

**FOCUSING ON THE PEOPLE AND ACTIVITIES
OF MOUNTAIN VIEW COLLEGE**



A presidential visit

Bill Clinton visits MVC while campaigning for Hillary prior to Texas Primary

Hundreds of enthusiastic supporters gathered at the east entrance of Mountain View College Feb. 26 to hear former president Bill Clinton rally support for his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, in the hotly contested 2008 Democratic Presidential primary elections.

Following introductory remarks by Mountain View College president Felix A. Zamora and Dallas City Council member Pauline Medrano, Clinton spoke at length about why he believes his wife is the most capable candidate among Democrats and Republicans alike.

Mountain View College government instructor Jonathon York said the event provided a rare close encounter with national politics in action.

“Mr. Clinton’s visit to Mountain View College helped bring the spectacle of American politics into sharp focus for our community,” York said. “Too often the political process appears far removed from our day-to-day experience,



Former United States president Bill Clinton spoke before an audience of more than 1,500 at the east entrance of Mountain View College on Feb. 26. Clinton made numerous campaign stops throughout the Metroplex in support of wife Hillary Rodham Clinton prior to the Texas primaries, which were held March 4.

and it’s something only seen from a distance and filtered through broadcast media. However, this on-campus campaign rally made American politics

real for many people, perhaps for the first time in their lives.”

Mountain View College was one of several stops

for Clinton during a swing through the Dallas-Fort Worth area, which also included stops at Grauwlyer Park and the Samuel Grand Recreation Center.

MVC employees enjoy Conference Day 2008

The LEAD Institute for Professional Development did a masterful job of organizing and hosting Mountain View College's Conference Day 2008 on Feb. 21.

Under the theme, "Showing Off, Shaping Up, and Moving Forward," MVC employees partook in numerous opportunities for enhancing professional development, enjoying entertainment, or simply socializing with colleagues.

The day began with a brief welcome by MVC President Felix A. Zamora, followed by the Chancellor's Address and an awards video in the Performance Hall. Breakout sessions were held covering more than two-dozen topics of interest ranging from fitness training to financial planning and public speaking.

A talent show after lunch also produced lots of laughs and several memorable performances by a surprisingly competitive field of participants.

Committee members for Conference Day included, Sharon Davis, Michael Arredondo, Lamrot Bekele, Alex Diaz, Brenda Epperson, Gary Ergish, Michael Gutierrez, Glenda Hall, Martin Guerra, Liz Jackson, Willie Neal, Randy Ricketson, Michelle Williams and Quentin Wright.

For MVC employees who craved a little physical exercise to get their Conference Day started on a positive note, MVC dance instructor John Merrifield was happy to oblige with a breakout session entitled "Pilates and You." Many employees also challenged themselves in a "Fitness Training" breakout session under longtime MVC coaches Fred Battles and Chris Holland.



Dr. Anne Grissom drew a large audience for her breakout session entitled "Public Speaking 101." The wide variety of breakout sessions conducted on Conference Day were well attended and drew favorable reviews from MVC employees.



Sharon Davis presented a first place award to Tomea Coleman for the MVC Employee Talent Show. Tomea brought the house down with a stirring rendition of "You Put a Move on My Heart."



February 2008 Department of the Month



The Professional Support Staff Association has recognized Graphics and Web Services as the Department of the Month for February 2008. Pictured are, from left, Jennifer Gehrig, Marcy Miller, Pat Broda and Mario Garza. This initiative involves the selection of a different department each month based on service excellence to MVC. The PSSA hopes to boost PSS employee morale

Student photography work to be displayed March 31-April 9

The Mountain View College Photography Department will unveil what promises to be an impressive exhibit of student work from March 31-April 17 in the Kiva Gallery. A special reception for the exhibit, entitled "From Traditional to Digital," will be held April 9 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., also in the Kiva Gallery.

Classes in digital photography are becoming increasingly popular. In digital classes, students learn to use digital cameras to create artistic images with an emphasis on color. Mountain View College also offers photo journalism/news photography. The collective result of these students' efforts annually produces a popular and eye-catching exhibit which is free of charge and open to the public.

A Commitment to Core Values

A tribute to people and events which exemplify MVC core values



-Teamwork, Collaboration, and Unity-

Sandra Crawford credits Donna Millhollon for coming through in a pinch

On Saturday, March 18 at 8:15 a.m., Mountain View College Teacher Preparation Director Sandra Crawford was in a serious pinch.

Crawford was hosting an 8:30 a.m. training seminar that day for students who would soon be taking the Texas State Exam for teachers. Trouble was, despite her best efforts to remedy the situation, the books to be used by students and trainer alike were in the MVC Book store, which was closed.

"I had done about everything I could," Crawford said. "To say I was getting concerned would be an understatement."

The bookstore, as most MVC employees are probably aware, is its own entity as a separate business and operates as a private vendor not under the umbrella of MVC or

the DCCCD. Consequently, as Crawford was certainly keenly aware of on the days and moments leading up to the seminar, obtaining access to the bookstore can be a real challenge — especially if the store is closed. In this case, however, a miracle was in the making.

"I work closely with the bookstore personnel to ensure that I know when something like this happens, and they had been alerted that Sandra needed some books that were in the store," explained Donna Millhollon, Administrative Assistant, Auxiliary Services. "The only store manager who lives nearby, though, had car trouble. So I went and picked her up, took her to the college, and was able to get the doors open for Sandra."

Needless to say, Crawford was grateful, and the training seminar went off without a hitch.

"This training could not have taken place and been the success it was without Donna Millhollon going above and beyond my wildest expectations," Crawford said. "She truly saved the day for the AC Program, and especially me."

Mountain View College Core Values:

- Dedication to Student Learning
- Teamwork, Collaboration, and Unity
- Celebration of Diversity
- Celebration of Student and Employee Success
- Contributions of all Employees and Students
- Creativity and Innovation
- Cultivation of Colleagues
- Promotion of Opportunities and Goodwill
- Integrity
- Service
- Mutual Support and Respect

Have you witnessed MVC Core Values in action? Would you like to share with the MVC community? Contact: Kelly Kirkpatick, ext. 8679.

Dia de la Familia comes to Mountain View College

The Dallas County Community College District will celebrate its annual Hispanic Family Day (Dia de la Familia) on April 5 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mountain View College's east campus.

As always, this exciting event will be loaded with fun activities, educational information sessions and live entertainment suitable for the entire family. **Dia de la Familia is free of charge and open to the public.**

Educational information sessions at Dia de la Familia will cover a range of important

topics regarding higher education. The sessions will include general information about college admissions, financial aid, and parenting and education. Information about English as a second language (ESOL)

classes, and programs such as Rising Star and Life Transitions will also be available to

all in attendance.

A variety of entertainment will be provided by the Faro De Alexandria Spanish Rock Band, Mountain View College Latin Club Dancers, Booker T. Washington

High School Mimes, Duncanville High Hats Dance Team and the St. Elizabeth's Church Choir.

The following informational booths regarding child and family safety will also be set up at the event: Ident-a-Kid (Identification cards for children's safety), Vickery Meadow (Children's car seat inspection/replacement) and Dallas Fire Rescue (Fire prevention information with Sparky the Dog).



Mountain View College to host an Adjunct Recruitment Fair on April 26

Mountain View College will be hiring qualified part-time instructors to teach in various career and academic areas at its Adjunct Faculty Recruitment Fair on April 26. The event will be held at MVC's east entrance foyer from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

In addition to many opportunities at MVC, daytime and dual credit adjunct instructors are also needed to teach at local high school campuses.

MVC representatives will be available to discuss teaching opportunities in the following areas (and many more):

- >Business, computer science and mathematics
- >Career and technical education
- >Communications and teacher education
- >Science, allied health and physical education

Requirements for adjunct teaching positions include a

master's degree with 18 graduate hours in the teaching discipline, although a bachelor's degree, associate's degree and/or work experience in the teaching field may meet the hiring needs of some instructional areas. An institution mailed official transcript will be required from each applicant before a job offer can be made.

Candidates are also encouraged to bring their resumes, transcripts and two forms of identification (driver's licenses, social security cards, birth certificates, etc.).

Applicants should also bring resumes and copies of their transcripts. An official transcript, mailed directly from the granting institution to MVC, must be received before the first day of class.

For more information about this event, which is free and open to the public, please call ext. 8703.

Employee Development Committee seeks items for annual auction

The Employee Development Fund (EDF) committee is asking for donation items for the annual EDF Auction scheduled for April 3. The silent auction will be held in W38 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 12:30 p.m., also in W38.

Many of us have a tendency to keep items around our house or office that we seldom use, and those items just might be ideal to put up for auction at this year's event. So as you do your spring cleaning this year, keep the EDF Auction in mind.

Furniture, electronics, knickknacks, books and exercise equipment are just a few suggestions for donations. Theme baskets are also always popular items for donation. Show your creative side by filling a basket with products and/or services that have a theme like travel, movies, art, reading, or relaxation.

Donations will be accepted until April 1, and can be delivered to Terry Collazo in W124, or Dana Saunders in W230.

The EDF auction is a longstanding tradition and a favorite among MVC employees. Even better, all of the proceeds go to a great cause.

For more information about this year's auction, please contact ext. 8706 or 8883.

MVC bids farewell to an old friend

Mountain View College employees have recently acknowledged a distinct emotional void and even a twinge of sadness upon the departure of a long-standing campus landmark. The 1966 Cherokee Six airplane, which has been on campus since the inception of the Avionics Program 35 years ago, has moved on.

Despite the grim reality of bidding farewell to an old and loyal friend, however, there is a delightfully cheerful angle to the rest of the story.

Due to the virtual re-configuration of campus buildings and facilities prompted by bond projects and new construction, the airplane was placed up for bid and sold by the District Purchasing Office to Wayne Standefer, 60, of Grand Prairie.

Standefer has been flying since he was a teenager, and has enjoyed a lifelong passion for the freedom of the boundless skies. Soon, Standefer says, he and his newfound friend will be hitting the skies together.

"I would say within a few months we'll have an engine in place and be flying," Standefer said.



Seen above in the early stages of disassembly, the 1966 Cherokee Six airplane became a sentimental fixture to the many in the MVC community. Thanks to Wayne Standefer of Grand Prairie, who regularly restores airplanes, the airplane is expected to be equipped with a new engine and off the ground within months. Standefer says he plans to maintain the Mountain View College logo and gold and blue trimmings just as they are.

Standefer, who regularly purchases and remodels airplanes, even promises to maintain the airplane's decorative design which sports blue and gold trimmings, along with its prominent "MVC" inscription.

"I'm really excited about the plane, and it should be one of the nicest projects I've worked on," Standefer said. "You probably couldn't find one like that in better condition. Staying in a controlled climate the way it has, it's probably held up

better than it would in most hangers."

The Cherokee Six has dutifully served thousands of aviation students at MVC during its lengthy tenure. Avionics (aviation electronics) students used the plane as a working laboratory, installing and deinstalling instruments, radios, wiring harnesses, and anything else that might provide a useful educational experience. Many others such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and summer camp

participants, have utilized the Cherokee Six for obtaining their aviation merit badges.

Uncounted thousands have used the airplane as a building reference point to find their way through the maze of rooms and hallways at MVC. The image of the airplane is also memorable simply because it is so unusual to see a full size aircraft displayed within the confines of a building.

Mountain View College Aviation instruc-

tor Richard Parra was among those who understood well the unspoken bond that existed between the Cherokee Six and the MVC community.

"Obviously, many of us are going to miss seeing the airplane where it has been sitting for so many years," Parra said. "But the spirit of MVC will be kept alive with the new owner maintaining the current MVC paint scheme as long as the MVC aviation program continues."

This Month at MVC: March-April 2008

Mountain View College
DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



* All events are free to the public unless otherwise indicated.

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, March 18	Free HIV Screening	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Health Center-W145
	Women's History Month Panel: "Balancing Career & Family"	11:15 a.m.	W38
	Dallas Black Dance Theater	7 - 8 p.m.	Performance Hall
Wednesday, March 19	MUSIC: Dennis Gonzalez Yells at Eels (Jazz concert)	7 p.m.	Performance Hall
Thursday, March 20	Men's Baseball: MVC at Eastfield	2 p.m.	Away
Friday, March 21	Holiday - CAMPUS CLOSED		
	Men's Baseball: MVC at Eastfield	12 noon	Away
Monday, March 24	"Building Pathways to Success" (Study Skills)	2 p.m. and 5 p.m.	W181
Tuesday, March 25	Odyssey Leadership Institute (<i>Résumé Writing and Interviewing Techniques</i>)	11 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.	W38
Wednesday, March 26	THEATER: Ten-Minute Play Festival	7 p.m.	Performance Hall
	Sigma Delta Mu Induction Ceremony	TBA	W38
Thursday, March 27	DANCE: Dance Brown Bag Series	1 p.m.	Library Foyer
	Latinum Duet: Piano and cello recital	7 - 8 p.m.	Performance Hall
Friday, March 28	Odyssey Leadership Institute (<i>Putting Knowledge to Work: Community Service</i>)	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Off campus
	Men's Baseball: MVC at Cedar Valley	2 p.m.	Away
Saturday, March 29	Men's Baseball: MVC at Cedar Valley	12 noon	Away
Tuesday, April 1	Ambassador Training (Sharing Day)	12:30 - 2 p.m.	W38
	Massage Therapy	12:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Health Center-W145
	ART & DANCE: Dance and Draw	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	East Foyer
	ART: Larry Felty Lecture Series: Randy Clower, filmmaker	7 p.m.	W38
Wednesday, April 2	ART: 2nd Annual Chalk Drawing Festival	8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	West Entrance
	Carter Blood Care Blood Drive	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	West Entrance
Thursday, April 3	Carter Blood Care Blood Drive	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	West Entrance
	THEATER: MVC Improv Troupe	12:30 - 2 p.m.	East Foyer
Friday, April 4	Odyssey Leadership Institute (Putting Your Knowledge to Work)	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Off Campus
	HUMANITIES: Café Conversations: "Suspension of Disbelief"	11 a.m.	W38
	THEATER: Nijinski's Last Dance, by Norman Allen	7:30 p.m.	Arena Theater
	Men's Baseball: MVC Bye Week in MAC		
Saturday, April 5	Dia de la Familia	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	East Campus
	Men's Baseball: MVC Bye Week in MAC		
	Men's Baseball: MVC at Cisco	1 p.m.	Away
	THEATER: Nijinski's Last Dance, by Norman Allen	7:30 p.m.	Arena Theater
Sunday April 6	THEATER: Nijinski's Last Dance, by Norman Allen	7:30 p.m.	Arena Theater
Monday, April 7	Inner Club Council (ICC) Meeting	12:30 - 2 p.m.	W38
Wednesday, April 9	Advisor Appreciation Luncheon	12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	W38
	MVC Faculty Recital	7 - 8 p.m.	Performance Hall
Thursday, April 10	Last day to withdraw with a grade of "W"		
	Conversation by the Kiva with Dr. Leonard Garrett, MVC Vice President of Student Services and Enrollment	12:30 p.m.	W38
Friday, April 11	"Building Pathways to Success" (Effectively Reading Textbooks)	9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.	W181
	Men's Baseball: MVC at Richland	2 p.m.	Away