Tiffany Fraser, accounting major, and Mike Hynes, both members of the welcome crew, unload boxes Friday afternoon. They helped move new residents into West Hall.
Welcome to MOCHA

MOCHA, Morrisville Online College Headlines and Announcements, is Morrisville State College’s newsletter. Delivered to your inbox each Monday morning, it will provide interesting and important information about the week ahead.

If you have anything you think would be of interest to the college community, including announcements, stories and photos, please submit it via e-mail to Diane Fuller at fullerdj@morrisville.edu. The weekly deadline is Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Have a great year. We look forward to hearing from you!

Jessica DeCerce
Director of Public Relations

Norwich Campus Offers Early Childhood Program

The College recently received state approval to offer an associate of applied science degree program in early childhood. The announcement comes on the heels of a year of growth for the Norwich Campus, which opened its new academic building, Roger W. Follett Hall, in June 2005 to accommodate the growing need for programs and services. Dr. Ted Nichols, Norwich Campus Dean, said “The program, designed to comply with the national standards outlined by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), addresses the demand in Central New York – and nationally - for childcare and child/ family development organizations and the need for well-trained childcare professionals.” New assistant professor, Margaret Hoose, will serve as program coordinator beginning this fall semester.

Khadisha McMillan, mechanical engineering technology major, moves into Stewart Hall with the help of her father.
Norwich Campus to Provide Human Services Training

In an effort to help human service workers stay current and progress professionally, the Norwich Campus and Springbrook are partnering on an innovative program to offer a Direct Service Professional (DSP) credential. Springbrook employees who meet selection criteria will take approximately 30 credits of college coursework and supervised practice. During the first year, College and Agency officials expect to enroll approximately 30 Springbrook employees from across the region.

Implementation of this program comes at a time when Springbrook and other agencies like it are facing the challenge of training and retaining an increasing number of direct service staff due to the growing number of individuals nationally diagnosed with one or more developmental disabilities. Classes will be offered beginning this fall at both the Springbrook Campus (Otsego County) and the Norwich Campus (Chenango County).

Norwich Campus Liberty Partnerships Program Re-Authorized

College officials received notice recently that the Norwich Campus/Chenango County Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP) will receive funding for the 2006-2007 year. LPP is a state funded grant program created as a bi-partisan legislative effort to reduce New York’s drop-out rate. LPP staff work with students, school district faculty, staff, parents, and other stakeholders to improve the ability and motivation of at risk youth to graduate from high school prepared for competitive entry into post-secondary education or the workforce. Morrisville State College and the Norwich Campus have operated the LPP program in Chenango County since the program’s inception in 1988. The Norwich LPP program has received
high marks from state officials and area leaders.

**Begin Planning NOW for Winter Term**

Although fall classes are just beginning, it’s not too early to think about taking a course during the college’s winter term. To enable students to pick up one or more required or elective credits during that long holiday break, the Norwich Campus will be offering the following classes on-line. On-line classes will run from December 19, 2006 – January 20, 2007.

**PARA 101**
(3 credits) - Introduction to Paralegal Studies
- Explore career opportunities in this exciting field.

**SOCS 126**
(3 credits) - Environmental History - Fulfills Morrisville State College social sciences and SUNY Gen. Ed. “Other World Civilizations” requirement.

**MUSI 101** (3 credits)
- Introduction to Music and Art
- Fulfills Morrisville State College humanities and SUNY Gen. Ed. art requirement.

**ENGL 275** (1 credit)
- Creative Writing
- Develop your creative writing skills.

Information on Morrisville State College’s other on-line and face-to-face winter term courses will be available on the web and from your faculty advisor during the winter/spring scheduling process.

Best wishes from the Norwich Campus for a great semester!

**Institutional Review Board (IRB)**

Questions: What’s an Institutional Review Board (IRB)? How might I be involved?

**What’s an IRB?**

It is a federal, state, Morrisville State College requirement that before human subjects are used in a project where results are destined to be shared via a final report, publication, presentation, e-mail, internet, etc., the IRB must evaluate the project. The regulations which guide the evaluation are based upon three basic ethical principles: respect of persons, beneficence and justice:

1. **Respect for persons.** Participation must be voluntary. Written, signed informed consent must be obtained from the participants and maintained by the campus Human Protection Administrator (Ms. Marian Whitney) for three years. (If the IRB determines this is the only thing that links a participant to the project, it may waive this requirement in favor of another means of providing the same information to consenting participants.) Participants must have reached the age of consent – in New York State that is 18 years or older – or a signed informed consent form must be submitted by the parent/guardian.

2. **Beneficence.** A risk/benefit analysis must be made for each individual project. It is commonly said that benefits and risks must be “balanced” and shown to be “in a favorable ratio.” Risks to participants must be made clear to them. (Note: anonymity
or coding instead of names greatly reduces risk.)

3. Justice. Participants need to represent random selection. That is, a target population cannot assume risks by being in a project that is designed to benefit a larger population.

How might I be involved?

On the “V” drive of your computer are IRB Policy (Procedures) and the IRB Manual. Each proposal falls into one of the three review categories: exempt, expedited or full. Appendix A of the IRB Manual denotes the criteria to apply for an exempt project. Appendix B of the IRB Manual denotes the expedited review criteria for a proposal. Appendix C of the IRB Manual contains the informed consent template for this college. Appendix D of the IRB Manual contains 35 questions and the cover pages for the required Application for IRB proposal review.

Part-time faculty members and student investigators require a member of the full-time faculty to be their sponsor. Since so many IRB members are faculty, we do not meet in the summer or during breaks. The IRB requires three weeks lead time to process an application for review.

Please contact me so I can help with your project’s consideration by our IRB.

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WCVM Media Wants YOU!
The SGO-sponsored media organization, composed of WCVM-AM and WCVM-TV, is looking for DJs, news and sports anchors, and music staff members. Attend one of the following recruitment meetings to learn how you can earn one college credit for your participation: Tuesday, August 29, or Thursday, August 31, 1 p.m., in Charlton Hall, Room 125. Positions are limited. WCVM Media is the “Vortex”!

The Academic Support Center (ASC) Seeks Applications for Peer Tutor Positions
Are you a good student who likes to help other students succeed in college? If so, the ASC has job openings for part-time peer tutors in a variety of subjects taught on campus. Morrisville students who have both a B (3.00) or higher in a course and a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher may apply for a peer tutoring position. Peer tutors work a maximum of 10 hours per week and earn $6.75 per hour. Application forms may be picked up at the ASC in Onondaga Hall, Room 038. For more information, please contact Ms. Stephanie Lawhorne, ASC Director, at 684-6042 or lawhorsl@morrisville.edu.

Student Health Center
The Student Health Center has changed hours of operation and appointment structure. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Appointments are strongly recommended. Students can come to the Student Health Center for medical sick visits without an appointment between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. However, between 12:30 p.m. and 4:15 p.m., students will be seen by appointment only. Certain visits will be seen ONLY by appointment—sports physicals, nursing physicals, other physical updates, PAP smears, STD testing, and ALL counseling appointments.
A letter from the President

Dear Students,

Welcome to the fall 2006 semester at Morrisville State College. I speak for the administration, faculty and staff in saying that we are all very glad you are here.

The college is a living entity—constantly growing and improving, with the purpose of keeping itself on the cutting edge of academics, technology and campus activities. We want Morrisville State College to be the best place for you to work, learn and live.

Hundreds of people have been hard at work during the summer in preparation for your arrival. Trees were planted, parking lots were paved, sidewalks were curved and construction projects were completed.

Almost.

As you may have noticed, the STUAC Food Court is not quite ready. Despite an entire crew working overtime all summer, a few minor delays have made it necessary to push the official opening until the beginning of September. However, Smooth Jazzy Joe’s smoothie and coffee shop will open to the public on Aug. 28.

In the meantime, we have expanded the hours of operation at our other food locations, Seneca Dining Hall, Laptop Café (in the basement of Hamilton Hall) and Stix (at the IcePlex). Additional seating has been provided at Seneca Dining Hall to accommodate the increased traffic levels during meal times.

I appreciate your patience, and can assure you that it will be well worth the wait.

Have a great semester. Study hard and have fun!

Sincerely,
Dr. Cross
LIST OF FACULTY ELIGIBLE FOR PROMOTION CONSIDERATION FOR 2006-07

The following list includes those faculty meeting the minimum requirements according to the guidelines in the Faculty Handbook for promotion during this college year. The Promotion Committee procedure requires each individual faculty who is seeking promotion to submit a Letter of Intent for Consideration of Promotion to the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs by September 22. The procedure further specifies that School/Division Promotion Committees are to be formed by September 29, 2006. School/Division Promotion Committees will begin deliberations the week of October 2 and will complete review of the promotion materials and make recommendations for suggested changes to the candidate by October 6. School/Division Promotion Committees must submit promotion materials to the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs by October 27, 2006. No changes can be made to the materials after this date. The campus Promotion Committee will begin deliberations the week of October 30. February 1 is the deadline for the campus Promotion Committee’s submission of recommendations to the President.

If there are errors or omissions on the list below, please contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office immediately for clarification (6054).

Eligible for Associate Professor
1. Tucker, Phyllis
2. Zadzilka, Joyce

Eligible for Professor
1. Crovella, Paul
2. Grant, Elizabeth
3. Kelly, Brian
4. Khan, Adam
5. Lopez, Andres
6. Okereke, Victor
7. Pisiak, Roxana
8. Shayya, Walid

James C. VanRiper
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs