From the Director

It’s my pleasure to announce that The Board of Trustees approved the classroom multi-media cart proposal for the Pickard campus at the November meeting. This approval will ensure that all of the classrooms at the Pickard campus will be equipped with multi-media carts by early January 2010. If anyone has any questions concerning this implementation please don’t hesitate to contact me. Lastly, if anyone needs any training concerning this technology please don’t hesitate to contact any member of the Library/Media staff.

Thanks

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Mike Carson Guest Writer

Hello! My name is Mike Carson and I have recently accepted the Director of Academic Advising position at MMCC. I have been in my current position since November 16, but have worked as an Adjunct Instructor since the fall of 2007. I have felt very welcomed by faculty, staff, and students. I have been very impressed with the advising team at MMCC and their dedication toward student success. It is truly a privilege to be part of such a dynamic team of individuals who view assisting students as a calling on their lives.

My advising experience consists of advising airman transitioning from military life to civilian life as well as advising business students at the University of Michigan, Central Michigan University and Ferris State University. As an Adjunct Instructor at MMCC, I have also had the opportunity to discuss career options with Accounting and Business students. Being able to help students pursue their dreams is one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. I am a recent graduate of Ferris State University. I hold a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, majoring in Finance with a minor in Management from McMurry University located in Abilene, Texas. In addition I hold a Master of Science Degree in Technical Education and Career Development with a certification in Total Quality Management in Education from Ferris State University. I am currently working on my Doctorate in Science Degree in Technical Education and Career Development with a certification in Total Quality Management in Education from Ferris State University. I am currently working on my Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Central Michigan University. I have been impressed with the enthusiasm of the college’s efforts toward quality improvement. Much of my course work has been dedicated toward quality initiatives such as those of the Higher Learning Commission, the Academic Quality Improvement Program, and the Macolm Quality criteria. Through my course work and experiences I have found that quality improvements result from a collective effort of all departments and personnel within the organization. While at MMCC for just a short time, I have experienced this collective effort through faculty/staff in-service,
Tracks: A Novel  
Louise Erdrich
From the author of Four Souls comes a rare, wonderful story that borders upon myth and a stylistic masterpiece. Set in North Dakota at a Time in the past century when Indian tribes were struggling to keep what little remained of their lands. Over the course of ten crucial years, as tribal land and trust erode ceaselessly, men and women are pushed to the brink of their endurance – yet their pride and humor prohibits surrender. The reader will experience shock and pleasure in encountering characters that are compelling and rich in their vigor, clarity and indomitable vitality.

CORRECTION
In the October edition of the Library View Newsletter we misprinted BRIGIT Dyer-Reynolds’ name. The library staff apologizes for the error.

Mike Carson Continued

faculty/staff in-service, curriculum development meetings, as well as collaboration with external organizations. One of the most exciting examples of quality improvement I have experienced over the past week has been with CMU and a program called Destination U. This program is a collaborative effort between CMU and MMCC to prepare students to pursue a bachelor degree at CMU. There are extensive efforts on both sides to help students prepare for the transition including forming mentor relationships with current CMU students, personal contact with CMU admissions personnel, as well as personal interaction with counselors and advisors at MMCC. I am excited to be a part of such a bright future at Mid Michigan Community College.

Ethan Lundquist  A Belated Introduction

Ever since my junior year in high school my plan for my future career has been to become a police officer. To become a police officer the minimum requirements are to have an Associate’s degree in criminal justice and complete the police academy. Without a doubt MMCC is one of best places to accomplish the schooling. The classes that are included in my degree are a lot of the basic classes like Eng 111, CIS 100, MAT 105, and SPE 101, and after those classes are completed you move into your more specific classes. The specific classes that I have taken or I have yet to take are LEN 205 Law Enforcement, LEN 203 Criminal Law for Police Officers, Len 200 Criminal Evidence, LEN 201 Fundamentals/Supervision, and LEN 202 Juvenile Law and Procedures. After I complete the rest of my classes I will move on to the Police Academy, the Police Academy is approximately 14 weeks long and is basically boot camp for future police officers. The Police Academy is offered in a couple different places, but two of the main ones can be completed either at Delta or Kirkland. I am still undecided on which one I want to attend but I am leaning towards Kirkland because of price and location. After I complete the academy I hope to pursue my career as a Police Officer somewhere. relatively close.

Jared’s Computer Tips  Holiday Shopping

Online Shopping Tips for This Holiday Season
If you’re doing your shopping during the holidays online then these tips are some precautions you can take to stay safe.

Update your Web browsing software
Make sure your web browser, generally Firefox or Internet Explorer, is up to date to the newest version. This helps beef up the security of the browser and close vulnerabilities from hackers.

Scrubatan that e-mail message that purports to be from your favorite retailer
Experts advise keeping your guard up even when you receive e-mails from familiar firms like Amazon.com and Lands’ End. Cyber crooks are getting more cunning at making their messages look legit: That e-mail from Amazon asking you to update your billing information or confirm your order could be a fake.

Pay attention to details
Check your browser’s address window to see whether a Web site’s “product checkout” page begins with ‘https’ instead of ‘http.’ Also check whether the checkout page displays a padlock icon in the lower-right hand corner of the browser window. Both of these things indicate that the site is using secure encryption to protect your credit card information.

Make a paper trail—and check it twice
Make sure to print copies of all online receipts so that you can check them against your credit card statement. You should also print copies of all guarantees and warranties. Pay with your credit card whenever possible. Most credit card companies won’t hold you liable for fraudulent purchases.