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## Act 101 Best in State

The College's ACT 101 program has received the highest rating possible on its evaluation by the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Office of Equal Educational Opportunity. Only a few of the 77 two-year and four-year colleges in the state received the "exemplary" rating.

The ACT 101 program offers counseling, advising and tutorial services for financially and academically disadvantaged students. One-on-one help is a main feature of the program as are workshops on study skills, test taking, note taking and time management.

In a letter to President Edward M. Sweitzer, the state coordinator of ACT 101, Nathaniel Gadsden, said "The ACT 101 staff, administration, faculty and students at Montgomery County Community College are to be congratulated on a combined effort which has resulted in recognition of your institution."

Director of the campus developmental studies/ACT 101 program, Ellie Norwood, praised the cooperation of various groups and departments of the College. Ms. Norwood particularly cited the faculty for their taking time to prepare evaluations for the 35 students enrolled in the program.

The state evaluators complimented the college on the space allotted to the ACT 101 program. Of particular note in the evaluation was the observation that the president, Dr. Sweitzer, was "a fine human being who understands education from the student's point of view."

In addition to Ms. Norwood, the ACT 101 staff includes Susan Yankosky, tutorial coordinator; Francine Urquhart and Lesley Osias, counselors; and Frani Weiss, professional tutor.

Anyone wishing further information about the ACT 101 program may contact the staff in Parkhouse Hall, M51.

## Writers' Club Sponsors Talk

The recent appearance on campus of *Inquirer* columnist Clark DeLeon is the kind of event members of the Writers' Club hope to be involved in this year.

Club-sponsored writing contests as well as local and national contests are announced at club meetings and details are provided.

Outside speakers, some of whom, like DeLeon and Gloria Paleveda are alums of the college, are featured throughout the year.



*Philadelphia Inquirer's columnist and MCCC alumnus, Clark DeLeon, speaks with student and alumni writers on campus. The event was made possible by MCCC's Writer's Club*

## To Smoke or Not...

By Nick Teti

The proposed smoking ban policy issued by the College Student Life Committee has brought itself a great deal of attention and varied reactions from the students.

The policy, if approved, would restrict smoking in all campus buildings. This would go into effect on July 10, 1989, during the second summer session.

A poll of 12 students, seven of whom are non-smokers, revealed that the majority believe the Smoking Ban policy infringes on the people's right to smoke. When asked about the smoke bothering them, the students felt it had little or no effect on them.

The five students who agreed

with the ban are Vince DeSimone of Plymouth, Linda Knapp of Harleysville, Tom Palladino of Willow Grove, Kathy Walsh of Upper Moreland and Ursula Cassel of Gilbertsville.

The other six had reactions that were against the ban. Michelle Reustle of Norristown, J.P. Stewart of King of Prussia, Julie Ryan of Hilltown, Jason Moore of Norristown, Robb Tomcho of Phoenixville, and Elizabeth Chowns of Green Lane all were against the ban.

Ms. Chowns offered a compromise: "Smoking shouldn't be banned completely, but the school should assign designated smoking areas (certain rooms, halls, etc.)"

## MCCC Alumnus, Columnist DeLeon Here

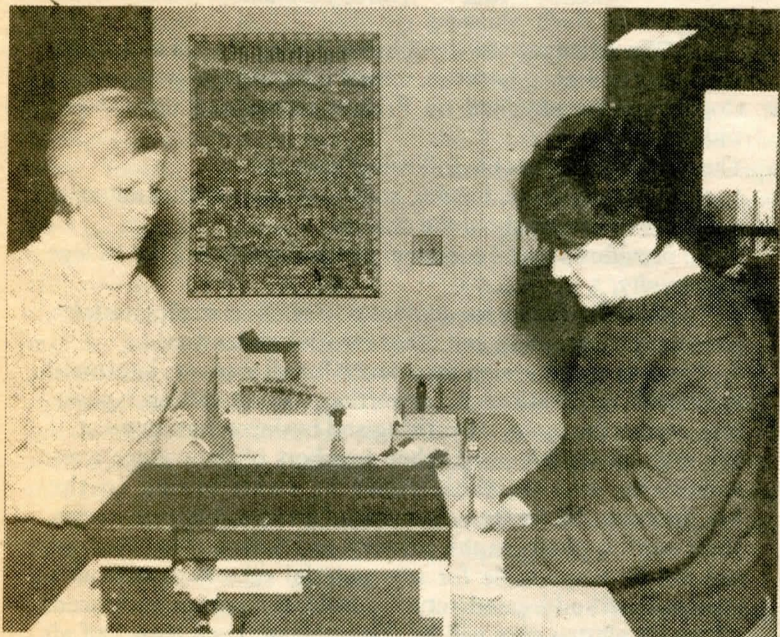
"A seed was planted and nurtured at Montco and my career has been growing since," said Philadelphia *Inquirer's* columnist and MCCC alumnus, Clark DeLeon as he spoke with aspired student and alumni writers on campus last month, February 15.

DeLeon praised MCCC for giving him "the push" he needed in life. "I really wasn't sure where my life was running to," he confessed.

As a high school student of Lower Merion, DeLeon had barely passed. Upon his graduation, he worked at a gas station; yet decided that he didn't want to make a career out of the job. "And it took six months to clean my hands," DeLeon added.

DeLeon realized his opportunity was at Montgomery County Community College. He began to attend the school in 1968/70 when the campus was located at the Conshohocken High School. Here, DeLeon learned of his interest. "It was Diane Whitehead (Horan), a good-looking teacher at 26 (who continues to teach at Montco), that put me on the right road.

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*Anne Schauder, Circulation Assistant, helps Myra Sortino check out AV material.*

(Photo by Doris Y. Markley.)

## Montco's Hidden Treasures

By Eleanor Lundy

Where can you find skeletons in the closet, the latest on oat bran, recordings from sound effects to Shakespeare, and an 1865 issue of *Nation* magazine?

Whether you are new at MCCC or about to graduate, you may not be aware of the unusual study objects and the scope of services available at the College Library.

The Library contains far more than books, although it holds over 80,000 volumes, including many magnificently-illustrated folios or oversized books, specially shelved on the upper level.

All Library departments, under the direction of Mr. David E. Jones, work together to provide the best possible learning and research environment.

Audiovisual Services, located on the upper level, contains "videos" on many subjects from Baroque art to a tour of Paris, adding a colorful dimension to learning. Audio cassettes can help you polish language skills, learn more about nuclear energy, or find out what the experts plan to do about prison overcrowding. You can relax with Beethoven's Ninth Symphony or listen to the Boston Pops play Gershwin while you write a report on jazz.

Art reproductions such as Picasso's "Portrait of a Woman" can be borrowed to spruce up your room, and if you can't afford a trip to the Big Apple to see "Phantom of the Opera," check out the original 1925 Lon Chaney classic version on video. Choose from over 2,000 record

titles or use a computer, with popular software such as Display Write Assistant or the bibliography generator, helpful in writing term papers.

Closet #7 in the AV area hides the skeletons, nicknamed Harry and Georgina by students and staff, along with various single bones for in-area study.

Miniature models, or "realia," add a tactile dimension

to learning: a small replica of the Rosetta Stone, which helped unlock the mysteries of Egyptian hieroglyphics, and such figurines as the wooden "Man With Reed Pipe," from pre-Columbian Peru, are displayed around the AV room, and may be borrowed.

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