

# THE EVENING WEEKEND NEWS

A Newsletter for the part-time Montgomery College Faculty. October 2003

"People learn what you teach them, not what you intend to teach them." – B.F. Skinner

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## Introducing Jabari, our new student aide!!

by Geneva Gray



*Jabari Alii is originally from Oakland California and relocated to Maryland when he was seven years of age. His one true passion in life, as he states, is his love for music. Not only is he a current music major at Montgomery College but also has played the piano in excess of 15 years. He has volunteered at several locations including summer camps, day cares, senior citizens homes, and other places.*

*Jabari has worked many jobs including the Discovery Zone (serving as a cashier and party host) as well as Bright Eyes Daycare (providing supervision for small children of all ages). Jabari is eager to learn and enjoys working as a team member to accomplish tasks. Please join us in welcoming Jabari to the Evening-Weekend Office. I know that he will be an asset to us.*

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## FREE Coffee???? We think you deserve it!!!

.....that's why we've instituted the **free** coffee/tea policy! (Just don't let the word out) We make coffee around 3 p.m. weekdays and at 8 a.m. on Saturdays, but if you'd like one sooner, we're supplying the directions:

- Take out the old filter if it's still there. (It probably will be.)
- Put in a new filter (supplies are behind the door on the coffee cart).
- Put 5 scoops of coffee into the filter. (Use regular coffee in the morning and de-caf in the afternoon).
- Fill up the pot to the 12-cup line with cold water.
- Pour the water into the top of the coffee machine.
- Push the switch to ON.
- After it finishes dripping, help yourself!

## Meaning in My Life.....

By Professor Kathleen Wolf,  
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Teaching English at Montgomery College as an adjunct professor is very central to my family's happiness and enrichment. For the past five years, I have been enjoying teaching many students here. I could not have done it without the help of the Child Care Center, where my elder son Alex (now age 7) spent four semesters and my younger son, Brendan (age 3) is currently enrolled. Both boys just love the teachers and the center's manager, Cheryl Woods. She is the loving, patient, and highly organized professional who runs this special place where my children have thrived.

In addition to all the nurturing my boys have received on that part of campus, Alex is now enrolled in his fourth semester of "Piano Classes for young Children" taught by Marita Almario through the MC Division of Continuing Education. Miss Almario has had a big impact on Alex because of her commitment each week to teach him not only how to play the piano and to read music, but how to write and respect music as well. I fully intend to enroll Brendan for piano classes when he is five. He wants to learn to play now, so he just can't wait until he is in kindergarten and can enroll at MC.

When I first came to MC as an adjunct in Fall 1990, I found warm, friendly English

Department colleagues who made me feel like I was an important part of the department's faculty. I was single back then and worked in an embassy by day in Washington, D.C. and taught at MC in the evenings. In the time since then, I set off on a six-year journey that began with attending Harvard Ed School and earning a second master's degree. Later I worked at Boston University, married, worked at Columbia University, had two children, and then moved back to the area to teach again at Montgomery College. During my journey to the "big cities" of New York and Boston, I never recaptured the sense of community and caring that I experienced at MC from 1990-1992 and have so thoroughly enjoyed with my family since 1998. I love MC. It does offer "endless possibilities" for its students, but it also offers so much to the members of the community who give of their time and talent to educate young adults.

Have something on your mind that you would like to share with your colleagues? Contact Professor Charlotte Jacobsen, Evening Weekend News Editor at [Charlotte.Jacobsen@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:Charlotte.Jacobsen@montgomerycollege.edu) or phone 301-279-5144.

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## WE WANT YOU!!!!

Or rather your photograph for our part-time/adjunct professor photo gallery. We need a few good men and women willing to have their picture posted on the Evening/Week-end Office walls. The plan is to have our own photo

gallery with names so we can become familiar with our colleagues. If you see Geneva or Charlotte astir with a camera, you'll know what we're up to.

**Need storage space????** Empty boxes are available for your use on the shelves in the computer room....help yourself...just fill them, date them, and put your name on it...it's yours! We'll clean out after one year.

**Anything you'd like to change about your teaching?**

Sign up for SUPER SATURDAY on Saturday, November 1.....learn about giving feedback to students in writing assignments, classroom management, dealing with ESOL students, PowerPoint, Distance Learning, and more.....For details and sign up, go to [www.montgomerycollege.edu/ctl](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/ctl)

**Want to learn more about part-time faculty advancement????**

Criteria involve number of semesters and ESH taught, professional development hours (earned through CTL courses such as those given on Super Saturday), and an evaluation. Instructors are responsible for initiating their

own request for rank advancement. Forms to initiate the process are available in the Evening Weekend Office.

**Have you tested your logons for MyMC or the Banner desktop (ZFAGRAD)?**

It's a good idea to make sure there are no problems especially important for returning or new part-time instructors. If you have trouble, call 301-251-7222 or e-mail the [ITHelpdesk@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:ITHelpdesk@montgomerycollege.edu).

If you wish to use the web (this can be done off campus), grade posting is now done through MYMC. To access MYMC go to [www.montgomerycollege.edu](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu) and click on the My MC login button at the top of the page. After the authentication page, another one will appear which will provide information on how to login. For more information on how to proceed, double click on the Web Grade Posting attachment

## SUGGESTION BOX

SOMETHING BUGGING YOU? HAVE A QUESTION? Got a suggestion for us??? GRAB A FORM (next to Geneva's office.)

**Suggestion:** Is it possible to move the coat rack to the back of the room where it is less likely for a passerby to grab jackets or bulky items off the rack? It is less likely that someone would come in all the way to the back of the room and grab a coat or other valuables by the entrance. (Editor's Note: a fashionable leather coat with keys in the pocket was stolen last semester from the coat rack by the entrance.)

**Reply:** We have installed coat hooks on the front and the back of the computer room door. If you have a coat on the inside hooks and the computer room door is locked, your coat will be safe inside. You will need a swipe key to get into the room. If you are sick of your garment, hang it on the front of the door where it is available to anyone.

**Suggestion:** Sometimes it is impossible to find legal parking spaces. It is indeed very difficult for part-time professors. Can some exceptions be made for faculty? Sometimes, it is a choice between a "no parking" space or miss or arrive late for your class.

**Reply:** Parking is frustrating on our campus! We all spend time searching for a parking place, but I don't understand how Security could distinguish between those who are late for a class and those who are not. Once out of frustration, I parked in a walk zone but after paying a \$50 (as I remember) fine, I didn't do that again! You can appeal a ticket, but is very time consuming. I have found that timing my arrival is most helpful in locating a parking space. Of course, one can park across the street in the MCPS parking lot. If we live long enough, we will one day have garage parking one day!

**Suggestion:** I think teachers should not be allowed to bring more than two students into the staff room. There is limited space in O16, and other teachers need the peace and quiet. While teachers do need space to meet students individually; it is just too noisy when there are a large number of students in the room.

**Reply:** Agreed! Please let's all respect the rights of others using the room and not meet an unreasonable number of students in the EWO...i.e. more than two. Alternative places to meet with students would be in one's department or in an empty classroom.

### IMPORTANT DATES

October 14-20	Midterm exams
October 28.... 5 p.m.	Midterm grades
November 1	Super Saturday
November 17	Last day to drop a class with a grade of W
November 26	No classes
November 27-30	Thanksgiving Holiday; College Closed
December 15-21	Final Exams
December 21	Last day of classes

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