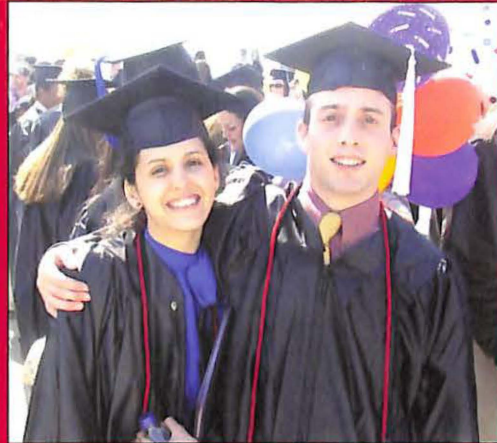


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In Memoriam

Remembered

Stephanie Polhans

Stephanie Polhans, 60, adjunct English instructor at Valley and resident of Marshall. Polhans was born in 1947 and died May 27, 2007. She was a board member of the Missouri Head Start (MHSA) Association.

A message of condolences from the MHSA read: "On behalf of the Missouri Head Start Association and the Head Start community, we extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Stephanie S. Polhans."

Lyrica Beck

Story by Britani Whitworth

With a name like Lyrica, she was almost destined to be a singer. Tragically, the song of Lyrica Beck's life was cut short by a traffic accident last month.

A 20-year-old, Beck was an education major and a member of the Show and Concert choirs and also participated in Modern Dance.

A Sedalia native, Beck was on her way home when tragedy struck. She was travelling southbound on US 65. While attempting to pass a vehicle, she swerved to the right causing her vehicle to slide sideways. Her driver side door struck the rear of the other vehicle sending her to a ditch. Beck died Friday, Aug. 24, at the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia.

"While I didn't have the opportunity to get to know her very well, it was easy to tell that she was a wonderful young lady," said Diana Malan, associate professor of music and theater. Malan directed Beck in choir and applied music classes.

In memorial tributes posted at the website www.memorialobituaries.com, other members of the MVC community also lamented the shortness of time they had with Beck. "Lyrica was in my Introduction to Teaching course," wrote Peggy Sherman. "I remember telling her last Thursday what a pretty name she had. I told her she was the only Lyrica I had ever met. She had a bright smile and kind eyes. We will miss her."

Becky Baker, who works at the Admissions Office, worked with Beck during her enrollment process. "Though my time with her was brief, she left an indelible impression," Baker wrote on the memorial site. "I loved her sense of style and upbeat personality."

A Lyrica Beck Memorial Fund was established.

Jack Steenbergen

Story by Garry Norris

Jack Steenbergen, freshman, died in a single-car accident on Oct. 21.

According to a report from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Steenbergen was driving on Creek County Road when the car ran off the road, striking two trees.

Steenbergen, native of Sapulpa, Okla., was part of the Missouri Valley College wrestling program. "He was a guy I personally liked a lot and I know the team liked a great deal. He was one of those guys you could tell was pretty genuine. He was always smiling," head coach Mike Machholz said.

Machholz said the loss will be felt strongly by the team.

"It was a big loss not only for the program but for the guys he went through two months of pre-season conditioning with," he said. "They became pretty close pretty quick and they lost a great friend and a great competitor."

Steenbergen was recruited by Machholz and staff and was projected to have a chance at the varsity line-up this season.

Machholz and the team collectively decided to pay respects as a family and take a charter bus to the funeral held on Thursday, Oct. 25.

"It's going to be hard, especially letting a guy go like that," freshman Jessie Alter said. "We will always remember him."

The team has grown closer to one another through the event.

"It should bring us together as a team and give us one last chance to say good-bye," Jody Ashline, senior, said.

Steenbergen was known for sporting his black socks. The team has decided to wear black socks with his initials on them in remembrance of him.

"We will wear those through competition," Machholz said.

Freshman Orientation

Welcome to Valley

New students ushered into Valley with games, food and fun



This year's Freshman Orientation at Missouri Valley College was held on Friday, August 17, through Sunday, August 19.

The students were split into different groups, each participating in similar activities at different times. Each group had a faculty member and a returning student accompanying them as mentors and leaders.

The activities of the weekend included barbecue at the park, dining together at the cafeteria, and playing various games on the Quad. Some of the games included tug-of-war, pyramid building, word challenge, sponge race, and dress relay.



Convocation



Story by Whitney Brown
September 2007

The week of Sept. 3-7 was the third annual Convocation week at Missouri Valley College. Convocation is a time for the college to formally welcome the freshman class on campus.

Tammy Harrelson, human service agency management and recreation administration instructor and American humanities campus director, said the ceremony at the end of the week was the "hallmark" moment of the week's activities.

"Freshmen are, in sense, graduating into the Viking family," Harrelson said.

Students participated in various activities throughout the week, which included meeting with President Bonnie Humphrey.

"When I was in school, we did not have a convocation week," Harrelson said. "We came in not knowing about the school."

One goal of Convocation is to help freshmen students feel at home at Valley.

"Freshmen were given the opportunity to get a lot of good advice from people who know first hand about Valley," said SGA President Ashley Grindstaff.

Many speakers shared advice with the freshmen, giving helpful tips on how to be successful in college.

Grindstaff's speech explained what might cause stu-

dents to get off track and offered advice on how to stay on track. "I was trying to get across a lot of things I wish someone would have told me when I was their age," Grindstaff said.

Grindstaff's speech gave freshmen an opportunity to hear from a peer what to expect with college life.

"It is different hearing advice from a student than from a teacher," Grindstaff said. "The most important thing I wanted to relay to the freshmen is to get involved and find something that caught their interests because it forces them to be responsible."

Larry Stockman, Teaching in Excellence Award recipient, was the main speaker and stressed that Valley is a family and how families are there for each other.

"We share the experiences," he said. "You will create your own traditions."

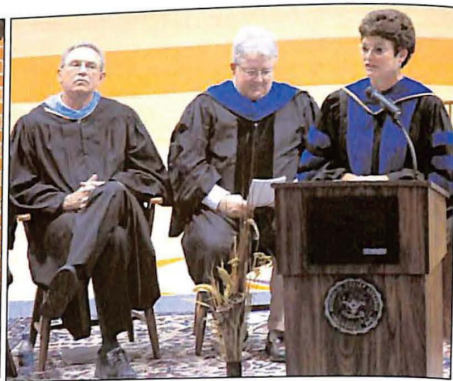
Marilyn Belwood, faculty senate president, had the freshmen stand up, then asked those who planned to graduate in four or five years to sit down. Not one freshman was standing.

"We don't have these types of formal ceremonies in my country," said Thomas Merlot, a freshman from France. "I liked how everyone came together, dressed up and looked professional."

Freshmen now have better insight on how to take control of their destinies and decide how they want to spend their college careers.



President Bonnie Humphrey and Eric Sappington, director of Institutional Advancement, prepares to meet students outside Baity Hall.

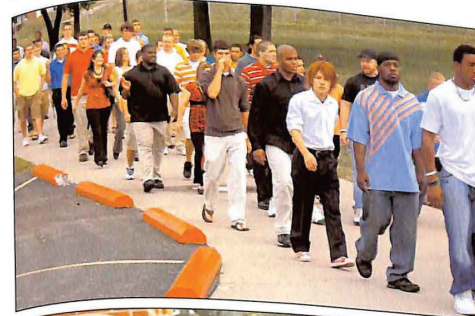


President Humphrey speaks to freshmen students at the Convocation ceremony.

Freshmen are officially welcomed at Convocation



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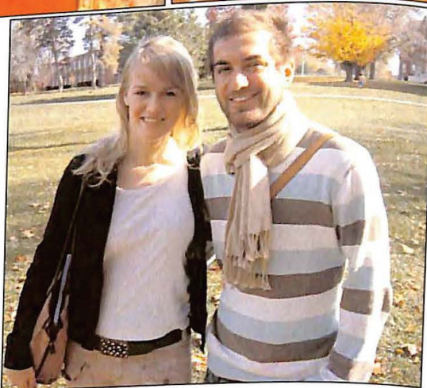
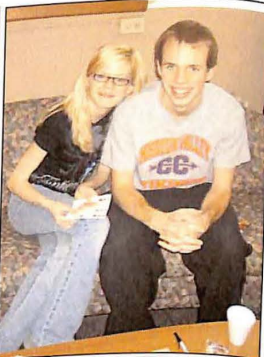
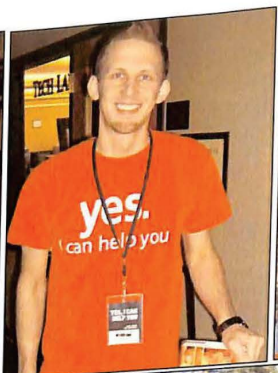
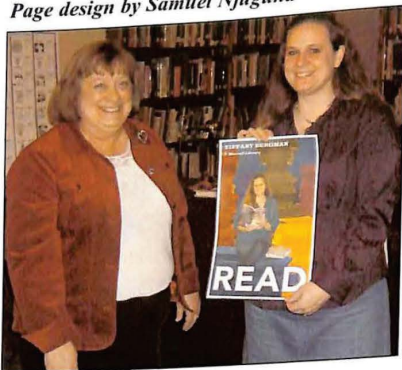
(Left) Students head to the Burns Athletic Gym for Convocation. (Below left) Heath Morgan, dean of students, addresses students outside Baity Hall. (Below right) Students meet with President Bonnie Humphrey on the week of Convocation. (Bottom left) Freshmen leave Burns Gym after Convocation ceremony. (Bottom right) Ashley Grindstaff, SGA president, addresses students at Convocation.



Campus Scenes



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(Top, from left) Pamela Reeder, director of Murrell Library, congratulates Tiffany Bergman, instructor of History, who appeared on the first "Read" poster sponsored by the library; Brian Griffin, manager of Barnes & Noble Bookstore, sells books at the Medieval Conference; Travis Watts and girlfriend Sheena Simpson in Murrell Library on Valentine's Day.

(Center) Katherina Scheller and boyfriend Johannes Goepfinger at the Quad.

(Below, from left) Participants at the Medieval Conference listen to one of the speakers; Mark Gooden, director of campus security, displays two pellet guns confiscated from students.



Hands-on Learning



Story by April Stottlemyre

The academic program at Missouri Valley College has been formulated to "promote the development of the student," and "to ensure the academic growth of the student within a framework of social, physical and spiritual growth."

Missouri Valley College prides itself in allowing students to move beyond the classroom and offers several opportunities for hands-on learning.

Education majors use their practicum to observe a classroom and become acquainted with the daily activities involved in teaching.

"Practicum is beneficial because it's more than sitting in a classroom and learning about teaching," said senior Education major Linze Leimkuehler.

Student teaching allows the students to lead a classroom and further prepares them for their careers.

The Mass Communication department offers a variety of hands-on learning opportunities. KMVC 91.7, "The V," is the college's student-run radio station. Students are allowed to run their own on-air shows as well as broadcast live from various sporting events on campus.

"I spend an hour or so a day in the station working on generating what songs go out and working with new DJs," said KMVC Station Manager Sarah Rodgers. "Instead of a lecture, you can experience the work and get ready for the real world," she said.

"The Sheena Show," hosted by Sheena Butler, Mass Communication major, is produced and directed by MVC students.

The school newspaper, The Delta, and the school yearbook, Sabiduria, are also both prepared by hands-on learning activities.

One of the newest majors to the college, Public Relations, has many hands-on opportunities. The upper division classes are designed to allow students to come up with actual PR campaigns. The classes have worked on campaigns for the MVC Rodeo team as well as the Theater Department.

The Theater Department took on a huge hands-on learning project this year when several classes collaborated to create, design and run the "Brunswick Outbreak." Students took care of every detail from costume design, to stage make-up and setting up several chilling scenes to scare those who went to the haunted house.

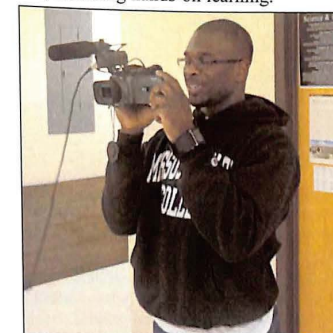
The Athletic Training Department is almost completely composed of hands-on learning. Once accepted into the program, students have several hands-on clinical classes where they apply what they've learned in practice under the supervision of an approved clinical instructor.

Several students participate in hands-on learning everyday at Missouri Valley College.

Chemistry students work in the labs mixing chemicals and studying reactions. Biology students dissect cats and learn about the functions of all the organs.

Students taking jazz, ballet or tap classes find themselves learning new ways to dance.

Susan Dittmer, associate professor of Speech Communications, said, "Hands on learning is an excellent way to stimulate tactile people. I try to incorporate a variety of teaching methods in my classes, including hands-on learning."



Garry Norris films in the production of a Mass Communication TV project.



Scholars

Outstanding seniors for Fall semester

First Academic Awards Banquet in recent years

Below, left: Nicholas Hood, introduced by Business Professor Larry Stockman, is one of the 20 MVC students honored for academic achievement at the MVC Scholar Academic Awards Banquet, November 8. Other deans and chairs who made presentations were Karla Bruntzel, Susan Dittmer, Jon Duke, and Ed Leslie. Below, right: Ed Leslie, dean of the Math and Science Division, was recognized for his long-time dedication and service to the college by Chief Academic Officer Earl F. Wellborn Jr. As the "Lamp of Learning" is one of MVC's symbols, Leslie was designated as the college's first "Keeper of the Flame."



Twenty outstanding senior scholars, selected for recognition by MVC academic departments, were honored at the MVC Scholar Academic Awards Banquet on Thursday, Nov. 8, in the R. Wilson Brown Room. Seated, from left: Tera Evans (Athletic Training), Samantha Sanders (Elementary Education), Nicole Christensen (Mathematics), Nicole Potter (Biology), Jessica Buchanan (Recreation Administration), and Tosha Van Horn (Criminal Justice). Standing, from left: Ben Menary (Psychology), Josh Haggard (Theatre), Kathryn Francis (Business Administration), Nicholas Hood (Economics), Claudia Vogel (Accounting), Rachel Brown (Sociology), Jon Strickland (Mass Communication), Janthony Johnson (Computer Information Systems), George Shivers (Human Services), and Bryan Gaskill (English). Not pictured: Sasha Sankey (Public Relations). (Photographs by David L. Roberts)

Scholars

Outstanding seniors for Spring semester



Second Academic Awards Banquet

Below, left: Norine Cruz (English) is congratulated by Chief Academic Officer Earl Wellborn, as one of the 16 MVC students honored for academic achievement at the MVC Scholar Academic Awards Banquet, April 10. Below, right: Claudia Ed Leslie, dean of the Math and Science Division, was honored with the "Lamp of Knowledge Award" by narrating her experiences at Valley.

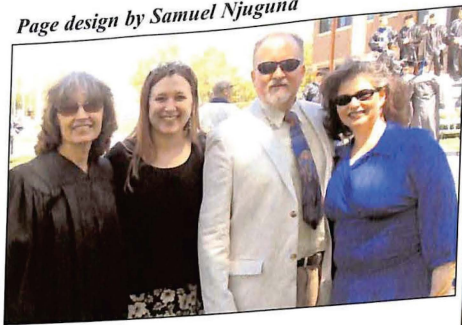


Sixteen outstanding senior scholars, selected for recognition by MVC academic departments, were honored at the MVC Scholar Academic Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 10, in the R. Wilson Brown Room. Seated, from left: Natalie Reische (Social Studies), Laurinda Bakert-Bailey (Sociology), Brittany Jones (Art), Norine Cruz (English), Ariane O'Day (Elementary Education), Amy Stockton (Mathematics), and Jessica Ross Mudzinganyama (Accounting). Standing, from left: Earl Wellborn (Chief Academic Officer), James Justus (History), Frank Caldwell (Alcohol & Drug Studies), Sheena Butler (Mass Communication), Claudia Vogel (Lamp of Knowledge Award), Johannes Goepfinger (Economics), Brittany Dering (Biology), and Bonnie Humphrey (MVC president). Not pictured Jay Elam (Exercise Science). (Photographs by David L. Roberts)

Campus Scenes



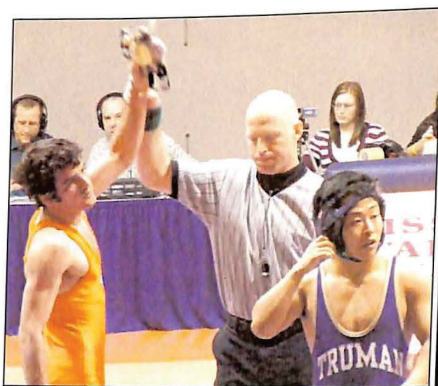
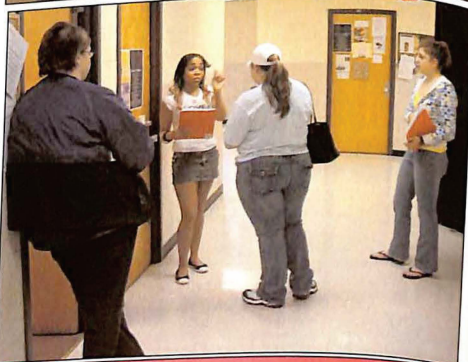
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(Top, from left) Professors Diana Malan, Sarah Moore, Geoff Howard, and Tiffany Howard on graduation day; Brittany Jones, Sheena Butler, Susan Dittmer, and Norine Cruz at the Spring Scholar Awards Banquet Ceremony.

(Center) Sabrina Hooker, Sheena Bulter, Natalie Parks, and Stephanie Rivello during the filming of "Becoming Myself."

(Bottom, from left) Valley's Billy Exline is shown as the winner of a wrestling match against a student from Truman State University; Ashley Schulenberg, Lance Weinhardt, Jacki Andersen, and Jon Strickland perform at the Spring Music Concert.



Adderley hosts Medieval conference at Valley



Story by Cori Basham
Photos by Samuel Njuguna

Missouri Valley College and Mark Adderley, professor of English and Chair of Language Studies at Missouri Valley, hosted the 32nd annual conference of the Mid-America Medieval Association (MAMA) on Feb. 23.

MAMA, established in 1977 to enhance medieval studies in the Midwest region, has a member base from the six states surrounding Kansas City. Annual conventions are held at University of Missouri Kansas City every other year, with the alternate years taking place at universities and colleges in the region. Adderley has been the president of MAMA for the past year, but his term ended with the closing of the conference.

Sessions included topics like "Encounters with the Feminine," "Fabiaux," and "Religion and Society." The day's guests of honor were Daniel C. Scavone and Tom Shippey. Scavone, Emeritus Professor of History at University of Southern Indiana-Evansville, presented a paper on the origins of the history of the Holy Grail. "Scavone is retired, but he pursued his interest in retirement and has come up with ground-breaking theories on the Holy Grail," said Adderley.

Shippey, from St. Louis University, has written two books on the fiction work of J. R. R. Tolkien and was a linguistic consultant for "The Lord of the Rings" movie.

Loren Gruber, professor of English at Missouri Valley, chaired a session, "Encounters with the Other," on medieval monsters.

"I have been going to medieval conferences since the '60s," Gruber said. "The biggest being the International Congress on Medieval Studies."

Gruber also presented a paper he is currently working on, a critical review on the movie "Beowulf."

"I looked at key words throughout the poem 'Beowulf' that suggest the emergence of personality that the movie captured as well," Gruber said.

Tiffany Bergman, instructor of History, organized vendor booths where publishers displayed Medieval pieces of literature that they had published. The founder of MAMA, Jim Falls, asked Bergman to organize the booths for next year's conference, to be held at the University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC).

Adderley said that many of the guests who attended the conference had compliments on the beauty of Missouri Valley's campus and how much support came from the president, faculty and students.

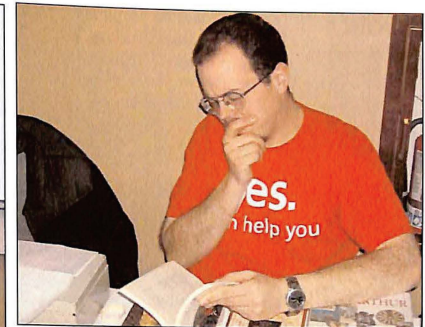
"These are people from big schools saying how wonderful Missouri Valley is," Adderley said.

Adderley plans to present a paper at next year's conference. As for this year, he was pleased with the outcome of the weekend's festivities.

"I think the conference went very well, indeed," Adderley said. "It was extremely successful."



One of the guest speakers talk to participants at the conference.



Scott McKay, assistant manager of Barnes and Noble Bookstore, helps sell medieval-themed texts.

Delta stays true to First Amendment promise



Jon Strickland, editor of the Delta newspaper, is congratulated by MVC Chief Academic Officer Earl F. Wellborn Jr. as one of the outstanding senior scholars at the Fall 2007 MVC Scholar Academic Awards Banquet in the Ferguson Center on Nov. 8.

Selected by the Mass Communication Department for the honor, Jon has served as Delta editor, Sabiduria yearbook co-editor for two years, and

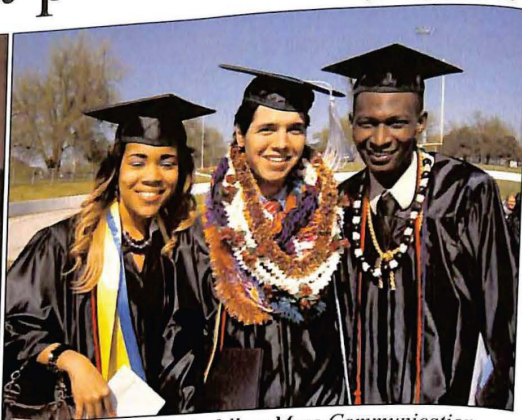
Profile of an Editor

Purple Patch literary magazine editor for two editions. His Mass Communication internship was with the Marshall Democrat-News, serving as a reporter and photographer.

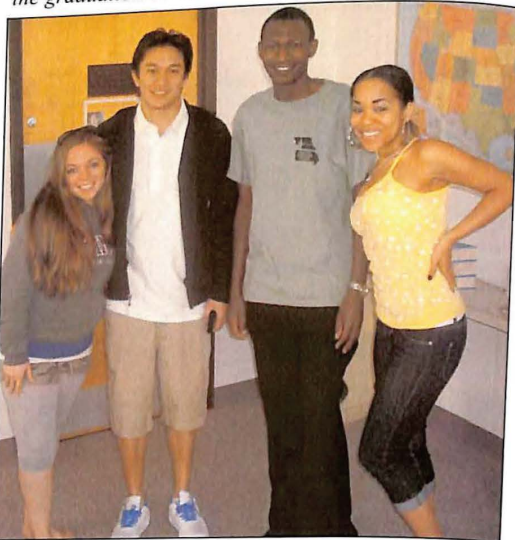
Jon has participated in the Music program for four years, singing and performing with the gospel, show, and concert choirs, as well as the Madrigal Singers. He has entertained theater audiences with roles in "Godspell," "Once Upon This Island," "Lucky Stiff," "Zombies From the Beyond," and "Trial By Jury."

Jon is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the English honorary society, and Alpha Psi Omega, the Theater honorary society. Born in Indiana, Jon came to MVC to play volleyball, which he did for two years.

Jon is a diligent and skilled student journalist and, in the sense of journalism when it comes to pursuing stories or asking the tough questions, he is fearless.



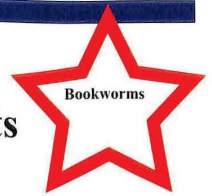
Jon Strickland with his fellow Mass Communication graduates Sheena Butler and Samuel Njuguna after the graduation ceremonies.



Some of the Mass Communication students who write for the Delta: (from left) Cori Basham, Austin Zavala, Samuel Njuguna, and Sheena Butler.

Book Clubs

A new initiative encourages students to read beyond the classroom



Story and photo by Samuel Njuguna
February 2008

For the first time ever, Missouri Valley College is starting a variety of book clubs covering different genres with an aim of promoting one of the college's academic missions—reading.

Carrie Strodtman Flaspohler, serials librarian and adjunct Psychology professor is the coordinator of the Book Clubs. Flaspohler wanted to create something that could integrate different groups on campus to get them to read and go to the library.

"There are few activities around campus and when students become social with faculty and staff this can bring them together," Flaspohler said. "This can also enhance their relationships outside classrooms."

Flaspohler anticipated clubs reading one book per semester. "This will enable members to join the club the following semester and keep the continuity," she said.

Bathsheba Love, in charge of library circulation services will lead the African American Christian Novels Club.

After Carrie mentioned about having book clubs, Love wanted a book club with a Christian message.

"I have read many African American-based novels and I thought students should come together in a Christian atmosphere and talk about the books they like," Love said.

Love, on behalf of the club has chosen, "The Sisterhood of Blackberry Corner," by Andrea Smith as the first book to read.

Members of this club, who are yet to show interest, will read selected chapters each month.

"Members will then present and share how the book relates with God in their lives," Love said.

The club, whose theme is, "Enjoy Christ in your everyday life" will work with Barnes and Noble to help

them acquire the texts.

Senior Norine Cruz will lead the Graphic Novels Book Club. The club will be reading, "Batman: The Dark Night Returns," by Frank Miller.

Cruz, who wrote about the book for her senior thesis, said the idea of a book club is long overdue and believes it is a neat way to get people to not only read but also meet other people.

Cruz always appreciates reading as something positive and expects members to have fun and enjoy the book.

"We are going to explore its background, different aspects and set the mood why it was written," Cruz said.

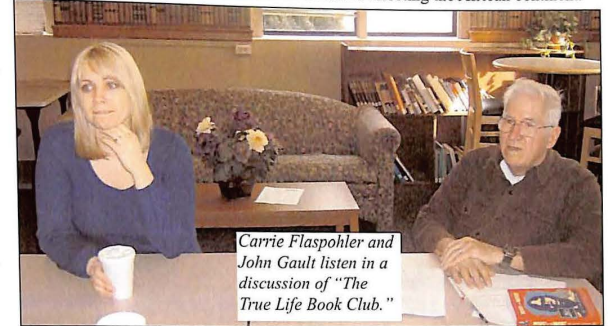
Cruz is encouraging students to join the club because the book has a message that relates to them.

"Even if you have not read the book it is a less fantasy Batman," Cruz said. "It covers issue that relates to us human beings."

The True Life Club led by John Gault, professor of physics met for the first time on Jan. 28 with eight potential members in attendance.

The club will be discussing the book, "What is the What?" by Dave Eggers, an autobiography about Valentino Achak Deng, a former Sudanese refugee now living in America.

The guest speaker was Joshua Tetteh, assistant professor of Sociology, with roots in Africa. Tetteh highlighted a number of issues affecting the African continent.



Carrie Flaspohler and John Gault listen in a discussion of "The True Life Book Club."

Banned Book Week

Panelists support fantasy series

Story by Johnny Henry
October 2007

Despite the banning and criticism of the Harry Potter book series over the years for its elements of witchcraft, three members of the MVC community urged book-reading for everyone and recommended adult guidance for children who enjoy fantasy topics.

The panelists at an Oct. 8 Murrell Memorial Library discussion about the Harry Potter series, organized for Banned Book Week, were the Rev. Pam Sebastian, assistant professor of religion and MVC chaplain; Scott M. McKay, assistant manager of the Barnes and Noble books store; and Norine S. Cruz, an English senior.

The Harry Potter books have been the most challenged library books in recent history, according to the American Library Association.

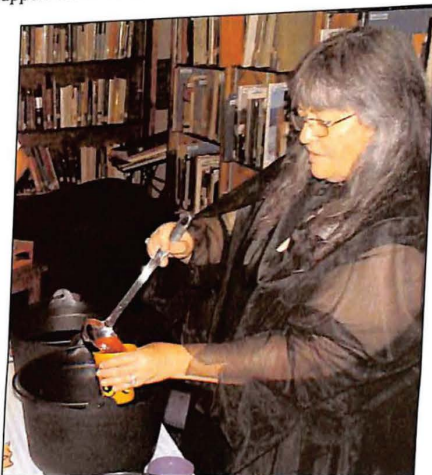
McKay and Cruz had read the series, and Sebastian had researched the book prior to the discussion. They generally supported the reading of the series and were opposed to the idea of banning the books.

Most of the people in attendance, who commented about the series, also voiced support for the books.

However, MVC student Tamra Bolden expressed opposition to the books with concern about the witchcraft elements. Citing the Bible, Bolden said the planting of seeds of evil, such as witchcraft, especially in young minds, has terrible consequences.

The Rev. Sebastian said many stories are about good versus evil. She said the original Grimm's fairy tales are "dark." People in attendance noted other fantasy stories in previous generations, such as "The Wizard of Oz."

Sebastian encouraged the involvement of parents with order to explain themes and content.



Wanda Taylor of Murrell Memorial Library pours some punch from witch-kettles, as the library provides Harry Potter-style refreshments.



Panelists: The Rev. Pam Sebastian, Norine Cruz, and Scott McKay provide insights into the reading of books.

Bolden, who hadn't read the Harry Potter series, said that detention centers and jails hold large numbers of young people who have gone astray.

Sebastian said most youth who are incarcerated probably aren't book-readers. The panelists agreed that book-reading is usually a positive activity that can help to keep young people from getting into trouble.

The panelists said fantasy fiction can provoke imagination and offer messages in learning, as stories contrast good and evil. Cruz said the books can teach more than what is found on the surface. She said the books clearly state the difference between good and evil and point the reader in the direction of what is good because "being bad is easy."

McKay said the Harry Potter series forces a reader to distinguish the difference between fantasy and reality.

MVC student Yalimar "Yaly" Vidal, who was in attendance and also had read the Harry Potter series, said, "The series is really good because it encourages reading and imagination, and keeps children from just sitting in front of the TV."

The panelists were optimistic about how the Harry Potter books have encouraged more children to read. They stressed adult supervision, but were opposed to book-banning. Sebastian said, "Be aware of what you are reading, and read more."

BOOKS

Education students meet with potential employers at fair

Career Fair

Story and photos by Samuel Njuguna
March 2008

The Missouri Valley College Teacher Placement Fair was held on Wednesday March, 5 at the R. Wilson Brown Room with about 25 Education major students present.

There were more than 15 educational facilities from around the Midwest represented at the event, many of them actively searching for new employees.

Tiffany Bergman, coordinator of career planning and placement and instructor of History, facilitated the event. Bergman said the event was successful and schools that came were excited.

"The students who attended made really good impressions with the school districts," Bergman said. The college provided the event free of charge and prospective employers drove here and provided information.

Bergman said that she enjoyed the fair and wished such an event was available when she was going to school. She also said that students who attended brought their resumes and were well dressed, pre-

pared and serious. "Visual impression speaks a lot about somebody," Bergman said.

Senior Amy Teater attended the event and said it was fantastic and an opportunity to meet with school officials.

"The career fair felt comfortable," Teater said. "I was in my element (college) and that relieved a lot of stress."

Teater got a job offer with Sweet Springs K-12 Special Education though she has not made any decision about it yet.

Senior Reginald "Reggie" Leon Singletary Jr. said the event was informative and interactive.

"It was great to see professionals in my personal field of choice face to face, interested in me and my experience," Singletary said.

Singletary got a few job offers even though he still has one more semester until he graduates.



Tiffany Bergman (left) and Sarah Hoormann chat as they wait for potential employers to trickle in.



Robert Dittmer (right) talks to a representative from Marshall Public Schools.

Valley hosts the Science and Math Olympiad Fun Day



Story and photos by Samuel Njuguna
March 2008

Missouri Valley College hosted this year's Science and Math Olympiad Fun Day bringing together local kindergarten and elementary school children.

The event, held at the R. Wilson Brown Room from Tuesday, Feb. 19 through Thursday Feb. 21, was attended by about 50 children each day. The event was cancelled on Friday, Feb. 22 due to bad weather.

Students are usually bused to the National Guard Armory for the annual event. This year, because of the upcoming deployment to Iraq, Valley offered to house the event.

Maureen Roehrs, the chief coordinator of the event, gave special thanks to Valley's Chief Academic Officer Earl Wellborn, for helping facilitate the move. She also liked the room offered to hold the event.

"It was a nice wonderful room for the event," Roehrs said. "It was comfortable and had good sound level."

Students from each grade appeared on a different day of the week. The week's events were coordinated by one teacher from each grade level. LuAnn Thomas from first grade at Benton Elementary, Maureen Roehrs from second grade at Southeast Elementary, Angie Harvey from third grade at Eastwood Elementary and Kristin Thomas for the kindergartens from all buildings.

The Science and Math Olympiad Fun Day is designed to involve early elementary students in science non-competitive activities that emphasize participation, team work, and cooperation. The event is run like a physical education field day with emphasis on learning, active participation, interaction between children and parent volunteers and having fun!

Cathy Swinger began coordinating the event in the 70's. She ran it for several years until she retired then Rendy Maupin, today's principal at Southeast school, took over.

This year's event had 12 stations set up. Children come every year and rotate activities. Each station was managed by a parent or a college student volunteer. The children spent six minutes at each station learning the hands-on activities.

"These activities make a connection and help them when doing Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests," Roehrs said.

Some of the activities in each station included:



Christy Combs holds one of the objects used to train and teach students at the event.

Compare and Contrast, Marshmallow Towers, Raging Roller Coaster, Incredible Invisible Writing, Skeleton Spin etc. Every year, Stacy Robb, from the University of Missouri Extension, leads the nutrition activity with the children.

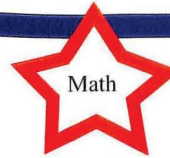
Senior Christy Combs is currently student teaching with Missy Morton at Southeast Elementary and was one of those that helped at the event. Combs is currently in her sixth week of student teaching and has now taken over the majority of the teaching in her second grade room.

"It has been a fun and challenging experience so far as we have several kids with disabilities or learning needs," Combs said.

Combs appreciated the general organization of the event and said it was beneficial to the children.

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Local elementary schools bring students together to learn math and science skills



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"I thought the event was well organized and an excellent time for the students to think about science and math in a hands-on, fun way," Combs said. "Kids were excited for the short field trip and getting to learn a little differently from their usual schedule. It was a nice time for everyone involved!"

Combs was also happy for every group of students that came through her station (compare and contrast) and were actively engaged and enthusiastic about the activity.

As for student teaching, Combs has immensely learned in such a short time.

"I have learned the most about making every lesson kid-friendly and fun, as well as behavior management," Combs said. "I have also had the unique opportunity to work with a lot of different struggle points with different kids."



(Top and bottom) Valley student Rachel Ehlers (standing) with some of the teachers in attendance help and guide students with learning skills.

Combs has had prior experience working/living with a child with autism, so she has also been able to really help her cooperating teacher implement some strategies to help one of her student's be more successful at school.

"Team work and planning strategies have also been a huge learning area for me, and of course, wonderful lesson ideas from my cooperating teacher," Combs said.

Combs said that it is hard work to be student teaching, but it's so rewarding to look at the children and know that, through lessons, and just asking them how their day is and patting them on the back, you have made an impact on that child.

"I think, with as many tough situations as we have in our class, this has been my biggest thing to look forward to each day," Combs said. "I have the ability to not only teach them the things they need to know, but also be a strong support system for them to keep them enthusiastic about school."

Combs looks forward to having her own classroom very soon. She is truly thankful to Southeast Elementary, Missy Morton, Missouri Valley College and everyone else involved in her college career for the amazing, life-changing opportunity.

"I'm so happy to be in teaching," Combs said.

Combs is majoring in Elementary Education and being certified in Special Education. She plans to pursue a master's degree in Autism or Special Education following graduation.



Combs shares a smile with some of the students who attended her station.

Senior Career Fair



Story and photo by Samuel Njuguna
March 2008

With seniors nearing graduation and later into their prospective careers or graduate studies, the annual Spring Career Fair was an opportunity to explore possibilities.

The Career Fair was held on Wednesday, March 26 at the R. Wilson Brown Room. Tiffany Bergman, coordinator of career planning and placement and instructor of History, organized the event.

There were employers from all around the Midwest represented at the event searching for new employees and interns. Some of those who came deal with criminal justice, military, hospital, radio, law enforcement, business, human services and those offering graduate programs.

Senior Kathy Francis helped Bergman with the event as a volunteer from Pi Gamma Mu, International Social Sciences Honor Society. Francis said there were great companies present to pick and choose from for any major.

"I loved how Bergman let me talk to all companies and mingle with everyone present," Francis said. "I was very interested in the fair."

Francis also said the event was successful.

"It was a great day, and I think it went very well," Francis said. "Many students were pleased with how well it went."



Keila Numnelly and Whitney Brown listen to potential employers at the Senior Fair event.

Candace T. Garb, director of student services, and Adrienne Vogt, coordinator of student recruitment in the Department of Health Management and Informatics, came to recruit students for the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Garb said her expectations were to educate students about the program.

"Many people have not heard about this discipline/degree," Garb said. "We wanted to give them information on the kind of jobs they can get with this kind of degree because it is really what they want a career."

The Department of Health Services Management and Informatics is under the School of Medicine. Garb said there are students from many disciplines that are in the two-year program. These include Pre-Med, Physical Therapy (PT), Nursing and Psychology.

"We also have Theater undergrads which is unusual," Garb said.

Some of the students in the program are doing their internships at Duke University and Yale New Haven Health System.

The program has an active organization, Health Management Informatics Graduate Student Association (HMIGSA).

"The organization is involved in philanthropy, charitable organizations and fun-filled activities," Garb said. Garb also said there are international students studying the program.

James Richardson, a Valley alumnus, is currently doing his post-graduate studies with the Department of Health Management and Informatics program at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Richardson said his studies at Missouri are going well.

"There's a lot of work and writing," Richardson said. Richardson contrasted his studies at Valley to those at Missouri.

"Valley is meant to prepare you for the world by giving you what you need to survive," Richardson said. "Graduate School is there to push what you have already learned until you are more learned."

Richardson also said that Missouri is harder because "the professors do not have the time to work with you until you understand it."

Black History Month: Guests talk about African-Americans and baseball



Story and pictures by Samuel Njuguna
February 2008

In the spirit of celebrating Black History Month, Murrell Library coordinated different activities on Feb. 4 to honor achievements by African-Americans.

Two distinguished guests gave different lectures on black baseball players. There were about 200 people in attendance for the two presentations.

Peter Gorton, a baseball historian, presented information on the greatest black pitcher, John Wesley Donaldson.

Gorton narrated the challenges Donaldson went through before being recognized.

"Donaldson's greatness came at a time when racial stereotypes and barriers depicted him negatively," Gorton said.

Gorton also said that he is interested in writing about Donaldson because he now knows a lot about him through research.

"If he's great, somebody needs to bring it out there."



Peter Gorton presents a Powerpoint presentation about Donaldson, the legendary pitcher, with his picture showing in the background.

Gorton, who drove all the way from Minnesota, acknowledges others who are seeking information about Donaldson.

Gorton has been working on the story of John Donaldson since 2000. The reason he continues to research about him is because he has been nearly forgotten to history. He said that Donaldson was a great example to people by showing how respect for others can bring success in life.

"As I've studied him, time and again, his experiences have astounded me," Gorton said. "He was a great ball player but an equally great man."

With the help of the Donaldson Network, Gorton gets his sources of information about Donaldson from libraries, newspapers and personal collections.

"We also continue to seek out relatives of teammates and players that competed against John Donaldson," Gorton said.

With Donaldson's career spanning 30-plus years, that leaves the network with thousands of sources to track down.

"Selecting the best possibilities for surviving information is where a great deal of time consuming effort is expended," Gorton said. "The need for others to join in the search for references is great. There are hundreds of leads to track in every region of the United States."

Gorton has given several speeches over the years and has always received great encouragement from audiences everywhere.

"Continually, I'm amazed at how little is known about Donaldson's career, and how eager people are to hear his wonderful story," Gorton said.

Gorton noted the controversies that surround the Hall of Fame and its election practices and the Donaldson story is no exception.

"As long as the institution continues the possibility of inclusion of players that it so blatantly ignored for so many years, John Donaldson remains a strong, potential candidate," Gorton said. "What Donaldson has going for him are many of the traits which the Baseball Hall of Fame has valued in the past."

Gorton is a contributing writer for the book, "Swinging for the Fences: Black Baseball in Minnesota," and winner of the prestigious 2005 "Sporting News/SABR Baseball Research Award."

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Historian and author give presentations on the history and success of Black baseball players



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Gorton's articles that chronicle the career of Donaldson have appeared in a number of publications and on-line forums, including www.mlb.com, 108 Magazine, and hundreds of local and regional newspapers.

Gorton is the leader of the Donaldson Network, a group of historians, authors and baseball aficionados dedicated to uncovering the statistics and stories about Donaldson. The network is committed to shedding light on Donaldson's forgotten career.

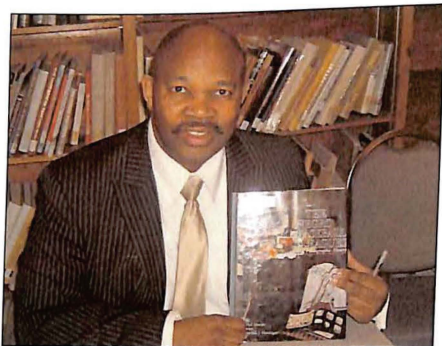
Phil S. Dixon, an internationally known historian and author, talked about the achievements of black baseball players in the Negro League before and after integration.

Dixon, who had interests in baseball since he was young, spoke about baseball in the past, present and future. He talked about the history of black players, the teams they played for, the way they were promoted, their achievements and the challenges they faced among other issues.

Dixon is widely regarded as one of America's foremost experts on baseball history. He has authored four books with another about legendary baseball player Buck O'Neill in progress.

Dixon's presentation was preceded by a documentary, "They We All Stars," which highlighted a brief history of the Negro Baseball League.

Dixon challenged those in attendance to pursue their



Phil Dixon displays one of his books.

goals and reach for what they have a passion for.

Dixon, who currently serves on the Board of Governors for the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, won the prestigious Casey Award for the Best Baseball Book of 1992 and a SABR Macmillan Award for his excellence in baseball research.

Carrie Strodtman Flaspohler, serials librarian and adjunct Psychology professor organized both events and was happy for their success.

"I was pleased for the great turn-out," Flaspohler said. "Both speakers did an excellent job."

Flaspohler said that it was fitting that Dixon, an African-American, gave his inspiring background for the audience interested in Black history.

Junior Marquia S. Caldwell said that both presentations led her to have more interest in baseball. "I did not like baseball before, but now I do," Caldwell said.

"Gorton and Dixon talked about facts that have been overlooked for too long."

Caldwell said that her great-grandfather played for the Memphis Red Sox under the Negro League and she plans to meet with Dixon in Kansas City so she can ask him more about her great-grandfather's career that is not yet documented.

Both Gorton and Dixon were later available at the reception in Murrell Library to answer questions and sign autographs. The library served some "ballpark style" food that included mini corn dogs, nachos, peanuts, popcorn and root beer.

Also for Black History Month, Tim Baumann, associate professor of Anthropology and Archaeology, hosted a presentation titled "Soul Food and African American Identity: A Case Study from Missouri's Little Dixie," at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site on Saturday, Feb. 2.

The term "soul food" was coined in the '60s as an outgrowth of ethnic pride and revitalization of African-American identity. The event was sponsored by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Friends of Arrow Rock, Inc. and was attended by about 40 people from Marshall, Arrow Rock and some Valley students.

Baumann emphasized more on identity of who we are as human beings and how food takes on a meaning, depending on how people make it. He also said that everyone needs to realize that all cultures and different heritages have soul food.

Student spotlight: Ashley Grindstaff

SGA president talks about her vision for the college



*Story by Megan Moniz
Photo by Samuel Njuguna
October 2007*

Student governments are usually the backbone of a college and their president has to be a person who will lead the student body effectively. Here at Missouri Valley College, the Student Government Association (SGA) president is someone who is versatile, strong-minded and organized, which all are good qualities of a good leader.

Ashley Grindstaff, a junior from Biloxi, Mississippi, has been given this great opportunity.

Student government representatives are elected every year by the student body.

Being SGA president can be a big responsibility, so when asked how she came by this opportunity she said, "I just wanted to give back to the school in a positive way."



Ashley Grindstaff is the president of the Student Government Association at MVC.

In addition to being SGA president, Ashley is also the vice president of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority on campus. In trying to use her position as president to give back to the community, she has helped Tamara King, associate professor of History, and Sgt. Eric Giangrosso, a Valley alumnus, start the MVC Cares Program where they collect different items to send care packages to the soldiers in Iraq. Sigma Nu, a fraternity on campus, is currently helping with the program and other organizations are being recruited to help with this effort.

In helping to better the student body, Grindstaff is in the process of setting up student forums with President Humphrey. At these forums, students can meet with the president in person and address their worries personally.

She said she will bring about changes when in office. Ashley said, "I am trying to make the events here on campus better and get the students to get more involved."

Homecoming is number one on the list where she hopes to make it a bigger deal and get the students more involved in the Spirit Week which the SGA helps coordinate.

Spring Fest is number two on the list and SGA plans to make it a week-long event wherein different organizations on campus can participate and have a day to themselves to organize events.

Student government is not run by one person and Grindstaff had some positive comments to say about other officers she works with.

"They are a very good group of talented people and we are all working towards the same goal, to better the school," Grindstaff said. "We also have very good chemistry."

Ashley Karle, vice president of Intramurals, said, "Grindstaff is really committed to her job and she is a good leader, who is very organized."

Grindstaff has noticed the high number of new freshmen and returning students who came back this school year.

"These students could do anything, but only if they put their minds to it," Grindstaff said.

Grindstaff, who is looking forward to passing her title to a new president next year, also said that it takes effort and cutting back on some of her social activities and proper time management as key to her leadership.

Palmer competes for Miss Missouri USA



Story by Cori Basham

Many little girls dream of standing on stage in an evening gown, waiting to be crowned the winner in a pageant.

Alayna K. Palmer recently got the chance to live out this dream.

Palmer, a Missouri Valley sophomore from Kennett, competed in the Miss Missouri USA Pageant Nov. 9-11 in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

"This is my first pageant," Palmer said. "I thought it would be something fun to do that would be a really good experience."

An English major and member of the Missouri Valley Women's Soccer team, Soldiers for Christ, and Gamma Alpha Lambda, Palmer received a letter in the mail inviting her to try out for the pageant. After passing the first round and a telephone interview, she became Miss Kennett USA.

According to the Miss Missouri USA website, to be eligible to compete, contestants must be between the ages of 18 and 27, must not be married or have ever been married, must be a naturally born female citizen of the United States, and must have resided in their state as a full-time student at a college or university for one semester prior to the beginning of their pageant.

Every contestant who participates is offered a scholarship to Lindenwood University, with the winner receiving a \$57,600 scholarship.

"I won't transfer because I absolutely love Missouri Valley and all the friends and people I know," Palmer said. "I love playing soccer here and couldn't imagine playing against MoVal. I might check into

some grad work there, but it just depends on if they have what I need."

Each contestant competed in a swimsuit, evening gown and interview competition, and the top five contestants took part in an on-stage interview.

"Right now, I kind of feel nervous about the whole pageant, because I don't really know what to expect," Palmer said before the pageant. "I have a dress and swimsuit that I love, so once I get there and get in my outfits, I think I will be fine."

Accounting major Tiffany Chin, a fellow soccer team member from Ontario, said Palmer's personality and work ethic are her strong points.

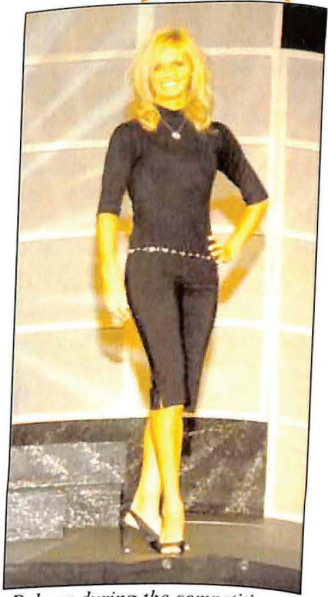
"I have so much faith in Alayna," said Chin. "I think that she will do very well, since she strives for excellence and has the ability to overcome challenges."

Palmer's father helped her practice for the interview section. "He said I'm going to get tired of answering so many questions," Palmer said.

"Alayna thinks well on her feet, and should captivate the judges with her intelligent answers," English professor Loren C. Gruber, said. "Intelligence is a big plus because audiences and judges are looking for someone that is a problem solver."

Competing for Miss Missouri USA would mean representing Missouri in the Miss USA Pageant.

"I think Alayna would represent Missouri well," Gruber said. "She is wholesome, has good common sense, and is the type of woman that family-oriented audiences can relate to."



Palmer during the competition. Photo courtesy of Alayna Palmer

Chin agrees, saying that even though she is might be nervous, Palmer will place it all aside and put her best foot forward.

"Alayna would be a great representative for the state of Missouri," Chin said. "Since I have known her, she has shown nothing but kindness and love."

After the pageant, Palmer said she definitely had fun throughout the experience.

"I made some friends that I will probably be friends with the rest of my life," Palmer said. "I think it helped my confidence level because of how well I did. One judge said he was amazed that this was my first pageant because I really looked like I knew what I was doing."

Adam Crain makes Dance Team history



Story and photos by Cori Basham

Anyone who has watched the Missouri Valley College "Glitter Girls" Dance Team perform recently may have noticed a unique new feature. There is now a male dancing alongside the 14 female members.

Freshman Adam W. Crain, from New Orleans, was invited to open auditions for the dance team while tying out for Missouri Valley's musical theatre department. After receiving an invitation to join the team, Crain had a few trepidations.

"Being the first guy to be on the dance team in Missouri Valley history, I was a little leery," Crain said. "But I thought I could take the first step and set an example for others."

Dance Team Coach Ashlee Schulenberg was not worried about Crain causing any problems, though.

"It honestly didn't even cross my mind that there would be any issues with him on the team," Schulenberg said. "The dance world is a place of equal gender and men are just as talented."

The team has had to make some changes to accommodate a male into the scheme of things. For starters, the team's "Glitter Girls" nickname stands out as a problem. "I suggested 'Glitter People,' but we are currently trying to find a better name," Crain said.

The team's costumes can occasionally serve as a potential problem.

"But I make it work," Crain said. "I don't want to stand out."

"Having a male dancer is awesome because we have the opportunity to do lifts in dances now," said fellow dance team member Jessica E. Shobe, a sophomore from DeSoto. "I think it is a great time to try new things."

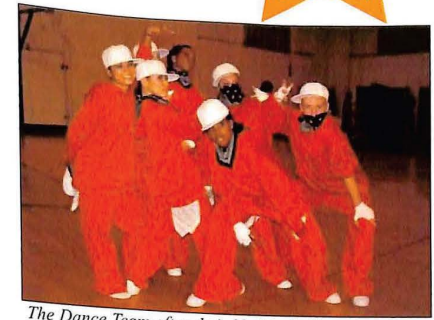
When it comes to choreography, Crain enjoys the spotlight. He does occasionally wish there were other male team members to help with certain aspects of the routines.

As for the audience, Crain feels as though they have been very supportive.

"I've gotten a lot of positive feedback from the crowd," Crain said.

"Now that people have seen him dance, I think they are more open to change," said Shobe. "People just see how good of a dancer he is."

Those who have watched Crain dance agree.



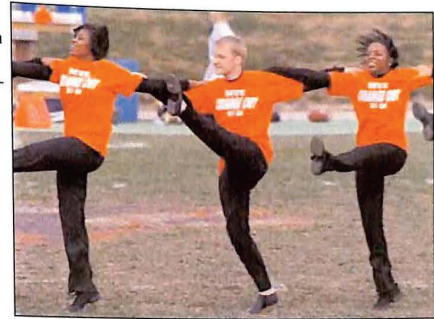
The Dance Team after their Nationals Showcase performance.

"Him being male does not distract from his talent," said Danielle W. Carr, a junior from Wellsville. "He complements the team."

"I encourage more males to try out and would welcome them the same," said Shobe. "As for now, I am happy with Adam."

The Missouri Valley Dance Team attended Nationals again this year and competing in the hip-hop division. They placed 16th.

Schulenberg said, "Adam is so extremely talented that I don't know what we would do without him on the team and we are thrilled that the school is accepting him on the team. It gives that extra 'umph' to the team overall."



Crain performs at half-time during Viking football game.

Disney honors Ashley McKay for her outstanding and exceptional performances

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Ashley McKay is the quintessential Broadway-bound performer. After captivating audiences at the Eckilson-Mabee Theater with her acting, singing and dancing skills, the Valley alumna is currently living the dream of her life working for Disney, one of the leading media and entertainment corporations in the world.

Since June 2005, McKay has undertaken three contracts with Disney Cruise Line, on the ship, Disney Wonder. The cruises take her to Nassau, Bahamas and Castaway Cay (Disney's private island) from Port Canaveral, Fla.

McKay is the lead female swing and dance captain for the current Disney Wonder cast, and has performed in the main stage productions of "Hercules: The Musical," "The Golden Mickeys," and "Disney Dreams," aboard the ship and she was recently chosen to be "friends with" Cinderella.

Disney Wonder held its Annual Disney Wonder Crew Awards ceremony and McKay won in two separate categories. She was honored as the "Best Mainstage Team Member of the Year," and "Friendliest Crew Member of the Year."

The nominees and winners of these awards were determined through departmental and ship-wide voting process.

"To know that my peers voted for me is what made it such a great honor," McKay said.

McKay graduated with honors from Missouri Valley College in 2005 with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree in musical theater and a minor in dance.

She was featured in more than 10 productions while at Valley which included roles as Lois Lane in "Kiss Me Kate," Catherine in "Pippin," Jenny in "The Shape of Things," and Mary Jane in "Big River."

McKay is still undecided on what to do after her contract ends with Disney, but her goal is to move to the New York area and continue training and performing.

She said that Disney is a place that she will never truly "leave," simply because it has been such an incredible place to work and grow thus far and she will always have a home on the ship.

"Someday it might be fun to perform at Disney World," McKay said. "My dream would be to perform in one of Disney's Broadway productions."



Ashley McKay in a photo taken while working for Disney.

Outside of Disney, Ashley has performed in numerous productions at Arrow Rock Lyceum Theater, Maples Repertory Theater, and Lincoln Amphitheater. She hopes to add more to her regional credits after finishing her contract on the ship.

McKay also appeared on ABC's, "Good Morning America" in early June, 2007.

Scott McKay, assistant manager of the Barnes and Noble Bookstore and McKay's brother, is happy to see his sister achieve her life-long dreams.

"I am proud of her," Scott said. "She loves Disney and acting and that's a good combination."

Diana S. Malan, associate professor of Theater and Music, said that McKay is a great success story and remembers her as an outstanding student.

"She was a student whom every professor enjoyed working with," Malan said.

"I am thrilled she had this wonderful opportunity."

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Theater

McKay looks toward a bright future after a life-changing experience with Disney

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Malan also admired McKay for hard work and taking her education seriously. "Like a sponge, she soaked up her education," she said.

Malan sees McKay as a real professional and she's positive she has a bright future.

Mark Adderley, professor of English, directed McKay in the play, "Much Ado About Nothing," and he's happy to know that McKay is already excelling in life.

"It is fantastic that she's successful in a career that is difficult to even get a start," he said.

Adderley said McKay always did well in other productions and academic pursuits.

"She impressed me in the diversity of her characterization in other shows," Adderley said. "She also balanced both classes and work perfectly."



McKay plays "Cruella" in "Golden Mickeys" onboard the Disney Cruise Line.

Cinderella

Some Valley students who were cast mates and friends also had nice things to say about McKay.

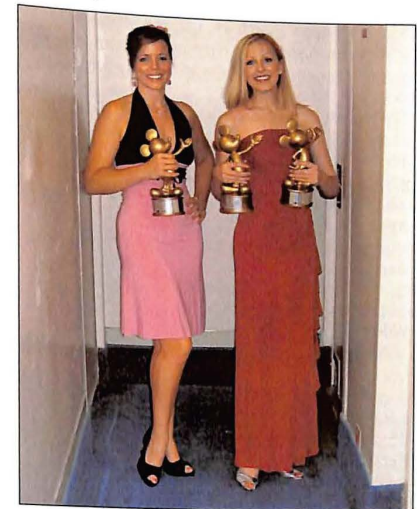
Senior Sarah Hoormann is happy to know that McKay is a Valley alumni living her dream. She praised her for academic excellence and her "high level" performance on stage in singing, acting and dancing.

"Ashley is a very talented actress and truly fits the personality and characteristics of a great performer," Hoormann said. "She is a beautiful person and wonderful at what she does."

Senior Ashlee Schulenberg is glad that a former dance mate who was bright and motivating has made it this far. "That's what makes you shoot for the stars," Schulenberg said.

Schulenberg also remembered McKay for her warmth and friendliness.

"McKay was constantly happy and cheerful," she said. "I wanted to be around her every time to share in her personality."



McKay (right) with Karen Shriner hold Golden Mickeys they won from the Disney Wonder Crew awards ceremony.

Brady Wilson: The singing student cowboy

Music

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Photos by Sasha Sankey
October 2007

At a rodeo, he's not only in cowboy attire, strapped boots and a Stetson, but he's also armed with a guitar. MVC Rodeo member Brady Wilson is a singer-songwriter.

Wilson, a sophomore from Columbia, grew up singing in church and learned how to play the guitar at 8 years old. It was actually music that kept him involved in church during his teen years, and he credits his mother and grandmother, who sings at his home church, as some of his musical influences. The two are still supportive of his music at this stage.

"My grandma bought my guitar when I was about 6 years old," Wilson said. "She also paid for my guitar lessons and that's how I learned how to play."

Wilson used to play most of his songs at Crossroads Christian Center (CCC) Bible study before it became a church. He played contemporary Christian and modern worship music. He also learned and played songs of country musicians, namely Garth Brooks and George Strait.

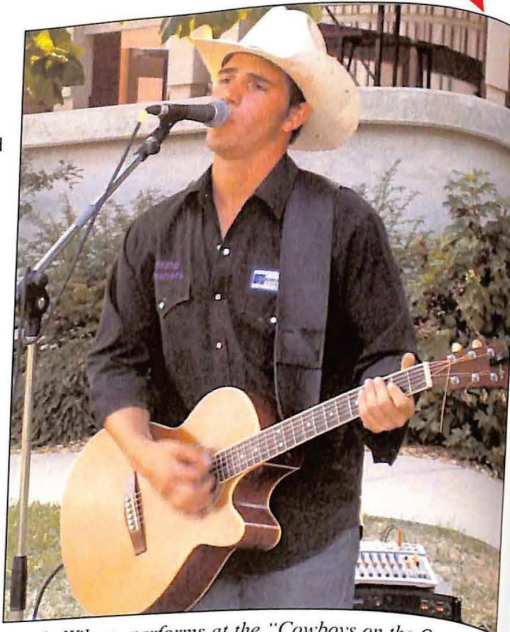
The biggest impact for his singing was at Teen Community Bible Study, a branch of Community Bible Study. There, Wilson was a worship leader during his four years of high school. He sang to about 50 to 60 children without a backup choir.

Apart from his mother and grandmother, Wilson's brother plays the drums at church. His girlfriend, Janelle Schultz, a student at University of Missouri-Columbia, sings country and Christian songs. Shultz and Wilson used to sing together at Teen Community Bible Study.

Wilson started writing the majority of his own songs in college. Interestingly, he does most of the writing when he loses concentration in class. He remembers one day in Professor Mark Mills' Biology class when he wrote down a song and passed it along to six other rodeo students in the class.

Recently, Wilson was requested by Hustler's Sports Bar to entertain patrons on Thursday nights. Wilson will play some of his songs as well as cover tunes and part with some cash every night.

Wilson's debut album was self-produced at KMVC, "The V." The album "For the First Time" features six



Brady Wilson performs at the "Cowboys on the Quad."

country songs. He came up with the title as his first surprise gift to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day. It was also because it was the first time that he recorded songs. The album sells for \$10, but the price is flexible.

The album has Wilson playing only the guitar without other instruments but he hopes to have a second album of higher quality with more instruments. His current album is secular but hopes his second will be southern gospel with country flair.

Marshall's country radio station, KMMO, played his songs to promote the college rodeo. At rodeo events, Wilson gives the CDs to the rodeo announcer's booth for students from other colleges to buy.

Occasionally, Wilson gathers students around Saline Hall while picking the songs he wants to record. He usually throws away what students do not like and keeps what they like.

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Wilson excels in singing, academics and rodeo

Singing Cowboy

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Wilson has also performed at "Cowboys on the Quad" courtesy of Sasha Sankey, a public relations student promoting rodeo events. Last semester, he also performed regularly at the college-led bible study, Soldiers for Christ (SFC).

Wilson's friends and rodeo teammates are proud of what he's doing.

Tammi Kumpf, a senior from West Grove, Pa., enjoys the songs about rodeo and God.

"I like the song, 'Jesus was a cowboy,'" Kumpf said. Kumpf said that for Wilson to perform at Hustler's, it is just the beginning.

"He is not only talented in rodeo," she said. "His ability to sing could make him the next Chris LeDoux."

Kumpf also appreciates Wilson for his humility toward others. "Wilson's is not selfish and his heart is for other people and God," Kumpf said.

Jill Adametz, a senior from Montfort, Wis., is amazed at Wilson's ability to come up with new songs.

"Wilson can start playing the guitar and come up with a song in 10 minutes," she said. "His songs are catchy, entertaining, diverse and good to listen to."

Adametz is also glad to see Wilson's down-to-earth attitude while gathering people around himself to entertain them. She said that he will be successful if he pursues music as his career.

Patricia A. Vazzana, professor of Business Administration, teaches Wilson in Accounting 1 and listens to his CD regularly. Vazzana said that Wilson's music is interesting and seem to always tell a story. "His songs go back to his cowboy connections," she said.

Vazzana said that if Wilson goes into music he can utilize his knowledge of business to manage himself well. Vazzana also said that Wilson will be successful whether in music or business because he is an outstanding student.

"He is also personable and dedicated," she added. In the future, Wilson would like to audition to sing various cover tunes from singers like Garth Brooks and his other country favorites at rodeo events.

Despite his passion, Wilson has no plans to be in a musical career. He hopes to do music for entertainment and church only and not for a living. His goal is to pursue a successful career in business management. At the moment, he wants to sing for cowboys.



Wilson and his girlfriend, Janelle Schultz, entertain patrons at the K Bar in Emma, Mo.

MVC profile: Darlene Arnett



Story by April Stottlemire
October 2007

The small grey-haired woman that bustles around the gym....that's Darlene Arnett, a smiling, warm-hearted woman many of students know. Darlene works at Missouri Valley College as the assistant to the athletic director. She also works at the Office of Student Affairs.

Born and reared in Marshall, this self-proclaimed childhood tomboy has grown to become a friendly face around campus. The oldest of four siblings, Darlene grew up and graduated from Marshall High School in 1955.

In high school, Darlene remembers Valley when it was a college of only 400 students, most of them football players. "They didn't have women's sports then," Darlene said. "In high school, my friends and I used to come to Valley to watch the football games and track meets."

After high school, Darlene attended a community business college in Kansas City. After working various jobs in Kansas City, Darlene moved back to Marshall where she met her husband, Jerry Arnett, an Independence, Mo. native who was a news and sports writer for the Marshall Democrat-News newspaper.

Jerry and Darlene were married on June 11, 1966. They had two children: a son who currently resides in Henderson, Nevada and a daughter who lives in St. Joseph, Missouri.

In August 1990, the college asked Jerry to work as the Public Relations and Sports Information director for Missouri Valley College.

"If there was a game, he was there to lend support," Darlene said about her husband. While her husband worked as statistician and publicist for the college, Darlene helped where she was needed, helping her husband, working in the bookstore, all her work being as a volunteer.

Jerry, an honorary member of V-Club and a Missouri Valley College Hall of Famer, died April 15, 2000. With the loss of her husband, Darlene devoted even more time to Valley. "Valley was there for me. It has and always will be a part of me," she said.

"Darlene is a really nice person. She volunteers her time to the football program and doesn't ask anything or it. We really appreciate that," said head football

coach Paul Troth.

In 1994, Darlene was inducted into the Missouri Valley College Women's Hall of Fame.

Today you can see Darlene bustling around the gym, helping coaches and students alike. Tom Sandwith, the Sports Information director/assistant to the athletic director, said, "It's really a pleasure to work with Darlene. She's always smiling."

Darlene has been around to watch a lot of change at the college.

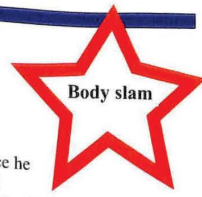
"My favorite part about what I do is working and getting to know the students. I've always loved the students," Darlene said.

"Darlene was the first person I met when I came to visit Valley," said junior Danielle Carr. "She made me feel welcome."



Darlene Arnett is always on the go with her dedication to MVC. She assists within the Athletic Department.

Wrestler Jeff Cobbs shines at home and abroad



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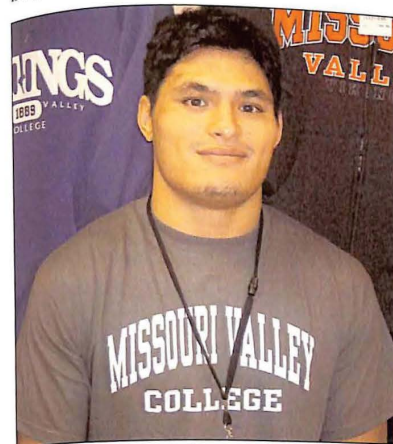
New Zealand, Greece, London and Japan. These are just a few places where Valley student athlete Jeffrey Bryan Kaleonani Cobb has been. When students at MoVal hear the name Jeff Cobb, they think of the wrestler from Guam, but there is a lot more to be known about him.

Cobb is Japanese, Filipino, and Irish and was born on July 11, 1982 in Hawaii. He moved to Guam in 1995 to take care of his grandmother and that is his new home.

Cobb is now in his fifth year at Valley, double majoring in exercise science and sports management with plans of graduating in May. However, doing school work wasn't always on the top of his list when he was younger.

"Freshman year in high school I went out only once because I was grounded so much for bad grades," Cobb said.

Cobb made his way to Valley when his friend, a former Viking, told him that he would be able to come here on a wrestling scholarship. However, Valley was not his first choice when it came to college as he had applied to many universities in hopes of playing basketball.



Jeff Cobb works at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

Cobb played basketball since he was in intermediate school all through high school, even on the 18 and under national team for Guam. But dreams of becoming a pro wrestler since he was a young kid turned him toward wrestling.

"I grew up watching professional wrestling on TV, and since I could remember I wanted to be just like them," Cobb said. "I wanted to be just like the pros."

Jeff and his older brother would always watch wrestling together and both of them enjoyed it a lot. His older brother now lives in Seattle working as a bartender and does Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighting. As a child, Jeff always looked up to his brother and did whatever he did. However, when his older decided to move to the United States, Jeff had to grow up a lot more deciding who he was and what he wanted to do on his own.

"I did whatever my brother did, but during high school when he moved away I had to finally make my own choices with what I wanted to do," Cobb said.

Going into high school, Cobb decided he wanted to wrestle because he thought it would be just like what he had seen on TV for years. But even after finding out it was nothing like what he had seen on TV, Cobb was still very interested in wrestling and knew it was something he wanted to continue doing. Since high school, he has excelled in wrestling, achieving many awards and traveling around the world over the past few years.

Cobb has been wrestling internationally since 2001 and some of his achievements include: four-time Greco Roman Oceania Champion, five-time Freestyle Oceania Champion and Pacific Open Champion, and making it to the Olympics. Cobb traveled to Athens, Greece, for the 2004 Olympics and wrestled representing Guam.

Wrestling has also taken him to places he would have never thought of getting the chance to visit. Cobb has made trips to Australia, Palau, many islands around Guam and recently made a trip to Azerbaijan for a qualifying tournament for the 2008 Olympics set to be held in Beijing, China.

"I am very grateful being able to go all over the world. Seeing how other people live and what they don't have makes it a humbling experience," Cobb said. "The people in Azerbaijan worry about how they are going to pay for food, while we are thinking about how we are going to pay for Halo 3."

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Viking wrestler eager to go pro after dominating college mats

Pin down

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Life outside of wrestling for Jeff is nothing out of the ordinary, as he likes to spend his time hanging out with friends, watching TV, playing video games and having a good time.

He also enjoys listening to music and it's not the same old music you hear on the radio either.

"I really like '50s and '60s music. Yeah, sounds weird but I like the old barbershop quartet type music," Cobb said. "I also like the backstreet boys, because they are like the modern form of the old quartet groups."

Jeff has big dreams after graduating from Valley as he is looking forward to trying to qualify for the next Olympics and maybe even trying for the Olympics in 2012. He wants to spend the next summer in Colorado Springs where the Olympic training center is and there he will train alongside former Valley wrestler Stephanie Lee.

Jeff also wants to break into his childhood dream of becoming a pro-wrestler. "Between the next Olympics and the 2012 Olympics, I want to try and get into the scene," Cobb said. "Even if I don't make the 2012 Olympics, I want to start doing professional stuff."

Other than his goal of becoming a pro-wrestler, Cobb would like to go back to Guam and help coach other wrestlers. He hopes to help grow and develop wrestling in Guam as much as he can, because the program there is not as popular compared as here. He wants to end up living in Hawaii where he was born or in Colorado Springs.

Jeff would like to have children but doesn't really see himself settling down anytime in the near future.

"I'm having lots of fun right now with wrestling and everything. There's so much more life I have to live, maybe later when I'm older," Cobb said. With all that Cobb has done so far in his life, he has remained humble in all circumstances.

He is very grateful that he has been given all these great opportunities and, as a Christian, thanks God everyday for it. Cobb also thanks his parents as they have sacrificed so much for him during all the trips he has taken and them not being able to see him.

He is also humbled by his experiences that he has already started to give back by speaking to church groups, elementary kids and, also in 2004, he was asked

to speak in a Rotary Club event here in Missouri. When speaking to some of Cobb's friends, they had nothing but good things to say about him. They continuously said how fun he is to be around and is someone that is trustworthy and honest.

David Beatty, a good friend of Cobb, has known him for three years.

Beatty couldn't stop repeating how much of a good friend Cobb is. He explained how Jeff is always there for him when he needs him no matter what.

"He's the type of guy that will go out of his way, put aside his own plans to help a friend in need," Beatty said. Beatty also said that he looks forward to being a life-long friend of Cobb, because of how good a guy he is. And when asked to describe Cobb in one word, Beatty answered, "Caring."

Whether it's traveling the world or just hanging out with friends, you would have never known that Guam native Cobb is a championship wrestler and 2004 Olympian.

He is very thankful for the great life he has and will remain humble in all that he does and decides to pursue. However, you might want to get his autograph now, because you might end up watching him on TV one day, wrestling in front of thousands of screaming fans.



Jeff Cobb with Brian Griffin, manager of Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

The re-enactment of the crucifixion: Valley holds the first event of its kind

Jesus

*Story and page design by Samuel Njuguna
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They came in large numbers shouting, "Crucify him, crucify him," as he trudged along with the cross. This was just a part of the scenes in the first Re-enactment of the Crucifixion event, held at Missouri Valley College.

The event, attended by more than 100 people, was held on Wednesday, March 19. The first stage was the arrest of Jesus at the Garden of Gethsemane (cafeteria) leading to his crucifixion at Calvary (the quad).

Senior Mike Mitchell was the chief coordinator of the event. While in high school, Mitchell was an onlooker in a re-enactment of the crucifixion event. He started yelling at the person playing Jesus and made fun of him as they crucified him.

Before the high school event, Mitchell used to think that if he were living in Jesus' time, he would not have yelled at him but when this happened he had second thoughts. Later that night, Mitchell realized what he had done and asked Jesus to be part of his life by asking for forgiveness of his sins.

Mitchell came up with the idea of the re-enactment at Valley in November last year. He remembered the high school event and thought the campus needed one.

"God opened my eyes to the idea," Mitchell said. Mitchell shared with the Rev. Pam Sebastian, the campus chaplain, the idea of having the event last semester. He also talked to Heath Morgan, dean of students, for permission and Adrienne Adderley, for safety while carrying the cross. In January this year, Mitchell started building the cross.

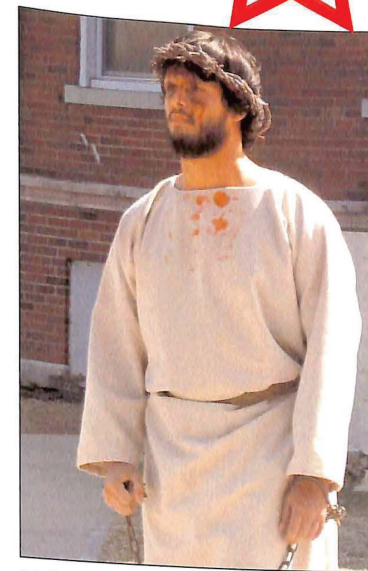
Mitchell, and his parents, who flew from Texas for the event, provided the money and other resources for materials to be used. Some of the materials used included nails, ropes, fake blood, Walkie Talkies and soldiers' outfits. The family spent a total of \$760 on the project.

Mitchell heaped praise on Jamie Lindemann, Valley's theater technical director for his immense contribution to the project.

Lindemann was the director of the event and helped in bringing the crowds and preparing Mitchell's scripture lines.

"Lindemann played a huge role in seeing the event become a success," Mitchell said.

Mitchell thanked Sigma Theta Epsilon (STE), Gamma Alpha Lambda (GAL) and Soldiers for Christ (SFC) for their contributions and also those who helped in any way.



Michael Mitchell plays Jesus in the Re-enactment of the Crucifixion. (photo by Britani Whitworth)

As for playing Jesus, Mitchell felt scared, but persevered until he finished his part.

"I wanted to make sure that beside the play, my life portrayed a real life Christian," Mitchell said.

Mitchell also remembered how it felt to bear the burden of the cross.

"When carrying the cross, it was powerful," Mitchell said. "I almost cried as I reflected on what happened to Jesus."

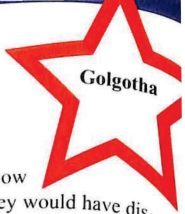
Mitchell gave God all the credit for making the event a success.

"All the glory goes to God," Mitchell said. "I did not want it to be about individuals but about the message of Jesus Christ."

Mitchell hopes that the event brought a new meaning to somebody's life.

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Students dramatize the story of crucifixion with success



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"I think whatever the outcome, I have heard positive things but my goal was to touch one life and tell them the important story," Mitchell said.

Sophomore Leah Jenkins played Mary the mother of Jesus and loved it. Jenkins said that she was excited when she found out that Mitchell was doing the re-enactment and knowing that it was the first time anything like it was done on campus.

"It was good for the campus for some people do not see God except through us," Jenkins said. "It was about the time we showed people about God and getting out of the comfort zone. For us Christians, it gave us the opportunity to witness for Christ."

Jenkins said playing Mary was overwhelming at first. Jenkins and junior Shantel Mays, who played Mary Magdalene, were for Jesus and others in the crowd were against him.

"I had to express sorrow, hysterics for Jesus and identify with others," Jenkins said. "It hit home how it would have been if I were with Jesus at the time of crucifixion."

Jenkins said the whole event stirred up a lot of emotions inside of her and she had to cry after seeing what Jesus was going through.

"It should be me dying for my sins but I am immensely thankful that he went through that knowing he took our sins in our place," Jenkins said.

Jenkins was also thankful to God for the weather.

"The weather looked overcast and rainy in the morning but God shone sunlight and the weather was perfect for the event," Jenkins said. "Many things could also have gone wrong but everything worked for us."

Pam Sebastian said she was very proud with the level of effort and practice put toward the event.

"The event was very powerful," Sebastian said. "They harmonized the gospel really well."

Sebastian was pleased with the way it turned out and said everybody in attendance had their hearts in the event.

"People genuinely seemed interested," Sebastian said.

Sebastian said that more advertisements were needed to reach out to many people. She added that

some faculty members did not know of the event and some told her they would have dismissed students in time for the event if they had known about it. Sebastian also said the safety issues and other concerns raised by the administration were overcome.

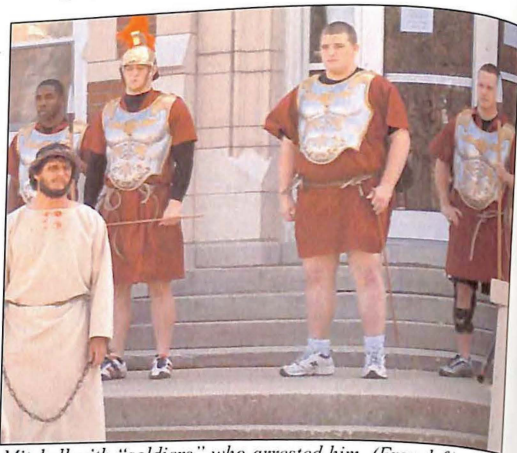
Sebastian hopes to see the event become a tradition. Sophomore Kris Scoville, the narrator of the story, said he was happy to see something different done to commemorate Easter on campus.

"I was excited to have something going on during Easter rather than the usual Easter bunny, egg and candy," Scoville said. "By getting into the real meaning of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, it was more than a media-sponsored holiday."

Scoville said the event was great and that it kept intensity, excitement and was enjoyable to watch but also kept things Bible-based.

"It was a great way to inform and show what Christ has done for us," Scoville said. "It was also to witness to people and let them know there are Christian activities on campus and those seeking more of God."

On Good Friday afternoon, Sebastian and several students gathered at the cross and read scripture, prayed and talked about what Good Friday is all about. Sebastian put flowers on the cross Saturday evening for Easter.



Mitchell with "soldiers" who arrested him. (From left) Dwayne Duskin, Micah Petersen, Mark Skogrand and Alex Foote. (photo by Britani Whitworth)

Veterans Day celebration



*Story by Austin Zavala
November 2007*

The sounds of trumpets, trombones and horns alike filled the cold stiff afternoon air as members of the ROTC Viking Detachment Color Guard marched their way to the quad during the opening of Veterans Day ceremony on campus.

Students, faculty and family members all gathered at the flag poles on campus as the Veterans Association held a ceremony in honor of those who have lost their lives or are missing while serving in the military.

Many students on their way to eat lunch or heading back to dorms or to class, stopped to listen as the ceremony began.

Veterans and members of the ROTC program stood side by side as freshman Joshua Schwartz sang the National Anthem followed with an opening prayer by Veteran Chaplain, Col. David Van Horn. Following the prayer, Professor Tamara King, director of the MoVal Cares Project for Soldiers, presented an American flag to President Humphrey that was sent by one of Marshall's own soldier who is currently serving in Iraq.

Then a reading titled "What is a Vet?" written by U.S. Marine Edward O'Brien, was delivered by veterans and members of the MVC Veterans Association, John Campbell and Harry Carrell.

The reading included definitions of veteran and how they are ordinary men but yet extraordinary because he "offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions for the sake of others."

Once Campbell and Carrell were done with the reading, veterans that stood alongside each other were able to present themselves to the crowd, as each one of them introduced who they were and what they did during their time in the military.

There were 12 veterans that showed up for the ceremonies, four ROTC students and one current MVC student who is serving in the Army and has been to Iraq. Many of the veterans were in Vietnam or took part in



Some of the Veterans in attendance line up during the ceremony.
Photo by David Roberts

Desert Storm.

"This was the first year we decided to do the introduction of veterans," Campbell said. "We were a little hesitant at first about doing this, but knew it would be good because it was honoring the vet which is the main purpose of the ceremony."

Senior Sarah Hoormann, sang her own rendition of "America the Beautiful." Then the American Legion Post 191 veteran firing squad of Marshall fired three rounds to salute all the veterans. Shortly after the gun salute was the playing of "Taps" on the trumpet by MVC student Corey Schmidt.

The ROTC color guard then retired the colors and everyone that attended the ceremony was dismissed. It was after the ceremony was over that you could then see how grateful the veterans were for the service and the people that showed up.

The veterans shook hands with smiles on their faces as they knew it was a day to celebrate the soldiers including themselves who have fought for the country.

Students that were in the crowd walked up to the veterans shaking hands, sharing hugs and saying thank you to show how much they appreciate what the veterans have done.

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Valley honors veterans during annual celebration



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"I am really proud of the ceremony. You can't do anything more for a vet than to say a simple thank you," Carrell said. "We don't want a medal or bonus, but just a thank you is good enough."

"I thought the entire ceremony all went very well. We didn't want the whole weeping and wailing type of program and that's not how it was," Campbell said. "We want to keep things simple. We had political speakers before but we all felt that it didn't reach the younger audience on their level. And we want to reach the student."

The ceremony held on campus was obviously not of something spectacular compared to those around the U.S or even the ceremony held at the town square.

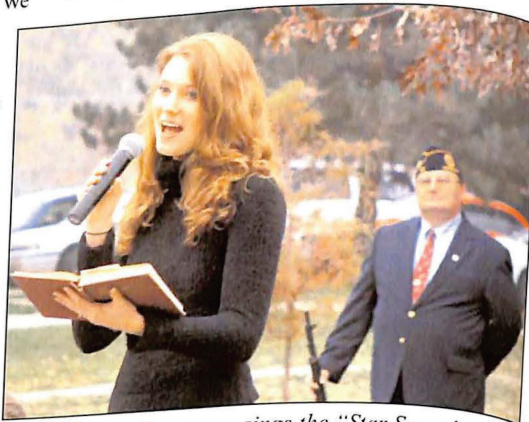
There was no special guest or political speaker, and no famous band or singing group to give the crowd a touching number. However, that is exactly what the Veterans Association wanted.

"We tried to make it a Valley family-type of ceremony," said Carrell. "The square has its ceremony which is good but it is much larger. And with that you sometimes lose sight on the big emphasis which is the veteran."

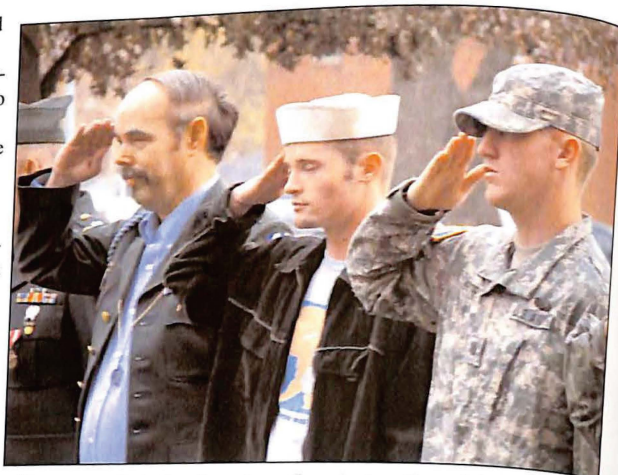
Many students appreciated the short and simple ceremony. It was good to see people around campus participating in the ceremony, and also have faculty not known to students to be veterans stand up before them and say how they helped fight for the country.

"I thought it was really good. I've been to a couple back in high school, and they were filled with speeches and that got pretty boring. But the one here was a lot better. There was no extra stuff that wasn't needed. It was straight forward and that's what made it so good. It kept the emphasis on veterans," sophomore Luke Knowlson said.

As for next year's Veteran's Day celebration, expect the same as this past service. The Veterans Association likes to keep it simple and not complicated and that's what they plan on doing for years to come.



Senior Sarah Hoormann sings the "Star Spangled Banner" at the ceremony.



Veterans salute the American flag during the celebration.

MVC Veterans Association



Story by Austin Zavala
October 2007

In 2004, several veterans decided to formally put together an organization that would be specifically for the veterans from Marshall and/or associated with Valley.

The Missouri Valley College Veterans Association was formed and veterans could have a place to go to when they wanted to discuss problems or issues they might have and share stories of the past.

For over 15 years, a couple of veterans in Marshall would come together every Veterans Day to commemorate all the men who have served in the military and helped fight for the country. With the help of Valley faculty and veterans Harry Carrell, David Van Horn and John "Scotty" Campbell, the association was formed to help others, especially Valley students, celebrate and see the true meaning of Veterans Day and its purpose.

The Veterans Association is composed of a handful of veterans who meet once or twice a month to discuss a variety of things. Many times during the meetings, there is a certain issue to focus on. However, most of the time, meetings are held to talk about ways to get more involved on campus, share military stories, and most importantly plan for the Veterans Day ceremony held on campus.

"Everyone had the common desire to come together, just to talk, share experiences and tell war stories," Campbell said. "Sometimes it's not easy to tell those who haven't been there."

One of the big things that the association contributes to MoVal is the Veterans Day Ceremony. The Valley veterans put together a program for the college, so that students who want to honor Veterans can do that without having to go somewhere outside of campus. Other activities that they do include helping with the replacing of flags on campus. When it is time for flags to be replaced, the veterans gather together and give a proper quiet ceremony for the retiring of the old flags and put up the new ones.

The MVC Veterans Association focuses on helping others, especially those of the military family. They work closely with the ROTC program, doing anything they can to help them, by attending and helping with commission ceremonies or just giving them advice if

needed. They are there ready to help families or friends of soldiers, who get activated to go to Iraq, and need emotional support and someone to talk to.

"The association is a family kind of thing," Carrell said. "As an organization, we want to try and make it a Valley family. Whoever needs help, we help them."



(Top) Members of the Missouri Valley College Veterans Association during Veterans Day celebration. (Above) John Campbell and Harry Carrell at the ceremony.

MVC community sends packages of care to soldiers in war zones

Story by April Stottlemyre
September 2007



books, chapstick, powder, baby wipes, beef jerky, socks, powdered drink mixes, Red Bull, chips, chewing gum and artwork by Brownie Troop 617. They also included letters and notes.

"If our soldiers want socks, we'll get them socks," King said.

Socks may seem like a silly request but, to soldiers in 100 degree Fahrenheit heat, clean socks are a luxury. Red Bull, requested by Maj. Dan Swanson, former professor of Military Science at Valley,

is used to keep the soldiers awake on their 18- to 20-hour shifts.

"The Missouri Valley College students and faculty support has been amazing," King said. She and other volunteers raised money at the first

home football game. The money and generous donations from students, faculty and staff members were used to buy the supplies for the care packages.

Murrell Library donated books and magazines and several students donated their time when they helped pack the boxes.

Ashley Grindstaff, Missouri Valley junior and Student Government president, was one of the students who got involved in the project.

"I think the MVC Cares Project is a great way to gain positive exposure for the campus, while doing something really worthwhile and helpful for the troops," Grindstaff said.

"I decided to get SGA involved because our main goal is to better Missouri Valley College in any way we can and I believe that this project is the best thing the college has going, philanthropy-wise, this year."

King plans to continue raising money so that packages can be sent each month.

"My brother is in the military, so I really appreciate what they're doing and I would really like to get involved in the project," said junior Danielle Carr.

"In a society that pays more attention to the latest Britney Spears gossip than the war death toll, it's a good thing what they're doing, showing the soldiers we care."

The MVC Cares Project sent packages every month.

No matter how divided American opinions are on the war in Iraq, the aspect of unity in supporting the troops is clear. Several Missouri Valley College students packed care packages for U.S. soldiers in Iraq on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

The project, headed by Tamara King, assistant professor of History, raised a total of \$896.82 to help pay for package items and mailing costs. King attributed this amount to the generosity of MVC students and faculty.

The inspiration for the project came when King got the chance to visit with Missouri Valley College alumnus Sgt. Eric Giangrosso, who was leaving for his second tour of Iraq this past summer. King, who has several family members in the military, asked what she could do to help and the Cares Project was set in motion.

The program's first result was that 12 packages were sent to soldiers that are friends and family of MVC students, faculty and staff. Some of the items in the care packages were homemade cookies, magazines and



Volunteers help to put packages together for the troops. (From left) Sheena Butler, Lois Tyler (King's mom), Tamara King and Amanda Carreras. (Photo by Samuel Njuguna)

Local residents volunteer in the 'Take pride in Marshall' annual clean-up day



Story by Samuel Njuguna
April 2008

Filled with the desire to make the environment look better, volunteers scoured across the streets of Marshall collecting loads of trash.

With more than 150 bags of litter collected and a record attendance of 87 people, this year's Take Pride in Marshall Clean-up Day, held Saturday, April 5, was a success.

Valley was hugely represented with members of the football team and Fellowship of Christian Athletes from the college. Others were members of Valley's Christian fraternity, Sigma Theta Epsilon (STE). Also in attendance was a Girl Scout Troop from Marshall, one high school student and an 8-year-old boy in a wheelchair and other Marshall residents. In total, Valley had 50 men present.

David Kemm, the chief organizer of the event, has been coordinating the event annually for about 30 years with the goal of getting people out to work and make Marshall look better.

Those participating in the event gathered at the Marshall City Hall parking lot at 9:30 a.m., where supplies like gloves, bags, safety vests and T-shirts were given out along with assignments.

Kemm thanked those who attended and made the event a success.

"It was fabulous," Kemm said. "I was extremely pleased with the number of people who showed up."

Kemm said that since he started the event, he has had as few as three and as many as 56 people attending a single event.

"I was overwhelmed by the many that showed up," Kemm said. "I can never say enough thank you's."

There was a party with lots of food after the event at the Indian Foothills Park at noon. Some of the food served included pork chops, baked beans, salads, Pepsi, potato chips and cake and others.

Valley's football team won a \$50 savings bond for having the largest group present. Kemm also appreciated the amount of work they helped accomplish.

"They saved my neck," Kemm said of the football team.

Some of the gifts were three silver collector coins given by Kemm, Community Bank of Marshall and Saline County Coin Club. Others included gift certificates for car wash, Dairy Queen, Sonic, bowling and many more.

In memory of Sue Long, the late wife of Kemm's minister, 650 trees were given away in a special dedication ceremony.

Paul Troth, Valley's head football coach was present and said he was pleased by the team's large turnout.

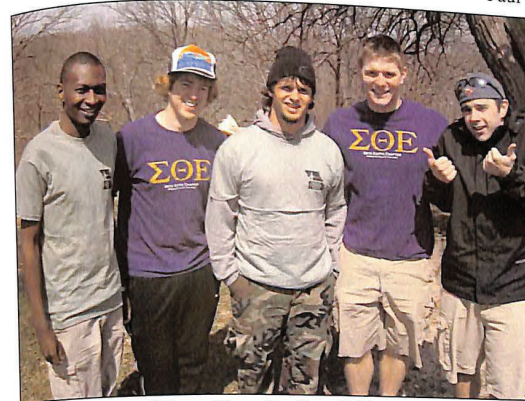
"We have some quality young men on our team," Troth said. "They were not required to be there by the coaches but volunteered their time, as everyone else did."

Troth said the clean-up is a very worthwhile event to help the city of Marshall. About the \$50 saving bond, Troth said, "We are very appreciative of the gift. It was not expected."

Sophomore Micah Petersen, who participated as a member of both Sigma Theta Epsilon and the football team, enjoyed being at the event.

"I thought the event was a good idea," Petersen said. "A good idea to get college kids involved in the community."

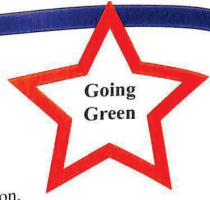
Petersen won a free meal gift certificate for Golden Corral.



Some members of Sigma Theta Epsilon (STE) present. (From left) Samuel Njuguna, Kris Scoville, Mike Mitchell, Micah Petersen and James Justus. (Photo by Nick Pekar)

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Valley students lend a hand in Marshall litter pick-up event



and helped serve the luncheon. Huck acknowledged it was the best turn-out of volunteers since the project started.

"The enthusiasm of the teams was great!" Huck said. "The college students were wonderfully fun and polite. The college students were having them."

and we really enjoyed having them." Huck added that the Girls Scouts have been part of the event for a couple of years and said they really enjoyed the event this year.

Huck said the addition of offering trees for planting in memory of Sue Long, a long-time supporter of the event who died of cancer earlier this year, made this event more meaningful for those who knew her.

Huck also said that the effect of litter on neighborhoods brings everyone down in much the same way. "When our town is clear of litter, we can feel proud of our hometown," Huck said. "Litter also has a negative effect on our environment and on the animals in it. Refuse can hurt animals, damage plants as well as our water and air supply."

Kemm, who is also a member of Adopt-A-Highway program and Missouri Stream Team, has planned next year's event for Saturday April 1.

"I hope that more will show up next year," Kemm said.

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Rose Ann Huck, director of Poole Advertising office in Marshall, helped Kemm in designing flyers and distributing them. Huck is a graphic designer as well as a salesperson with the firm.

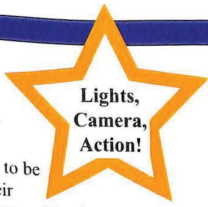
Huck also worked with Kemm to collect prizes from local merchants and organizations and also helped with pick-up and delivery of items on the day of the event



Young children have fun at the playground after the event.

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Guerrilla Film Festival



Story by Austin Zavala
October 2007

Having dreams of being a part of something you can see on the big screen is not hard to achieve as Valley is host to the Sixth Annual Guerrilla Film Festival.

Students, who are interested in making films or acting, are able to do so during the festival, coordinated by Geoff Howard, Theatre professor.

Howard started working at film festivals while a student at Texas Tech University. He and fellow colleagues would sneak into the drama and theatre building and make short films overnight to be shown at parties or elsewhere.

There was no faculty involvement and they had no idea they were doing it, and Howard wants the students to have that feeling of achievement.

"For those who want to participate, the film festival is a place where you really throw yourself into a pressure cooker, and see what happens at the end," Howard said. "There are no real prizes or awards given away. It is not a competition, but you may win undying and reverent awe for your work."

Those interested in participating need to be on a team before entering, but are allowed to share actors and/or equipment once the festival begins.

The teams are then taken to the site of where they are to shoot their films. Once they are at the location, everything is free range and the teams can do whatever type of film they choose to do.

However, if a team seems to be struggling with ideas for their film, Howard can provide them with a box also known as "movie in a box," filled with random items that they have to use in the film.

The teams usually have from 8 p.m. till dawn to get footage. Afterward they are allowed to work on editing the movie or catching up on sleep if they wish to, before having to turn in the finished product the next day at 7 p.m.

"A lot of teams produce scary movies because it is around the time of Halloween. Last year's location was a farm, so there were a lot of 'slasher' horror type movies," Howard said. "However, we always have a lot of silly and funny movies that it fun of other movies you see."

Though the festival is in its sixth year at Valley, the attendance number when it comes to the screening of the films remains fairly small because not many students know that it exists on campus.

The screening is something worth attending, because it lets students see how creative a person can be when put under that type of pressure, and students and others are also in for some good laughs and maybe a few tears.

"It's fun. They are guaranteed a movie they never saw before, and it's just fun," Howard said.

The Sixth Annual One-Night Guerrilla Film Festival will be on the Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eckilson-Mabee Theatre, with the 15-minute films being shot and entirely completed the day before and of the festival.

Campus Scenes



Rachel Henke and Josh Lammert, the sophomore class Homecoming court winners.



Kathy Francis (left) and Tiffany Bergman check-in students and participants at the Senior Career Fair.

Pop culture month celebrated at Murrell Memorial Library



Story and photo by Cori Basham

The force has been with Murrell Memorial Library. Throughout the month of October, the library staff has been celebrating the 30th anniversary of the "Star Wars" movie series, along with other fixtures of pop culture. Each Tuesday night, the halls have been full of light saber wars and photo opportunities with Darth Vader.

"Although we were going to focus solely on 'Star Wars,' somehow the project grew to encompass pop culture in the 20th and 21st centuries," said Library Director Pamela Reeder. "Pop culture affects so many aspects of our lives, like the way we dress, what we eat, and the language we use."

The celebration started Oct. 16 with a pop culture trivia night. Those in attendance answered questions about a variety of pop culture staples such as, "What is Smithers' first name?," "Where does Yoda live?" and "What was the name of the hang-out on 90210?" First place went to Tiffany Bergman, Missouri Valley history instructor, and, in a close second, Joshua Schwartz, of Salisbury.

Avid comic book and action figure collector Nathan Reeder, Pamela Reeder's son, shared his pop culture collection on Oct. 23. He has been collecting the items for about 10 years and specializes in Superman, He-Man, and Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

"It was like a little piece of my childhood sitting right there on the shelf," said Nathan, referring to a set of reissued He-Man figures he purchased toward the beginning of his collecting career. Nathan does not play with them like he would have as a child though.

"It would devalue them if I opened the packaging," he said.

Nathan estimates that he has more than 400 action figures and about 2,000 comic books, which totals to

about a \$12,000 collection. "But luckily I'm a teacher, so I'm rich," he joked. On October 30, the library hosted a "Scene It" DVD competition.

"I'm always disappointed that more students don't choose to spend an hour at our special events simply out of intellectual curiosity," Pamela said. "We try to schedule our events around other campus activities to avoid competition."

Yalimar Vidal, a sophomore from Puerto Rico, goes to a lot of the activities at the library. "It's always fun because I am around people with unique interests," Vidal said. "The 'Star Wars' trivia night was fun because I think I know a good deal about pop culture. I may not know a lot about a specific thing, but I know a little about most things."

For those who were curious, the answers to the trivia questions featured in this story are:

- * What is Smithers' first name? - Waylan
- * Where does Yoda live? - Dagobah
- * What was the name of the hang out on 90210? - The Peach Pit



Trivia Night winners Tiffany Bergman and Joshua Schwartz

'Wine' and Cheese-Tasting at Library



Story and photos by Cori Basham

Jazz music was playing as a large group of amateur wine connoisseurs gathered for the Annual 'Wine' and Cheese-Tasting in the Coffee by the Book room of Murrell Library, on Jan. 22.

"This will be the third time we've offered the 'wine' and cheese-tasting. The first year, we had a local home wine-maker come to talk," said Pamela Reeder, library director. "Last year, the owner of Goatsbeard Farms came to tell about their cheese-making business and goat farm."

Unfortunately, this year's event date coincided with an International Chocolate and Wine event in Kansas City, which made it tough to book any local wineries for a visit.

"Because we have a no-alcohol policy on campus, the library can't have real wine," said Reeder. There is a difference between non-alcoholic wine and grape juice, though. Most alcohol-free wines are fermented, then heated to remove the alcohol.

The evening began with a round of trivia questions, beginning with "In wine, what do 'legs' refer to?" and ending with, "What is the correct way to taste wine?" The correct answers to each question were placed in a drawing, and the three names drawn were offered the choice of a tote bag, a deck of cards or a book.

The correct way to taste wine, according to the library staff, is to "see, sniff, snip."

"In other words, look at the color, swirl the wine in the glass and sniff, then take a sip," said Reeder.

The guests took part in the "blind" tasting where the labels were covered. They were asked to rate each selection on appearance, aroma, taste, body and finish.

Once the scores were tallied, the names of the wines were announced, revealing insight into favorite choices. "Number one (Sparkling Apple-Pomegranate) was my favorite," said Yalimar Vidal, a sophomore English major from Puerto Rico. "It was fruity and sweet, with a kick."

Other wines featured were White Grape, Green Apple, Peach, and Apple Pear.

"I preferred number nine (Apple Pear) because I like



Students sampled unlabeled "wine" and cheese and chose their favorite.

apples and pears," said Joshua Schwartz, a freshman from Salisbury.

The cheese-tasting was another highlight. There was a large variety of cheeses from around the world, including Bleu D'Auvergne from France, Ubriccone from Italy, and Private Stock Aged Cheddar and Cranberry White Cheddar from the United States.

"This event is probably the most expensive and requires the most prep time of any program we do," said Reeder. "For the past two years, the staff has donated the cheeses and the 'wines,' but this year we were able to help pay for the supplies with money from the monthly book sales."



Camri Jones and Tiffany Bergman make a toast.

Bingo Night kicks off Homecoming week



Story by April Stottlemire
October 2007

Photos By Cory Petersen

Homecoming was a hectic week with a variety of activities. The eventful week offered students several fun-filled activities including Bingo Night.

American Humanics hosted the event in collaboration with Cari Eck, the coordinator of Student Activities. The event was held in the Ferguson Center's R. Wilson Brown Room. This was the second annual Bingo Night.

Tammy S. Harrelson, American Humanics campus director and instructor of Human Services & Recreation Administration said the event was very successful.

"We wanted to kick off Homecoming week with a bang," Harrelson said.

The event was free to all and each student received one Bingo card. Students who donated canned food were given extra cards. Several stu-

dents brought canned food to increase their chances of winning several prizes.

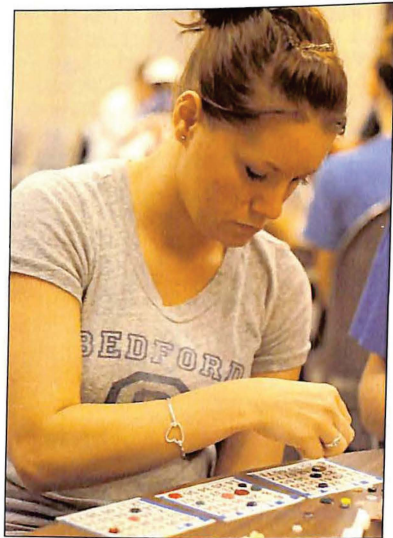
American Humanics collected approximately 200 articles of nonperishable food items for the local food pantry.

The event was well-attended by about 200 students. Some students had to sit on the floor for lack of a place to sit. Several rounds were played, with several winners getting prizes. There were prizes donated from several local businesses which included Bogey's, Hustler's, Los Tres Amigos, BBQ Pit Stop, McDonald's, Have-a-Snack, Dominos, Pizza Hut, Arby's, Movie Theater, MVC, Theta Phi Alpha (homemade cakes), Applebee's and many more.

American Humanics hopes to continue Bingo Night, once a semester, if the organization gets prizes available for the event.

"Bingo Night will be a good tradition because it's fun and you have a chance to win prizes," said senior Jessica Buchanan.

Overall, Bingo night was a great success and a great way to begin Homecoming activities.



Murrell Library hosts Mad Hatter's Tea Party



Story and Photos by Cori Basham

"Why is a raven like a writing-desk?" asked the Hatter to Alice in Lewis Carroll's 1865 "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." When Alice can't come up with an answer, he replies, "I haven't the slightest idea."

The library staff hosted a Mad Hatter's Tea Party for the women of Missouri Valley College on March 25 in the Coffee by the Book room of Murrell Library.

"I think those in attendance enjoy getting together and enjoy the silliness, the fun and the food," said Linnea Muller, a retired Missouri Valley librarian.

Madam Ditz-Mer, usually known as Professor Susan Dittmer, did tea-leaf readings, answering participants "deepest, darkest questions of life."

"I've been to every tea party," said senior English major Norine Cruz. "Missouri Valley doesn't host many social events and this is a very entertaining one with good tea and good conversation."

The teas featured were of the black, oolong and green variety. Traditional "finger foods" were served, as well, including scones, cookies, cucumber sandwiches, pimento and ham sandwiches, and muffins.

"The cucumber sandwich was nice," said Clara Curtiss.

"I liked the pimento-cheese sandwich and the oolong tea," said sophomore English/Mass Communication major Yalimar Vidal.

Not everyone came strictly for the refreshments. Others came to enjoy the social nature of the tea party setting.



Madam "Ditz-Mer" gives a tea leaf reading.

"I came to catch up with some of my sisters that I haven't seen in so long," Jamelle Robinson said.

The tea party was held in part to commemorate Women's History Month.

"It didn't start out to be that way. It started out just for fun," said Pamela Reeder. "It sort of melded into a celebration of both March and Women's History Month."

A few women in attendance wore hats, like in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, with one hat even sporting the "10/6" tag.

According to Wikipedia's Web site, the term "Mad Hatter" arose because mercury was used in the process of curing felt used in some hats, and hatters, or those who made hats, often inhaled the mercury fumes, causing neurological damage, confused speech and distorted vision. At that time, anyone who exhibited an altered mental state was called "mad," regardless of the reason.

Some felt that a Mad Hatter Tea Party was a good way to celebrate this month because it created a good parallel for comparison.

"There are two extreme females in the story; the queen, who is dominant, and Alice, who is naive," said Cruz. "Women's History shows how we have evolved from those two stereotypes."

The library staff said the party was a success, even if the answer to the Hatter's riddle was never solved.

"It's always a measure of achievement when people come and stay for the whole event," Reeder said.



Senior Norine Cruz drinks a cup of tea.

Intramurals

Champions are crowned in intramural games

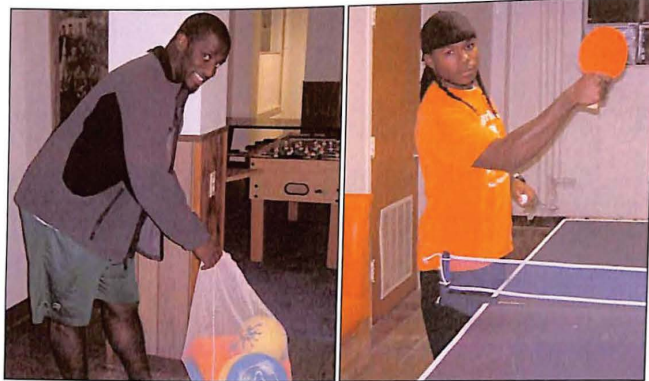
The intramurals program, coordinated by Larry Williams, provided a variety of athletic activities and challenges. Listed below are some of the champions:

Fall 2007

Billiards Champion -- Brandon Perkins
 Team Billiards Champions -- Luis Marroquin and Meir Benzguida
 Co-Rec Kickball Champions -- Weather Bird Willy's
 Men's Kickball Champions -- TKE
 Co-Rec Table Tennis Champions -- Katharina Scheller and Johannes Goeppinger
 Men's Doubles Table Tennis Champions -- Glenn Baum and Jack Sailor
 Men's Singles Table Tennis Champion -- Rouven Haeing
 Bowling Champions -- First place: Weather Bird Willy's (Scott Brown, Jamee Weston, Ricky Conn, Krista Camarillo) Second place: Alpha Sigma.

Spring 2008

Indoor Soccer Champions -- Co-Rec champions: Brooke Gregory, Sergio Matos, Jody Ashline, Brad Perkins, Sienna Valdez, Andrai Hill, Richard Petricia, and Tiffany Chin.
 Men's champions -- Matt Bryan, Chris Bryan, Mike Lagoski, Ryan McGuire, Drew Hawkins, Clayton Woodward, and Jordan Webb.
 March Madness Pick 'Em Challenge
 Winners -- 1). Tyler Fennewald 2). Petra Knight 3). Heather Troth.
 Chess Champion -- James Hoyt
 Indoor Volleyball Champions -- TKE (men's) and ROYGBV (co-rec).



(From left) Larry Williams, the intramurals coordinator, carries some of the balls, cones and discs to be used in different intramural activities; a student shows off his swing before the start of the ping pong tournament.



New sorority on campus: Gamma Alpha Lambda



Photos courtesy of Alayna Palmer
 Page design by Cori Basham

A new Christian sorority known as Gamma Alpha Lambda has arrived on campus. Five returning students make up GAL's founding members, who started putting the sorority's name out there as soon as they arrived on campus for the beginning of the fall semester. The Missouri Valley chapter of GAL is the fourth chapter to open in the country.

An informational meeting was held two weeks into the semester, providing information about the organization and its objectives.

Sarah Hoormann, president of GAL, said, "We welcome everybody with open arms."

Information about the process of joining and requirements needs were discussed, too. The list was pretty long but they said it would be worth it.

Some of the requirements are an essay describing why the applicant wants to join the sisterhood and an interview with the women to see if this is the right place for them.

"Don't worry it is not scary. We just want to get to know you individually," said Hoormann during the meeting.

Potential pledges are also needed to do two service events and two social events to be inducted into the sorority. One of the services they plan to do is to help keep the McDonald Hall community bath-

rooms clean during the week-ends.

Their social events would include gatherings among themselves, playing games and getting to know one another.

The sorority considers itself a Christian sisterhood, which means members bond with each other, but most of all with God.

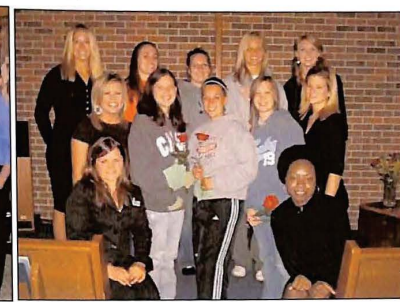
"I joined it because I think it will strengthen my faith and I also like hanging out with the girls," said GAL member Jessica Shobe.



Several of GAL members (from left) Jami Slote, Sarah Hoormann, Alayna Palmer, Christy Combs, and Ashley Graham.



GAL members and guests during their Winter Formal



GAL members on bid night

Soldiers for Christ

Faith

Story by Austin Zavala
October 2007

There are many new challenges and decisions that a student faces when joining college, even when it comes to their faith in Christ, but a study group at Valley makes it easier to keep the faith strong.

In the year 2001, a couple of students, with the help of Professor Susan Dittmer, created Soldiers for Christ (SFC), a student-led Bible study group, giving students who believe in Jesus Christ to come together and focus on supporting the Christian faith.

"The name 'Soldiers for Christ' is not so much militant but basically means you are in battle for the Lord. You are fighting life's everyday challenges and the outside world's pressures for the Lord," Dittmer said. "The students need to be proactive for their faith. They need to keep at it with their relationship with God. That is what SFC is here for."

Every meeting is opened with a short game that is Christ-related to help everyone get comfortable and feel welcomed. The game is followed by praise and worship and then a student or a visitor who has been selected earlier gives their message that was prepared beforehand.

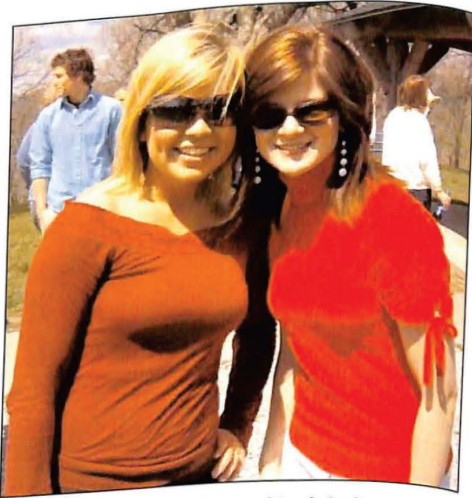
The message usually contains readings of scriptures in the Bible about the particular subject on hand. After the message is given, the leader or speaker talks to the group about what they see around campus whether it is an issue or just something that they feel needs to be talked about. Prayer is included between the different parts of the meeting.

"We emphasize fellowship and showing love and genuine compassion. Also, we enjoy teaching and informing anyone who is interested in getting closer to God," Dwayne Duskin Jr., an active member of SFC, said.

SFC is not in any way a denomination or a group that tries to get you to believe in God and the Christian faith. It is more of a place of gathering open to anyone who has faith in Christ and wants to continue to keep that faith strong during college.

There are many obstacles and distractions a student faces, and when it gets too tough for them they sometimes take them away from Christ.

"We learn to rely on God for the things we need. We don't rely on temporary highs, like alcohol and drugs and sex. We like to envelop ourselves with positive



Sophomores Ashley Graham and Leah Jenkins attend an event organized by the First Baptist Church of Marshall at the Indian Foothills Park.

(Photo by Samuel Njuguna)

friends and situations," Duskin said.

"Soldiers for Christ" started with just three guys and a teacher wanting to help keep the word of God strong. However, over the years, it has grown rapidly and continues to do so. Meetings usually have 20 to 30 people in attendance, with 60 people being their largest number. SFC has also helped contribute to the starting of the fairly new men's Christian fraternity, Sigma Theta Epsilon, and the brand new women's Christian sorority, Gamma Alpha Lambda, at Valley.

"If you want to meet new people and have a more fulfilling life and be at peace with yourself and the world around you, then give God a chance," Duskin said. "Just come out one time and see what it's like. If you don't like it then, oh well, at least you tried, right?"

The Soldiers for Christ Bible study group meets every Tuesday, with prayer service starting at 7:45 p.m. and Bible study at 8:30. Prayer service is held on the third floor of Baity Hall in the classroom next to the learning center and Bible study is held in The Learning Center.

Polynesian Club

South Pacific

Story by Austin Zavala

Missouri Valley College brings in many student-athletes from around the world and across the United States. Sometimes that can be hard on students since they are so far away from home. So, in the fall semester of 1999, a group of students of Polynesian background and adviser Anna Gass decided to start the Polynesian Club after being asked to perform a cultural dance in front of a crowd.

They formed the club to help create a place for those of Polynesian background to come together and "form" a home away from home. They also formed the club to allow other people to learn more about the different Polynesian cultures and to help educate Valley and the surrounding community.

"We were invited to go to Branson and take a group to dance at a Luau as a fund raiser for the Reed Springs Marching Band," Gass said. "We took 21 students and performed at the Dixie Stampede the second weekend in January. At the time we had about 30 members."

The Polynesian Club includes a wide variety of cultures, including those from the islands of Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand and Hawaii. The club meets monthly to discuss upcoming dance perform-

ances that they put on, fundraisers that the club participates in, and any other business that is needed to be taken care of. The meetings are also a time to hang out and talk with one another, sharing things about the different ethnicities and cultures.

"I knew there were a lot of 'Poly' guys here but I didn't really know any of them. But through joining the club, I got to meet so many people that I could relate to and hang out with," said freshman Matt Bayan. "Joining the club made me feel more comfortable here, coming from Hawaii. It also helped me learn more about my own culture and find out things I never knew about others."

The Polynesian Club puts on many performances for students, faculty and the community in Marshall every school year. They perform at the Homecoming bonfire, at the Ecklison-Mabee Theatre, and also go to elementary schools to perform for the children.

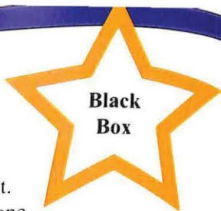
"The performances are great. They allow us to share our culture with other people, and members in the club who are unfamiliar with certain cultures get to learn about them through the dances," Bayan said. "The Polynesian Club is just a great place to be, you learn a lot, but you also have lots of fun at the same time."

Campus Scenes



(Left) Members of the ROTC march during the Homecoming football game. (Above) Two members of the Dance Team, Amanda Velasquez and Jessica Shobe, outside Burns Gym.

The Flatliners



Story by Austin Zavala

At MVC, there are many activities a student can do to keep busy and enjoy life. There are sporting events, theatre shows and group discussions, but who knew that we had our own version of "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

Once a month, the Theatre improvisation class, instructed by Tiffany Howard, puts on a show called "Flatliners" in the Black Box located in the Morrison Fine Arts Building. For those who don't know, improv is a type of acting where it is pretty much freestyle. Nothing is rehearsed or scripted.

"We're given certain games to play at the drop of the hat. The circumstances of the scenes in the games that we play are provided by the audience, forcing us to create a story on the spot," Dexter Peebles, member of Flatliners, said.

The Valley version of "Whose Line is it Anyway?" doesn't leave the audience unsatisfied at all. Students who have gone to see the shows already know that they are in for a night full of laughs and

never know what to expect.

"It was amazing! Everyone was so quick on their wit and so funny, even the new people. They seem like a tight family and can feed off each other so well," said Adam Crain, who saw the first show.

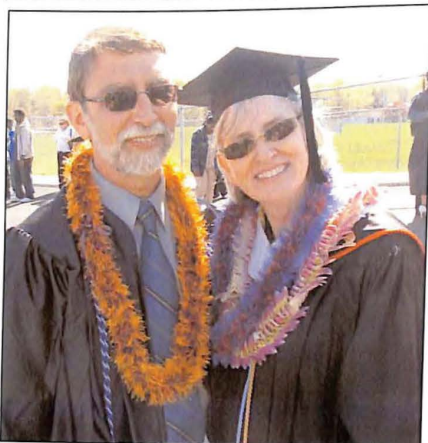
Since it is improv comedy, students really enjoy the show because the actors are performing whatever they're thinking at the moment. Whatever the cast members say are not run by a director or producer. It is humor for college students and something they can relate to.

"The first show went well. We had a couple of slow spots, but overall the audience enjoyed themselves," Peebles said.

There are many things to do at Valley and checking out Valley's improv comedy show is something not to miss.

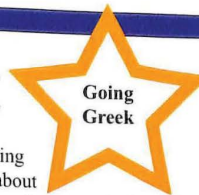
"You can't beat a night with the Flatliners. Free comedy, funny people and lots of audience interaction lead to an amazing night, and, hey, it doesn't cost you anything," Crain said.

Campus Scenes



(Left) Senior Robert Dittmer with wife Susan Dittmer, assistant professor of Speech Communications, after the graduation ceremonies. (Right) Coach Jim Anderson cheers his team on in a tug-of-war competition during freshman orientation.

Greek Recruitment



The second week in September started the most exciting time for the Greek community at Missouri Valley College. Recruitment, widely known as "rush," is something which all Greek organizations look forward to in the beginning of the school year.

Angela McDaniel, recruitment chair of Theta Phi Alpha sorority, said, "This is the most hectic time for us, because fall recruitment is very big on campus being that we have so many new people, especially this year."

Kim Smith, recruitment chair of Alpha Sigma Alpha, said, "Every one wants to get good numbers."

About the competition between the two sororities on campus, Smith said, "There is no animosity between the girls of each house. We all think of it as friendly competition."

Rush begins with Greek houses setting up tables outside the café and getting potential people to sign up for recruitment. The men and women have separate weeks when rush takes place, giving both groups a chance to interact with the people who they think would be the best fit into their Greek life.

The following week begins the actual recruitment process. The weekends are when they select which house is best suited for their personality.

Looking from the outside in, one might think that

recruitment is the only thing Greek organizations are about at the beginning of the year, but once the hustle and bustle is over, that is just the tip of the iceberg.

Whitney Brown, active member of Theta Phi Alpha sorority, said, "It's like one long rollercoaster ride throughout the year. After recruitment ends, we start the pledging process, which is the longest and most time-consuming for the house as a whole."

There were 12 women who pledged to join Theta Phi Alpha and six for Alpha Sigma Alpha.

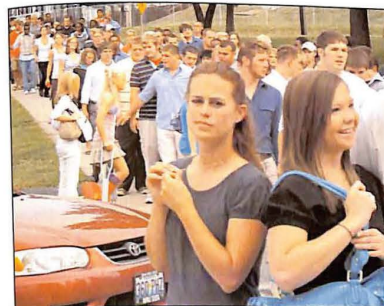
For fraternities, it is as hectic for them as well. They have to do more work as there is more competition.

Scott Brown, an active member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, said, "We had a good time during rush and we are pleased with the outcome."

Tau Kappa Epsilon had 16 pledges, Alpha Sigma Phi had six and Sigma Nu had 13 after recruitment.

The Greeks at Valley are very involved with the community as a whole. Alpha Sigma Alpha helps the nurse in creating breast cancer awareness on campus by sitting outside the café and handing out pink ribbons for people to wear and show their support. Theta Phi Alpha has a 48-hour fundraiser where they rock outside their house, come rain or shine, to raise money for the Lighthouse Shelter, a shelter for battered women.

Campus Scenes



(Left) Students head to the Burns Athletics Gym for the Convocation ceremony. (Above) Michelle Reinke and Mona Mikels help with freshman orientation.

Digital Film Class

Film project produces two films

Page design by Samuel Njuguna



(Left) Natalie Parks and Stephanie Riviello rehearse for the film, "Becoming Myself." (Right) Instructor Michael Carr after playing his part in the film. (Below) Sabrina Hooker films "Becoming Myself."



The Digital Film class, taught by Michael Carr, produced two films, "Becoming Myself," and "Under Pressure" for the Spring class.

The class was divided into two groups and students in each group were involved in writing the script, acting and editing. Both groups also had casts from outside the class featured in the films including Instructor Carr.

The Cast:

Becoming Myself

Sandy Rhinehart.....Natalie Parks
 Heather Jefferson.....Sheena Butler
 Adelina.....Stephanie Riviello
 Rafiki.....Samuel Njuguna
 Rob Rhinehart.....Andy Logue
 Mike.....Austin Zavala
 Adelina's mom.....Tiffany Bergman
 Maggie.....Adrienne Adderley
 Mr. Tuffskee.....Michael Carr

Under Pressure

Brock's girlfriend.....Sarah Rogers
 Investigator 1.....Garry Norris
 Dispatcher.....Katie Kimble
 Investigator 2.....Austin Zavala
 Reporter.....Cori Basham
 Basketball player.....Michael Taylor
 Coach.....Roy Kobza
 Jason Woods.....Chase Waters
 Athletic Director.....Ken Mason
 Brock.....Bobby Smith
 Investigator 3.....Chris Mosley
 Teammate 1.....Adam Willis



(Right) Katie Kimble and Chase Waters before filming "Under Pressure."

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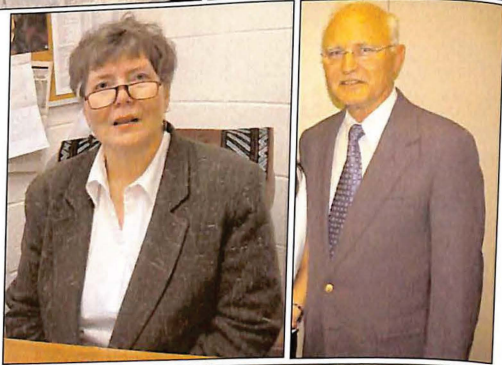
Not pictured: Tom Fifer, athletic director; Mona Mikels, assistant to the president; Jodi White, Institutional Advancement; Megan Wellborn, Special Events; and Ramona Bullington, Registrar's Office.

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Faculty



(Top, from left) Carl Collins, Art; Milena Simic, Business Administration; and Shawn Terryberry, Human Services.

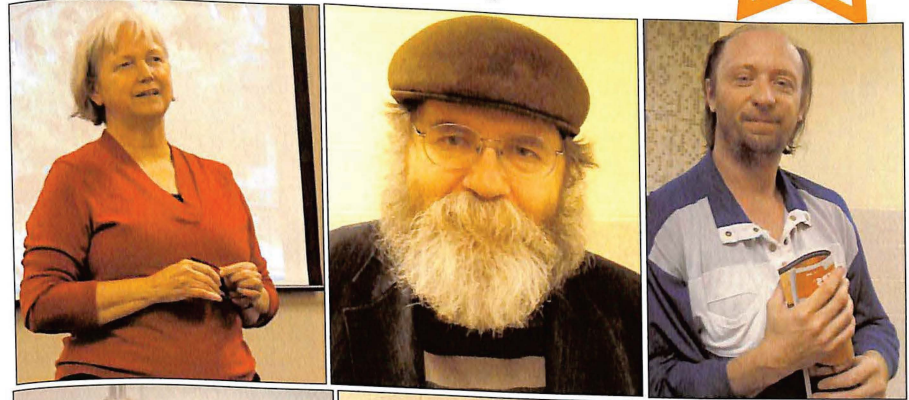


(Center, from left) Pam Sebastian, Religion and Campus Chaplain; Ed Leslie, Math.



(Bottom, from left) Marilyn Belwood, Math; Sister Katherine Wildt, English, and Virginia Zank, English.

Faculty



(Top, from left) Claudia Milstead, English; Stephen Patton, Chemistry; Michael Carr, Mass Communication and Speech.



(Center, from left) Larry Stockman, Business Administration, and John Preus, Art.



Mark Mills, Biology

Wendy Leslie, Speech

Harry Carrell, Mass Communication

Faculty



(Top, from left) Paul Troth, Education and Head Football Coach; Susan Dittmer, Speech Communication; and Loren Gruber, English.

(Center, from left) Bill Wright and Cynthia Adams, Criminal Justice.

(Bottom, from left) Patricia Vazzana, Business Administration; Sarah Moore, Dance; Geoffrey Howard, Theatre; Diana Malan, Music and Theatre, and Tiffany Howard, Theatre.



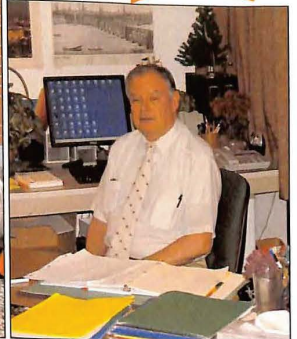
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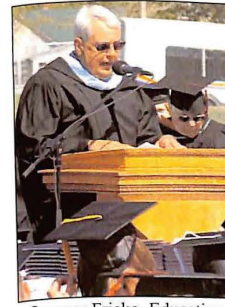
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(From left) Mike Stinson, Math; James Crozier, Humanities; Joshua Tetteh, Sociology; and Charlotte Neville, Psychology.



John McLean, English



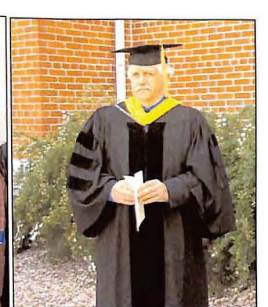
Spencer Fricke, Education



Marilyn Ahrens, Math



David Roberts, Mass Communication

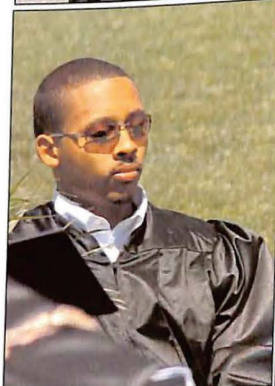


Larry Lent, Psychology

Faculty members not pictured: John Gault, Gerardo Acay, Mark Adderley, William Grace III, Tom Fifer, Jon Duke, Katherine Adams, Karla Bruntzel, Jamie Gold, Tim Baumann, Pamela Reeder, Mary Slater, Steven Clause, Debra Mills, Allan Wilson, Tamara King, Gene Marksbury, Michelle Reinke, Linda Gordon, Dessie Stafford, Valerie Altizer, Betsy Murphy, Margaret Sherman, Michael Machholz, Bruce Brock, Charles McFail, Carla Fricke, Chad Lance, Pam Riggs, John Pickens, Carrie Harmon, Matt Rowlett, Russ Whyte, Jim Anderson, Keith Lindahl, Chris McGill, Monty Roe, David Tomchuk, Curran White, Tiffany Bergman, Vladimir Simic, Adrienne Adderley, and Rochelle Nakoa.

Adjuncts not pictured: David Ackerman, Floyd Alsbach, Garry Anders, Matthew Arni, Lloyd Bennett, Jolene Christensen, Deborah Coleman, Kathy Cook, Patty Dierking, Darren Facen, Nikki Fahnestock, Charles Ferguson, Carrie Flaspohler, Charles Guthrey, Jackie Guthrey, Drew Hawkins, Jamie Lindemann, Ginger McGraw, Kelley McKay, Lorena Medrano, David Nelson, Jean Othic, Jillian Pointer, Chris Post, Ryan Ross, Michael Stevens, Heather Troth, Paul Vaillancourt, David Van Horn, John Weaver, and Don Wilson.

Staff



(Top, from left) Chad Jaecques, Marketing and Media Relations; Sharon Hoeflicker, administrative assistant to the dean of Academic Affairs; Becky Baker, Admissions (Center, from left) Michael Taylor, Admissions; Bathsheba Love, and Marilyn Milovich, Library.

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Margaret Preus, Library

Campus Nurse, Diane Weinreich (left) with friend and former MVC professor Sally Burger

Alli Lindemann, Student Affairs

Staff



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Scott McKay, Bookstore

Angela Clark, Admissions

Diane Stark and Carol Schupp, Cafeteria



Tenille Langdon, Admissions

Falon Bossaller, Accounting Manager

Pam Reeder, Murrell Library

Staff members not Pictured:

- Admissions:** Debi Bultmann, Ramona Powell, Shauna Miller, Adrienne Adderley, Milena Simic, and Jolene Christensen.
- Business Office and Financial Aid:** Tonia Bartel, Danni Knutson, Charles "Buddy" Mayfield, Alicia Murphy, Pat Anderson, Lori Andersen, Lisa McComas, and Anna Gass.
- Library:** Mary Slater, Wendy Taylor, Jill Phillips, and Joey Lee Taylor.
- Bookstore:** Brian Griffin, Bryan Gaskill and Jessica Ervin. **Mailroom:** Cindy Carnes
- Maintenance & Housekeeping:** Jerry Jacobs, Mike Phillips, Carmen Phillips, Pam Eddy, Darryl White, Russell McKenzie, John Simpson, Bill Duvall, Chris Parlong, Joe McNulty, Ed Petrie, Mike Hetdrick, Mike Matthews, Leroy Smith, Rick Morris, Johnny Norris, Lloyd White, Doug Joliff, and Brian Colbort.
- IT:** Todd Bossaller, Jason Rinne, Janthony Johnson, and Mitch Green.
- Student Affairs:** Mike Loveless, Tyler Fennevald, and Larry Williams.
- Cafeteria:** Chuck Voltmer, Shellee Peuster, Margaret Lamb, David Butts, Charley Case, Larry Case, Wesley Garrett, Brandn McNulty, George Parker, Pam Romine, Donna Smith, Thomas Washington, Jose Castaneda, Memory Lowe, Nick O'Bryan, Rachel Harris, and Derek Stidham.

Seniors

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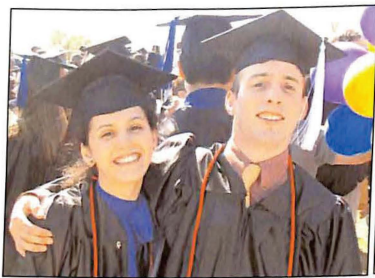
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Brittany Dering



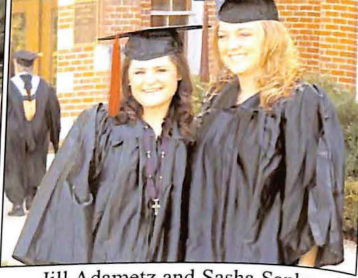
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Norine Cruz and Bryan Gaskill



Travis Watts



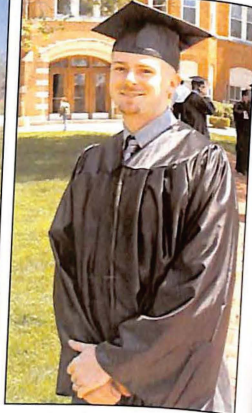
Jill Adametz and Sasha Sankey



Sheena Butler



Natalie Parks

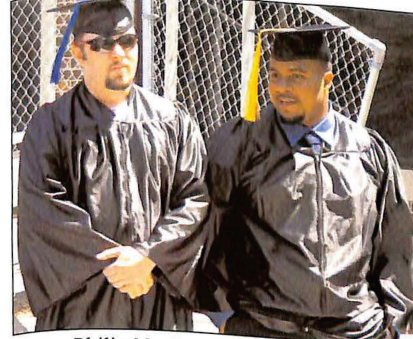


Janthony Johnson

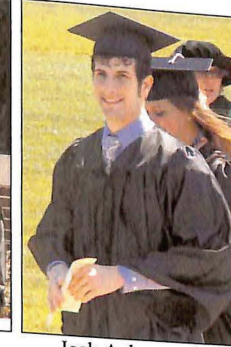
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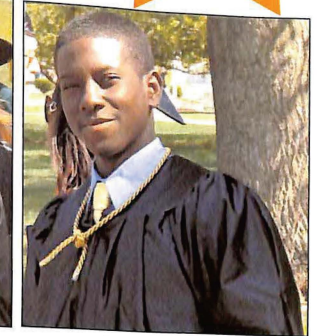
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Philip Noah and Joshua Collins



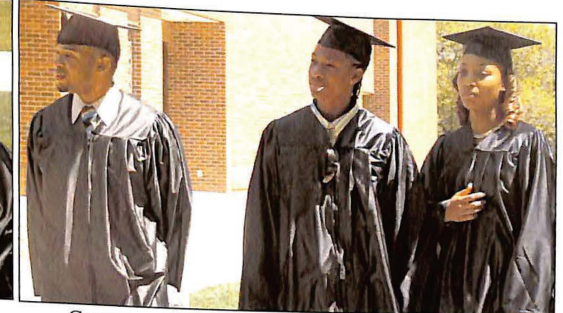
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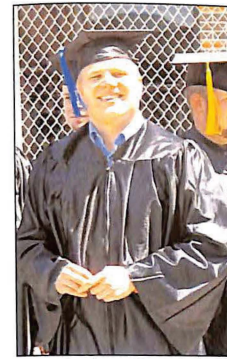
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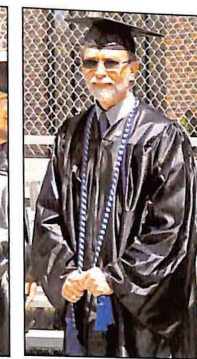
Jon Strickland and Ema Vea



George Shivers, Wendell Collie, and Nikita Barbes



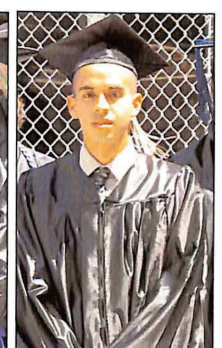
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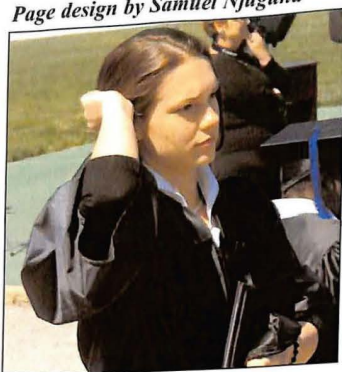


Anthony Flores

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Molly Magness



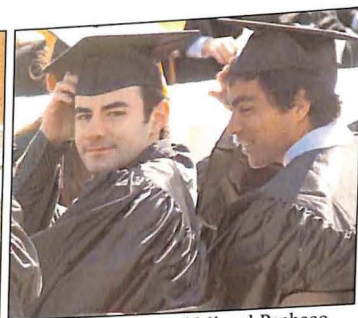
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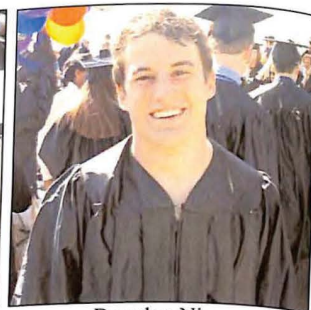
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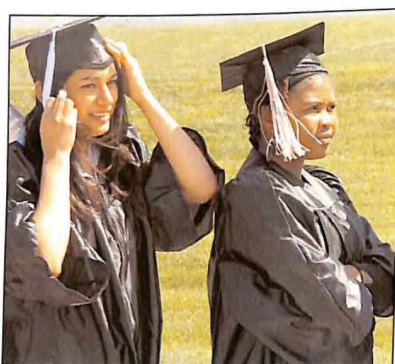
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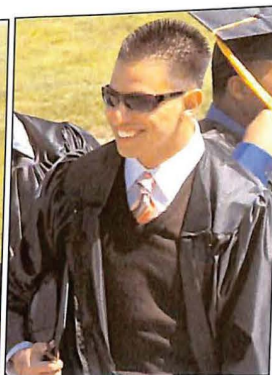
Radoslav Lazarov and Miguel Pacheco



Brandon Nice



Amanda Velasquez and Memory Lowe



Oscar Pulido



Frances Nowden

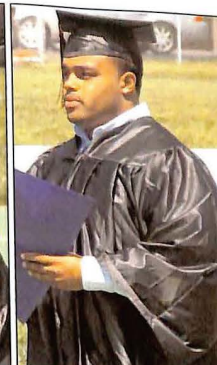
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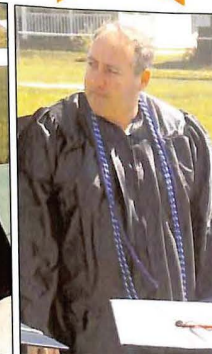
Britney Sevy



Marco Burks



Sarah Hoormann



Donovan Pfremer



Claudia Vogel



Carol Ireland



Angela McDaniel, Millie Torchetti, and Kathleen Novicky



Joy Britt



Thomas Mosley and Brandon Stiko

More senior photos are on the accompanying DVD.

All seniors, pictured and not pictured, are listed on the graduates' list on page 79.

Juniors

2009

Amy Adametz, Stacy Adams, James Adkins, Kallie Agre, Jose Aguilar, Meshal Al-sager, Pamela Alexander, Juan Alvarez, Susan Anderson, Nolan Antonoff, Jody Ashline, Lisa Bakert, Laurinda Bakert-Bailey, Clint Baldwin, Cori Basham, Glen Baum, David Beatty, Richie Beltram, Merlin Benefield, Alana Bentz, Ashlee Bestgen, Kayla Bodden, Megan Bolling, Sandy Brockman, Demarcus Brown, Eric Brown, Jesse Brown, Meggan Brown, Michael Browning, Michael Broyles, Christopher Bryan, Charles Bryan, Jolene Bultmann, Mary Bultmann, Kathryn Burford, Nathan Burnett, William Burton, Mandy Caldwell, Marquia Caldwell, Cydney Carl, Calli Calaedra Carnes, Danielle Carr, Gregory Carrell, Justin Cary, Enrique Castro, Jessica Caton Mwape Chalansi, Tiffany Chin, Keeley Christensen, Austin Roy Chuning, Sean Clark, Chris Clover, Yancy Cody, Tyson Coghill, Anthony Collins, John Damon Collins, Patricia Collins, Desiree Craggette, Bryan Crayton, Kelsie Cummins, Colette Curtis, Dasche Dahlke, Jesse Dean, Anne Debarr, Tyler Derr, Michael Desmond, Alexandre Dessaigne, Jordan Diggs, Michelle Dillon, Christine Dittmer, Julie Duarte, Jonathan Durham, Rachel Ehlers, Kyle Eley, Timothy Embree, Danielle Erichsrud, Nicki Erickson, Kristine Escujuri, Amanda Evans, William Exline, Jessie Fairley-Brimer, Aaron Feagan, Perry Ferguson, Drew Fernandez, Thiago Ferreira, Amy Fink-Basore, Daniel Fitzmorris, Marquette Floyd, Jessica Folk, Keyota Forbes, Bradley Fox, Shannon Frauenhoffer, Jennifer Fricke, Hiroki Fujii, Jarrett Fujita, William Fuller, Jeffrey Galgan, Glenda Gallardo, Rosalia Garcia, Stefan Gardasevic, Cody Gardner, Penny Gardner, Jonathan Gerhold, Jennifer Germany, Dominic Giangrosso, Brett Gillam, Theresa Gittens, Christopher Gobin, Johannes Goepfinger, Will Grace, Ashley Grindstaff, Breann Grossman, Roger Guimont, Marie Gulde, Meagan Guth, Blake Gutierrez, Tiffany Hackman, Katy Halteman, David Hams, Cody Hanneken, Mary Hargadine, Paul Harmon, Lucinda Haston, Kylee Hawes, Aaron Hayden, Jessica Hazel, Colby Hazouri, Brooke Henke, Robert Henke, Johnny Henry, Jelani Hicks, Jason Hobbs, Rebecca Hoey, Rylie Hoffman, Robert Holmes, Robert Holsinger, Suzanne Horine, Trevor

Howard, Karen Howe, Kettelsen Eugenio Huerta, Danye Hughes, Dennis Hughes, Lanique Hughes, Esa Ikonen, Fahad Jahid, Leah Jenkins, Adam Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Tyler Jones, Javion Jones, Ashley Karle, Megan Kays, Anne Kelliker, Crystal Kelly, Jonathan Kemper, Stacey King, Richard Knutz, Roy Kobza, Susanne Kuecker, Tammy Lambrecht, Ricardo Leclair, Linze Leimkuehler, Kevin Lenger, Ashley Lindahl, Jacory Lindsey, Cody Littrell, Joaquin Lopez, Mary Lorens, Adam Mares, Andrew Martel, Jeremy Massingale, Shantel Mays, Russell McGinnis, Charmayne McKellepp, Jeffrey Mcnair, Dedrick Meadows, Sandra Medina, Joni Medley, Benjamin Menary, Blanche Mesteth, John Mhuka, Brian Midyett, Kelli Miller, Mathias Miller, Michael Mitchell, Caleb Moon, Alicesean Morgan, Charles Moss, Scott Myers, Katherine Navia-Santana, Kirk Nelson, Matthew Nobriga, Gabriel Norman, Jonathan Nunez, Michael O'connor, Bradley O'neal, Moama Palepale, Codey Payne, Nicholas Peker, Bradley Perkins, Robert Peters, Cory Petersen, Kara Pointer, Natalie Porter, Ryan Potter, Stephen Provence, Matthew Pugh, Emily Ragan, Kenneth Reed, Jonathan Reeves, Darin Rehkop, Tyrel Reichert, Esperanza Reyes, Kyle Riley, Stephanie Riviello, Victoria Roder, Kenneth Rodgers, Sarah Rodgers, Jack Sailor, Lucynda Sammons, Nicole Sand, Lauren Sandwith, Katharina Scheller, Jessica Schmidt, Abigail Schroeder, Samantha Schuman, April Scott, Matthew Seechuk, Soane Sevelo, Kenyon Shifflett, Steffen Siebert, Paige Simpson, Reginald Singletary, Emily Skellett, Jenna Skouby, Heather Sliger, Brittan Smith, Colin Smith, Jermaine Solomon, Dessie Stafford, Lindsey Stapp, Laura Stenlund, Sonya Stickels, Amy Stockton, Krystal Stone, April Stottlemire, Stephen Summers, Joyce Sumner, Erik Swanson, Jessica Swanson, Jeffrey Syrop, Keiko Tamura, Cynthia Taylor, Hattie Terry, Seth Theriot, Barbara Thomas-England, Blaine Thornton, Cole Thurman, Katie Todd, Keiin Tominaga, Christina Truitt, Caleb Vandiver, Rachel Veit, Sarah Wagenecht, Rachael Walker, Cobie Ward, Erik Watson, Jamee Watson, Darla Weekley, Larry Wentzel, Nicole Wessel, Lashanda Wildgoose, Angelica Williams, Bill Williams, Paige Williams, Tevita Williams, Adam Willis, Jamie Wilson, Wendy Wilson, Matthew Wood, Anne Woods, Amanda Wurm, Christina Yingst, Nicole Yoshimoto, Austin Zavala.



Senior Claudia Vogel is recognized at the Fall Scholar Awards Banquet.

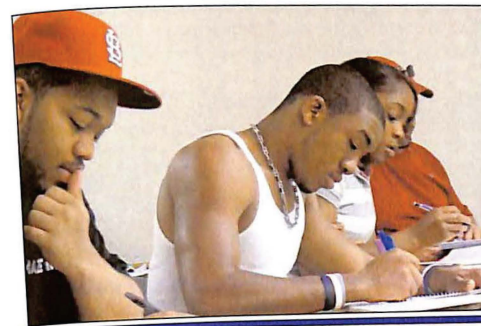
Sophomores

2010

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Tyler Kasubeck, Fay Keller, Sharae Kelley, Samantha Kendall, Katie Kimble, Mary Kimmel, Megan King, Casey Knight, Jesse Knott, Kyle Kovach, Josh Lammert, Jennifer Land, Brianne Langkrahr, Tyler Lankford, Nicholas Lastrada, Dantez Lewis, Igor Lima, Regiena Lipp-Brennan, Drew Long, Carolina Lopez, Jessica Lopez, Travis Lyon, Matthew Mah, Hatsumi Makino, Allison Malan, Jacqueline Malan, Jose Maldonado, Scott Marquez, Laurel Massey, Brett Matzes, Joshua McClain, Kyle McClellan, Gary McColl, Wes McCollum, Desiree Memea, Andrew Meyers, Cody Mikels, Laura Millen, Megan Moniz, Steven Montijo, Mayra Morales, Jennah Mudd, Jordan Napier, Gary Norris, Bate Obi-Tabot, Michael Othic, Alayna Palmer, Quintin Perkins, Richard Petrica, Miroslav Petrovic, Jayme Pettigrew, Maile Pihana, Tracy Plexico, Bryant Porter, Steven Price, Jesse Putnam, Michele Querin, Jordan Rayner, Kevin Ricketts, Randy Ritter, Gary Roberts, Whitney Robinson, Bernard Ronoh, Roy Rosenbaum, Darrell Ross-Brown, Norwisha Rumpfelt, Esteban Saldarini, Kristofer Scoville, Daniel Seitz, Ashley Sequeira, Daisha Shannon, Jake Shaw, Jessica Shobe, Austin Simmons, Ashley Singer, Patrick Singer, Deandre Smith, Kelly Smith, Kimberly Smith, Micah Smith, Krista Staley, Kaitlyn Stapp, Ashley Stettinich, Daniel Stewart, Everette Sweeting, Neil Thomas, Lacquito Thompson, April Thurman, Brandon Toliver, Charles Townsend Jr., John Twenter, Lindsay Twarek, Jacob Unger, Colin Vaillancourt, Yalimar Vidal, Anthony Walker, Jordanne Walker, Chase Waters, Correy Webb, Jordan Webb, Lance Weinhardt, Michael Chance Weldon, Cassel White, Amanda Whited, Cameron Wilkins, Billy Williams, Chad Williams, Jordan Williams, Brady Wilson, Kiri Wise, Rebecca Young, Megan Yung.

Campus Scenes



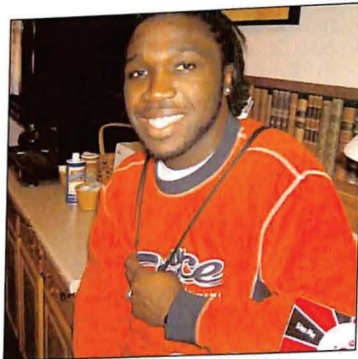
(Above) Brittany Jones is honored at the Spring Scholar Award Banquet. (left) Students take notes in a class session.

Freshmen

2011

Megan Abramczyk, Enrico Ahlendorf, Mackenzie Ahnefeld, Jesse Alter, Zinna Anyanwuh, Joshua Ard, Stacie Arends, Carlos Artubia Arribas, Jennifer Asberry, Dequince Atkinson, Jeremiah Atkinson, Zacharia Bahner, Sam Bailey, Cody Ballah, Craig Barrett, Venus Barron, Leah Bartlett, Aluwatoyi Bass-Ajetunmobi, Sean Beachy, Cassandra Beadle, Shruti Bedi, Anthony Bedrosian, Darren Bell, Aevan Bestgen, Gary Billingsley, Melissa Billingsley, Felicia Black, Bryan Blackley, Shayla Bodden, Regina Bodine, Derek Bohlar, Ciara Bonds, Ashley Boock, Janae Borrego, Dillon Bosch, Adam Bourdette, Blair Bowman, Jesse Boyd, Christie Braden, Donald Bradshaw, Alexandra Branstetter, Rhiannon Brasel, Stephanie Breshears, Andrew Bridgford, Marcus Bruce, Toni Brundage, John Eric Burns, Nichol Burns, Shakera Burrows, Stacy Buschman, Colten Butler, Kaitlin Buzzard, Amanda Byerly, Tamara Calvin, Jessica Campbell, Allan Cantrell, Melvin Capers, Lavell Caradine Jr., Jesse Carlson, Scott Carpenter, Christopher Carr, John Carrell, Amanda Carreras, Eric Carrillo, James Carter, Megan Case, John Castillo, Emilia Choto, Sarah Christopherson, Timothy Christopherson, Chvatal Douglas, William Claggett, Chelsea Clapsaddle, Cutell Cleare, Breinne Clemens, Rachel Clemons, William Coleman, Jessica Cook, Morgan Cornine, David Cossitt, Steven Cox, Adam Crain, Deann Crane, Casey Cull, Larry Cuppy, Daren Dace, Cherrie Davis, Joseph Dennis, Cody Derosse, James Devault, Theodore Devere, Louis Dickerson, Cornelius Dixon, Christopher Doolittle, Jonathan Dorval-Lenhoff, Carol Dowell, Richard Dunn Jr., Jonathan Durbin, Dwayne Duskin, Jenna Eck, Clint Elliott, Ashalyn Ellis, Matthew Ellis, Tori Ervin, Travis Ewart, Arthur Fanene, Jacob Fecke, Samantha Fee, Justin Feltenberger, Haley Fowler, Landon Franklin, Vincent Galate, Wendy Garcia, Eva Garlinghouse, Ashley Gastineau, Grant Geltmeier, Patti George, Caleb Gibbens, Charlie Gibbs, Christopher Gibbs, Robert Gibson, Roy Giles, Derek Gillilan,

Altanzul Gombo, Elaina Gomez, Ralitsa Gospodinova, Sean Gracy, Brian Graham, Eric Graham, Daniel Gray, Laquisha Griffing, Yvonne Grinstead, Danielle Groeneweg, Kelli Grogan, Brian Gruver, Jacob Guernsey, Edna Gutierrez, Sarah Gwaltney, Phillip Hamer, Henry Hamilton, Dovania Hanna, Heather Harbison, Jessica Harmon, Dalen Harris, Mika Hasegawa, Emily Haun, Amy Havens, Stacy Hedgpeh, Benjamin Hempelmann, Anne Hickman, Andrai Hill, Brock Hill, Hagen Hohlfeld, Ryan Holtwick, Justin Homan, Morgan Hough, Russell Houk, Chelsea House, James Howard, Jennifer Hudson, Jesse Hulett, Joseph Hulsey, Lawrence Hunt, Polly Hunter, Andrew Huston, Walter Ingram, Marially Jean-Jacques, Jeffrey Jennings, Molly Johnson, Peter Johnson, Mario Jokic, Bronson Jones, Melissa Jones, Dustin Jordan, Trey Kampeter, Jared Kempker, Ethan Killian, Petra Knight, Masahiro Komori, Katherine Kraai, Joseph Krieg, Andrew Kuchmeister, James Landry, Salvador Lara, Austin Larue, John Lawlor, Fraser Lawrence, Alana Laws, Margaret Lawson, Alex Layton, Monette Lee, Ethan Leigh, Dewayne Lewis, Kenneth Lewis, Michael Lippencott, Marcus Love, Alisha Lovelace, Jacob Lumpkin, Darrell Madry, Adam Maher, Rebecca Markes, Jessica Marrs, Ashley Martin, Christina Matacua, Erin Matthews, Keiton Mayes, Derek McCubbin, Rashaad McDonnough, David McGarvey, Morgan McGaugh, Dane McGuire, Ryan McGuire, Terrance McIntosh, Alex Preston McKinney, Shawn McKinney, Danielle McKinney-Luke, Julia McNabb, Casey McNamara, Brandy McRoberts, Lauren McWilliams, Alejandro Medrano, Katie Meyer, Jason Milton, Christopher Mosley, Grant Moss, Fahiem Mseitef, Emily Mulcahey, Shannon Mull, Patrick Neal, Darian Neece, Demeko Nesbitt, Brandi Newberg-Barber, Kyle Newbury, Fantasia Newsome, Vanessa Nordstrom, Shane Norris, Dalya Nottage, Daniel O'Brien, Joshua O'Connor, Stephanie O'Neill, Francis O'Reilly, Jeremy Ochoa, Sally-Saori Ogiwara, Sarah Oltmer, Derrick Ostermann, Lyndrea Overall, Leah Paige, Drew Palacios



Charles Moss enjoys himself during Valentine's Day at Murrell Library.

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Freshmen

2011

Sara Park, Sydne Parkhurst, Jordan Parrack, Alexander Patrick, Jessica Paulsrud, Zachary Pearce, Fernando Pelissoni, Brandon Perkins, Micah Petersen, Maurice Peterson, Nicholas Peterson, Derek Petifurd, Rachel Pike, Tommi Pinta, Chelsea Quiring, Whitney Ramsey, Ryan Rector, Rebecca Richardson, Samantha Richardson, Christopher Ridings, Terrence Rieves, Brittany Riffe, Michael Robbins, Keith Roberts, Melvin Roberts, Jamelle Robinson, Rochester Rogers, Susan Rogers, Francisco Nauffal-Sanchez, Andrea Schaben, Daniel Schlottmann, Andrew Schoonmaker, Alexandra Schrader, Kyle Schulte, Joshua Schwartz, Bryan Schweigerdt, Brian Scott, Guisell Sevilla, Mary Shamblin, Jennifer Shaw, Heather Shomaker, Douglas Short, Tremaine Simmons, Mark Skogrand, Jami Slote, Anthony Smith, Benjamin Smith, James Smith, Valerie Smith, Frederick Solaita, Christgen Solomon, Brett

Speed, Paul Spitzig, Jacob Stadt, Brittany Stallworth, Andre Starks, Sarah Stegall, Joshua Stoecklein, Stormy Stout, Allison Student, Casey Taylor, Kristen Thomas, Paul Wayne Thomas, Whitney Thompson, Paula Tieman, Adrian Trevino, Megan Troyer, Angel Tuifagu, Derek Turner, Jacob Uhrig, Eric Ullberg, Jacquelyn Untiedt, Sienna Valdez, Lakesha Van Horn, Kelly Vance, Joseph Vasquez, Kevin Vickers, Blake Vogel, Marko Vulovic, Brittaney Wade, Devon Wade, Garrett Wadlington, Vanesa Walters, Caleb Washington, Ebone Watson, Allan Weaver, Sarah Webb, Tiffany Webb, Stephanie Webster, Corey Weinreich, Megan Welton, Taylor Whitacre, James Whitaker, Christopher White, L'eryn White, Joshua Willett, Loretta Williams, Gage Wollerman, Jarrod Wright, Zachary Wybert, Jessica Yach, Joseph Anthony Young, Tara Youngblood, Tami Zentner.

Campus Scenes



Senior Norine Cruz reads a book at the Quad.



Senior Frank Mudzinganyama is honored by Earl Wellborn at the Spring Scholar Awards Banquet.



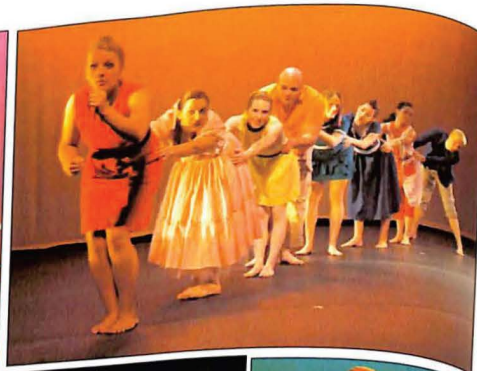
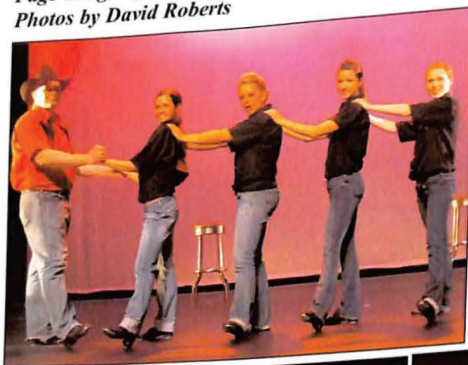
Ashley Karle and Kyle Kovach are the Homecoming court winners for the junior class during Homecoming football game.

Spring Dance Concert

Students showcase dancing skills



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The One-Act Play



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March 2008

"Holdin' on to your Jersey" by Jacki Andersen, directed by Jessie Greenfield
Actors: Joshua Schwartz, Genie Banner and Ashlee Schulenberg

"The Box" by Cydney Carl, directed by Jacki Andersen
Actors: Casey McNamara and Chaneal Meletia

"Last Call, All In" by Jamie Lindemann, directed by Cydney Carl
Actors: Fahad Jahid, Derek Petiford, Sequan Davison and Lance Weinhardt

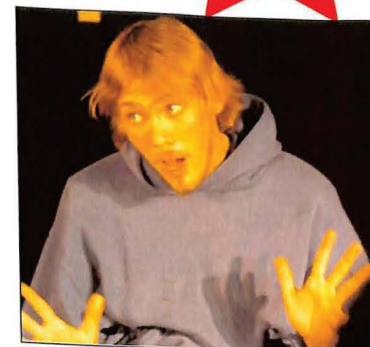
"No More Prophets" by Josh Haggard, directed by Jessica Swanson
Actors: Zach Aulbach and Adam Crain

"Loves Me, Loves Me Not" by Jacki Andersen, directed by Cydney Carl
Actors: Chaneal Meletia and Lance Weinhardt

"The Passed" by Josh Haggard, directed by Jessica Swanson
Actors: Zach Aulbach and Adam Crain

"I.M." by Jacki Andersen, directed by Adam Crain
Actors: Shantel Mays and Genie Banner

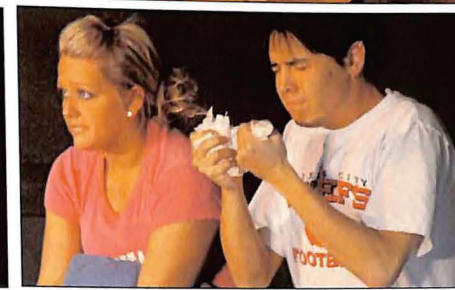
"Premarital Bliss" by Genie Banner, directed by Casey MacNamara
Actors: Ashlee Schulenberg and Jon Strickland



Zach Aulbach (top) and Adam Crain (below) both are featured in "No more prophets" and "The Passed."



Joshua Schwartz and Ashlee Schulenberg in "Holdin' on to your Jersey."



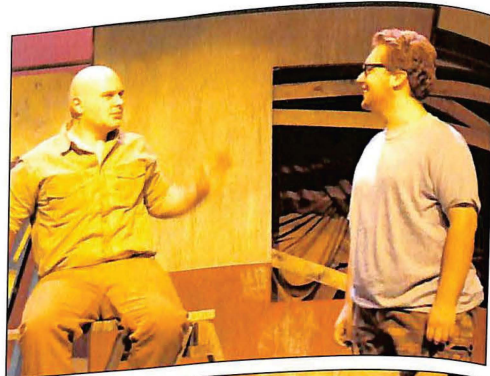
Ashlee Schulenberg and Jon Strickland in "Premarital Bliss."

“Godspell”



Director: Geoff Howard
Musical Director: Diana Malan
Choreographer: Sarah Moore

The cast:
Adam Crain, Josh Haggard, Joshua
Schwartz, Joie Young, Jessie Greenfield,
Jon Strickland, Jessica Swanson, Ashlee
Schulenberg, and Millie Torchetti

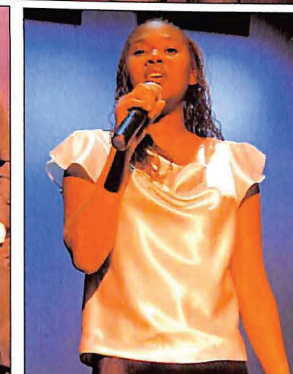
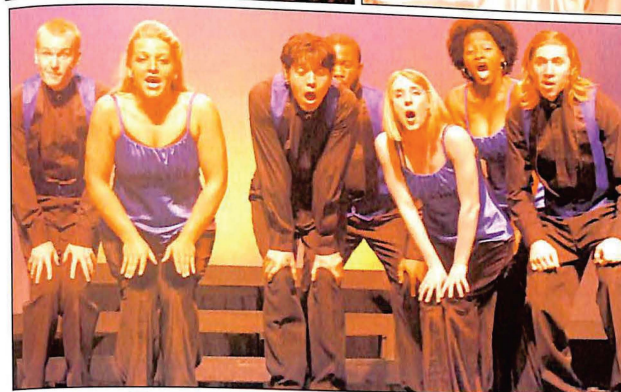
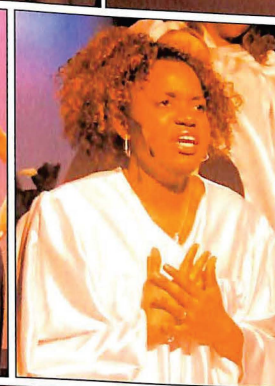
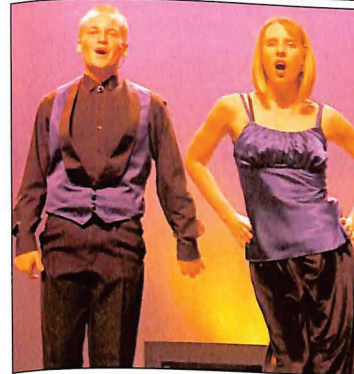
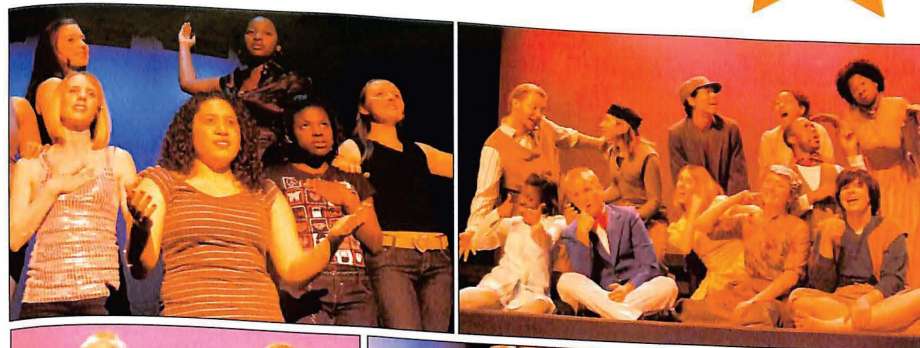


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Spring Music Concert



Students sing their hearts out at the Spring Music Festival
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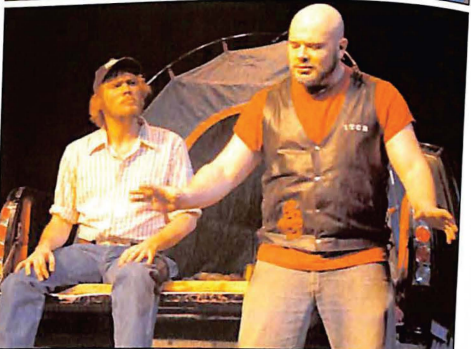
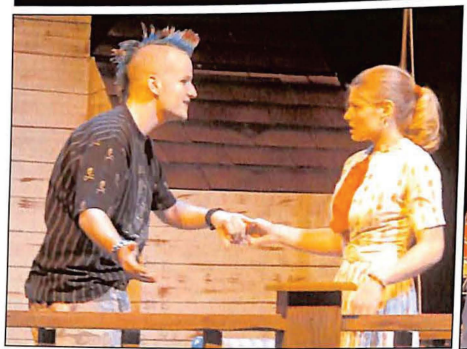
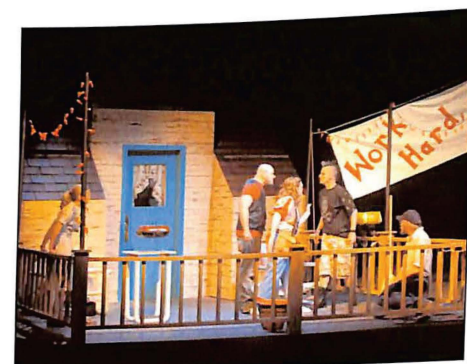
“Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music”



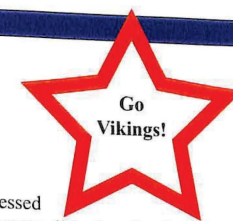
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The Cast

Jim Stools.....	Josh Haggard
Roy Manual.....	Zach Aulbach
Jay Bob.....	Adam Crain
Eva June Wilfong.....	Jessie Greenfield
Catherine.....	Cydney Carl
Truck.....	Felix
Directed By.....	Geoffrey Howard



Cheerleaders



Story by April Stottlemyre
October 2007

A tradition of excellence is what the Missouri Valley College Cheerleading squad has established over the past years. With a reputation for consistently placing at the national level, the pressure is as high as ever.

Each year the team is different, members leave and new ones come in, but the mission stays the same. This energetic group is coached by Aimee Gallion.

The cheerleading squad starts practicing before school starts. The women move in early to begin work on their competition routine as well as getting geared up for the football season.

“It is sometimes stressful but that’s just what we do,” Coach Gallion said. “It’s our job as cheerleaders.”

As soon as practice starts in August, work on their competition routine begins. To qualify for Nationals, the team has to send in a tape highlighting their talents, stunting, cheering and tumbling. The tape has to be sent by the end of October, and afterward the squad begins putting the routine together.

The squad this year consists of eight returnees and 12 new members, making this a very young squad.

“You can’t teach experience. It just has to come with

time, but I am really impressed with how much we have accomplished so fast,” said Gallion.

Brittany Lamun, freshman cheerleader from Arlington, Texas, said her favorite part of cheering is the stunts and pyramids.

“The biggest difference between cheering here and at home is the people. The routine is coming along slowly but surely,” Lamun said.

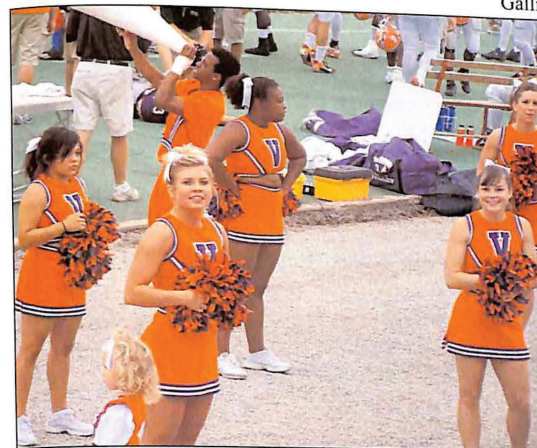
Senior cheerleader Nicole Hobson said, “We had more experience last year. I think we have the potential. We have to grow as a team, and once the freshmen grow together, they’ll be fine.”

Several injuries have plagued the squad this year, but Coach Gallion said she’s proud of her squad for stepping in and filling spots for the injured until they can return.

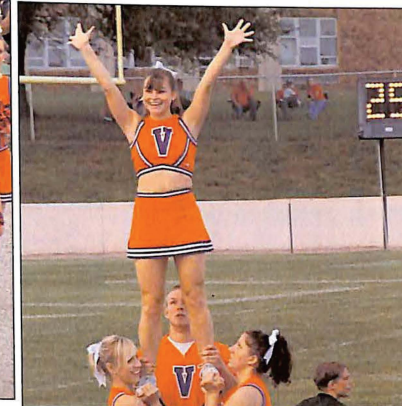
The cheerleaders competed at the Universal Cheerleading Association National Championships held in Orlando, Florida, last January and the squad took sixth place in the Small Co-ed division.

The Viking Cheerleaders also competed at the Heart of America Conference Spirit Squad Championships and placed second in the Co-ed Division.

“The goal is always to win a National championship,” Gallion said. “You’ll have to wait and see what this year will bring for the squad.”



Cheerleaders during a football game. (From left) Guisell Hood, Ashley Graham, Dexter Peebles, Nicole Hobson, Anne DeBarr and Jordan Parrack.



Anne DeBarr gets a lift as the cheerleaders perform during a football game.

MVC Football: New Year, New Season



Story by Garry Norris
Sports Reporting

So close, but no cigar has been the story for Coach Paul Troth and the Missouri Valley College Vikings football team for the past two years. Troth's team has made it to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) semifinals two years in-a-row, only to be disappointed in the final quarter by the same team, the University of Sioux Falls.

Sioux Falls won the National Championship in 2006 but failed to defeat Carroll College in 2007. With the success of the past two seasons, Troth has attained the American Football Coaches Association's NAIA Region Five Coach of the Year Award for 2006 and 2007.

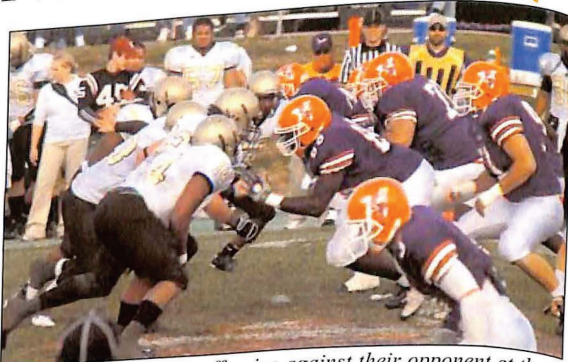
"Winning these type of awards are nice, but it is a reflection of the people I have around the program, coaches and players, more than anything else," Troth said. At the end of the 2006 and the 2007 seasons, the Vikings finished third in the nation in final NAIA rankings.

After starting a not-so-impressive season in 2007 at 2-2, the Vikings looked as if they were all but eliminated from playoff competition. Each game played became essential to advance to the playoffs. The team motto became "win or go home."

"The 2007 team started with very high goals and that is OK," Troth said. "When we were 2-2, I think the players had to readjust their focus from making the playoffs to making sure we won the next game. That change was important and was more in-line with the attitude of the 2006 team."

The Vikings did win, and rolled through the remainder of the regular season winning nine straight games before falling once again to Sioux Falls.

One of the highlights of the season was a showdown with Lindenwood University Lions. The



The Vikings go on the offensive against their opponent at the line of scrimmage.

Lions were undefeated (10-0) before they stepped onto Greg Mitchell Stadium field in the final week of the season.

The Vikings were the clear underdogs of the match-up. But they dominated the Lions, who were ranked fifth in the nation and already held the title as the Heart of America Athletic Conference Champions.

The Vikings dominated Lindenwood in every aspect of the game. Coach Troth and the Vikings pressed through the playoffs easily defeating Friends University and a high flying undefeated Ohio Dominican who probably were the biggest test for the Vikings the entire season. The game was like a seesaw from the first quarter to the last, both teams scoring one after another, but Missouri Valley ended up with the last say.

"Coaching is never easy. It does help tremendously when you have great assistants as we do at MVC. Good assistants can recruit top-notch talent and great players can make a coach look awfully smart," Troth said.

The 2008 season should be challenging with the loss of several key players, especially linebacker Reggie Singletary who was named to the 2007 Victory Sports Network NAIA Coaches' First Team Defense All-American Team.

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Despite of the successful season, Vikings fall short of the national title



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Singletary was also named Heart of America Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Among other losses, the Vikings will also lose lineman Kris Vasquez, linebacker Marquette Floyd, and defensive backs Aubrey Smith and Emmanuel Roberson, who were all deemed VSN Honorable mention All-American team members.

"It's an honor to be mentioned in the same sentence with those guys," Emmanuel Roberson, senior, said. "They all balled out the entire season. It's fun competing with those guys for stats because it brings your game to a whole other level."

Troth looks to have his players step-up their games to fill the positions.

"You never replace great players. The players we have lost the past two years have laid the groundwork for future teams."

Troth said, "The young players returning know they have a chance to step out of the shadow and make their mark." In all, the Vikings will lose 18 seniors, 12 of whom were starters.

"We coaches don't like predictions (for the 2008 season.)," Troth said. "If we work hard in the off-season and some of our younger players step up, I don't see why we can't compete for the conference crown. If we do that, the national play-offs will take care of themselves."

Both the 2006 and 2007 teams were well put together.

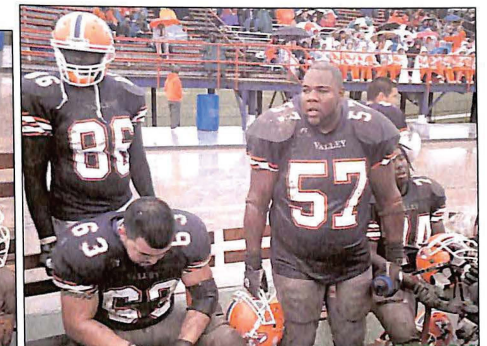
"Both were very special to me for different reasons. In '06, it was fun experiencing an undefeated regular season and the playoff run for the first time here at MVC," Troth said. "The '07 team was special in how we came together when we were 2-2 and in danger of not making it to the post season. I don't think anyone would have predicted we would be where we were after the 2-2 start."



The home crowd, with cheerleaders seated at the front row, during the Homecoming game.



Nick Pekar (71) and a teammate sit on the sidelines after completing a drive.



Larry Boone (57) and teammates wait for play from the sidelines.

Women's Volleyball



Story by Austin Zavala

As the women's volleyball season came to an end, there were many unanswered questions when it came to the high expectations of a solid season for '07.

Coming out of preseason and headed into regular season, the Lady Vikings were still very optimistic, though they had a rough preseason, just winning one game out of the four games scheduled.

With new head coach Curt Sivertsen, the team expected a lot more positive results than last season, but came up short as far as their record shows.

The team ended the season 4-27. The four wins came from tournament play throughout the season, while the Vikings were unable to win any conference games.

"Our record doesn't really show how hard we worked this season and how much we really accomplished," senior outside hitter Joy Britt said. "With so many new girls and coach, it was hard to really play together throughout the season. It was more of a rebuilding year."

The women practiced very hard, and wanted it to show during game time. But with an almost new team came several problems.

Communication on the court was a big problem and it showed as many players ended up in different positions because of the lack of communication between the team.

The team was strong on offense, with three players making the Honorable Mention All-Conference Team: freshman middle hitter Ali Schrader; junior middle hitter Ashley Karle; and freshmen outside hitter Tara Youngblood.



Volleyball team members gather to listen to the coach for the next move on the court.

Though they were tough on offense, their defense is where they struggled the most. With the one of weakest blocking and digging percentages in the conference, it was hard for the Lady Vikings to gather wins during the season.

"We didn't expect to struggle as much as we did," Britt said. "We went into the season with high hopes, because of how strong our offense was. It basically just goes back to how new our team is, and the problems that came with having a new team."

Though they had a very rough year, ending up with a losing season, the coach and players are still positive and looking forward to starting up again next season.

2007-2008 Women's Varsity Volleyball Results

8/29	Baker University*	Lost 1-3
8/31	Bethel College	Lost 0-3
8/31	Siena Heights College	Lost 0-3
9/1	Judson College	Lost 1-3
9/1	Goshen	Lost 0-3
9/5	Park University	Lost 1-3
9/8	Friends University	Won 3-2
9/8	Haskell Indian Nations U.	Won 3-2
9/11	Benedictine College*	Lost 0-3
9/14	University of St. Francis	Lost 0-3
9/14	Cornerstone U. (Michigan)	Lost 0-3
9/15	Judson College	Lost 0-3
9/15	St. Ambrose University	Lost 0-3
9/18	Graceland University*	Lost 0-3
9/21	Central Methodist University	Lost 1-3
9/22	Kansas Wesleyan University	Lost 0-3
9/22	Friends University	Won 3-0
9/25	U. of Missouri - Rolla	Lost 0-3
10/2	Lindenwood University*	Lost 0-3
10/6	Avila University*	Lost 2-3
10/9	Evangel University*	Lost 0-3
10/16	MidAmerica Nazarene U.*	Lost 3-1
10/18	Stephens College	Won 3-1
10/20	Iowa Wesleyan University	Lost 0-3
10/20	William Woods University	Lost 0-3
10/23	William Jewell College*	Lost 1-3
10/30	Culver-Stockton College*	Lost 0-3

Cross Country



Sheena Simpson comes out top at the first meet

The Missouri Valley men's and women's Cross Country teams have been hard at work since the first day of school with Coach John Pickens.

The teams kicked off their season on Sept. 9, running at the University of Central Missouri. Both teams ran well and look forward to improving their times. Other races in the season include the Missouri Southern Stampede in Joplin, Emporia State and SIUE.

Last year's team laid a great foundation for the Lady Viking runners to build on. The team only lost one runner. "Coming off of last season, we have fewer girls," said Pickens.

Although the team consists of only five girls, what they lack in numbers they make up for in heart.

"Running is all mental. You have to keep a positive attitude because if you have a bad attitude you'll run badly," said lone senior Ariane O'Day.

The two new faces on the team this year are freshmen Brandi Barber and Jessica Archie, both from Louisiana. "I'm excited to run with a new team of amazing people," said Barber.

Others runners are junior Danielle Carr and sophomore Sheena Simpson. Simpson, who was unable to finish last season after she was hit by a car, began the year right by being the top runner for the women at the UCM meet.

Things are very different on the men's side. The men's

team consists of about 15 runners. Coach Pickens said it will be interesting to see how the season forms for them. The men are running against good competition including conference school Mid America Nazarene which is ranked third this year in the NAIA rankings.

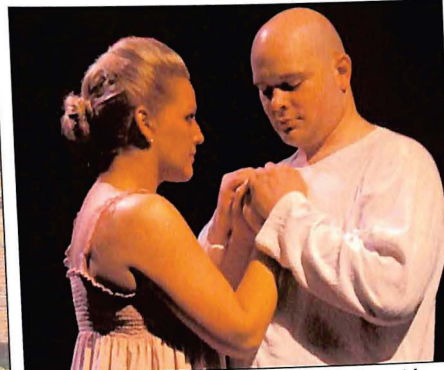
"I believe that the team is ready for anything that comes our way," said senior runner Anthony Flores. Flores kicked off the season placing 11th overall at UCM.

New to the Cross Country team this year is Elias Melly from Kenya. Melly, who came to Valley during the spring semester last year, ran track but is looking forward to competing for the team.

Melly said the main difference between running in Kenya and running in the U.S. is the weather. The heat hasn't broken his spirit though. Melly said he always keeps a positive attitude about running. Melly was the number two runner for Missouri Valley at the UCM meet. With a great start into the year, this season looks promising for the Vikings.

Watching the teams interact, you can tell they are very close. Because the team is so small, it's easy for them to bond. Laughter and joking can be heard before and after practice. A month into school and the teams have already become a family. When asked how he felt the season would go for both teams, Pickens said, "If we run faster than everyone else, we'll win."

Campus Scenes



(Left) Senior Samuel Njuguna with friends Stacy Adams and Dalton Adams after graduation ceremonies. (Above) Seniors Ashlee Schulenberg and Josh Haggard perform at the Spring Dance Festival.

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2007 Varsity Schedule



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Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Results
9/1	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS	W 33-27 3OT
9/8	Graceland University	HOME	L 23-28
9/15	William Jewell College	Liberty, MO	W 25-14
9/22	Evangel University (Parents Weekend)	HOME	L 12-22
9/29	Central Methodist University	Fayette, MO	W 56-7
10/13	MidAmerica Nazarene University (Homecoming)	HOME	W 32-7
10/20	Avila University	Kansas City, MO	W 20-14
10/27	Baker University	HOME	W 34-20
11/3	Culver-Stockton College	Canton, MO	W 56-26
11/10	Lindenwood University	HOME	Won 33-13
NAIA Playoffs			
11/17	Friends University	Wichita, KS	Won 34-21
11/24	Ohio Dominican University	Columbus, Ohio	Won 48-34
12/01	University of Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls, SD	Lost 10-11

Football Staff

Paul Troth
Head Coach

Curran White
Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line Coach/
Recruiting Coordinator

Monty Roe
Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/
Linebackers Coach

Aaron Christensen
Passing Game Coordinator/
Wide Receivers Coach

Barry Rave
Special Teams Coordinator/
Defensive Line Coach

Dedrick Meadows
Running Backs Coach

Bobby Magna Jr.
Assistant Defensive Backs/Linebackers Coach

Matt Rowlett
Head Athletic Trainer

Brian Sommerer
Graduate Assistant/ Offensive Line Coach/ Tight
Ends Coach

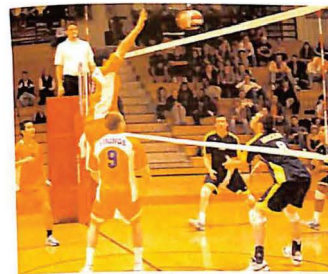
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Men's Volleyball 2008 Schedule



Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Results
1/12	Quincy University	Home	Lost 1-3 (30-28,26-30,22-30,26-30)
1/25-26	Lindenwood University Tournament	St. Charles, MO	Won 3-0 (30-27, 30-23, 30-24)
1/25	vs. Holy Names	St. Charles, MO	Lost 0-3 (28-30, 23-30, 31-33)
1/25	vs. St. Ambrose	St. Charles, MO	Lost 1-3 (30-19, 28-30, 27-30, 19-30)
1/26	vs. Hope International	St. Charles, MO	Won 3-1 (30-24, 24-30, 30-18, 30-15)
1/26	vs. Moody Bible	St. Charles, MO	Lost 2-3 (30-21,22-30,31-29,21-30,9-15)
1/29	Missouri Baptist University	Home	Lost 0-3 (21-30,27-30,24-30)
2/1	Johnson and Wales	Denver, CO	Lost 0-3 (19-30,28-30,23-30)
2/2	Johnson and Wales	Denver, CO	Lost 1-3 (21-30,23-30,33-31,22-30)
2/5	Lindenwood University	Home	Lost 0-3 (25-30,19-30,19-30)
2/8	Park University	Home	Won 3-1 (27-30,27-32,30,33-31)
2/19	Graceland University	Lamoni, IA	Lost 1-3 (30-25,27-30,20-30,23-30)
2/22-23	Park University Tournament	Parkville, MO	Lost 0-3 (27-30,18-30,16-30)
2/22	vs. Quincy University	Parkville, MO	Lost 1-3 (26-30,30-22,24-30,26-30)
2/22	vs. Missouri Baptist University	Parkville, MO	Lost 1-3 (24-30,30-27,27-30,24-30)
2/23	vs. Cardinal Stritch	Parkville, MO	Lost 0-3 (18-30,25-30,31-33)
2/23	vs. Clarke College	Parkville, MO	Lost 0-3 (22-30, 20-30,16-30)
2/26	Missouri Baptist University	St. Louis, MO	Lost 0-3 (27-30,25-30,21-30)
3/5	Lindenwood University Quincy University Tournament	St. Charles, MO	Won 3-1 (27-30,30-22,30-27,30-16)
3/8	vs. Carthage	Quincy, IL	Won 3-1 (30-27,30-16,26-30,30-20)
3/8	vs. MSOE	Quincy, IL	Lost 1-3 (20-30,21-30,30-25,26-30)
3/9	vs. Quincy	Quincy, IL	Won 3-1 (27-30,30-23,30-28,35-33)
3/19	Park University	Parkville, MO	Lost 0-3 (27-30,18-30,23-30)
3/28	Graceland University St. Ambrose Tournament	Home	Lost 0-3 (22-30,20-30,27-30)
3/29	vs. Carthage	Davenport, IA	TBA
3/29	vs. St. Ambrose	Davenport, IA	Lost 2-3 (25-30,26-30,30-22,30-24,13-15)
4/4-5	MAMVIC West Conference Tournament	Home	TBA
4/4	vs. Graceland University	Marshall, MO	TBA
4/17-19	NAIA National Tournament	Parkville, MO	TBA

Head Coach: Curt Sivertsen



A Viking player is ready to block a serve from a visiting team at the Burns Gym.

Commencement

Seniors

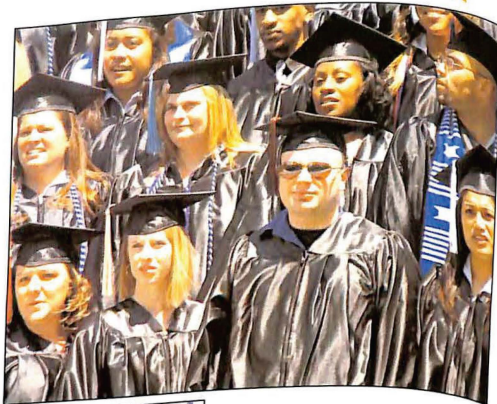
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Missouri Valley College conferred 245 degrees at the 119th Commencement ceremony held at the Gregg-Mitchell Field on May 3.

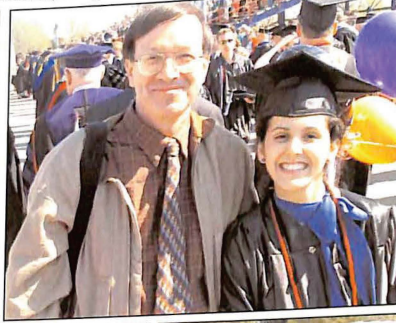
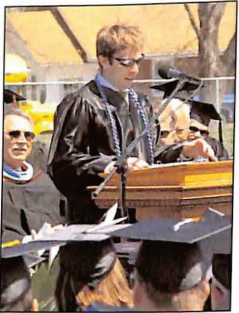
Thomas D. Dyer, Valley alum and University Professor Emeritus and Vice President for Instruction Emeritus at the University of Georgia, was the Commencement keynote speaker.

Bryan Berlin, a 1979 Valley alum and the MVC Alumni Association president from 1995-97, was the Baccalaureate speaker.

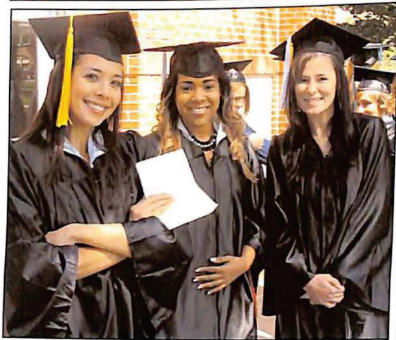
President Bonnie Humphrey presented the Charles L. Bacon Distinguished Service Awards to Tammi Kumpf, a Religion and Philosophy major from Oxford, Pennsylvania and Samuel Njuguna, a Mass Communication major from Nairobi, Kenya.



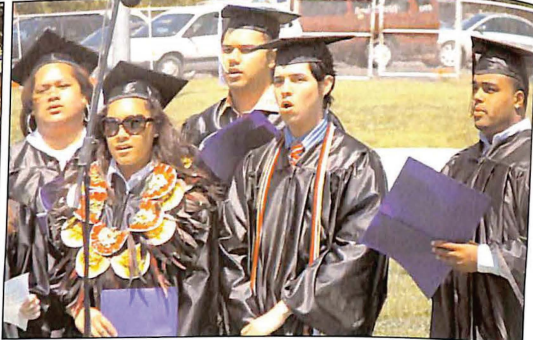
(Top) Seniors pose for pictures before Commencement.



(Center, from left) Senior Class President James Justus reads the "senior's farewell" speech; assistant professor David Roberts and Norine Cruz after the Commencement ceremony.



Three of the 20 recipients of the Presidential Scholar Award (from left) Joy Britt, Sheena Butler, and Sarah Caldwell.



Graduating choir members sing at Commencement ceremony (from left) Ema Vea, Delilah Vaitai, Adam Tuifagu, Jon Strickland, and Marco Burks.

2008 Graduates listed on the Commencement program

Graduates

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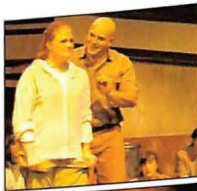


Bryan Gaskill and Norine Cruz were two of 245 seniors who participated in 2008 graduation ceremonies. (Photo by David Roberts)



New students enjoy a tug-of-war on the quad during Freshmen Orientation.

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Jessie Greenfield and Josh Haggard, with cast members, present the musical "Godspell."



Moamoa Palepale, a member of the Polynesian Club, performs at the bonfire on the evening before Homecoming. (Photo by Cory Petersen)



Students perform at the Dance Concert in Eckilson-Mabee Theatre.



Senior Brittany Dering works in the Chemistry lab.



Tanner Fennewald proposes to girlfriend Emily Skellett during Midnight Madness. (Photo by Cory Petersen)