plans for the new center. "We will be offering a state-of-the-art meeting and training facility with

outstanding customer service," said Rosebrock. "And we will draw on the expertise of Mercer's corporate training staff to develop customized programs for our clients."

Prior to her appointment at Mercer, Rosebrock was assistant general manager of the Chauncey Conference Center in Princeton, where she directed a staff of 11. She spent nine years as director of the JFK Conference Center in Edison, establishing the center from the ground up and managing a large number of annual events.

"My background fits my current position perfectly," commented Rosebrock, who is a certified meeting planner. "I've been on both sides of the industry - developing training programs and supporting the actual events. I have a proactive approach and try to anticipate clients' needs before they even ask. I enjoy serving people."

Rosebrock also believes in a team approach. "It's important to empower the staff so that they come to feel like champions for a given client. We intend to develop a long list of repeat

customers."

While Mercer's new center will be competing with other conference facilities in the area, Rosebrock is firmly convinced that it will succeed. "We plan to make customer service our top priority and to be our clients' sole source for both training and quality meeting space." Rosebrock predicts that the majority of clients will be corporations, professional organizations, community-based organizations, and county and state government. There will be rentals for private functions as space allows.

Hard-hat tours of the conference center will begin in July, 2002, with occupancy scheduled for the fall. Bookings are being taken now for the January 2003 opening.

Among the center's facilities are: a 219-seat, multi-media conference-style auditorium; a large, flexible seating, multi-purpose conference room; five computer labs; five conference-style rooms; and breakout rooms. Architects for the project are Faridy Veisz Fraytak, P.C. of Trenton and GBQC of Philadelphia.

For more information contact Dee Rosebrock at (609) 586-4800, ext. 3269, email rosebroc@mccc.edu, or visit Mercer's website at www.mccc.edu.

Yardville National Bank First to Sponsor Conference Center

Yardville National Bank (YNB) has announced its sponsorship of the foyer in Mercer's new Corporate Conference Center, taking the first major naming opportunity. "We are happy to support Mercer, an innovative community college that provides for the educational needs of our workforce," said Bank President Patrick Ryan.

According to YNB's Chief Operating Officer, Timothy J. Losch, who serves as president of MCCC's Foundation Board, "MCCC is a vital community resource and as such, we want to make sure it is kept strong."

To learn more about naming opportunities at Mercer's sophisticated new center, call Dean for College Advancement Bill Mate at (609) 586-4800 ext. 3601.

Businesses Eligible for Free Training

Mercer's Center for Training and Development (CTD) is offering area companies a sweet deal. Through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor's Literacy Training Program, employers can obtain training for their employees in English as a second language, math on the job, computer literacy, improving communication, decision making, blueprint reading, team building, and conflict resolution. The program is open to businesses large and small.

The Department of Labor will provide companies with grants up to \$50,000 to upgrade their employees' basic skills. According to CTD Director Nunzio Cernero, Mercer will do the rest. "Once a company contacts us and describes its training needs, we will prepare the application, provide the training services and complete all reports required by the State," said Cernero. Depending on the size and facilities of the company, training may take place on site or on Mercer's West Windsor Campus.

Under the requirements of the grant, the Department of Labor pays for instruction and books while companies continue to pay employee salaries during training. Companies must ensure that appropriate workers are targeted for training and attend classes as assigned. All training must be completed within one year after the grant is signed.

For more information, contact Nunzio Cernero at (609) 586-4800, ext. 3279, or email nunz@mccc.edu.

Championship Flight Team Takes to the Air in Ohio

In an April competition at Trenton-Mercer Airport, MCCC's Flight Team qualified for the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) "Safecon" championships in Columbus, Ohio, this May.

The Vikings qualified by placing second overall in the Northeast Region VII finals, where they competed against four-year colleges. Coordinators were MCCC Teaching Assistant Diane Loving and Professor Joan Jones, with flight program coordinator Professor Joseph Blasenstein. The winning team was from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, NY.

Individuals competed for awards in ten separate ground and flying events, and team prizes were given in three categories: ground events, flying events and safety. Mercer's team, coached by Professor Jones, placed first in the flying events category, while RPI won the ground events, and Dowling College (Long Island, NY) earned the safety award.

Judges observed the entire competition, including how students worked with the planes, their safety procedures and the communication coordination of the team members. "The most coveted award is the safety award," Jones said. The competition was rescheduled from the fall because of September terrorism, Jones said.



Mercer County Community College's Flight Team. From left, standing, are Greg Evans, Sean Snead, Brian Olsen, Team Captain Professor Joan Jones and Jonathan Turman. In front are Hector Flores and Marcin Korona.



MCCC President Dr. Robert Rose, left, visits a radiology lab at The Medical Center at Princeton. With him are, from left, Dennis Doody, Medical Center president; Gregory A. Kaufmann, M.D., diagnostic radiologist; and Donald B. Samedi, an MCCC radiography student completing his practicum at Princeton.

The Medical Center at Princeton to Award Scholarships to MCCC Radiography Students

With the Princeton shortage of radiography technicians in the region, the Medical Center at Princeton and MCCC have designed an agreement to address the need. Students who commit to working at the hospital after graduation will be eligible for scholarships from the Medical Center.

Six students per semester may re-

ceive these scholarships, which are awarded to cover tuition for up to 18 months of study. Scholarship winners would agree to employment at Princeton for the same length of time as the scholarship. For example, if the scholarship covers one year of study,

the student agrees to work at Princeton for one year. Students who have completed at least one full semester in the professional phase of the radiography program may apply.

Employment opportunities in the field are booming and are projected to grow through 2006. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, six of the country's fastest growing occupations are in the allied health fields. Average annual starting salaries are in the \$36,000 to \$41,000 range. Students in Mercer's associate degree program combine studies in general education and radiography with supervised clinical experience in area hospitals. Graduates are employed at hospitals, clinics, diagnostic imaging centers and private offices.

Sandra Kerr, associate professor and

coordinator of Mercer's Radiography program, said students can pick and choose when it comes to job offers. She reports that for the ninth consecutive year all of Mercer's radiography graduates have passed the American Registry of Radiographic Technologists national board examination. Graduates either are continuing their education in radiation therapy or have taken jobs in the field.

In conjunction with the degree program, last year Mercer's noncredit division began offering a Magnetic Resonance Imaging Clinical Fellowship Program to fill the need for professional development and to prepare students for the MRI certification examination.

Mercer's James Kerney Campus: A Trenton Stakeholder

A community is only as strong as the sum of its parts. In downtown Trenton, one of those parts is Mercer's James Kerney Campus (JKC) at North Broad and Academy Streets.

"We are stakeholders in Trenton's future," said Dr. Beverly Richardson, JKC Provost since 1986. "This campus is a pillar of Trenton, a permanent institution that strengthens the surrounding community."

Kerney shares this role with other organizations in the Old Trenton Neighborhood, as the JKC area is known, including the YWCA, the Trenton City Library, the Latino Land Trust, Isles, Inc., and others. "Mercer is part of a neighborhood. The new Marriott Hotel is right up the street. Five or six new restaurants have opened in the area in the last two years. There are four churches within minutes," said Richardson.

The local community embraces Mercer's presence. At a recent breakfast of 65 community leaders hosted by Mercer, the discussion emphasized the power of education to transform the city. Among the group's suggestions were expanding degree and career training programs at JKC, developing stronger partnerships with area churches and libraries, and increasing JKC's lunchtime offerings.

Programs for "Nontraditional" Students

In addition to its role as a good neighbor in Trenton, Mercer plays an invaluable role for the county and state. While the Kerney campus teaches tradi-

tional students – those who come from high school seeking their associate degree or career certificate – its unique mission is to provide a helping hand to "nontraditional" students.

According to Richardson, Kerney now serves over 1,000 of these students annually with academic enrichment programs including adult basic education, English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction, and bilingual instruction. "The enrollment is up," she said. "Many students are referred to JKC either through the city, county or state, or Trenton area organizations. We have the programs they need."

Two federally-funded training programs prepare students for the workforce: the **Career Training Institute (CTI)**, under coordinator Robert Estok, and the **Workforce Readiness Program** under Delores Eleazer. Those who are enrolled in CTI can pursue either Office Automation or Culinary Technology. According to Estok, 128 people have been served through CTI since September. "There is open entry. There are always some students starting and some finishing up." The majority of students opt for Office Automation, typically remaining in the program for nine months.

Workforce Readiness is the first step for adult clients who must refocus and redirect their careers. "We take a holistic approach," said Eleazer. "We look at where the students are when they come to us and where they need to go. We offer career counseling and teach job search and job readiness skills, including how to get a job and

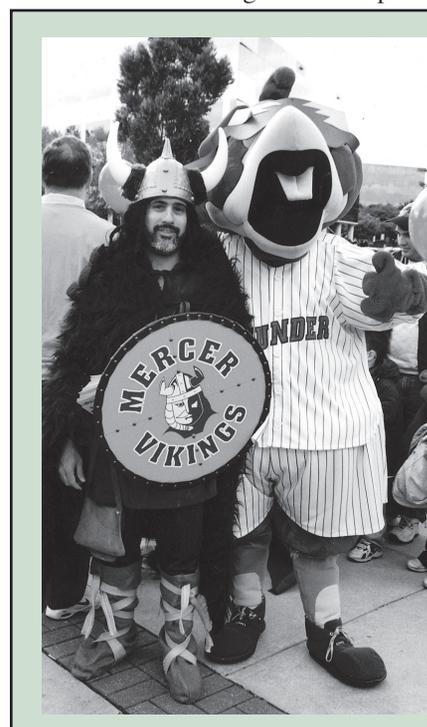
how to keep it." Monthly seminars feature topics such as dressing for success, physical fitness, stress reduction, family planning, interviewing, housing, and 401K plans. The program has served 140 clients since September.

After completing the Workforce Readiness program, clients are referred to a job, where they are tracked for 90 days after placement, or to the CTI at Mercer. "We work directly with the New Jersey Department of Social Services and the Department of Labor," said Eleazer. "We are connected with 60 to 80 agencies. These students have access to a real network through us."

The Career Training Institute reports

a 95% job placement rate for its grads. "Even in a slow economy, there are still clerical and administrative positions," said Estok. He recalls a recent grad who is currently earning \$30,000 as a medical coding and billing clerk at Capital Health Systems; another has been hired in events planning at the Trenton Marriott. "We have great contacts with staffing agencies," he said. "Even short-term positions are a way to get in the door. Sometimes our former students hire our current graduates. A student who graduated four years ago is now an office manager looking to hire."

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The Mercer Viking (played by MCCC Graphic Designer Francis Paixao) and numerous Mercer volunteers greeted over 7,000 baseball fans at Trenton's Waterfront Stadium on "MCCC Night" May 18. Trenton Thunder fans received Mercer koozies (cup warmers), pens and brochures, and saw a new video presentation. Thunder mascot "Boomer" is at right.

Are you a Mercer Alumnus?

Alumni Association Ready To Grow

A group of Mercer friends is bringing renewed life to the MCCC Alumni Association under the leadership of Dean for College Advancement Bill Mate. Their goal is to plan future events and connect with many "lost" Mercer graduates. At their spring meetings committee members discussed possibilities for future events.

If you are a former Mercer student or graduate, the committee is asking for your current mailing address and email address. They would also like to know what you are doing these days and to invite you to participate in future alumni activities. To respond, please fill out our Alumni Survey, either online at www.mccc.edu or printed here.

COME HOME THIS FALL!

Join us for MCCC's Alumni Association Homecoming. We welcome all former students back to campus for a fun day of meeting old and new friends. On tap for the day will be a 5K run, Mercer men's and women's soccer games, and baseball and softball exhibition games. Be sure to fill out our alumni survey on this page so we can invite you. Don't miss it!



Members of the newly formed MCCC Alumni Association get together with President Robert Rose, left. They are, from left, Barbara Zelenak, Lillian Amadeo, Dee Amrick, Bonnie Baker, Jeff Callahan, Jeremy Parry, Helene Plank, MCCC Career Counselor Jack Guarneri, and Dan Klim. Not pictured are members Jane Foy, Janice Miller and Dan Posluszny.

New Alumni Tee Shirts For Sale

Hot off the presses are new "Mercer Alumni" tee shirts in white or grey. To order a shirt call (609) 586-4800 ext. 3601 or send in the form below. Make checks payable to "The MCCC Alumni Association," Foundation Office, AD 250, P.O. Box B, Trenton, NJ 08690.

Number of shirts requested _____

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HAS MERCER MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE?

We want to hear from you! Your reply to our brief survey will help current and future students. Please return this form to the address below or fill it out online at www.mccc.edu (click on "survey").

Have you taken two or more courses at MCCC? _____ Yes _____ No

What types of courses did you take: _____ Credit _____ Non-credit _____ Both

Would you recommend MCCC to a friend or relative? _____ Yes _____ No

What is your highest level of education?

_____ Certificate Program _____ Associate Degree

_____ Bachelor's Degree _____ Graduate Degree

What is your current profession or job title?

Where are you currently employed? _____

Did Mercer help you achieve your goals? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you willing to: (check all that apply):

_____ offer career advice to a current student?

_____ be placed on the alumni newsletter mailing list?

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Additional Comments?

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In Memory

Louis Draper, Photographer and Professor

Louis Draper, a much-exhibited and published photographer and a beloved photography professor at Mercer, died in February after a short illness. Draper coordinated Mercer's Photography program since 1982. He was the founder of the Kamoinge Workshop, a ground-breaking collective of African-American photographers who first began exhibiting and publishing together in 1963.

Draper held a master's of fine arts from the New York University Institute for Film and Television. He also studied screenplay writing at the Frederick Douglass Creative Arts Center before joining the MCCC staff. In recent years Draper's photography was exhibited at the Peddie School, Lawrenceville School and the Trenton Artists Workshop Association. He exhibited in

Moscow during a visit there.

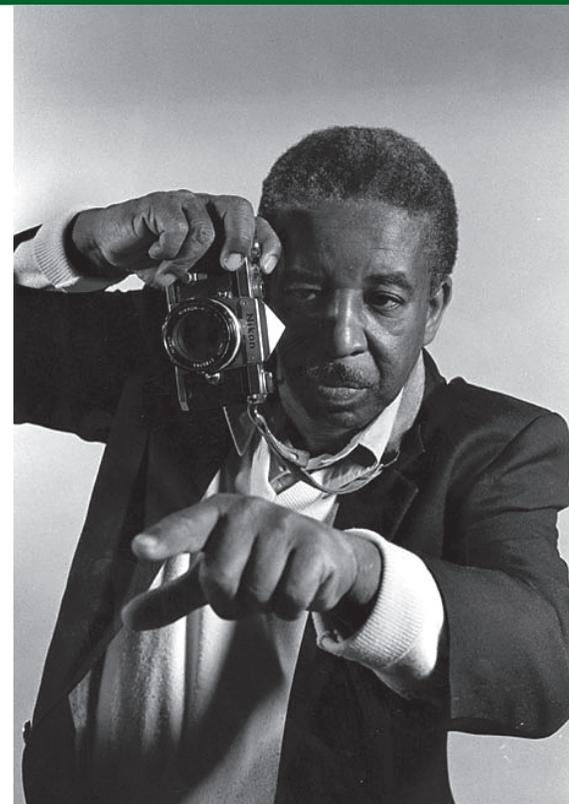
Among the famous people who posed for Draper were civil rights activists Fanny Lou Hamer and Malcolm X, and poet Langston Hughes. His photos reached a national audience in magazines such as *Essence*, *Camera*, and *The Black Photographers' Annual*. They also appeared in *An Illustrated Bio, Bibliography of Black Photographers*, *Popular Photography Annual*, *Caps*, *Ten Photographers' Works* and many other collections.

In 1998 Draper was selected by his peers to receive Mercer's Distinguished Teaching Award. Observed MCCC's Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Thomas Wilfrid, "Draper conducted himself with a quiet dignity. He was one of the most patient among us and always had time for others who

Draper's Photography to be Preserved

Area artists, including former students of Louis Draper, donated original works of art for an auction on May 19 to raise money for the production of a book about Draper's photography. Draper's friends at Mercer, committed to preserving his important photographic art, joined together with the Trenton Artists Workshop Association (TAWA) to sponsor the book's production. Profits from book sales will go to the Louis H. Draper Memorial Scholarship for Photography Fund.

For further information call Linda Decker-DeBlois at 609-586-4800, ext. 3350.



A Place Called Happiness



Is it possible to create a state of enduring well-being in a troubled world? According to Mercer Professor **Dori Seider, Ph.D.**, the answer is yes, and she suggests a pathway in her new book, *A Place Called Happiness*.

Dr. Seider, a Mercer faculty member for 31 years, draws from her own life experiences and those of her mother, friends and students in this concise, readable book. "My students asked for this book to be written," said Seider. "Year after year, in my 'Psychology of Stress' course, they wanted to know how to create happiness in their own lives."

Seider identifies three states of consciousness that affect one's happiness. There are internal barriers to happiness that Seider calls the "obstructed self," the voice inside that is self-critical,

excessively guilty and depleted of energy. The "rebuilding self" focuses on self-worth and new possibilities, using crises and conflicts to propel personal growth. The "essential self" is a place of harmony, stability and strength that is at the core of each of us.

With a master's degree in psychology and a doctoral thesis that focused on the colonized psyche and colonized self – or how one can lose who one really is – Seider believes that she had been preparing to write the book for a long time. Seider has spoken about her new book to a number of organizations and is teaching a noncredit course, "Creating Happiness," based on it. She reports that the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

The ideas presented in *A Place Called Happiness* are even more relevant post-September 11, says Seider, as people try to regain their equilibrium. "There are events that are life-changing. You adjust your sense of reality and work to rebuild your essential self."

Seider emphasizes her underlying belief that everyone can live happier lives. "I'm not suggesting that people can be happy at all times. But the people I've dedicated this book to are those who struggle, who care deeply, who are highly sensitive. To become happy you must overcome sadness. You must create the magic and beauty in your own life."

For more information about *A Place Called Happiness*, visit www.Xlibris.com or call 1-888-795-4274.

James Kerney Campus *continued from page 3*

Partnering with the Trenton Board of Education

Mercer assists middle and secondary school students through several federally funded programs. **Upward Bound** helps high school students prepare for college. **Project SMILE** stimulates the interest of minority youngsters in math, science and data processing. **Talent Search** encourages achievement in students with academic potential, some as young as 12. Students from Trenton High School can take courses at JKC not available at their school, which the high school counts as honors classes; 31 students did so this year.

"We are well connected with the Trenton school system," said Richardson. Estok is currently working with school officials to set up paid internships for students. "Our goal is to keep these high school students on track to graduate and to help them develop skills to get a job and/or go on to college. We need to make these students fully aware of the opportunities available to them if they go on to Mercer or pursue training through the Career Training Institute," said Richardson. **Kerney Campus' Role in Trenton's Economic Future**

Clearly proud of the Kerney Campus' contributions to the lives of Trenton residents, Dr. Richardson is eager to embrace new opportunities that are likely to come as Trenton's redevelopment gains momentum. In the recently published report, "Trenton Community-Based Schools Master Plan," prepared for the Department of Housing and Economic Development, the revitalization of the city's public schools is a central component of the city's overall

redevelopment proposal.

Mercer figures significantly in this plan. A new "Twilight" high school is planned for a site across the street from JKC. The Twilight program, which is currently housed in another section of the city, addresses the needs of adult students who do not fit the typical high school niche. "This is the same population of 'nontraditional' students that JKC has successfully served for many years," said Richardson. The Twilight school's proximity to the Kerney campus will provide many opportunities for reciprocal learning and utilization of Mercer's expertise. "We want to help create a high school where adults can get turned on to learning," she noted.

Kerney is also helping to support Trenton's tourism initiatives. The new Trenton Marriott has hired a number of Mercer grads. Last year the Career Training Institute trained 158 Trenton taxi drivers in customer service – their appearance, attitude, and the cleanliness of their cabs. In an upcoming program, CTI will train city restaurants in sanitation.

Said Richardson, "As the tourism industry in Trenton continues to grow, JKC will be called upon to supply a well-educated, well-trained stream of employees and to provide specialized training as the need arises. We are more than willing to do our part."

"The Roaring Twenties" Scholarship Gala a Huge Success

Guests were greeted by Mercer students handing out headbands, boas and men's black top hats as "The Roaring Twenties" Scholarship Gala commenced at the Hyatt Regency on March 2. The elegant evening featured a silent auction of original artwork, dancing, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. Participants' party spirits did not hide the underlying purpose of the event, to raise scholarship funds for deserving students who might not otherwise have the opportunity for a college education.



The enthusiastic gala committee was chaired by Richard Perlman of Borden Perlman Insurance and Jamil Faridy of Faridy Veisz Fraytak, P.C. Bill Mate, dean for college advancement, spearheaded ef-

orts for the administration with the help of Elaine Stout, administrative assistant.



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The 2002 "Spirit of Education Awards"

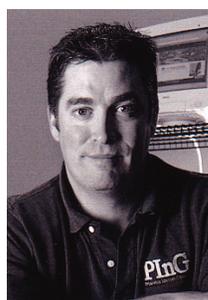


Alex Gorsky, president of Janssen U.S., part of the Johnson and Johnson family of companies, was honored as a "Distinguished Corporate Friend." Janssen and J&J have made possible a shuttle service that transports young Trenton students to corporate headquarters for tutoring and also links Mercer's downtown Trenton and suburban campuses. Company staff members serve as mentors and tutors to young Trenton students through a major grant that encourages interest in science. At Mercer's James Kerney Campus, Janssen's support provided for the complete renovation of the science laboratory.



Dr. Yong Sup "Sam" Sim, MCCC professor emeritus, received the "Distinguished Benefactor Award" for his annual endowment of three scholarships. Sim taught library services and library technology for 27 years at Mercer. He gives generously as a way of thanking Mercer for helping him accomplish his lifetime dreams. Before coming to the U.S. in 1964, Sim taught in Korea. A graduate of Atlanta University with a master's degree in Library Science, Sim earned his Ed.D. from Nova University. He and his wife are owners and operators of Store and Lock Self Storage in Burlington County.

Alumnus **John J. Veisz**, AIA, architect, of Faridy Veisz Fraytak, received a "Distinguished Alumnus Award." A 1977 Architecture graduate, Veisz transferred his Mercer credits to Kent State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree. Today he counts over 20 years as a project architect, manager and designer, with experience in private educational projects, large residential developments, and numerous educational, municipal and library facilities. He has also taught as an adjunct in MCCC's Architecture program. Faridy Veisz Fraytak is an architect for MCCC's Corporate Conference Center.



Alumnus **Mark Meara**, president and CEO of the Princeton Internet Group (PiNG), also received a "Distinguished Alumnus Award." Now seven years old, PiNG provides consulting, Internet and other new media services. Meara, a 1983 graduate, serves such major clients as New Jersey Transit, Liz Claiborne and The Limited. He earned his bachelor's degree from Thomas Edison State College and his master's degree at Central Michigan University. A popular teacher at Mercer, Meara has served as a consultant for the college on Internet and web strategies. He also teaches for Central Michigan University and Thomas Edison State College.



Gala speaker Joann Mia '00, who graduated from Rider University this May, had a rough start in life. A few years ago she would not have imagined being where she is today. Back in 1995, on the advice of a counselor, Mia enrolled in MCCC's Career Training Institute at the James Kerney Campus, and her life was turned around.

Mia did so well in her studies that she began taking credit classes at Mercer, with much academic success. She credits Mercer with making her education possible financially through federal, state, Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) and other scholarship funding.

While at Mercer, Mia was chosen to receive the MCCC Human Relations Award. After graduating in 2000 with a degree in Humanities and Social Science, Mia transferred all of her credits to Rider. A strong desire to give back to her community prompted Mia to major in education.

"My entire experience with faculty, staff and fellow students at Mercer County Community College was a blessing," Mia said. "MCCC supported me through counseling, tutoring, motivational workshops, leadership training and



Getting into the spirit of the 1920s are MCCC Foundation Board Members Rafael Sharon, second from left, and Jamil Faridy, second from right. With them, from left, are Mercer staffers Barbara Marx, Elaine Stout, Danielle Garruba (kneeling), Lynn Holl and



Don Tretola, left, of Public Service Electric and Gas Company with Delores Eleazer of MCCC, John Harmon of the Metropolitan Trenton African American Chamber of Commerce, and Suzanne Svizeny of First Union Bank. Public Service and First Union each gave \$10,000 gold sponsorships to support student scholarships.



At left, Connie Maglione, president of MCCC's Board of Trustees with Allen Silk, Esq. of Stark and Stark, a Mercer Foundation Board member.



At left, surrounding "Big Tony's Rules" are representatives of Merrill Lynch, from left, Steve and Helene Garcia and Diane and Frank Procaccini.



President Robert Rose and his wife Linda with Jeannine and Scott Kent of Wawa, a silver sponsor. Festive centerpieces were donated by Wawa.

Commencement 2002

Mercer's All-State Academic Team Members



President Robert Rose congratulates Nichole Csizmadia (center) and Emily Jacobs, the two May honors graduates who were selected to be part of the All-State Academic Team, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for community colleges. They were honored by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges at a banquet in May, joining with the best and brightest statewide.

Csizmadia majored in Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management (HRI). She will pursue her bachelor's degree at the University of Delaware this fall through an agreement that enables students in the HRI program to take distance learning courses and MCCC courses that

apply to their bachelor's degree.

Jacobs is a Humanities and Social Sciences major who has been accepted to the University of Pennsylvania. She served as vice president of Phi Theta Kappa and president of the Alpha Mu Gamma foreign language honor society. She received the 2002 Student Human Relations Award at Mercer.

Andrew Wright Sweeps Awards

Presenters at the Honors Convocation brought Andrew Wright to his feet several times. The Electronics Engineering graduate was presented with the Avner H. Fe-rester Memorial Scholarship in Physics, the Electronics Engineering Award, the Academic Affairs Award, and an Albert B. Kahn Scholarship. The President's List student (perfect 4.0 average) will continue his education in electrical engineering technology at the N.J. Institute of Technology.



Mother and Son Success at Mercer
Maureen King '00 celebrates graduation with her son, Eric Nissenbaum '02. King transferred her MCCC credits to Rutgers University, where she earned her BA with highest honors. She is now pursuing her master's degree. Nissenbaum, a President's List scholar, served as president of the Student Government Association and was awarded the Student Services Leadership Award. He will major in education at Rutgers.



JAMES KERNEY CAMPUS RECOGNIZES ACHIEVEMENT

Beverly Richardson, left, provost of Mercer's James Kerney Campus, led ceremonies on May 14 to honor the academic achievements of students at the downtown Trenton campus. With her, from left, are student speakers Germaine Lee and Joseph Geraci, MCCC Board President Connie Maglione, President Robert Rose, and student speakers Johnetta Moore and Claudio Retamal. Recognized were those who completed associate degree or certificate programs and graduates of the noncredit Career Training Institute, General Educational Development Program, Adult Basic Education Program and English Language Institute.

Alumnus "Hand Picks" Horticulture Students to Join His Team

Dolph Geurds, owner of Cobalt Design, Inc., has a rare opportunity to get to know his potential employees before he hires them for his landscape design and construction firm. As an adjunct professor in the Horticulture program at Mercer, he can hand pick the top students for his company. In fact, all of Cobalt's eight designers – including himself – hail from Mercer.

"It works out really well," said Geurds, who teaches courses in herbaceous plants and landscape planning at Mercer. "I have these students in class. I can see their talents and know if they have something to add to my firm."

Geurds completed his AAS degree in Ornamental Horticulture with honors in 1995 and then transferred to Rutgers, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture. "All my credits transferred and the education I received at Mercer was an excellent stepping stone," he said. "Mercer is a great resource."

Geurds notes that his career direc-

tion was set from early childhood. "I planted my first cucumber when I was four. I've had a vegetable garden all my life," he said. He was drawn to Mercer because of the college's strong Horticulture program.

During his college years Geurds worked at a local nursery, gathering meaningful experience in the practical end of the landscaping business. By 1999 he was ready to go out on his own. And by April of 2002, when he took over the space that formerly housed Robbinsville Hardware, he was able to bring Mercer's best with him.

Geurds' firm gives his employees plenty of opportunity to branch out and grow. "Our goal for our clients is to develop a landscaping solution that's right for their property and their budget," he said. "We create unique, sustainable landscapes that require little maintenance and provide great longevity. We handle the entire project – from planning through installation – to produce an outdoor environment that matches



All eight designers of Cobalt Design, Inc., are graduates of MCCC's Horticulture program. From left are Marybeth Hall, owner Dolph Geurds, Carole McCollister, Sheila Blackwell, Peter Jamet, Merry Martin, Polly Burlingham and Chris Field.

clients' ideals and lifestyles." Among Cobalt's services are specialty gardens, outdoor kitchens, irrigation systems, pool design, grading and drainage. A retail garden boutique opens in the fall.

For Geurds, Mercer is more than a

great place to find talented employees. He met his wife Patricia there seven years ago. They welcomed their first child, Hayden, in April.

'99 Grad Completes University of Delaware Degree Through Mercer

Jamie Fasanella made a shrewd business decision before she even graduated from Mercer's Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management (HRI) program in 1999. She decided to be one of the first MCCC students to take advantage of a unique agreement forged with the University of Delaware in 1998.

The new initiative enabled Fasanella to earn her bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware (UD) by completing 30 additional credits at Mercer and her final 30 credits through videotaped UD classes.

Originally planning to get her chef's degree, Fasanella decided she didn't have the required passion for cooking, and chose instead to focus on hospitality management. "I had always planned to get my bachelor's degree. When I heard about the Delaware program, I decided to take my first course even before I finished up my Mercer degree," explained Fasanella.

That was a good idea, according to Mercer's HRI coordinator, Douglas Fee. "I want students to find out if they will be successful in the 'virtual' learning environment," he said. Most homework assignments and exams for UD courses are completed through the mail and email.

Fasanella says the joint program "definitely worked for me. Mercer was very convenient and great from a financial standpoint. I really liked my HRI professors. They were friendly

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and very helpful." Fasanella found her internship at the Doral Forrestal particularly useful. Mercer requires a 250-hour internship, which for Fasanella also counted towards Delaware's requirement of 800 hours. "I worked as an agent at the front desk," she said. "It was a great insight into the industry."

Fasanella's only trip to Delaware came during her last class, worth six credits, when she spent one very busy week there. "It was an intense learning experience. There were five of us. We visited different establishments, created a training video, and did a cooking demonstration." In the end she received her B.S. in Hospitality Management from Delaware, the same degree earned by those who spend four years on the Delaware campus – and paid \$33,000 less. She is now pursuing her master's in business administration at Rider University.

Fee says twelve Mercer students are currently following in Fasanella's footsteps. "If you want to be in management, it often becomes necessary to get the bachelor's degree," he said.

"With the addition of this arrangement with Delaware, Mercer's HRI program offers practically every option you could ask for in the field," said Fee. These options include AAS degrees in Hotel, Restaurant and

Institution Management and in Chef Apprenticeship, and certificates in Catering Management, Professional Baking and Professional Cooking. Most or all credits transfer to the Delaware program.

Marano '90 Awarded Young Engineer of the Year



The Professional Engineers Society of Mercer County has selected Michael J. Marano, P.E. '90 as the 2002 Young Engineer of the Year. Marano is a lead highway engineer for Parsons Brinckerhoff - FG, Inc. His responsibilities include the design and coordination of multidisciplinary projects for such clients as New Jersey Department of Transportation, the County of Monmouth and the City of Trenton. In addition, he is active in mentoring and developing junior engineers, and has trained clients and staff in CAD software.

Marano graduated with honors from Mercer with an AAS degree in Civil Engineering Technology, receiving the Outstanding Graduate Award. He continued at Fairleigh Dickinson University with a full transfer of his Mercer credits, graduating in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology and earning the Engineering Technology Award. He is a registered professional engineer in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

"Mercer definitely played a big part in my success. It was a quality education for a great price – a huge value overall," said Marano. "The classes I took at Mercer were some of the most challenging I ever took. Mercer gave me the basic tools I needed to succeed in Civil Engineering Technology."



James Lewis '80 graduated from Mercer with an AAS in Electronic Engineering. He is currently employed by the U.S. Navy at Lakehurst as an electronics technician in the Northeast Regional Calibration Laboratory.



Peter Burns '83 is a plant engineer with Kayline Processing Inc., in Trenton, where he is involved with machine design, maintenance and environmental reporting. Mercer gave Burns an opportunity to explore his options.

"My story is long...I spent a year in the Mechanical Engineering Technology (MET) program and a year in the Engineering Science program. I then joined the Navy for six years, got out, and completed my degree in the MET program [at NJIT].

"The MET program at MCCC turned out to be the way to go for me because I gained a lot of technical skills. These are skills I use in my current job. I did not realize how good my Mercer education was until I got out in the workplace," said Burns. In addition to his position with Kayline, Burns is a part-time instructor at the Mercer County Vocational Technical School, teaching mechanical systems and process piping.

"I love MCCC. It may sound corny, but I felt 'at home' at Mercer," he said.

David Metelow '87 is the supervisor of education at South Woods State Prison in Bridgeton. He supervises all academic and vocational programs for inmates, including MCCC's Project Inside, along with recreation and legal access. He joined the Department of Corrections staff as a teacher in 1989 after completing his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and master's in Special Education from The College of New Jersey. He has a supervisor's certificate and is currently enrolled in the Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant program at Rowan University.

Sandra Vladyka '90 has joined the South Bound Brook Police Department, the first female officer in the department's 71-year history. She is a Special Class II police officer. Previously she worked for the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Department and as a corrections officer at the Hunterdon County jail. She graduated from the Police Academy in 2001.

Sean Kerins '94 has joined the police force in Lawrence Township following graduation from the Police Academy. He attended Rider University and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He is a trained paramedic and received training in advanced life support at St. Vincent's Hospital in NYC. Previously Kerins worked for the New York City Fire Department in the hazardous materials unit and as a paramedic. He also worked as a paramedic for Plainsboro and Lawrence townships and for a private ambulance service.

Heather Patterson '96 graduated from

Mansfield University with a BA in anthropology. She is currently living in Portland, Maine, where she works as an alcohol and drug counselor for youth.

Vincent Amabile '97 has joined the Hopewell Township Police Force. He is a graduate of the Ocean County Police Academy and was previously employed by the Seaside Park and Jamesburg police departments.

Delores Amrich '00 is an elementary and special education teacher in Ewing Township. She said, "MCCC is a perfect foundation. There are excellent advisors who are very encouraging and always there to help."

Janice Miller '00 is chief of staff for Assemblyman Gary Guear of the 14th Legislative District, a post she has held since December. Prior to her position with Guear, she spent 19 years assisting Hamilton Mayor Jack Rafferty.



Miller decided it was finally time to attend college when her daughter left home for Syracuse University in 1995. "My daughter said, 'Mom, you've always wanted to get your degree.' She really pushed me," recalled Miller, who worked full-time while her husband, Paul, now a juvenile detective with the city of Trenton, pursued his degree at Mercer, graduating in 1971.

Miller chose to major in Special Education, a lifelong dream. She

graduated in 2000 with honors, along with her niece and nephew. She recalls many of her Mercer professors as truly dedicated. "My professors were always willing to answer any question. They would come in early or stay after. Professors gave you the feeling they were there for you any time."

Miller has put her degree to use as a substitute teacher and in the beginner sewing classes she teaches at the Hamilton Township Adult School. She also uses her Mercer education in the office. "The skills I learned at Mercer have been very helpful when I deal with the public. It's necessary to relate to people at their level of understanding. You have to explain the issues, just like you would do as a teacher," she said.

When Miller retires from politics, she plans to answer the desperate need for substitute teachers and devote herself full-time to the classroom.

Toni Marie Pagliarini '00 has joined the staff of the DeMarco-Luisi Funeral Home in Vineland as a funeral director. In addition to earning her degree in Mortuary Science from Mercer, she attended Gloucester County College. She previously worked as a pharmacy technician.

Big Bird and Friends Grow at Mercer

Plant physiology, landscape architecture and Big Bird? Mercer's horticulture students studied all three subjects this spring when they cheerfully participated in creating topiaries of Big Bird, Grover and Elmo for a joint project with Sesame Place, the famous Bucks County theme park.

Chris McCarron, manager of landscaping at Sesame Place for 22 years and a 1976 graduate of MCCC's Horticulture program, suggested the project. With fond memories of his time at Mercer, McCarron was interested in reconnecting with the college. Initially he offered Sesame Place field trips for students to learn about the park's landscaping program. When it came time to begin this year's "topiaries" featuring Sesame Street characters, McCarron again called program coordinator Amy Iseneker with the idea of involving students. "We have formed a perfect circle of information," McCarron said. "We share and pool our resources. The enthusiasm is high."

McCarron and his assistant, Dawn Kern, visited with the students several times to oversee and demonstrate the project. "We wanted it to be an opportunity for students to learn something that otherwise would never be taught at the college level," McCarron said. Using wire frames supplied by Sesame Place, the students set up irrigation systems for each topiary. Frames were stuffed with spagnum moss, then planted with plugs of variegated and plain ivy and begonias. Once the plants grew and filled out, the students learned how to shear them. They maintained the figures until the park opened in May. "The topiaries are an opportunity for parents and children to begin a discussion about growing things," McCarron said. "The children love them."

After McCarron's graduation from Mercer he earned his bachelor's degree at Delaware Valley College, and then did graduate study at the University of Pennsylvania. "My time at Mercer was probably the best college experi-



Horticulture students Amy Praria, left, and Katie Houseworth show off a living Grover they and their classmates created for Sesame Place.

ence I had in terms of enjoyment," he said. "The quality of the professors was key. They were super enthusiastic."

McCarron has offered several Mercer students a bonus — landscaping internships at the famous park. "It's an

enriching experience for our students," Iseneker said, "and it's a great opportunity for them to get theme park experience, which isn't easy to find."

Women's Tennis Team: National Champs Again

Before heading off to the NJCAA National Tournament in College Station, TX, Head Coach Marc Vecchiolla sat down with Assistant Coaches Ralph Bencivengo and Barb Pleva and planned on paper their winning strategy. As it turned out, the Mercer women's tennis team won every close match and every single flight it needed to win. "Everything that could happen for us did," said Vecchiolla. The national title is the Vikings' third in five years under Vecchiolla. They came in second the other two years.

He notes that the tournament was highly competitive, making the victory even sweeter. "There were seven teams, and no pushovers," said Vecchiolla. "Every match was a nail biter." Several key matches were come-from-behind wins.

Losing the No. 4 singles and No.

1 doubles player from the fall season, Vecchiolla decided against moving everybody up one slot. Instead he kept his players in their positions and filled in with less experienced players where necessary and hoped for the best. The strategy worked as Mercer scored 25 points, edging out the Fashion Institute of New York by one point.

Mercer won five of the nine flights. Janine Hicks (#3), Jill Matasovsky (#5) and Yating Hsu (#6) won singles titles as did Sarah Bucon and Hicks in second doubles, and Hsu and Matasovsky in third doubles. Also putting in an outstanding effort were Team Captain Barbara Pal (#1), Melissa Eisenstein and Mai Fujita.

Vecchiolla reports that the women were thrilled with the win, particularly the four returning players from last year's squad which had failed to win the



National champs (left to right): Asst. Coach Ralph Bencivengo, Mai Fujita, Barb Pal, Ya-Ting Hsu, Sarah Bucon, Jill Matasovsky, Asst. Coach Barb Pleva and Head Coach Marc Vecchiolla. Not pictured, Janine Hicks and Melissa Eisenstein.

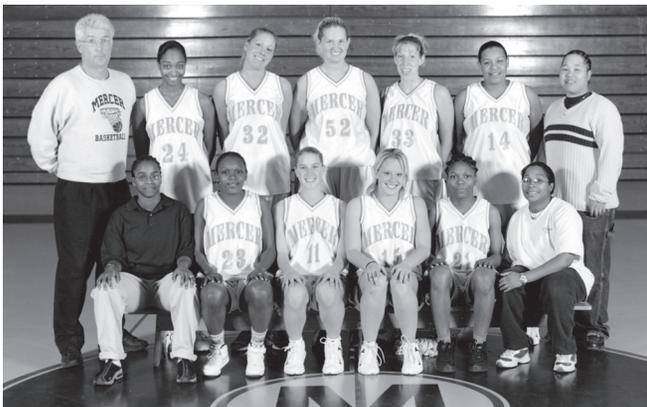
title by just 1 1/2 points. Four players were named All-Americans: Bucon, who holds the record of most matches won in Mercer history (44), Hicks, Matasovsky and Hsu. They join 13 others who have been named to the All-American list in five seasons.

Vecchiolla notes that there will be many slots open on next year's team. "We don't want to scare people off with our national titles. As long as players have had tennis experience, we encourage them to come out," he said.

The women's basketball team delivered one surprise after another this season. At the outset they were touted as one of the top teams in the nation, and were looking forward to a strong season and another regional title.

The results were disappointing in the early going; at mid-season the Vikings' record was 6 – 7, due in part to injuries that kept the team from playing at full strength. But the second half showed that the Lady Vikes were made of tougher stuff as they delivered five straight wins and improved their record to 16 – 10. They entered the regional tournament as the fourth seed, facing Lackawanna in the semifinal game, a team they had lost to twice during the regular season. This time it was the Vikings' turn to deliver as they pounded out a decisive 62 – 51 win. They followed it with a 74 – 70 victory over Essex to take the Region 19 title for the fifth consecutive year.

MVP honors went to sophomore forward Atisha Fitch. Head Coach Mike Tenaglia, in his 12th season with the Vikings, credits his team with choosing the right time to peak and



avoiding costly injuries late in the season.

The team's trip to the nationals in Hagerstown, MD, marked the second time in four years that the Lady Vikes made the national play-offs. Their post-season run ended in the first round, however, with a 73 – 48 defeat to Mesa College.

Notable this year is that all players hailed from local high schools. Team stand-outs included freshman guard and leading scorer Kamika Harden, sophomore forward Atisha Fitch, and freshman point guard Ayesha Fitchett. They were joined by center Jen Elliott, forward Tara Brunner guard Katrina Smith, forward Jessica McManimon, guard Diana Spriggs, and guard Dina Palmieri, all with backup roles on last year's championship team. Fitchett and Harden were named to the Region 19 and All-Garden State Athletic Confer-

Head Coach Kelly Williams describes the Vikings' 77 – 76 loss to Morris County College in the semi-final round of the Region 19 tournament as the most difficult defeat the Vikings have faced in his three seasons at Mercer. "The bigger the game, the more the little things are important," said Williams. "We missed some foul shots and a few lay-ups, and those came back to haunt us." Mercer had lost to Morris twice during the regular season, but had hoped to come out victorious when it counted most.

Still, Williams has plenty of positive reflections on the 2001 – 2002 basketball season. "Each year the program improves," he said. The team's record was a solid 17 – 10. Highlights included a five-game winning streak in January and a 7 – 2 record during February.

Williams' hands-on approach has two very distinct goals. "At our level, education comes first, then basketball," he explained. "The most successful community college teams have a

high retention rate – from semester to semester and from freshman year to sophomore year. This season's squad had a high level of commitment in both areas."

Williams praised sophomore guard Joel D'Antignac and new recruit Knibye Tsombawi. "These kids enjoyed practicing and playing, and were very mature in their approach to classes and to basketball." He also singled out high scorer Stephen Butler, who practiced hard, played hard and "really made a commitment to the program."

Butler was named a third team All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association. He and sophomore forward Gabe Marshall were both named to the first teams of the All-GSAC and Region 19. D'Antignac was a second team Region 19 selection. Assistant coaches were Gary Williams and Tony Aviles.



With a 33 – 10 record on the regular season, the 2002 baseball team looked as good as any team that has come along at Mercer. Strong pitching and solid hitting resulted in some run-away victories against many lesser opponents and continued a tradition of excellence begun under Head Coach Dave Gallagher three years ago.

But that's where the "if only's" come in. The Vikings entered the Region 19 tournament as the second seed, posting a 7 – 1 regular season record against the other three teams in the tournament. In the opener, they had a decisive 15 – 7 win against the defending national champ, Del Tech. They followed it with a crucial win against Brookdale in the semifinal round, 11 – 2. They needed to beat Brookdale just one more time to win Region 19 and advance to the "Super Region" round before heading to the NJCAA World Series. Unfortunately the Vikings suffered a heartbreaking 12 – 5 loss in the championship game, and the season was over.

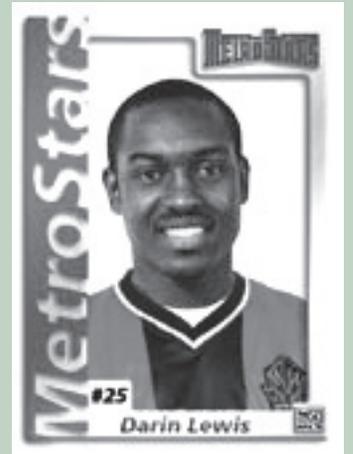
While there may not have been a title at season's end, high achievement was still the mark of this Vikings squad. The team's deep pitching staff was a key reason. No. 1 pitcher was sophomore Shaun Parker (6 – 1). Other pitching stand-outs included Josh Serfass (5 – 1) and Keith Cross (8 – 0), Tom Mower, Beau Burris, Nestor Reyes, Ed Francis and Tom Lagler. First baseman Pat Zegarski was lead scorer while second baseman Keith Guthrie, shortstop Bob Brundage, catcher Justin Potpinka, centerfielder Adam Rehl, rightfielder Chris Talar, leftfielder Jon Wetzel and third baseman Matt Vibronek all made solid defensive and offensive contributions to the team. Parker, Wetzel, Mower, Zegarski, and Guthrie were selected for the Region 19 and All-GSAC first teams; Cross was named to the All-GSAC team.

This year marked Head Coach Dave Gallagher's third successful and final season with the Vikings. He was ably

assisted by Randy Voorhees, Gary Shunk and Kip Harrison. Under Gallagher's leadership the team's record was 92 – 35 and included a trip to the NJCAA World Series in 2000. Twelve former players transferred to NCAA Division I, II and III programs. Several members of this year's squad are expected to do the same.

Former Mercer Star Is MetroStar

Darin Lewis ('98) has joined the MetroStars, the Major League Soccer team of the New York/New Jersey region. A forward, Lewis previously played for the minor league Portland (OR) Timbers. He was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player at the 2000 NCAA College Cup after leading the University of Connecticut to the national title. He helped Mercer to national JUCO final fours in 1997 and 1998.

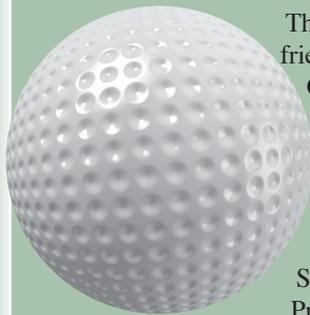


Head Coach Joanne Harrison went into the softball season with the idea that this would be a rebuilding year after last year's Region 19 title. So she and Assistant Coach Julie Ross were gratified by the team's tremendous heart and effort, which produced a 12 – 6 record at mid-season.

Unfortunately the effort could not sustain itself as injuries and a lack of pitching hurt the Vikings in the second half of the season. Their final record of 15 – 15 was just not enough to get them to the tournament this year. But the women had a great learning experience – including the lesson that winning a title is not the only sign of a successful season. There are also things like teamwork and camaraderie – and this team had them in large measure.

"A job well done" to the 2002 team: Michelle Yenchik, Katie Stefanidou, Amanda Friedman, and Caitlin Torre, all of whom were named to the Region 19 and All-GSAC first teams, and Kristen Dombroski, Laura Stackhouse, Christy Fityere, Jazmin Fuschini, Crystal Kish, Atisha Fitch and Ayesha Fitchett.

Mercer Golf Tournament Raises Funds for Athletic Scholarships



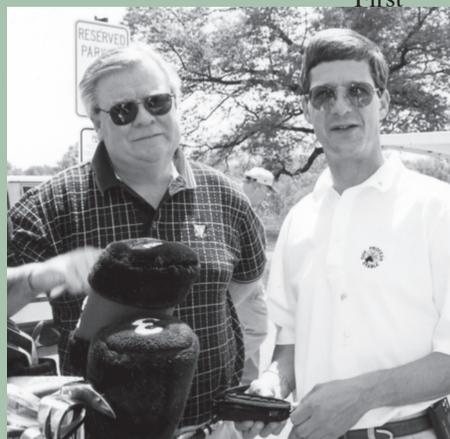
The MCCC Athletic Department welcomed 108 friends and supporters to its Eleventh Annual Golf Classic on May 6 at Olde York Country Club in Columbus. With a strong hint of summer in the air, golfers enthusiastically rounded the first-rate course, and continued the festivities in the evening at a gourmet awards banquet. Proceeds were donated to the MCCC Student Athlete Scholarship Fund.

Prizes and special contests awaited golfers on many holes, including a "presidential challenge" with MCCC President, Dr. Robert Rose. Said MCCC Dean for College Advancement Bill Mate, "The golf tournament enables us to spend an enjoyable day with the many corporate and individual supporters who help Mercer fulfill its academic mission throughout the year." Added Athletic Director John Simone, "This event directly benefits our sports program, which makes an important contribution to life at Mercer and to the students who participate." Last year 20 of Mercer's student-athletes transferred to four-year schools to continue their academic and athletic pursuits.

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The winning foursome was from Borden Perlman Insurance. Pictured with MCCC President, Dr. Robert Rose (center), are (left to right): Nic Messina, Doug Perlman, Paul McArthur and Tom Beer.



Participants in the MCCC Golf Classic included Timothy Losch (left) and Bill McDowell of Yardville National Bank. Losch is MCCC Foundation President, and McDowell served as the event co-chair along with Richard Simkus of the Simkus & Ventura Group.

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English Music Hall

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Oct. 4, 5, 6

The Rocky Horror Show

Oct. 18, 19, 25, 26, 27
(including midnight Oct. 19)

The Tamburitzans

Nov. 9, 10

Rumors

Nov. 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24

Annie

Nov. 29, 30;
Dec. 1, 6, 7, 8

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Cinderella Ballet

Sept. 21, 22

Pied Piper

Sept. 28

Good Driving, Amelia Bedelia & Other Storybooks

Oct. 12

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Oct. 19

The Sorcerer's Apprentice

Nov. 1, 2, 3

Jason and The Golden Fleece

Nov. 16

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Dec. 13, 14, 15

The Nutcracker Ballet

Dec. 21, 22

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