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## LEGISLATIVE VISIT

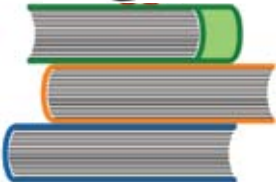
MECC students Jennifer Snead, Trey Powers, Kelly Woods, and Nick Ratliff (son of Vickie Ratliff, Business & Information Technology Dean) visited Senator Phillip Puckett and Delegates Bud Phillips and Terry Kilgore during Community College week at the General Assembly. This annual event, sponsored by the Virginia Community College System, allows students to observe the legislative process.



## BROWN BAG DISCUSSIONS

There will be a series of Brown Bag Discussions on Banned Books in the Wampler Library each month. Bring your lunch and join in.

On Thursday, February 28, 12:15-1:00 pm, *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut will be the topic. The discussion leader will be Kyle Scanlan.



## COMMONHEALTH

Tues., Feb. 12 - 1:30 pm (45 minutes)  
OR Wed., Feb. 13 - 10:00 am (30 minutes)

Do you sometimes forget your neighbor's name, where the car keys are, or your Mom's birthday? Is this a normal memory lapse or something to worry about? The new CommonHealth program, *Sharpening Your Brain*, will help you determine what is normal, what is a problem, and how to improve your memory and keep your brain sharp. The program will be in Fugate Auditorium.

# FAST *i*ps

A weekly feature by the Office of  
Financial and Administrative Services

**V**oyager gas cards are available in the Business Office for use with car rentals from Enterprise and college owned vehicles. Please contact Kathy Pier-son at ext. 205 or Lori Dingus at ext. 256 if you need a card for gasoline purchases.

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Information Technology Specialist I (Web Design-er)**, position number WA009, part-time position, 20 hours per week, \$15.07 per hour.

This position is responsible for the design, construction, maintenance, and consistency of look for the Mountain Empire Community College website. The web designer participates as a team member in the Community Relations Office to provide to students, faculty, staff, and the external public a wide range of easily accessible information through an attractive website.

Required qualifications: experience designing, updating, and managing a website(s); proficiency with image-editing and web design software; portfolio of web design projects; ability to reformat and organize information from a variety of sources for web publishing; and excellent communications skills.

Preferred qualifications: knowledge of CSS, HTML, PHP and Perl; knowledge of web standards; programming experience; experience managing large, information-rich web sites; and understanding of marketing.

To apply, submit a Commonwealth of Virginia Application for Employment form no later than **Friday, February 15, 2008**, to Human Resource Office, Mountain Empire Community College, 3441 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, telephone (276) 523-2400. The application form may be accessed at <http://jobs.state.va.us/eo-appl.htm> or obtained at the college or at any state agency.

Mountain Empire Community College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Minorities, females, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Documents verifying identity and eligibility to work in the United States must be presented upon employment. Selected applicant will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

## SAFETY AT WORK

### Your Right To Know

**The MOST IMPORTANT thing OSHA says in the HazCom Standard is that employees have the right to know.**

- They have the right to know about the chemicals in their workplace.
- They have the right to know the hazards they face.
- They have the right to know how to protect themselves from those hazards.

➤ In fact, this legal Right to Know is often used synonymously with HazCom when referring to chemical safety.

OSHA takes a **THREE-PRONGED APPROACH** to achieving the goal of safe workers:

1. All chemicals must be scientifically reviewed at the manufacturing plant for their safety and health hazards using current research knowledge.
2. All chemicals that are deemed hazardous must be written up on material safety data sheets (MSDSs) and their containers must be clearly marked with informative labels.
3. All companies that have hazardous chemicals must have written hazard communication programs.

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*An honest man  
can feel no  
pleasure in the  
exercise of power  
over his fellow  
citizens.*

Thomas Jefferson

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