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# CALUMET



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Friday, September 23, 2011  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 14 Tailgate Party
- 20 College Transfer Day 9-12, Strahan Hall
- 21 United Way Day of Caring
- 27 Intramurals Mtg, 12-1 Larson 65
- 28 Freshman Student Senate elections, 9-1pm & 5-6pm in Strahan Hall
- 30 Open House for Hansen Hall, 3pm, The Villas

### OCTOBER

- 7 Welding Certif. class
- 20 Career Fair
- 21 Midterm
- 23 10th Annual Taste of Education @ Clarion, 4-6pm

### NOVEMBER

- 3-5 Fall play "Crimes of the Heart," 7:30 pm
- 6 Fall play "Crimes of the Heart," 2:00 pm
- 8 Advising Day-No classes
- 23 Staff Development Day - No classes
- 24-25 Thanksgiving break

### DECEMBER

- 15-19 Final Exams
- 20 Grades due by 5pm
- 20 Fall term ends
- 22 College closes at 3pm
- 12/23-1/2 College closed

## ATTENTION!

### Freshman Student Senate Elections

September 28  
9am - 12noon  
5-6pm  
Strahan Hallway

Please vote for YOUR college representatives!



MCC President Jeff Armstrong leads students, staff and faculty in singing "God Bless America," followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of the 9-11 terrorist attacks ten years ago.

Photo by Kimberly Sloan

## MCC gathers to remember

By Ashleigh Krantz



On Friday, September 9, 2011, Muscatine Community College held a remembrance ceremony to recognize the ten-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks that took

place on September 11, 2001.

Approximately forty members of the college's students, faculty, and staff gathered around the flag pole in front of Strahan Hall.

Upon arrival, each person was given a piece of paper with the lyrics to "God Bless America." The song was sung

at the end of the gathering, with some attendants visibly emotional.

The students and faculty who gathered also shared together in a moment of silence in order to remember what we lost that day, as well as what we have gained from the events that took place.

During the ceremony, the United States flag was placed at half-mast where it stayed throughout the September 11 weekend.

## The Kraken snakes its way to Hansen Hall

By Kimberly Dickens

Created by local artist and former MCC student Andrew Anderson, the Kraken has been "terrorizing" all of Muscatine.

It sneaked into the new dormitory and threatened to pelt residents with ping pong balls. Luckily, no one was injured.

Eventually, the beast was calmed by one resident's extensive collection of Kenny G.



The Kraken invades new dormitory Hansen Hall.

Photo by Kris Koch

## New dorm Hansen Hall promotes campus life

By Randal Cooper



Hansen Hall.

Named after Ron Hansen, a former economics instructor at Muscatine Community College, the dormitory was built to help house the rising number of students looking for a home on campus.

According to Bari Marshall, Housing

Manager, Hansen Hall was built with students in mind. There are 34 rooms capable of housing up to 80 students. Accommodations are available for both full-time and part-time students, although the demand for these living spaces is quite high.

Marshall says one factor creating demand for the rooms is the sports teams on campus. It is much easier for players to live on campus rather than travel home between games and events.

The new facility is equipped with a

fully stocked personal gym for students. It also holds a social media room for studying, as well as a laundry room and lounge area for students to relax. It also has vending machines and a ping pong table. The social room was used for a Jersey Shore party on September 8.

While the new facility offers students a chance to live on campus, Marshall sees another opportunity, one that will strengthen the college as a whole.

She said "The new dorms enable MCC to build campus life."

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### OUR MISSION

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The staff of the Calumet strives to report news and other articles of interest to MCC students, to employers, and to the Muscatine area. It is the goal of reporters and editors to seek and report news that is honest, balanced, and fair.

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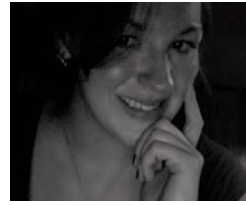
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## Free and Confidential: New mental health services available on MCC campus

By Tegan Auberg



The conveniences of having mental health services on campus have not been available to

Muscatine Community College since the 1990's.

With more stress on society, there has been an increase in students' needs, as well as a decrease in the services available on campus. Counselors have retired and no new staff members were hired in their place.

In addition, students don't always seek the help they need, often because it's expensive and inconvenient. One year ago, MCC started looking for someone to partner with in order to help with this problem, and the answer to this problem was Family Resources, Inc.

Muscatine Community College staff is ecstatic about this new service. Many have had students come to them for help and felt unable to properly assist and advise on the issues at hand.

MCC's Dean of Students Shelly Cram Rahlf hopes student morale and grades rise, and that MCC can retain students and help them stay in school until they graduate. She said that the



Elshaimaa Soltan

### Student of the Month

By Jeffery Jones

Muscatine Community College's Student of the Month for September is Elshaimaa Soltan.

Originally from Cairo, Egypt, where she received degrees in chemistry and microbiology, she is now majoring in marketing and business management.

After finishing at MCC, she plans on working for the pharmaceutical company Pfizer. She feels she received this honor because she is a good student and she is very interactive with her advisers.

Elshaimaa loves her instructors at MCC. When asked to give advice to other students, she said, "Always try and change, but start slowly. Having direction is more important than speed."

Upon coming to the U.S. three months ago, Elshaimaa found it hard to adjust at first, but getting to know people and making friends has made her experience very enjoyable.

best part about Family Resources being here is the convenience. Should an emotional crisis occur, students have immediate service available.

MCC and Family Resources have a contractual agreement for the school year. They are located on campus for student convenience. While the counselors are in a temporary location and only contracted for a year, ideally they will eventually have their own office and return year after year.

Cram Rahlf is not sure what will happen, but certainly hopes for the best. "We're very fortunate to have this partnership and these services on campus," she said.

Counselors Susan Armstrong and Dhyana Kaufman are prepared to deal with issues such as depression and anxiety, family and marital problems, relationships, work- and school-related concerns, drug and alcohol abuse, in addition to suicide and self-injury threats.

Counselors will be available to help both Mondays and Thursdays from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. To make an appointment, call 563-288-6101 or go to Strahan Hall Room 43. If students need addition help beyond 1-2 meetings, they can meet with counselors outside campus on a sliding fee basis.

## MCC enrollment rises against odds

By Tegan Auberg



In a tough economy, the State of Iowa projected community college enrollments to go down this year. The

Muscatine Community College, however, is bursting at the seams.

Dean of Students Shelly Cram Rahlf said this is because MCC thinks "outside the box for growth opportunities, the new housing as an example. Transition advisors have been hired, as well, to help retain and graduate students."

Without official numbers it's hard to tell, but so far there appears to be approximately a 3% increase in enrollment, with nearly fifty more students enrolled than last year. The rise was not expected to be so high and creates a challenge for faculty and staff to be as effective in their jobs. MCC hopes to help new as well as returning students accomplish their goals and looks forward to more and responsible growth.

Disadvantages are that classes are fuller, with closer to 25 students instead of 10, and no new instructors are being hired because of a hiring freeze. Rahlf hopes that "students don't feel the growing pains that the staff sees and that they just feel a smooth transition into their college experience."



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## The Chaplain Chat

*Contributed monthly from  
1 of the 8 MCC chaplains.*

### MCC Chaplains on campus 11:00 to 1:00 Monday-Friday

The MCC Chaplains want to get to know you! Below are each of their pictures and short bios. Please call them and make an appointment. They're here to help and to listen!



**Denise Wright**

"My name is Denise Wright and I'm married to Mister (Wendell) Wright. We have been married for 33 years and have two sons, Loren & Justin. Wendell is a guitarist, singer and song writer and we enjoy singing his songs together. This is my third year on the MCC campus as a volunteer Chaplain and I look forward to hearing more about the lives of the students and staff. You may notice me because I may be the shortest person (4'11") on campus so, when you see me, please stop and say hello."



**Dave Hoffman**

Dave is the Youth and Family Pastor at First Baptist Church in Muscatine. He has been in Muscatine for four years with his wife and two teenage kids. He enjoys helping people understand questions about the Bible, faith and God. (There's a teacher inside this guy!) He likes board games, camping, boating and keeping up with current events. Dave is also known to sometimes have a quirky sense of humor.

**Nic Hendriks** (no picture available)

Nic is married to Allyson and together they are the proud parents of three girls. He is great at understanding people with hurts and hang-ups. If you want a big listening ear, Nic is near. He's a big kid with a big heart. The best way to reach Nic is to text him.



**Josiah Anderson**

Josiah serves as youth minister at Chapel of Praise in Muscatine. It's hard to get him serious, but if you ever find him in that condition, he's a wise guy (in the best sense of the word). Josiah's forte' is humor and jokes. If you like puns, you'll like Josiah!



**Toni Chandler**

Toni grew up on Mulberry Street with the toughest of the tough and the poorest of the poor. She's seen it all and heard it all. Oh, the compassion she has for people, especially young people. Toni will listen, cry and laugh with you. She cares.



**Ethan Anderson**

Why is Ethan so popular? Well, he smiles, listens and does things with people. He's a friend. Ethan and his wife Bethany are currently planting a house church in West Liberty. In the past he has spent time in Israel mastering Arabic and bringing Arabs and Jewish youth together in the love of Jesus Christ.



**Josh Bowles**

Josh and his wife Nadine pastor Chapel of Praise Church in Muscatine. They have one son, 4-month-old Benjamin. They love the beach, playing tennis, and traveling. They have visited India, Peru, Panama, Ethiopia, and Belize. By Josh's accent you'll know he was born and raised in North Carolina.



**Mark Anderson**

"My wife Kari and I have seven children and they all attended MCC. I'm the pastor of The Church of the Living Water in Muscatine and do marriage and pre-marital counseling. What's my greatest regret at the moment? No place to play ping pong during the renovation of the Student Center!"

*The MCC Chaplains exist to encourage and support students, faculty and staff.*

*The Chaplain's office is currently in Loper 222A (upstairs from the library).*

*You may also call 563.554.1401 to reach a chaplain.*

### MCC Testing Center Information Update

The Testing Center is available to proctor the following exams:

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- E-College/ ICCOC
- CLEP (associated fee)
- Professional Exams (associated fee)
- Exams for students attending other Colleges (associated fee)
- Make-up Exams

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Appointments may be scheduled Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30pm-8pm by contacting:

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**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS**

If a student requests accommodations for test taking, due to a disability, they will need to contact Kathy Trosen (563-288-6013) in the Tutoring Center to make those arrangements.

# VOTE!

## Freshman Student Senate Elections

**Wednesday, September 28**

**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**and**

**5 - 6 p.m.**

**Strahan Hall**

### PUBLIC NOTICE DESIGNATION OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Muscatine Community College hereby designates the following categories of student information as public or "Directory Information." Such information may be disclosed by the institution for any purpose at its discretion.

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**Any student objecting to the public release of directory information may prevent the information's release by filing a written objection with the Registrar by October 7, 2011.** Forms requesting the withholding of "Directory Information" are available from the Office of the Registrar, Muscatine Community College, 152 Colorado Street, Muscatine, Iowa 52761.

Muscatine Community College assumes the failure on the part of any student to specifically request the withholding of categories of "Directory Information" indicates individual approval for disclosure.

## EICCD welcomes new Chancellor Doucette

By Kimberly Sloan



Dr. Donald S. Doucette began his duties as the new Chancellor of the Eastern Iowa Community College District on July 1, 2011.

As Chancellor, Doucette will oversee the operations of the entire EICC District, including Clinton, Muscatine, and Scott Community Colleges, as well as satellite locations in



Maquoketa, Wilton, and Davenport.

In a recent press release, Doucette stated that he and the EICCD are "committed to our student success and to improving the completion of higher education credentials" in order to prepare tomorrow's workforce and "[act] as a catalyst for new business and industry development."

"He is very focused on making sure students who come in the

door go out the door with credentials and achieve their goals," said MCC President Jeff Armstrong.

Prior to taking over as Chancellor at EICCD, Doucette served as Senior Vice President and Provost of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana and as Vice Chancellor for Education and Technology for the Metropolitan Community Colleges of Kansas City, MO. He led the establishment of the

Chancellor Donald Doucette first community college in Haiti and currently serves as president of its Board, as well as the boards of various national foundations.

### 'Together, I know we will succeed'

--Chancellor Don Doucette

"Together, I know we will succeed," Doucette said when accepting his appointment. "Thank you for the trust you

have invested in me. I am determined to live up to your expectations and to the aspirations we have for Eastern Iowa."

## Carson to help students make good Transitions, Changes & Choices

By Brittany Hoffman



Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, MCC's newest full-time employee, David Carson, moved to Muscatine and was a life skills instructor for the county. He has also taught in

Indianapolis at the same college that our district's new Chancellor, Don Doucette, came from.

Upon arriving in Muscatine, Carson knew there was a community college and with his passion for teaching he became an adjunct instructor for MCC.

He has taught Changes and Choices for almost sixteen years. He has also taught Abnormal Psychology, Principles of Psychology, and Contemporary Religion classes.

When asked why he had been here so long as an adjunct he answered, "I love the students. There is just something about the classroom that energizes me."

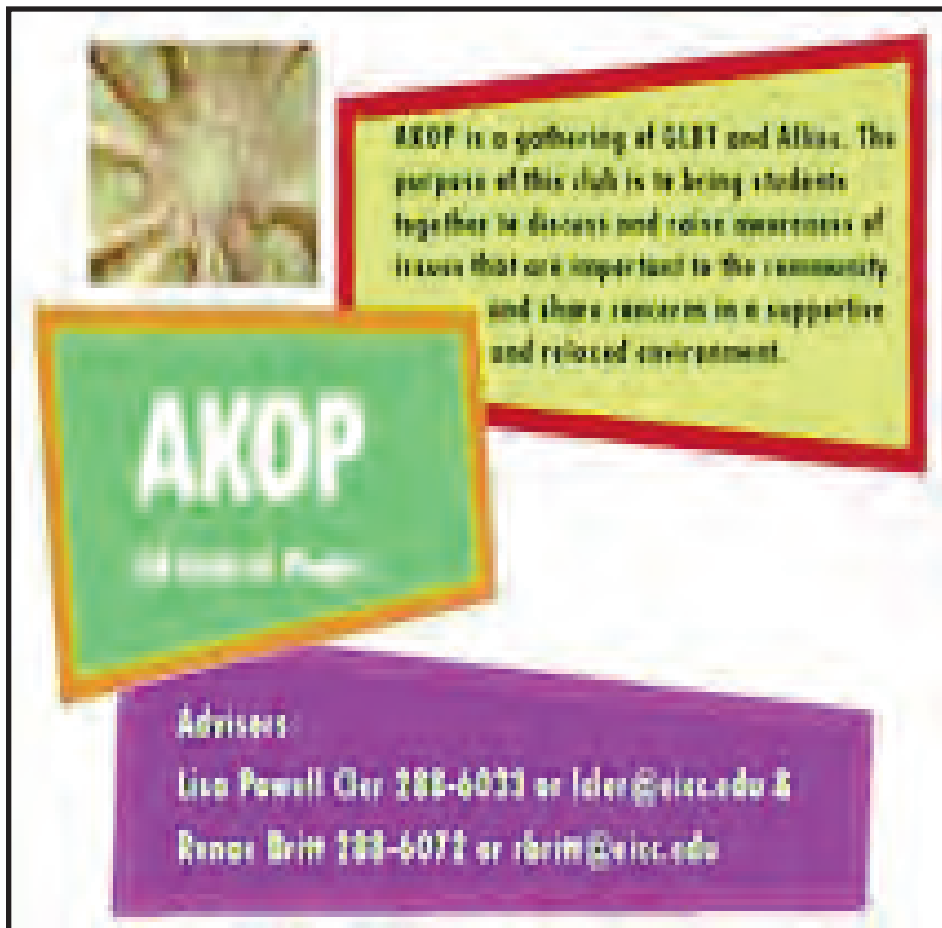
As an adviser he tries to be a "one-stop-shop" for the students of MCC. He feels he helps students by seeing



David Carson

both sides of a situation. Being an advisor, he is able to be a resource for the students who he knows have some issues at home or financially.

Carson's long-term goals here at MCC are that he wants more people to take advantages of our college; he wants the college to be community first, then college; and he wants to keep teaching and getting more connected to the students.



**AKOP**  
A Living Place

AKOP is a gathering of GLBT and Allies. The purpose of this club is to bring students together to discuss and raise awareness of issues that are important to the community and share concerns in a supportive and relaxed environment.

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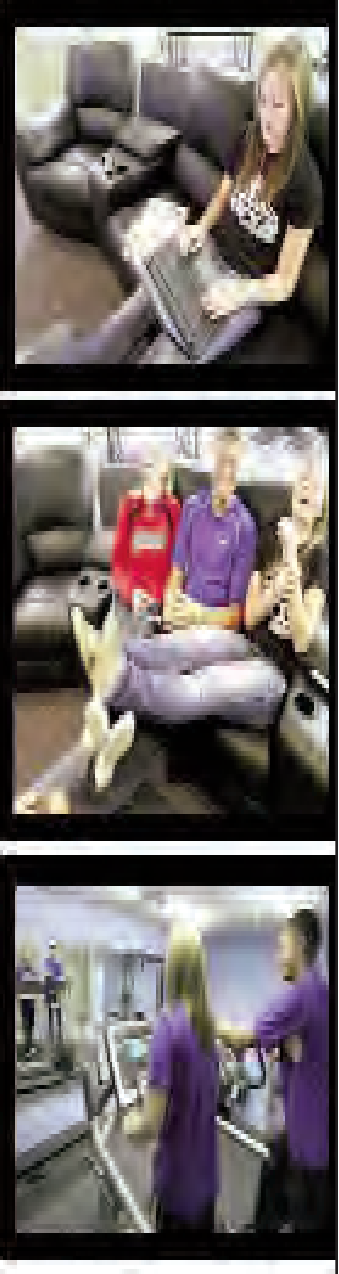
### Why Live on Campus?

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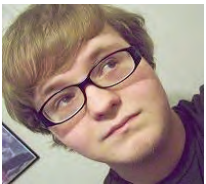




## Oh well, whatever, *Nevermind*

Nirvana's legendary album turns 20

By Jeffery Jones



Once in awhile an album comes out that shakes the very foundation of popular consciousness. Certain albums capture the imagination of diehard fans while crossing over to the masses. The late Kurt Cobain, Krist Novoselic, and Dave Grohl, known collectively as Nirvana, recorded one of those albums.

The group's second album, *Nevermind*, was released on September 24, 1991. The album sold millions of copies, influenced 1990's culture, and remains completely relevant twenty years later.

*Nevermind* was never expected to be a success when it was released on DFG Records, which is a subsidiary of Geffen that primarily focuses on alternative rock. The label had seen moderate mainstream success with the signing of Sonic Youth and was hoping to have similar results with Nirvana. The band teamed up with underground producer Butch Vig, but had to abandon their original recordings due to the departure of the band's drummer. They soon regrouped to redo the album with Grohl on drums.

The album's lead single, "Smells Like Teen Spirit" had originally gained mild attention from regional radio stations. It wasn't until after the gritty, high school riot themed music video for the song started receiving heavy airplay on MTV that the single gained a mas-

sive amount of airplay. Driven by the song's abstract lyrics, quiet verses, loud choruses, and Cobain's passionately guttural vocals, the single had all of the right elements of infectiousness and rawness to catch the ears of diehard punk fans, as well as mainstream audiences.

"Teen Spirit" is just the tip of the iceberg on such an album. Kurt Cobain's songwriting is something completely remarkable. Stark yet powerful, Cobain covers a variety of subjects from homelessness to torture without sounding offensive or ignorant. Butch Vig's production captures the energy of the band, the distorted guitars, but overdubs the elements to where it sounds clean and intricate. The songs are arranged to be as simple and as emotive as possible. Many of the songs feature the perfect blend of Black Flag-style grit and Beatles-influenced melody.

In the wake of *Nevermind's* fame, alternative rock was in high demand. Many alternative bands were able to gain larger audiences due to Nirvana's success. The genre still draws a lot of influence from the band. Universal Music Group is celebrating the anniversary by re-issuing the album in a deluxe package that includes various unreleased recordings, B-sides, an alternate mix of the album, a live DVD, and a 90-page book.

## MCC Drama Department gets busy with more than the next play



By Ashley Bucksbaum

The MCC drama department is forming a drama club, also

referred to as "theater club." Students will have the opportunity to not only be involved in drama, but also learn more about what is going on there as well.

Students are invited to meetings in order to see if they would like to join. Meetings for this will be held every other Wednesday around three in the afternoon until further notice.

In addition, the theatre club is also forming an improv groups similar to the Quad Cities' ComedySportz.

Students will get the opportunity to practice and improve their improvisational skills. Meetings for interested students will be held every Monday at four in the afternoon in the Little Theater.

The Drama Department also recently held auditions on the 12th and 14th of September for their upcoming fall play "Crimes of the Heart." Written by Beth Henley, the play centers

around the three Magrath sisters, Lenny, Meg, and Babe, and their various trials and tribulations.

This year falls on its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

This play differs from previous productions in various ways. According to David Lane, the head of their Drama Department, "After last spring we did the show with a big cast and multiple set changes, and I was looking for something with a smaller cast, a single set, as well as looking for characters that were mostly younger."

Although auditions are over now, students and faculty alike can still be involved in this production through working in the background as a technician and experiencing the technical side of the production.

Students and faculty are also welcomed to attend any of these meetings.

Lane added, "Hopefully, by having a theater club people will be more aware of what's going on within the Theatre Department, be aware of the productions, and maybe want to work on them and get involved that way."

## Meet this year's Calumet staff!



The Calumet staff for the Fall 2011 semester is comprised of (left to right) Jeffery Jones, Kimberly Dickens, Kimberly Sloan, Brittany Hoffman, Ashley Bucksbaum, Randal Cooper, Marci Crawford, Tegan Auberg, and Ashleigh Krantz. Not pictured: Alisa Delamore. To have a staff member cover your event or story, call the newsroom at 288-6091.

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## MCC President's List for Summer 2011

Laura Arguello, Whitney Asia, Nika Aswegan, Magdalena Barreiro, Amy Beckman, Ashley Beckman, Mark Begey, Melissa Bell, Paul Brooks, Alexis Brown, Kevin Bunch, Shirley Chorpene, Andrew Dieckman, Amanda Dipple, Elizabeth Dubin, Jenna Dugan, Kathryn Edwards, Laura Ellerbach, John Ernst, Kayla Eversmeyer, Abby Feldman, Kelly Foglesong, Haylie Franklin, Lance Garner, Brandon Gasaway, Pamela Geer, Melinda Gorham, Amanda Gravitt, David Hagerty, Mandy Hallman, Janin Hester, Kayla Hultquist.

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## MCC Dean's List for Summer 2011

Aftab Afridi, Miles Allison, Jean Paul Ambeazieh, Sheena Amos, Sandra, Ash, Elisabeth Bermel, Amy Bickle, Laura Boyles, Jaime Brooks, Ashley Bucksbaum, Curtis Butler, Victoria Clarke, Rogelio Coppenbarger, Vincent Crose, April Devore, Stefani Dimas, Kalynn Dixon, Noelia Espinal, Cindy Flores, Todd Fusco, Sommer Harmon, Joseph Heckman, Michael Hillman, Shanon Hillyer, Paul Holladay, Jenny Juehring, Johnathan Kaufman, Catherine Lawrence.

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## Local Students and Instructor/ Advisor Participate in National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. for Competition, Recognition, and Historic Opening Session

### PRESSRELEASE

Members of Muscatine Community College's Business Professionals of America student organization, Jesus Lizarraga, Kristina DeWitt, Grace Suarez, Maggie Hilton, and Jennifer Simmering, competed in the May 4-8, 2011 National Leadership Conference of Business Professionals of America in Washington, D.C.

Lizarraga, the current state BPA President, and Suarez returned with top-ten placings in their respective events – Interviewing Skills and Keyboarding Production.

Randy Cousins, also a BPA member, was honored with the Ambassador Torch Award given at the national level. An Ambassador is defined as "a diplomatic official of the highest rank appointed and accredited as representative of the organization."

Maggie Hilton, Jennifer simmering, Kristina DeWitt, and Grace Suarez have each been active on the local and state levels during the 2010-2011 school year serving as officers, committee chairs, and participating in several community service events.

Approximately 5,500 students and advisors from throughout the United States participated in Business

Professionals of America's 45th National Leadership Conference.

In addition to competitive events, activities included general sessions with keynote speakers, business meetings, leadership workshops, contests, election of national officers, and tours of Washington, DC. sights and attractions.

The Muscatine chapter was able to visit Congressman Dave Loebsack's office and received a personal tour of the Capitol Building with one of Loebsack's aides.

Another highlight of the conference was the presentation of awards to the winners of the national contests.

Business Professionals of America is the leading CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related career fields.

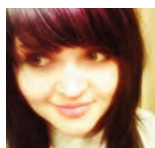
Visit BPA at <http://www.bpa.org>.

For more information on how to get involved with BPA on the Muscatine campus contact co-advisors Jan Fasse, [jfasse@eicc.edu](mailto:jfasse@eicc.edu), or Angela Henning at [ahenning@eicc.edu](mailto:ahenning@eicc.edu).

## Dear Cal . . .

*Cal answers questions from curious MCC students.*

### What is going on with the new Student Center?



**MCC student and Calumet reporter Ashley Bucksbaum found the answer...**

Good Question! I've been wondering that myself as well. But not to worry; I got the chance recently to ask Dean of Students Shelly Cram Rahlf about the current progress of the Student Center.

Construction has been underway on the Student Center since late November of last year. The Student Center was constructed over forty years ago and was intended to be a temporary building needed only for testing and various classes.

Due to time restraints the college kept it. There were several problems with the original layout design and efficiency of the student lounge, but due to a recent bond referendum, the campus had enough funds to begin the remodeling project, which was a district initiative.

However, this is not the only construction project going on at MCC. The choir room and the lecture hall

are also being brought up to date with multiple renovations. These include better acoustics, reconfiguring the practice room, the addition of a storage room for the choir room, new flooring, as well as an improved platform setting and technology in the lecture hall. These new improvements will not only bring things up to date but will also provide a better learning environment.

There are also a lot of other changes taking place. These include the relocation of the bookstore, financial aid, and the testing center, as well as the addition of an open and improved layout, café, new flooring, and an airy and convenient place for students and faculty alike.

The college hopes the Student Counge will be open in November of this year. It was originally expected to be completed during the summer, but due to the need for renovation within Strahan Hall, construction in the student lounge was set back for the time being, and focus was set on finishing Strahan as quickly as possible.

The rooms in Larson Hall that housed the financial aid office and campus bookstore will eventually go back to serving as a conference room, for continuing education as well as community meetings and training. According to Cram Rahlf, one of the main initiatives for this project is "trying to improve flow, appearance, and climate."

So rest assured, the completion of the Student Center is not too far off!



**Dr. Frederick Woodard**

## Woodard to host poetry discussion in Muscatine

*By Kimberly Dickens*

University of Iowa poet, visual artist, and human rights activist Dr. Fredrick Woodard will be hosting a poetry discussion and workshop in Muscatine on Saturday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The event is free to members of Writers on the Avenue, MCC students, and other Muscatine writers, both amateur and professional.

Woodard says he is looking forward to mingling and conversing after his initial discussion, so bring a notebook and some of your own poetry to share and workshop.

Although there will be plenty of standing room, seating (with a desk) is limited so call 563-571-4513 and reserve your spot by Sept 28.

# The Villas at MCC Student Housing Open House and Dedication Ceremony

**Friday, September 30  
3:00 p.m.**

**The Villas at MCC  
(Behind Strahan Hall)**

**Oxbow Development and Muscatine Community College have partnered to open a new student apartment which the college will be naming after long-time MCC Economics instructor Ron Hansen.**

**Please come and join us!**

*The Villas at MCC is the student apartment complex comprised of Nyweide-Scott Hall and Hansen Hall.*

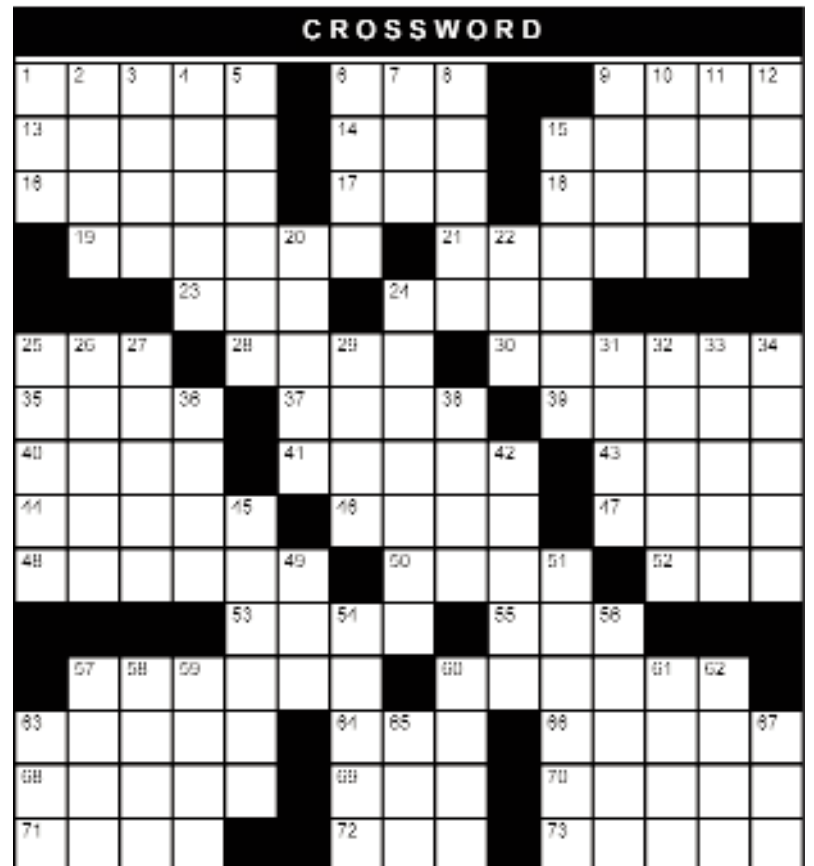
## THEME: THE INTERNET

## ACROSS

1. Substitute for currency
6. Sound meant to scare
9. Third behind Bonds and Aaron
13. 1836 Texas battle
14. Romanian monetary unit
15. Knight's breastplate
16. Most famous Bolshevik?
17. Food morsel
18. Turns sharply
19. \*Small application
21. \_\_\_\_\_ toward or aimed at
23. Poetic even
24. Thunderstorm sight
25. Beaver's creation
28. "Never" without n
30. Distant
35. "Without further \_\_\_\_\_", pl.
37. Miners' bounty, pl.
39. Make happy
40. Domestic animal shelter
41. Writer Asimov
43. Russian governmental agency
44. One way to get to top
46. Trend-setting
47. Poor neighborhood
48. Declare as true
50. Unoffensive manner
52. "But I heard him exclaim, \_\_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas to all..."
53. Under this in court
55. One from Laos
57. Native American tradition
60. \*It's often used in verb form
63. Pepsi and Coke
64. \_\_\_\_\_ of Aquarius
66. Relating to the ilium
68. Skirt shape
69. Overnight stop
70. Vigorous fight
71. \*Way to be heard
72. Pecan, e.g.
73. Lock of hair

## DOWN

1. Salt in Spanish
2. Ball of yarn
3. Raja's wife
4. Polyimide or carbodiimide, e.g.
5. Type of silk cloth
6. Pat dry
7. Poetic over
8. Money paid out
9. Samuel Adams, e.g.
10. "A Death in the Family" author, James \_\_\_\_\_
11. Charlie "\_\_\_\_\_ " Parker
12. It turns host into hostess
15. \*Virtual you
20. Short stanza at end of poem
22. Toy-maker
24. Gamut
25. Capital of Bangladesh
26. Infamous Nazi
27. Paisley, e.g.
29. Gaelic
31. Directed, produced, written by Warren Beatty
32. Immature ovum
33. Longest human bone
34. \*Express outrage
36. 18-wheeler
38. John Galsworthy's Forsyte story
42. \_\_\_\_\_-cross bicycling
45. \*Surf
49. Communist Zedong
51. Tao follower
54. Writer Clemens' nom de plume
56. Watcher
57. Gallup's inquiry
58. Medley
59. Designer Vera
60. Belgian port
61. Low-cal
62. Grub
63. Metered ride
65. Wildebeest
67. Cosine



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## LIKE MONEY????

Be the first student to finish this crossword (accurately!), bring it to the Calumet office (Loper 111), and win a **\$10 gift certificate** to a local business!



*Administration, faculty, and staff gather together for their annual "Welcome Back to MCC" picture for the 2011-2012 school year.*