Message from the Interim President

As we enter the season of hustle and bustle, be sure to keep your balance. With the economic forecast a little on the dismal side, I found something that everyone could afford to give this holiday season — A smile!

A smile costs nothing, but it gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship.

It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature’s best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

(Solutions for the Real World)

Happy Holidays! And don’t forget to SMILE.

Diana R. Osborn

Wellness Wrap

Friday, December 19, Monday December 22 &
Tuesday, December 23
11:00-1:00 pm
Blue & Gold Room

The Healthy Lifestyle Committee would like to reduce your holiday stress again this season by wrapping your gifts for you.

New this year, everything is free! Whether you bring in your paper or we provide the paper for you, everything is free! We have paper, bows and name tags… sorry, no boxes or bags.

So, let us wrap your stress away!
Instructional Design Roadmap

Instructional design services are available to help you take your course to the next level by using technology to make it happen. I am available to work with faculty and adjuncts on an individual, small group, department, or seminar basis. Just ask! Tell us what you need to learn and we can help you learn it. Present a challenge to us, and together we can jump over the hurdle or find a solution that works for your teaching needs.

My services are available by appointment – at the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Office of Information Technology, or your office – in person or by phone or email. All faculty automatically have a Blackboard site for every course which makes working with your students in a collaborative way easily available to you.

Some of the technology that can make your course more interactive that are available at MCC include:

- Respondus – create learning games such as jeopardy-style games, flash cards, matching games and puzzles. You can also create word files to upload to Blackboard quizzes using Respondus!
- Captivate and Camtasia – create SCORM compliant learning objects that integrate with your Grade Center, even add audio to meet students’ various learning styles.

Visit the CTL website at www.muskegoncc.edu/ctl/ for more information on our services and opportunities.

The Grade Center in Blackboard is a very powerful tool for faculty with a great interface to Excel now. You can keep an eye on key events in your course using the Performance Dashboard. Create categories to arrange similar assignments in groups. If some of this intrigues you, contact me! If you have other ideas that you’d like to develop, share them with me and we can create something together.

Contact me: sarah.swart@muskegoncc.edu 231-777-0214 – Office hours are available to accommodate both adjunct and full time faculty schedules: M/Th/Friday 8am to 5pm; Tu/We 9am to 6pm. Other hours can be arranged upon request. I’m here to help you with your instructional technology needs, let me know how I can assist!

By Sarah Lelgarde Swart, Instructional Design Specialist Office of Information Technology and Center for Teaching and Learning

“Present a challenge to us, and together we can jump over the hurdle or find a solution that works for your teaching needs.”
Foreign Exchange Trip to Germany 2009

MCC is pleased to offer you a study abroad program to Germany. Now in its twelfth year, the program with Kaufmännische Schule Stuttgart Nord sends ten MCC students and faculty to Stuttgart in May. Last year the thirteen day exchange visited Berlin and Stuttgart. One day of the trip can be seen through the eyes of Willy Korpi, MCC student, at http://www.dw-world.de/popups/popup_single_mediaplayer/0,3607083_type_video_struct_9822_00.html?mytitle=The%2Breport%2Bas%2Bvideo%2Bon%2Bdemand. Are you interested? It’s not too early to be thinking about the 2009 trip. Contact Kathy Tosa at 777-0376.

The Global Awareness Festival is coming soon! Scheduled for February 9-13, 2009, this event will focus on Africa and bring the sights, sounds, tastes and stories of that area of the world to Muskegon. Watch your emails for the latest information.

Help Homeless Animals—Donate Food & Supplies

Our economic troubles have been hard on the animals, too. For National Animal Shelter Week, we’re collecting dog/puppy food, cat/kitten food, cat litter, cat beds, dog chew toys, used (but clean) pet beds, blankets, towels, & rugs, and anything else that will make their lives a little bit better.

Please drop off any items to Julie Weller in Room 1106 (Stevenson Center, ext. 461), by December 5th. Thanks for helping…and if you can, adopt a pet at one of our shelters or local rescue groups. Go to www.adoptapet.com to find a shelter near you!

Organized by MCC’s Healthy Lifestyle Committee

Second of Five

For five months, each issue of Campus Connections will list Five Things You Should Know about our accreditation self-study. Here’s the second list of five:

What the twelve self-study committees are doing for five semesters.

Fall 2008:
Gather evidence that will demonstrate the College meets the expectations of the twenty-one core components, standards given to us by the Higher Learning Commission.

Winter 2009:
Continue to gather evidence, begin to evaluate that evidence for both strengths and weaknesses, and create the first draft of the chapter each committee will write for the Self-Study Report.

Summer 2009:
Relax a bit! The first-draft chapters will be reviewed by the Steering Committee.

Fall 2009:
Revise chapters taking into account any additional evidence along with the Steering Committee’s feedback.

Winter 2010:
Submit final chapters and prepare supporting documents for the Self-Study Report and the resource room.

Sound like a lot of work? It is. Thanks once again from co-chairs Bob Ferrentino and Richard Doctor to our 85 volunteers doing this incredibly important task.

By: Richard Doctor
Inclement Weather

Muskegon Community College intends to be in full operation every scheduled class day. However, during extremely inclement weather, when it appears that the interests of all concerned will be best served by closing the College, appropriate announcements will be made over local radio and television stations. All announcements should be noted carefully as much as only morning, afternoon or evening classes may be canceled. Announcements will be made over the following radio and television stations:

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The closing of on-campus courses may not affect off-campus classes. MCC classes taught off-campus will be canceled based upon cancellation of classes by individual schools; i.e., Grand Haven, MCC Fremont Campus, Newaygo, Whitehall, etc. Classes and activities for Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Western Michigan University (University offices can be contacted directly at 777-0598) and Michigan Works Center in Holland may be canceled as determined by the individual campus. They may be canceled even though MCC remains open.

Severe Weather

When warned of a tornado or other severe weather conditions, staff and students should proceed to shelter areas outlined on the Severe Weather Poster, which is posted in each room of the campus. No one should leave the building under these circumstances.

The President is responsible for making the decision to have classes or to close during periods of adverse weather conditions or other emergencies. Every effort will be made to reach such a decision in time to inform radio stations, the MCC switchboard, maintenance and security personnel as early as possible. The decision will be based on the best information possible from weather forecasts, conditions on campus and in parking lots, and the status of roads over which students, faculty and staff must travel.

An announcement in the morning closing the College during the day does not necessarily mean evening courses and activities have likewise been canceled. A separate decision, usually made prior to 2:00 p.m., will be announced concerning evening credit and continuing education classes. An announcement, made during the day that evening classes have been canceled does not mean that the College is closed as of the announcement. Staff should work until their regular shift is complete. If MCC cancels courses on campus but not at one or more off campus sites, appropriate announcements will be made.

Evening

If, because of weather conditions during the day, evening classes and activities are canceled an announcement will be made prior to 2:00 p.m. whenever possible. All classes meeting at a designated time or later will not be held that night. The specific time will be determined based on weather conditions and class schedule. Such an announcement applies to all activities meeting on campus. Evening credit classes canceled because of bad weather must be made up. Such makeup classes will be scheduled and announced by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Faculty members are not authorized to cancel classes on their own because of weather conditions.

Information regarding inclement weather closings will also be available via the college recorded voice service (231-773-9131).

Updated November 2008
OBERBROOK ART GALLERY

“Posters by Tom Wedell and Nancy Skolos”
Nationally-known MCC alum and his wife exhibit award-winning examples of graphic design.

Through December 12
Gallery Hours
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday thru Friday

THEATER

“SHOOTING STARS”
by Molly Newman

OBERBROOK THEATER

The time is Christmas week, 1962, the place: a locker room in a rundown, small-town gymnasium, where a touring women’s basketball team, “The Shooting Stars,” is getting ready to face off against a local men’s team. The women clown around, disguising the fact that they are at least the equal of many of their opponents. After all, it is 1962, years before women achieved equality on or off the basketball court.

December 3, 4, 5 & 6
7:30 p.m.
December 7
3:00 p.m.
Recommended for ages 12 and up.

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MCC COLLEGE SINGERS
Sunday, December 7, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Holiday Concert
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
930 Creston Street – Muskegon
Concert is FREE – Donations Welcome
Phone: 231-777-0324 for more information

TICKETS:
Current Muskegon Community College Students/ Faculty/Staff/ Alumni - $5.00
Adults/Seniors - $10.00
Information or Tickets call: 231.777.0324
MCC Birthdays

December
- Tom Wolters 12/3
- Kathy Bates 12/4
- Bill Jacobks 12/4
- Amer Al-Saji 12/14
- Donella Cooper 12/19
- Jnai Wallace 12/24
- Theresa VanVeelen 12/24
- Anne Meilof 12/28
- Virginia Bagnieschi 12/29

January
- Lori Haggerty 1/1
- Beda Dubois 1/1
- William Miller 1/4
- Diane Krasnewich 1/6
- Dan Rypma 1/7
- Amelinda Trujillo 1/9
- Mary Williams 1/10
- Tim Norris 1/17
- Denise Passage 1/17
- Roger Stoel 1/17
- Harry Brown 1/19
- Ronnie Jewel 1/20
- Duane Schecter 1/20
- Scott Longmire 1/21
- Carolyn Kamerad 1/21
- Cindy Topping 1/22
- Sheila Wahamaki 1/23
- Jennifer Scharphorn 1/24
- Mary Tyler 1/27
- George Maniates 1/29
- Trynette Harps 1/30
- Carol Neal 1/30
- John Morano 1/30

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MCC’s Bulletin Board

Nursing Department Open House
Friday, December 5
3p—6p
Room 305 - 339

Come down and check out the remodeled Nursing Department