

FOCUSING ON THE PEOPLE AND ACTIVITIES
OF MOUNTAIN VIEW COLLEGE



MVC meets Coach Carter

Legendary coach advocates education, personal accountability

A capacity crowd assembled in the MVC Performance Hall on Feb. 2 to witness first-hand the dynamic and highly motivational energy of coach **Ken Carter**, whose tough love and dedication to discipline spawned seven state championships and a blockbuster movie. And just like his basketball teams at Richmond High School in Richmond, Ca., the coach delivered a sterling performance before an adoring audience.

Coach Carter returned to MVC on Feb. 3 for a second presentation to students from Molina, Sunset, Thomas Jefferson and Samuel high schools, as well as youngsters from Brown Middle School.

“The thing I’m most proud of is the fact that every player I’ve ever coached has gone on to graduate high school and attend college,” Carter said. “The way to be successful is to obtain an education, and to apply that knowledge. Knowledge alone is not power. But the application of knowledge... that is power.”

The legendary coach, who was portrayed by Samuel L. Jackson in the movie,



Coach Ken Carter, in two separate appearances at MVC on Feb. 2-3, captivated audiences with his unique brand of motivational speaking. Altogether, more than 600 people heard Carter speak at MVC.

“Coach Carter,” also emphasized the importance of cultivating relationships among family and friends, developing social skills and “validating” ourselves as people who set goals and achieve success.

Coach Carter also discussed responsible behavior, being accountable for one’s own actions, the importance of integrity and enthusiasm, and the development of leadership skills.

Coach Carter is perhaps best known for locking his undefeated, state-playoff-bound team out of the gym and forcing them to hit the books and stop counting on athletic potential as the only ticket out of a tough, inner city life.

When he accepted the position as head basketball coach at Richmond High School in 1997, Carter had a monumental task on his hands. The students were failing academically at an alarming rate, and the athletic programs were in a pathetic state. Within two years, he single-handedly turned around the school, physically cleaning up the campus and also mentally cleaning house as well.

In addition to coaching SlamBall’s champion team, The Rumble, Carter is owner/operator of Prime Time Publishing, Prime Time Sports, and is an author. He is also founder and chairman of the Coach Ken Carter Foundation, a non-profit organization which develops, promotes and provides education, training and mentoring programs for minority youths. In 2002, he was selected to carry the Olympic torch for the San Francisco Bay Area.

MVC welcomes new administrators

A pair of new administrators have recently joined the MVC family. Last fall, **Willie Neal, Jr.** assumed duties as the new Human Resources Director. **Sandra Crawford** came on board as Director of Teacher Preparation on Jan. 11.

Neal worked for Allstate Insurance Company for 27 years as a sales-agency development manager, and also as a human resources divisional manager. Neal received a bachelor's degree at Mississippi State, and a master's degree from Michigan State University.

Crawford was employed with the Dallas Independent School District for 23 years, teaching emotionally disturbed youth for 17 years and also serving as an administrative supervisor. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Woman's University.

Another new administrator will also begin duties at MVC on Feb. 13, when **Jerry Sheerer** takes the helms as Dean of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness. Sheerer comes to MVC from Bakersfield College in Bakersfield, Ca.

Additionally, MVC's **Tony Hall** recently assumed his new position as Director of TRIO/Focus after serving previously as Coordinator of Grants Management & Compliance in Life Transitions.



Willie Neal, Jr.
Director, Human Resources



Sandra Crawford
Director, Teacher Preparation

Mountain View to host Financial Aid Awareness Fair

Mountain View will host the Second Annual Financial Aid Awareness Fair on March 2 from 4-8 p.m. in the West Foyer.

The purpose of the fair will be to inform current and future college students about an array of financial aid opportunities for those hoping to continue their pursuit of higher education. Financial lending representatives from numerous organizations will be present to meet and greet students and to provide them with useful information and literature regarding their many financial aid options.

There will also be a variety of workshops and presentations designed for college-bound high school students, as well as Early College Awareness information for junior high school students and their parents.

Welcome to Mountain View!

The MVC community welcomes the following full-time employees



Catherine Castello
Visiting Scholar,
Math



Tomea Coleman
Academic Advisor
Rising Star



Julia Selpulveda
Visiting Scholar
Develop. Reading

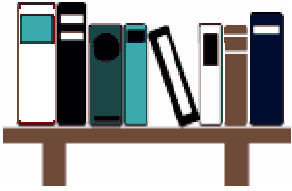


Kenneth Rodgers
CE & Workforce
Specialist



Krystal Singleton
Academic Advisor
Counseling

LIBRARY NEWS



By Toby Baldwin

John Hope Franklin: American Historian

This February the library celebrates African American History Month. What better time to recognize a great African American historian?

Scholar, civil rights activist, and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, John Hope Franklin has recently published his autobiography, *Mirror to America*, a work which also reflects the history of twentieth-century America.

Born in Rentiesville, Oklahoma, in 1915, Franklin faced all the obstacles of growing up in the Jim Crow South. He overcame them with intelligence, an enormous capacity for hard work, and determination to excel in whatever he did.

He not only earned a Ph.D. at Harvard and broke the color barrier at several elite academic institutions, but he also coached Thurgood Marshall in *Brown v. Board of Education*, joined the historic march to Montgomery, Ala., in 1965, and led President Clinton's Initiative on Race.

This month we invite you to come into the library to celebrate the works of John Hope Franklin and other African American historians.

PSS Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Dalene Jones, Associate Registrar II, who was named PSS Employee of the Month for January 2006.

Students explore options at College Fair

Representatives from more than 50 colleges and universities were present at Mountain View on Jan. 26 for the MVC Transfer College Fair.

According to MVC sophomore **Christopher Crowder**, the event provided an excellent opportunity for students to meet college representatives and to learn more about transfer options and requirements.

"This has been very helpful for me because now I don't have to go online to find out about all of these colleges and what they offer," Crowder said. "I didn't even know a lot of these colleges existed until I came to the fair today."

Brooke Dailey, an admissions counselor from the University of Dallas, stayed busy throughout the day meeting students and fielding questions.

"They have tons of questions and are generally very driven to continue with their educations," Dailey said of the students.



MVC sophomore Christopher Crowder (left) speaks with Brooke Dailey, an admissions counselor at the University of Dallas, about the process of transferring to a four-year college.

Last Lecture Series



Mountain View professor Martin Guerra made a presentation to students, faculty and staff on Jan. 26 entitled “When Will I Ever Stop Learning English?” The presentation was part of the Last Lecture Series, sponsored by the MVC SPAR office and MVC Student Government Association.

Happy Retirement!



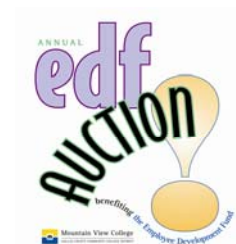
A large crowd gathered in the Treetop Gallery on Jan. 11 for a retirement party honoring longtime faculty members Ann Fletcher and Curt Lovelace. Ann and Curt served the district for 30 and 31 years respectively.

Annual EDF Auction planned for April 6

Clean out those closets and garages! Dust off those old knickknacks! The Employee Development Fund (EDF) committee is asking for donation items and volunteers to assist with the annual EDF Auction scheduled for April 6.

The EDF budget is reliant upon fundraising events like the auction each semester. Funds are used by full-time MVC employees who need monetary assistance to attend job-related seminars, workshops, conferences, and also pro-

vides tuition for educational efforts. The auction has a long and



colorful history, and the goal is to exceed the \$3,000 raised last year!

The silent auction will begin at 9 a.m. in room W38. The exciting live auction (with auctioneer) will begin

at 12:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted until 5 p.m. on April 4.

Please contact **Nelda Contreras** (EDF chair) at ext. 8833 for more details or to have your donation picked up.

EDF committee members include: **Jeffrie Crockett, Ryan Fitzer, Mario Garza, Anne Grissom, Martin Guerra, Tony Hall, Evelyn Lowery, Marcy Miller, Lynn Millwood, Kumars Ranjbaran, Diana Robles and Quentin Wright.**

MVC to host Careers and Technology Fair

Mountain View will host a Careers and Technology Fair on Feb. 17 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall.

Jimmy Cabrera will be the motivational speaker for the opening program. Cabrera has been a professional speaker and consultant for more than 22 years, speaking in both the Corporate and Educational communities.

His philosophy is, “Don’t count what you have, but what you have given—and that total equals your success.” He sees and seeks to fulfill the need for communication, education, and a positive influence in the lives of all individuals.

Fair participants will enjoy informative break out sessions, and will also enjoy tours of our state-of-the-art labs (Aviation; CADD; Electronics; CIT; Welding and Biology).

Campus Calendar for February 2006

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Odyssey Leadership Institute "True Colors" Personality Identification Workshop, facilitator Cathy Edwards, 12:30-1:50 p.m., W38 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Basketball @ Brookhaven, 2 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's Basketball vs. Louisiana State Univ., Eunice, 6 p.m. Monday Matinees- African American Cinema, 11 a.m., Lion's Den MVC Baseball @ Cedar Valley, 12 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's Basketball vs. Louisiana State Univ., Eunice, 2 p.m. African American Read-In, 12:30-1:50 p.m., Cafeteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Basketball vs. Richland, 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Last Lecture Series, "The Making of a Teacher," speaker: Anne Grissom, 12:30-1:50 p.m., W38 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career and Technology Fair, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Performance Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Basketball @ Eastfield, 2 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday Matinees- African American Cinema, 11 a.m., Lion's Den 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambassador Training, 12:30-1:50 p.m., W38 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Basketball vs. Brookhaven, 7 p.m. Odyssey Leadership Institute "Corporate Graces: Do's and Don'ts," presenter Kenneth Goffney, 12:30-1:50 p.m., W38 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCCCD Administrative, Faculty and PSS Conference, Garland ISD, Special Events Center Campus Closed 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Basketball @ Cedar Valley, 2 p.m. MVC Baseball @ Northwest Texas Univ., 1 p.m.
26	27	28				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soul Food Supper- Conversations of our History, facilitator Yolanda Nolan. (Time of event not yet determined) 					