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MVC Sophomore
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(1988-2009)

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Freshmen Orientation



Pictures of some of the groups during Freshmen Orientation.



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Freshmen Orientation



Freshmen in the Orange team work hard to win the tug-o-war competition.

Commentary by Alfred Lewis

Do you remember your first days as a college freshman? The feeling of entering a different institution where you were generally oblivious to the way things were and how they worked.

For many people, this meant moving away from home and leaving most, if not all, high school friends behind and dealing with the all-too-familiar anxiety attacks that left our minds bewildered when confronted with the thought of making new friends.

As with any situation, being a college freshman isn't easy. Much like navigating your way through an unfamiliar terrain, there are tools necessary for a successful venture. In accordance, college freshmen are given many tools to familiarize and better understand their new school.

On August 22, Missouri Valley College again enrolled more than 400 freshmen from all across the country and the world for its fall semester. International students from countries and continents, such as Canada, Africa, the Bahamas, Australia, England and Germany, just to name a few, became part of the Missouri Valley family.

What started as a day of standing in long lines for registration and the general acquisition of information was only the first step toward a new life. Though high schools may have held orientations, I'm sure they never compared to this one. It wasn't until the freshmen luncheon that students were introduced to the faculty and staff of Missouri Valley College and received an official welcome.

Students later met with their "freshmen seminar groups" as the other activities required teamwork and eight weeks of general courses. Day one has been described as "interesting" and "a new experience" by many students.

Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." These words can stand as a silent message from Missouri Valley as day two was our chance to get to know our teammates and advisers a little better through fun, competitive activities which would ultimately allow us to reach individual success. The traditional "tug of war" and human pyramid were just a few of the games played by each team in an effort to be crowned the overall winner.

Each game required teamwork and communication which are the essentials for success not just here at college but also in life. At the end of the day, the team wearing the raspberry-colored T-shirts won.

The best way to end a weekend of orientation was definitely to close out with a church service of thanksgiving. Held by the Soldiers for Christ organization, a general message of putting Christ first in all that you do was basically the main focus. We were again reminded to enjoy our four-year stay at Missouri Valley and to leave here with more than just a degree but also lessons in discipline, workmanship and community.

Freshmen orientation 2008 will forever be remembered in the hearts and minds of those who attended because four years from now we'll all look back in amazement as we realize the friendships and lessons we've learned from Missouri Valley College.

Freshman Orientation

This year's MVC Freshman Orientation was held August 17-19.

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 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.



Photos by Samuel Njuguna and David Roberts

Convocation

Story and photo by Samuel Njuguna
September 2008

With the start of a new academic year, it was another opportunity for Missouri Valley College to officially welcome the class of 2012 at Convocation ceremony.

The ceremony, held September 4 at the Burns Multipurpose Gym Complex, featured different speakers who talked to freshmen about what to expect and what was expected of them while at Valley.

Marilyn Belwood, Mathematics associate professor, was the main speaker at the event. Belwood, the recipient of 2007-08 John C. McCallum Teaching in Excellence Award, started her speech with greetings in different languages, symbolic of the many nations represented at Valley.

Belwood used a five-point strategy to reach out to freshmen in trying to help them understand what it means to be at MVC in the next four years of their academic and social life.

The five points included "connecting with people, getting involved, being headstrong with the advice you get (get advice but not blindly), finding something you love to do, and being that student that makes the classroom great."

Belwood emphasized the need for students to get involved in a group or activity while on campus.

"You alone can make a terrific experience with your participation," Belwood said. "One individual can make the difference in all the world."

Belwood said that the faculty was looking forward to knowing the students not as the class of 2012 but as individuals, and she reminded them that their coming to college is a time to explore and discover what they wanted to do with their lives.

"Convocation is a day set aside to recognize them not only in a formal context but to help them understand how they can attain their academic goals," Belwood said. "The speakers were there to share with them their down-to-earth experiences in order to help."

Belwood spoke of the time she spent thinking of



SGA members attend Convocation. (From left) Glenda Gallardo, Colby Hazouri, and Katherine Navia.

what to include in her speech.

"I spent a lot of time because I know it was very important for freshmen to know they are important to us," Belwood said.

In stressing the need for students to be academically disciplined, Belwood said that students need to be individually responsible in reaching for their goals.

"We can not teach you everything," Belwood said. "We try to create conditions that foster learning."

President Bonnie Humphrey spoke of the need for the new students to make the most of their time at Valley more valuable by being involved in all aspects of a college setting.

"I would like you to become engaged in the life of this campus," Humphrey said. "Talk to the faculty, push them to their limits and make the most of it."

Heath Morgan, dean of students, talked about the office of Student Affairs and what it does for the students.

"The Student Affairs office helps make your stay at Valley the most exciting and memorable years of your life," Morgan said.

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Convocation

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"The office also helps coordinate activities and organizations to enhance the college experience." Senior Colby Hazouri, SGA president, narrated his accomplishments since he was a freshman and thanked the MVC faculty for helping him attain his academic goals.

Hazouri also thanked the college for helping him learn beyond classroom.

"The college helped me and two of my classmates attend an Amnesty International conference in Washington, D.C.," Hazouri said. "We were also able to make trips to Columbia and St. Louis where we met top political figures, including former president Bill Clinton."

Hazouri reassured freshmen students that they will find professors at the college who are approachable and willing to help them achieve their academic goals.

Nicole Fisher, from Fairplay, Mo., said the event was very nice and informative.

"I liked what the main speaker had to say," Fisher

said "I think she did a good job."

Fisher also said that she likes the college a lot so far.

"I feel at home here," Fisher said. "I like all my teachers a lot."

Fisher added that she is looking forward to basketball season and also to go home for Christmas.

Kayla Varvel, from Hermitage, Mo., also enjoyed being at the event.

"It was good for freshmen to attend so that they can get the teachers' advice," Varvel said.

Varvel added that she liked it when speakers told some of their experiences about the college and what the college has to offer.

"They were reassuring us that coming here will benefit us," Varvel said.

Other speakers at the event included Earl Wellborn, chief academic officer; Pam Sebastian, college chaplain; Connie Latimer, the mayor of Marshall; Spencer Fricke, alumni association president; Dessie Stafford, faculty senate president; and Diane Weinreich, campus nurse and the recipient of 2007-08 President's Staff Excellence Award.



Speakers at Convocation (from left) Dessie Stafford, faculty senate president; Colby Hazouri, SGA president; the Rev. Pam Sebastian, college chaplain; Earl Wellborn, chief academic officer; MVC President Bonnie Humphrey; Connie Latimer, the mayor of Marshall; Heath Morgan, dean of students; Marilyn Belwood, Mathematics associate professor and main faculty speaker; Spencer Fricke, alumni association president; and Diane Weinreich, campus nurse.

Scholar Academic Awards Banquet

Below, left: Mary Hargadine (Athletic Training) is congratulated by Karla Bruntzel, dean of Education, Health and Human Services, as one of the 18 MVC students honored for academic achievement at the MVC Scholar Academic Awards Banquet, April 14. Below, right: Katharina Scheller, Mathematics major, was honored with the "Lamp of Knowledge Award" by Ed Leshe, dean of the Math and Science Division, for her scholarship and essay narrating her experiences at Valley.

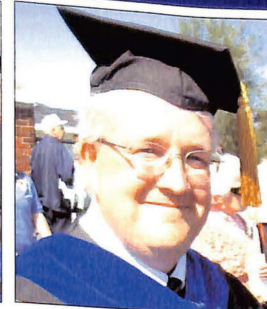


Eighteen outstanding senior scholars, selected for recognition by MVC academic departments, were honored at the MVC Scholar Academic Awards Banquet on Tuesday, April 14, in the R. Wilson Brown Room. Seated, from left: Erik Watson (History), Christina Truitt-Wilson (Accounting), April Stottlemire (Public Relations), Cori Basham (Mass Communication), Angelica Williams (Elementary Education), and Karen Howe (Biology). Standing, from left: Bonnie Humphrey (MVC president), Colby Hazouri (Sociology), Katharina Scheller (Mathematics), Anne DeBarr (Business Administration), Jamee Watson (Criminal Justice), Christine Dittmer (Recreation Administration), Mary Hargadine (Athletic Training), Keiin Tominaga (Speech Communication), Perry Ferguson (Computer Information Systems), Jeffrey Syrop (Anthropology), and Earl Wellborn (Chief Academic Officer). Not pictured: Mathias Miller (Social Studies Education), Tatum Hathcock (Human Service Agency Management), and Jessie Fairly-Brimer (Psychology). (Photographs by David L. Roberts)

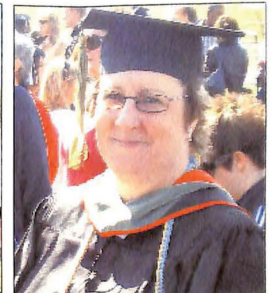
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President Bonnie Humphrey



Chief Academic Officer
Earl Wellborn



Registrar Marsha Lashley



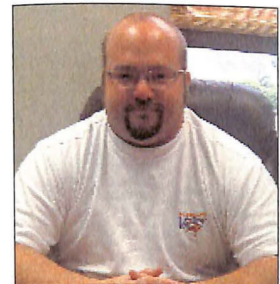
Sharon Hoeflicker, Office of
Chief Academic Officer.



Library Director Pam Reeder



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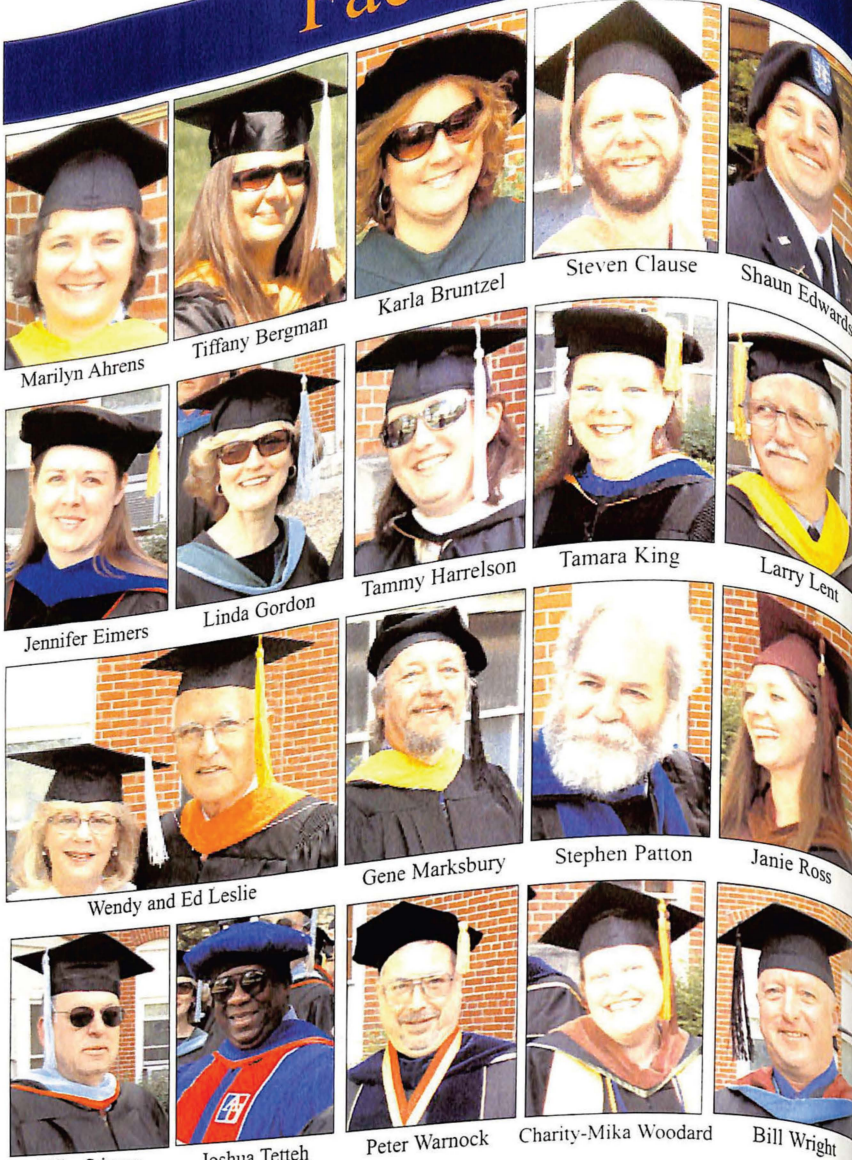
Dean of Students Heath
Morgan



Director of Maintenance Tim
Schultz

Not pictured: Tom Fifer, athletic director; Amy Roe, chief financial officer; Eric Sappington, Institutional Advancement; Mona Mikels, administrative assistant to the president; Jodi White, Institutional Advancement; Megan Wellborn, Special Events.

Faculty



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Not pictured: Loren Gruber, Susan Dittmer, David Roberts, Patricia Vazzana, John Gault, Gerardo Acay, Mark Adderley, John McLean, Diana Malan, Larry Stockman, Bill Grace, Marilyn Belwood, Katherine Adams, Debra Mills, Jamie Gold, Wade Hughes, Mary Slater, Paul Troth, Michele Reinke, James Crozier, Matt Rowlett, Cynthia Adams, Dessie Stafford, David Tomchuk, Betsy Murphy, Margaret Sherman, Adrienne Adderley, Waylon Hiler, Sarah MacDonald, Rachel Mayfield, Bruce Brock, Carla Fricke, Spencer Fricke, Pam Riggs, John Pickens, Shawn Terryberry, Carrie Harmon, Russ Whyte, Jim Anderson, Monty Roe, Curran White, Vladimir Simic, Jolene Christensen, Josh Miller, Chris Shotwell, Kelley McKay, Floyd Alsbach, Garry Anders, Matthew Ami, Lloyd Bennett, Christine Carnes, Michael Carr, Aaron Christensen, Deborah Coleman, Kathy Cook, Patty Dierking, Nikki Fahnstock, Charles Ferguson, William Fuller, Charles Guthrey, Jackie Guthrey, Julie Hayden, Denny Honnold, Jamie Lindemann, Ginger McGraw, Lorena Medrano, Jennifer Melton, David Nelson, Barry Rave, Michael Stevens, Laura Thiel, Paul Vaillancourt, Misty Vizcarralagos, John Weaver, Don Wilson, and Luann Wymore.

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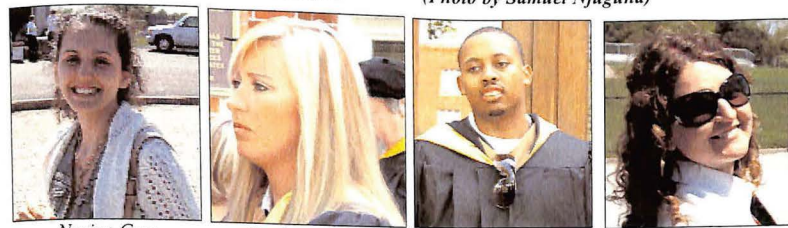


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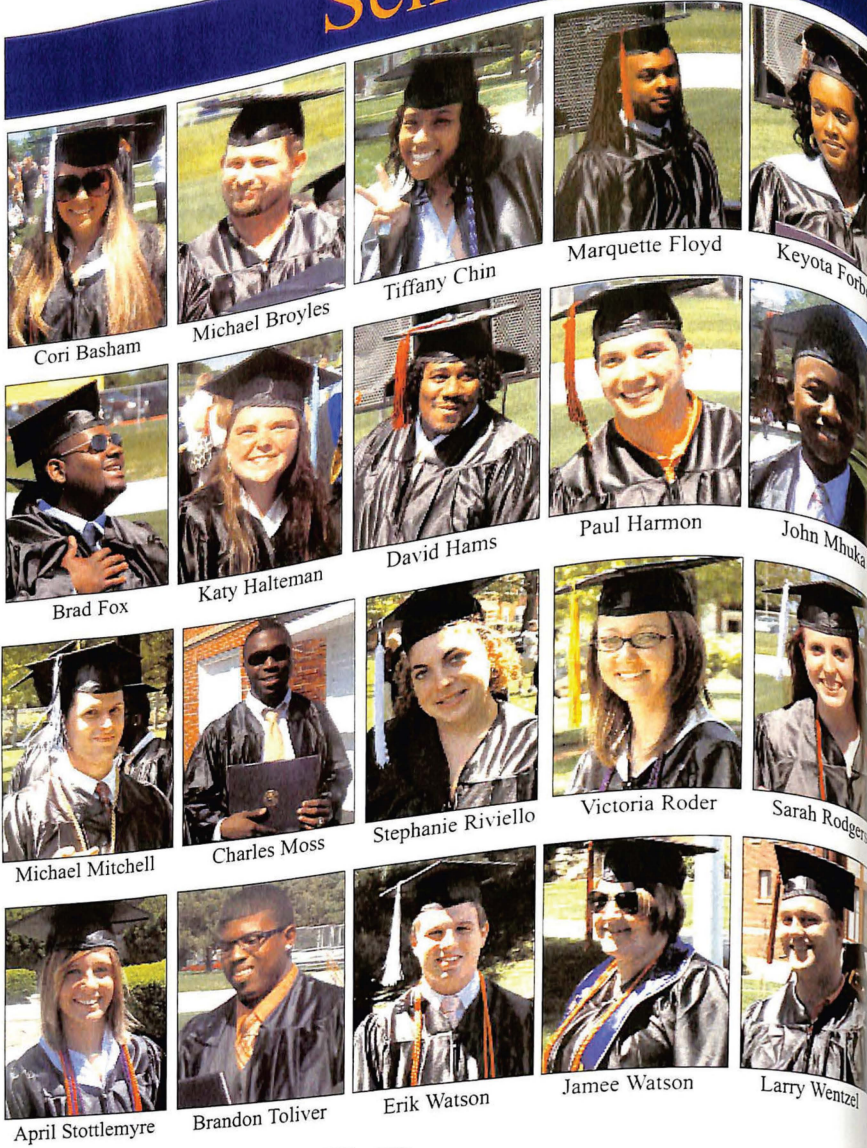


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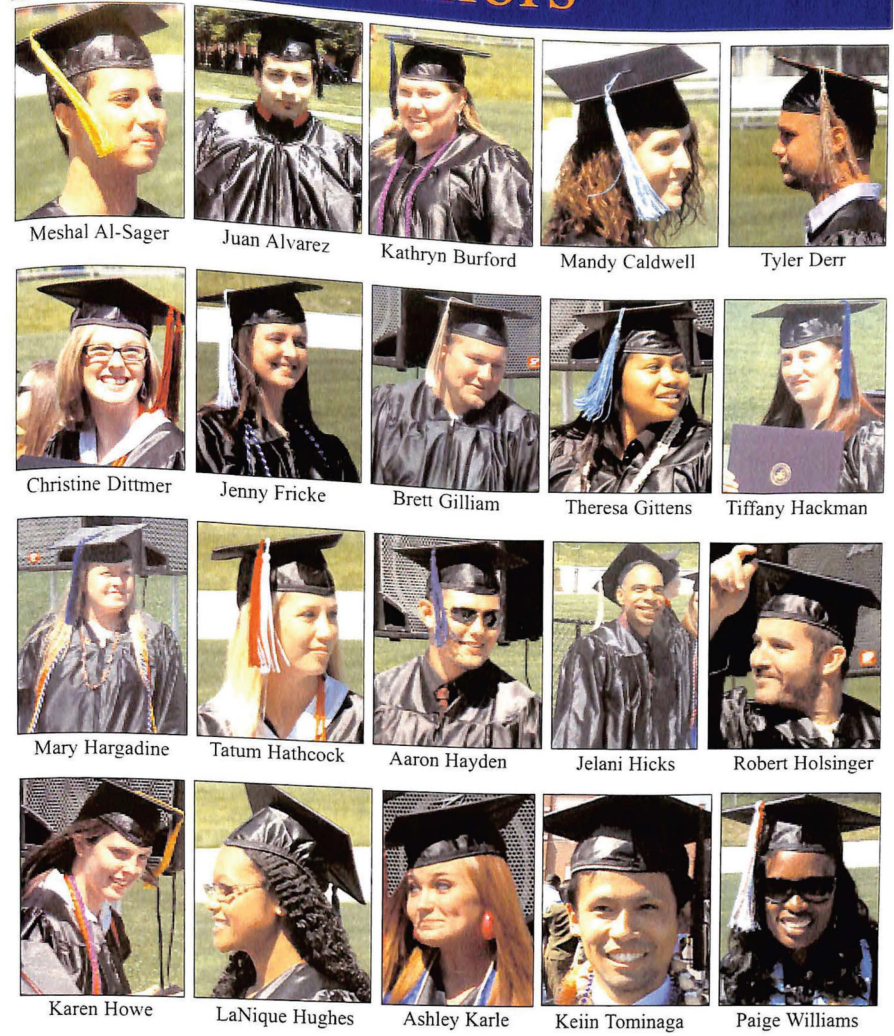
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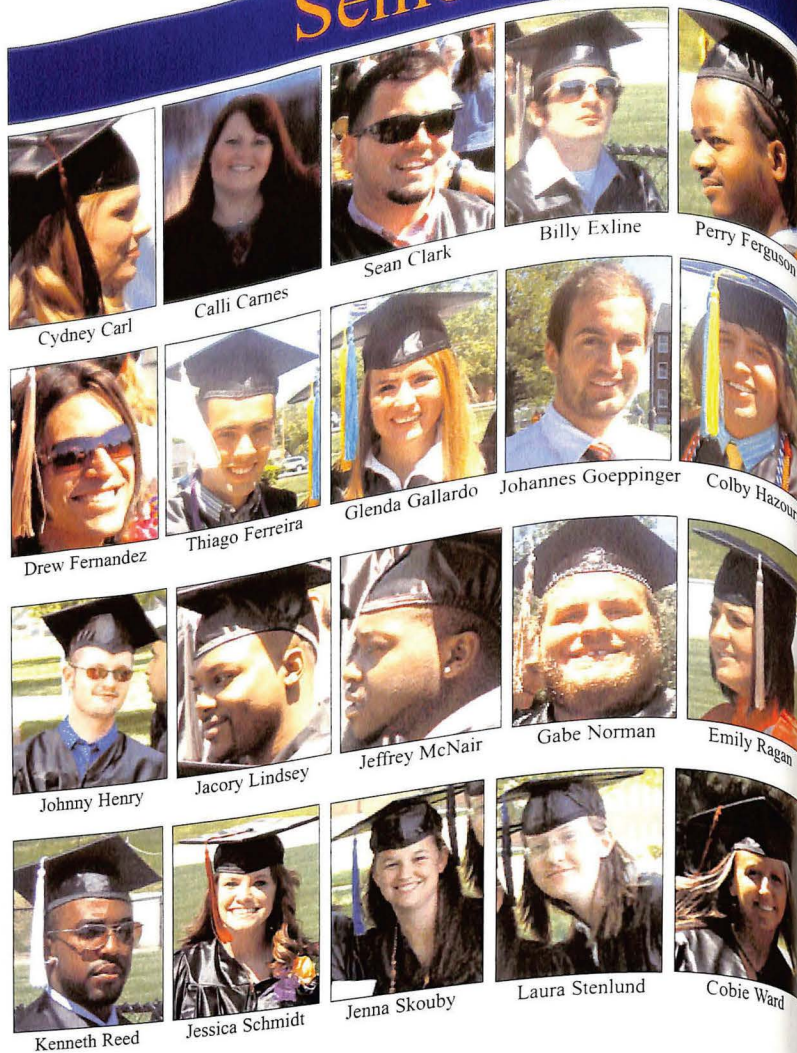
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Adam Johnson

Kendra Kaiser

Ashley Lindahl

Blanche Mesteth

Caleb Moon

Brad O'Neal

Jack Sailor

Katharina Scheller

Emily Skellett

Katie Todd

Christina Truitt-Wilson

Tevita Williams

Wendy Wilson

Austin Zavala

Missouri Valley College conferred 215 degrees to students at the 120th Commencement ceremony held at the Gregg-Mitchell Field on May 9. Oscar Tshibanda, Founder and Managing Partner of Tshibanda & Associates, LLC, was the Commencement keynote speaker. Tshibanda graduated from Valley in 1986.

Rev. Roger M. Sobin, a 1969 Valley alum and a member of the Board of Trustees of Missouri Valley College, was the Baccalaureate speaker. Earl Wellborn, chief academic officer, presented the Charles L. Bacon Distinguished Service Awards to seniors Anne DeBarr from Litchfield, Ill, and Colby Hazouri from St. Augustine, Fla.

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Juniors

Laresa Adams, Michael Adams, Mackenzie Ahnefeld, Nicholas Ainslie, Eric Alexander, Veronica Allen, Jackilyn Andersen, Alexandra Anderson, Joshua Ard, Carlos Ortubia Arribas, Jennifer Asberry, Marcus Aszmann, Kevin Baisch, Cody Ballah, Tayla Barr, Cassandra Beadle, James Berry, Marque Black, Regina Bodine, Aaron Boell, Janae Borrego, Dillon Bosch, Sarah Bottila, Blair Bowman, Christie Braden, Donald Bradshaw, Kyle Brennecke, Andrew Bridgford, Eric Brown, Scott Brown, Toni Brundage, Amanda Byerly, Lavell Caradine, John Castillo, Andrew Chamberlin, Timothy Christopherson, David Clapp, Gavin Clark, Breinne Clemens, Michael Cloe, Patrick Comer, Richard Conn, Joseph Comejo, David Cossitt, Christopher Coulter, Deann Crane, Matthew Crow, Tyler Larry Cuppy, Melissa Danenhauer, Steven Deborski, Bobby Deleon, James Devault, Dominique Dixon, Imogene Dooley, Jonathan Lenhoff Dorval, Amber Doughty, Andrew Doyle, Richard Dunn, Audrey Durrill, Dwayne Duskin, Jeffrey Dutcher, Anthony Eierman, Christopher Ellison, Jaiven Estrada, Travis Ewart, Arthur Fanene, Morganne Faw, Samantha Fee, Beau Fleeman, Alexander Foote, Michael Franklin, Vincent Galate, Wendy Garcia, Meghan Gauthier, Grant Geltmeier, Charlie Gibbs, Robert Gibson, Adam Gilchrist, Karla Gonzalez, Brian Graham, Ian Gray, Jessie Greenfield, Brian Gruver, Edna Gutierrez, Phillip Hamer, Jessica Harmon, Amy Havens, Brenda Heilman, Erin Henke, Anne Hickman, Jarrod Hilton, Linda Hoffman, Garren Holley, Carvell Houston, Jeremy Howery, Cory Hubenthal, Elizabeth Huff, Jesse Hulett, Joseph Hulsey, Andrew Hurtado, Walter Ingram, Shane Jennings, Amber Johnson, Andrew Jones, Bronson Jones, Sydney Kaneshiro, Tyler Kasubeck, Fay Keller, Katie Kimble, Casey Knight, Jesse Knott, Masahiro Komori, Joseph Krieg, Andrew Kuchmeister, Brianne Langkrah, Tyler Lankford, Nicholas Lastrada, John Lawlor, Margaret Lawson, Dantez Lewis, Igor Lima, Regiena Lipp-Brennan, Carolina Lopez, Darrell Madry, Mark Magliocco, Jacqueline Malan, Ashley Martin, Joshua McClain, Kyle McClellan, Gary McColl, Wes McCollum, Brandy McRoberts, Andrew Meyers, Cody Mikels, Laura Millen, Steven Montijo, Grant Moss, Tricia Mowatt, Wilson Mwago, Jordan Napier, Fantasia Newsome, Vanessa Nordstrom, Daniel O'Brien, Joshua O'Connor, Stephanie O'Neill, Saori Ogiwara, Michael Othic, Lyndrea Overall, Leah Paige, Drew Palacios, Alayna Palmer, Sydne Parkhurst, Alexander Patrick, Jessica Paulsrud, Zachary Pearce, Quintin Perkins, Tracy Plexico, Bryant Porter, Steven Price, Jesse Putnam, Jordan Rayner, Rebecca Richardson, Samantha Richardson, Randy Ritter, Keith Roberts, Melvin Roberts, Whitney Robinson, Rochester Rogers, Susan Rogers, Bernard Ronoh, Roy Rosenbaum, Darrell Brown-Ross, Andrew Schoonmaker, Kristofer Scoville, Daniel Seitz, Ashley Sequeira, Mary Shamblin, Daisha Shannon, Jake Shaw, Heather Shomaker, Douglas Short, Austin Simmons, Patrick Singer, Deandre Smith, James Smith, Kelly Smith, Valerie Smith, Christgen Solomon, Brett Speed, Krista Staley, Kaitlyn Stapp, Sarah Stegall, Ashley Stettnichs, Stormy Stout, Kristen Thomas, Lacquito Thompson, Paula Tieman, Adrian Trevino, Angel Tuifagu, John Twenter, Lindsay Tworek, Colin Vaillancourt, Yalimar Vidal, Marko Vulonic, Anthony Walker, Jordanne Walker, Robert Walkup, Chase Waters, Ebone Watson, Jordan Webb, Sarah Webb, Lance Weinhardt, Chance Michael Weldon, Taylor Whitacre, Christopher White, L'Eryn White, Amanda Whited, Cameron Wilkins, Ashley Williams, Billy Williams, Chad Williams, Jordan Williams, Zachary Wybert, Joseph Anthony Young, Rebecca Young, Megan Yung.

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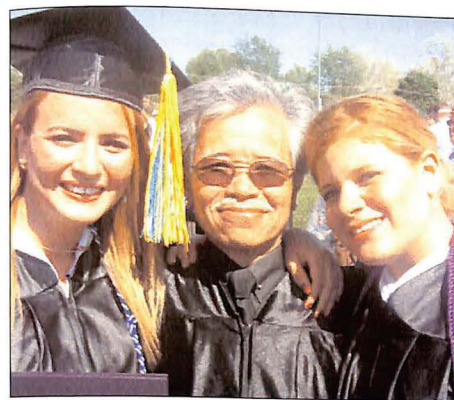
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Campus Scenes



Celebrating graduation: (From left) Glenda Gallardo, Gerardo Acay, and Katharine Navia (Above) Johannes Goepfinger and Katharina Scheller.

Freshmen

Jesus Abrego, Adam Albach, Alexas Alcorn, Kevin Aldridge, Dustin Allen, Ricardo Almaraz, James Alter, Maysam Amanishourbariki, Alain Antoine, Roger Apel, Sasha Arnold, Marcus Atkins, Cassidy Baggett, Vinicius Baigan, Sarah Bailey, Jessica Baker, Troy Balzer, Alexan Houghton-Bandelier, Jacqueline Barlow, Chad Barnes, Robert Barrington, Paloma Basulto, Bryan Beck, Tasha Becker, Clare Bellot, Montario Benjamin, Brittany Bertolani, Michael Biggerstaff, Lynsee Bilokury, Spencer Bingham, Spencer Bishop, Caleb Blackerby, Dorianne Blair, Kera Bommer, Phil Boulger, Raymond Bowen, Cassandra Bowlen, George Bradley, Debe Brady, Brandon Brooks, Antonio Brown, Deneko Brown, Heather Brown, Jessica Brown, Mark Brown, Taryn Bruce, Theodore Foster-Brutus, Ashlen Bryant, Julian Buegers, Jamaal Bufford, Cory Buggy, Ashley Bullock, John Burgess, Tershelle Burrows, Mercedes Busing, Sulma Caballero, Brett Caldwell, Theresa Callanan, Princeton Callaway, Daniel Cardoso, Justin Carter, Sheena Carter, Vera Carter, Chelsea Chamberlin, Kathleen Chapman, Derek Chism, Kasey Chism, Trumayne Clayton, Bobby Clifton, Skylar Cline, John Coke, Shakeitha Coles, Dalyn Collins, Catherine Combs, Coulter Conner, Cassy Cook, Ashton Cooper, Raymond Corbin, Jason Cordova, Kelly Cordray, Bryan Corley, Nichole Cornine, Antone Costa, Kailee Cowan, Mychal Cox, Will Crain,

Steven Crane, Laura Crawford, D'Angalo Crosby, Lindsey Crowe, Eduardo Da Silva, Andrew Davis, Jacob Davis, Jonathan Davis, Timothy Davis, Jeremy Dawson, Justin Day, Dustin Debroeck, Wava Denito, James Deweese, Linda Dial, Christopher Dickinson, Jordan Dickson, Jacob Diehm, Judy Dillon, Zebediah Dintelman, Chelsea Dobson, Benjamin Dolan, Kara Dominick, Kayla Donath, Nathan Dorsey, James Downs, Dangelo Dunbar, Samantha Duquette, Daniel Durst, Tonzel Eckford, Brent Edington, Jessica Enriquez, Nicholas Erickson, Marisol Espinoza, Taylor Eubank, Jordan Everson, Breno Figueiredo, Nicole Fisher, Jeffrey Fitzmaurice, David Mejia Flores, Patrick Fobbs, Marissa Foreman, Marina Fox, Daniel Francis, Pedro Franco, Dana Fricker, Matthew Frueh, Laura Galvan, Charlesia Gant, Chelsea Garrison, Jacob Garrison, Danila Garza, Ross Gemmell, Sarah Gerlt, Craig Gibson, Michael Gibson, Aaron Gideon, Sierra Gillespie, Collin Goforth, Angel Mich Gomez, Anthony Gonzalez, Chris Graden, Michael Grant, Victor Grant, Laura Graybill, Samuel Greer, Elanqua Griffin, Julion Griffin, Taylor Griffin, Brett Gronendyke, Leslie Grothoff, Justin Haffer, Katherine Hall, Michael Hall, Ross Hall, Joseph Halterman, Amy Hammons, Jacob Hanley, Jeffrey Hannah, Adrian Hardin, Jasmine Hardwick, Gloria Harmon, Gary Harrah, Morgan Harris, Derek Christopher Harris, Derek

Harvey, Tara Haugh, David Heath, Britney Heatherly, Chris Heeter, Alvin Hensley, Nicholas Hem, Austin Hile, Lora Hill, Caleb Holland, Davina Hill, David Hoppock, Austin Hottel, Aaron Howard, Jeremy Howarth, Kayla Howard, Alyssa Howard, Tanesha Hunter, Lacey Howery, Preston Hyde, Spencer Hyatt, Jaqlyn Ivie, Brittany Hythman, Samuel Jackson, Brenton Jefferson, Jshon Johnson, Krystian Johnson, Noah Johnson, Roy Johnson, York Johnson, Rodney Jones, Shedrecus Jones, Janie Jungermann, Jack Kane, Sarah Keith, Stephon Kelly, Kristian Kennedy, Marcus Kiner, Kathryn Kirby, Heather Klingaman, Ryan Knutz, John Kraft, Jacob Krause, Merca Laney, Melissa Latimer, Chad Lavallee, Alana Laws, Matthew Lenz, Andrew Leone, Alfred Lewis, Leslie Lewis, Samuel Lewis, Toni Liebhart, Gideon Lockett, Tomy Lochr, Michael Loflin, John Logan, Matthew Long, Desirea Loveland, Jennifer Lutz, Antonio Major, Rogelio Maltezo, Erickson Marina, Amanda Marquette, Julian Marquez, Dwight Marshall, Gregory Marshall, Cheyenne Martin, Harvey Martin, Dan Martin, Dominique Mathis, James Mauricio, Meghean May, Marc Mayer, Erica McBride, Alexander McCallum, Ezekiel McClinton, Raleigh McCreary, Lauren McDonald, John McGarvey, Thomas McGee, Hurlee McHenry, Chase McMichael,

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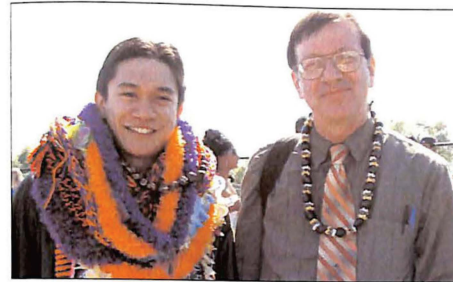
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Campus Scenes



Celebrating graduation: (Left) Professor David Roberts and Austin Zavala (Above) Jarrett Fujita and Chaneal Meletia.

Book clubs provide study atmosphere

Story by Samuel Njuguna
October 2008

Frank Bellarosa is not the sort of celebrity you would like to meet by chance, or in any way, for that matter. He is a uniquely American celebrity, a gangster actually.

A man like Bellarosa would be on the run in some parts of the world, and in the presidential palace in others, but here in America, he exists in that place that is aptly called the underworld.

This is just an excerpt from one of the books being discussed on campus by the Mystery Book Club.

Keeping with the book clubs initiative started last year, Missouri Valley College is continuing with a variety of book clubs this semester covering different genres with an aim of promoting one of the college's academic missions: Reading.

Norine Cruz, library assistant and writer of the library's newsletter, is the coordinator of the book clubs.

Cruz said the book clubs are doing all right this semester but not as well as last semester.

"There were more people in attendance last spring," Cruz said. "There has been a slow start this semester but I expect it to pick up next semester."

Cruz is also the leader of the Graphics Novel Club. The club will read a book each month this semester. Last month, the group discussed "Maus: A Survivor's Tale" by Art Spiegelman, a memoir about the Holocaust.

Cruz said the attendance to her group was small because she does not think the novel "Maus" attracts everyone to the subject matter.

Cruz plans to introduce more regular comic books, like the group's latest novel, "Arkham Asylum: A Serious House on Serious Earth" by Grant Morrison. The club met on Tuesday, Oct. 28, to discuss the book.

Cruz is encouraging students to join one of the book clubs being offered at the college or to buy a book and read on their own.

"Book clubs are a relaxing environment," Cruz said. "You do not have to read the book to sit in one of the groups."

Cruz is also looking for recommendations and suggestions on what books students would like to read.

Bathsheba Love, in charge of library circulation services, leads the Christian Urban Novel Club. The aim of



Norine Cruz is the coordinator of book clubs at MVC.

the club is for members to enjoy fictional novels with a Christian theme while embracing African-American cultures. This club's theme is "Enjoy Christ in your everyday life." The club is reading the book "Wearing My Halo Tilted" by Stephanie Perry Moore. Love said the club is doing well with five members in the group this semester.

"We have had fun times and our discussions have been enjoyable," she said.

Love said the club allows students to relate to the situations and characters described in the book.

"As Christians, we have people to talk to about such issues," Love said. "I can now talk with members of the group about the situations."

The final day of meeting for the club is Saturday, Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. Next semester, the club will read "The Pastor's Wife" by ReShoda Tate Billingsley.

Love is encouraging students to be involved in reading in the best way possible.

"Even if you can not join the club, purchase the book and read it on your own," Love said.

The True Life Club led by John Gault, professor of Physics, met for the first time on Oct. 13 with seven members in attendance. The club is discussing the book "Infidel" by Ayaan Hirsi Ali.

Other book clubs include Kid's Reads for Adults Club led by Tiffany Bergman, which is reading "Spiderwick Chronicles" by Holly Black, and the Mystery Book Club, led by Marquia Caldwell, which is reading the book "Gold Coast" by Nelson Demille. The group Never Judge a Book by Its Movie Club will return next semester after taking a break this fall.

News becomes 2008-2009 history

Barack Obama,
first black man
elected president

The political season that culminated in the November presidential election provided news of the first black man to be elected U.S. president. Barack Obama, a senator from Illinois, won and a senator from New York, who had been an early presumptive candidate. The Democratic convention was held in Denver. Joe Biden, a senator from Delaware, became the Democratic vice presidential choice. The Republican presidential nominee was John McCain, a senator from Arizona. He surprised the nation with the choice of Sarah Palin, governor of Alaska, as his vice presidential running mate. Palin was the first woman on a Republican presidential ticket (Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale had selected Geraldine Ferraro, a New York Congresswoman, as his running mate in 1984.) In November, Barack Obama handily won the presidential election, with an electoral count of 365 to 173 over McCain. The popular vote was 53 percent for Obama and 46 percent for McCain. Obama won previously-held Republican states in the West and South, creating a new TV political map of the red (Republicans) and the blue (Democrats).

Steelers win the
Super Bowl

In early February in Super Bowl XLIII, the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Arizona Cardinals 27 to 23. The Steelers team became the first franchise in history to win six Super Bowl games. Bruce Springsteen and the E. Street Band performed as the half-time entertainment. Super Bowl commercials cost altogether the most ever at \$206 million. NBC sports commentators Bob Costas and John Madden covered the Super Bowl game.

Academy
Award winners

In early 2009, the Academy Awards were given. Best Picture: "Slumdog Millionaire." Best Actress: Kate Winslet for "The Reader." Best Actor: Sean Penn for "Milk." Best Supporting Actress: Penelope Cruz for "Vicky Christina Barcelona." Best Supporting Actor: Heath Ledger for "Dark Knight." Best Documentary: "Man on a Wire."

Grammy Song
of the Year

The Grammy Award for Song of the Year, presented in February 2009, went to Coldplay for the song "Viva La Vida." Other various Grammy Awards: Album of the Year: "Raising Sand" by Robert Plant and Alison Krauss. New Artist: Adele. Male Pop Vocal Performance: "Say" by John Mayer. Female Pop Vocal Performance: "Chasing Pavement" by Adele. Rock Song: "Girls in Their Summer Clothes" by Bruce Springsteen. Country Song: "Stay" by Sugarland. Traditional Folk Album: "At 89" by Pete Seeger. Comedy Album: "It's Bad for Ya" by George Carlin, who had died in June of 2008.

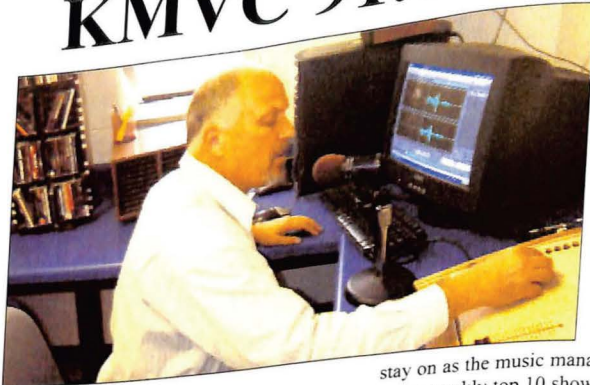
News of the
School Year

With the historical sense that the nation was in a second Gilded Age concerning big business and its unbridled power as companies like Exxon/Mobil experienced their greatest quarterly profits in late 2008, the rosy picture was misleading and economic reality turned bleak. Partly because governmental regulations put in place after the Great Depression had been whittled away over the past 40 years, the economy melted in financial chaos in the last few months of the Bush Administration in late 2008, with the Stock Market in free-fall; Wall Street and the world economy in crisis; and banks heading for failure and companies cutting jobs and heading for bankruptcy. The Secretary of the Treasury, under Bush and then under Obama, and the Federal Reserve System provided huge bail-outs to Wall Street investment firms and banks in hopes of avoiding another Great Depression. Unemployment increased, homeowners suffered home foreclosures, and stocks and 401K's took heavy losses. When the 2009 graduates picked up their diplomas in May, reports were that the U.S. job market was the worst it had ever been for college graduates. Other issues and controversies included the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, torture (and waterboarding by the CIA); gay marriage; "green" energy technologies; and continued global warming concerns.

"I love college. I love drinking. I love women. I love college..."

--Lyrics from the song "I Love College" by Asher Roth, played on KMVC-FM.

Mass Communication: Radio KMVC 91.7 "The V"



Mass Communication faculty member Ken Kujawa works in the production studio on a liner for the radio station.

Story by Johnny Henry

The radio station KMVC-FM 91.7 has accomplished a lot over to bring new and exciting features to its listeners.

One of the biggest additions is new faculty member Ken Kujawa. "Q," as he likes to be called, has been in the radio business for 31 years. He hopes his years of experience will help an already growing radio station.

Also, one day, current station manager, Harry Carrell, also a faculty member, hopes to pass on the duties of manager to professor Q and just

stay on as the music manager. Another addition was a weekly top 10 show hosted by Austin Zavala and Roy Kobza. Every Tuesday and Thursday, the two would count down the top 10 alternative hits of the week.

They had a lot of fun with it not only playing music but talking about bands, events going on campus, and just what's been going on in their lives.

With new additions this year, the radio station continues to grow and bring the newest music to its listeners.

KMVC DJ Austin Zavala gets the top 10 show together. Austin and Roy Kobza count down the top 10 songs on the alternative charts every Tuesday and Thursday.



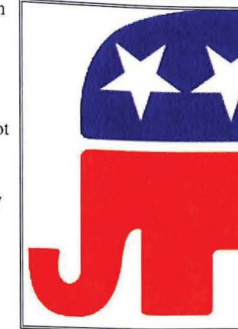
Election 2008: Students decide

Story Samuel Njuguna
October 2008

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama is favored 2 to 1 by student voters at Missouri Valley College, according to a survey of 100 students conducted in October 2008.

Sixty of those surveyed are already registered and plan to vote on Election Day. Of those 60, Obama was favored by 38 students and McCain was favored by 17, while five were undecided. Women made up 22 of the Obama voters while men numbered 16. There were 10 women and seven men favoring McCain.

Forty of the respondents were not likely to vote on Nov. 4. There were 15 students who were not registered. Ten said that if they were registered, they would vote for Obama and five said if they were registered, they would vote for McCain. Three respondents were independent voters. There were 11 international students who



took the survey. Five said they would vote for Obama and one would vote for McCain if given the right to vote. Five didn't select either.

The survey tends to be a reflection of national polls and surveys showing young people leaning more toward Obama.

Some of the issues of concern to voters listed in the survey included the economy, Iraq War, health care, terrorism and "others." Of these, the economy was the number one issue for students voting for both candidates, followed by the Iraq War. Thirty of those preferring Obama said the economy was their dominant issue, while 13 for McCain said so.

Senior Ashley Grindstaff from Biloxi, Miss., is a first-time voter who plans to vote for McCain. "Though I believe that Obama has the better stance on domestic issues and rights of women in America, I believe that McCain has the better policies on foreign policy," Grindstaff said.



"I'm voting for John McCain... Because I like his views on the war in Iraq and on health care." Russell Houk, sophomore.

John
McCain

Vs.

Barack
Obama



"I really didn't like Bush, and it's going to be basically the same with McCain... I'm voting for Obama." Venus Barron, freshman.

Students react to election

Story by Samuel Njuguna
November 2008

With the 2008 election over and Barack Obama elected as the 44th president of the United States, there are different opinions from those who voted for him and those who voted for John McCain on what to expect from his presidency.

Library Assistant Norine Cruz is a second-time voter from Los Angeles. Cruz voted for Senator McCain and said the defeat was "unbelievable and a wake-up call."

Cruz chose McCain over Obama for his "military experience and better understanding on what needs to be done with the situation in Iraq."

Cruz had many reasons not to vote for Obama, and said he is flashy. "He is the Oprah of the political world," Cruz said.

Cruz has fewer expectations from the Obama administration.

She said she didn't expect any drastic change but hoped there would be some positive change.

Senior Mwape Chalansi is an international student from Zambia who could not legally vote but wanted to see Obama win.

During the campaigns, Chalansi had traveled with friends to St. Louis and Kansas City to listen to Obama's speeches.

Chalansi said Obama has what it takes to be president. "He makes calculated decisions without being pressured and made good choices, especially his choice of Joe Biden," Chalansi said.

On Obama being the first black president, Chalansi said it shows that progress is moving forward in America.

"It is a step in the right direction," Chalansi said. Chalansi added that it is good that people are trying to get out of the current situation regardless of being Democrats, Republicans or Independents.

To McCain supporters, Chalansi hopes that they will be open-minded and give Obama a chance.

"No one is perfect and I hope they will not be too judgmental or critical," Chalansi said. "They should respect him as they would do if McCain had won."

Senior Ashley Grindstaff, from Biloxi, Miss., voted



Norine Cruz and fiancé Bryan Gaskill. Both voted for U.S. Senator John McCain for president.

for McCain. "Though I am a little worried over Barack Obama's strategies for the war in Iraq, I feel confident that he will be able to lead the United States in a positive direction domestically," Grindstaff said. "This will help our overall image with foreign countries."

Grindstaff said she is excited about Obama's stance on women's rights and feels that "he will lead the country toward equality for all like no president before."

Freshman Samuel Lewis from Dallas Fort worth, Tx., voted for Obama.

Lewis said that he expects Obama to invest in early childhood education so that many students can get a world-class education and make it through to college. "I also believe the middle class will get a tax cut and his administration will help reduce the federal deficit," Lewis said.

As an African-American, Lewis said Obama's victory reminded him that he can achieve what he sets to do and there are no limitations to success in America.

Lewis added that he hopes McCain supporters will support Obama in nation-building and "help bring change to the country that will be brought about by Obama's policies that are different from the policies of President Bush."

Faculty, staff remember first votes

Story by Katie Kimble
October 2008

For many students, Nov. 4 will be their first time ever to vote in a presidential election. For many faculty and staff, their first presidential vote is a great memory about political milestones at the beginning of their adult years.

Buddy Mayfield, who works in the Financial Aid Office, said his first time to vote was exciting, though he was nervous. He said he wanted to make sure he did the right thing and not make the wrong decision. When his candidate won, he said, "It made me feel good that he won. I felt like I was a part of it."

Ken Kujawa, director of the Viking Sports Network, voted for his first time in 1976 for Gerald Ford. He said in 1972 when he was in high school, he campaigned for George McGovern but changed his views once he got to college. When incumbent President Ford lost to

Jimmy Carter, Kujawa said he took it somewhat personal. He said it felt like, "Wow, I voted, and it didn't do any good." He said he thinks he was just more optimistic then.

English Professor Loren Gruber experienced an interesting first vote.

After he turned 21, there was a state election and he was a senior in college. When he went to vote, he was challenged by the voting officials because, though he was a college resident in Iowa, the officials said he couldn't vote in that state. When Chuck Bohi, Gruber's friend who was the son of a liberal Democratic state senator, heard that his Republican friend couldn't vote, he wanted to help. They went to the polling place and, after Bohi threatened to get the police involved, the voting officials decided to let Gruber vote on the basis that it would be a contested ballot. They handed Gruber the ballot, he voted, and then slipped the ballot into the voting box, which caused the official to create a big scene. Gruber said the official had planned to just rip up the ballot after he left.

David Van Horn, instructor of Religion and Philosophy courses, voted for the first time in 1972. Van Horn said that it felt great to be part of the process. He said he felt like he was "turning the corner to adulthood." He said it is "something that should be taken very seriously."



An e-mail question to faculty also received responses:

Harry Carrell, chairman of the Mass Communication department: "I cast my first vote for president in 1964 and voted for Lyndon Johnson. I did not vote for Johnson, I

voted against Barry Goldwater, fearing he would get us further involved in the war in Vietnam. My first experience in Vietnam was 1963 and everyone at the time knew it might turn into a mess. Boy, was I wrong when I voted. My vote nearly got me killed. Casting a vote is extremely important."

Pam Reeder, Murrell Library director: "My first presidential vote was for Richard Nixon in 1972. It was my freshman year in college and I had to vote by absentee ballot. Since it was the first time I'd voted in a presidential election, I was both

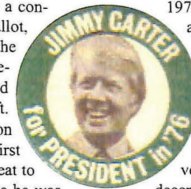
excited and nervous about the process of absentee voting. I also remember some pretty hot arguments between my roommate and me over politics...we didn't choose to room together for our sophomore year."

Betsy Murphy, assistant professor of Business and Economics: "My first presidential vote was for Gerald Ford in 1976. I cast my first vote by absentee ballot from my dorm room at the University of Maine back in October 1976. I voted for Gerald Ford partly out of party loyalty and partly because I thought Jimmy Carter was both too conservative socially and too much of a 'goody-two-shoes.' If I had known then what I know now, I never would have been taken in by Ford's promises to 'Whip Inflation Now'--WIN--but gas shortages and price inflation were the hot topics of conversation after the Vietnam War, and Gerald Ford had seemed to do a good job after Nixon's resignation in 1975. Needless to say, Carter won the election and now, 32 years later, people are still talking about gas prices and inflation."

Tamara King, associate professor of History: "My first presidential vote was for Jimmy Carter in 1980 (he lost to Reagan). I didn't know yet whether I was a Democrat or a Republican, but I

voted for Carter because he was clearly a decent, honest, intelligent man. He told the truth to the American people about our wasteful use of ener-

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More about First-time votes by MVC faculty

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gy back in the 1970s, and we didn't want to hear it then, but he was right, and we still don't want to hear it. Carter wanted the U.S. government to act in foreign and domestic policy, according to our best values: Human decency, fairness, compassion, hope. But Reagan was elected instead."

David L. Roberts, assistant professor of Mass Communication: "My first presidential vote was for George McGovern in 1972. It was the first time 18-

year-olds could vote in a presidential election and I was very excited to vote. Though McGovern lost in a landslide to Nixon and people made fun of my vote at the time, just a few months later I had trouble finding anyone who admitted they'd voted for Nixon (who later resigned in disgrace). I am still proud of my first vote."

Note: The buttons used to illustrate this story are from David Roberts' collection which was displayed at Murrell Library at election time.



Husband of vice presidential candidate attended MVC

Records show that Todd Palin, husband of 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, attended Missouri Valley College during the 1984-85 school year. Palin was pictured in the 1985 Sabiduria on page 155.

According to a story in the Marshall Democrat-News by Kathy Fairchild, Palin came from Alaska to MVC to play on the basketball team. The MVC basketball coach

at the time also had come from Alaska and recruited players from the state. Palin stayed at MVC only for his freshman year.

Attempts by a Delta reporter to contact Mr. Palin for comments were unsuccessful and, despite Missouri being a swing state, members of the MVC community heard no mention from the candidate or spouse along the campaign trail about the freshman connection.

Student Government Association SGA



Colby Hazouri wears an Obama campaign T-shirt.

Politics was a big part of the lives and work of students within the Student Government Association (SGA) this year, both locally and nationally.

With a national election year, more student attention on campus was on the Nov. 4 election.

SGA President is Colby Hazouri. Other SGA officers are Glenda Gallardo and Amanda Carreras. The SGA adviser is Tamara King, assistant professor of History.

Student Organizations

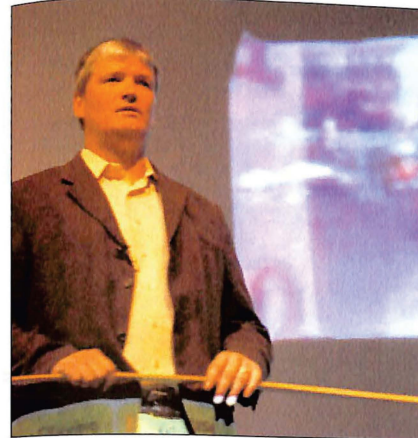
MVC student organizations include SGA, Accounting Club, American Humanics, Biology Club, Criminal Justice Club, International Club, Math Club, Athletic Training Club, International Club, Polynesian Club, Pre Med Club, Student Organization, Polynesian Club, ROTC, SIFE, S-MSTA, Soldiers for Psychology Club, ROTC, SIFE, S-MSTA, Soldiers for Christ, and V-Club. Christian fraternity: Sigma Theta Epsilon. Christian sorority: Gamma Alpha Lambda. Social fraternities: Alpha Sigma Phi, Sigma Nu, Tau Kappa Epsilon. Social sororities: Alpha Sigma Alpha, Theta Phi Epsilon. Social societies: Alpha Psi Omega (Theatre), Pi Alpha, Honor societies: Alpha Psi Omega (Theatre), Pi Alpha, Gamma Mu (International Social Science), Sigma Tau Delta (English), and Sigma Zeta (Math and Science).

JFK Assassination Lecture

Story and photos by Alfred Lewis



Missouri Valley English Professor John McLean speaks to the crowd about his theory on JFK's death.



Richard Van Noord, Missouri Valley alum, takes questions about the Kennedy assassination.

No event in American history has been so scrutinized or speculated about than the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Almost 45 years later and millions of words written about that tragic day in Dallas, there are still many different views and opinions on who really killed President John F. Kennedy. Most point the finger of blame at Lee Harvey Oswald.

On Thursday, October 23, students of Missouri Valley college listened to alumnus Richard Van Noord (1987) from New Jersey and English Professor John McLean present information on the events of November 22, 1963.

Over the years, Van Noord has presented information on the assassination all across the country.

"The United States government does not trust you to know the truth," Van Noord said.

The examination of photographs, video footages and hours of mathematical processing has separated Van Noord's theory from others. It was clear from the beginning of the presentation that Van Noord strongly believed that Lee Harvey Oswald did not kill President J.F. Kennedy.

Video footage by Mark Bell and Dave Wiegman were among those shown and compared. After much review, the footage, according to Van Noord, proved the "single bullet" theory impossible and would again prove his point that Lee Harvey Oswald did not kill Kennedy. However, he did believe that Oswald was a "facilitator."

Apart from the information Van Noord provided, the main question on everyone's mind was still "Who Killed Kennedy?" Van Noord replied, "If I knew who shot John F. Kennedy, I would either be dead or rich." He said, "We don't have the truth." It is Van Noord's belief that there were four shooters and it is Professor McLean's belief that the bullet came from a shooter in the storm drain.

Student Antonio Major said that his eyes were open to other possibilities considering Van Noord's theory. "It teaches you to look at things from a different perspective because I did believe the single bullet theory. Now I'm open to all views."

Marshall Animal Shelter

Story and photos by Samuel Njuguna
October 2008

In trying to provide information about animal care, Missouri Valley College hosted a fundraiser for the Marshall Animal Shelter at the Murrell Library's Coffee By The Book Room on Wednesday, Oct. 22. The guest speaker was Sheila Blalock, Saline Animal League member and Clinical IT Department coordinator at Fitzgibbon Hospital.

Blalock described the history of the Saline Animal League which was started in June 1997 to help take care of animals at the Marshall Animal Shelter.

The league was founded by Myra Copeland who had visited the local animal shelter which Copeland is said to have called "terrible, in bad conditions and so appalling."

In memory of her sister Mahala Copeland Cox, a local artist and an animal lover, Copeland started the Saline Animal League.

The organization has six volunteer members and 10 who volunteer the second and fourth Saturdays of the month to take pets to Liberty and Independence for adoption days. They also help with testing or promoting neutering and spaying locally.

Blalock said the importance of adopting the animals is doing a favor for the animals by saving their lives. "I am always told the adopted animals always tend to be loving," Blalock added.



Women's Wrestling Head Coach Carl Murphree holds a dog during the event and talks with April Heifner and daughter, and Library Assistant Norine Cruz (center).

Blalock would encourage people to find home the animals first before taking them to shelter be it is full.

"Our goal is to make the shelter empty," Blalock said.

Blalock also emphasized the need for neutering and spaying as a way to control breeding.

Blalock said those willing to give away pets can join KMMO's "Pet Patrol," which is a free on-air service for three days. It helps listeners to give away their pets.

Two faculty members were the coordinators of the event.

Tamara King, associate professor of history, said she was glad the college community could do something for the animal shelter.

"I also appreciated Blalock for coming to talk about the shelter," King added.

Betsy Murphy, assistant professor of Business Administration, said it was good to get the word out because the Saline Animal League does a good job.

"I am also proud as a member of the Valley family to support the critters," Murphy said.

Murphy added that she got her cat from the shelter. At the fundraiser, door prizes were given to those who donated to the animal shelter.

For more information about the Saline Animal League, visit www.Petfinder.com and enter the area Zip Code.



Professors Tamara King (left) and Betsy Murphy look at pet-shaped displays.

Lighthouse Presentation

"In Their Shoes"

The Fight Against Domestic Violence



A display urges students and community members to volunteer and help end domestic violence.

Missouri Valley College students and community members came together in the Ekilson-Mabee Theater to learn about the statistics and ways to help end domestic violence in Saline County. Speakers included Saline County presiding commissioner, state representative of Lafayette and Saline County and executive director of the Lighthouse Shelter.

Becky Plattner, presiding commissioner, asked the audience to "make a choice whether you help it, ignore it or let it happen."

Joe Aull, state representative, added that most victims felt that they had no one to turn to, or when they did speak out help was not provided. Aull suggested that harsher punishments be instituted; such as if you are told about domestic abuse and do nothing about it, it is considered a crime.

Sharing brief history about how the Lighthouse Shelter got started, executive director Debbie Wallace told the audience that two-story building that houses women was actually donated and refurbished by volunteers. Wallace added that she and her team at the Lighthouse "are a beacon of hope for women that have survived the storm of domestic abuse."

Jennifer Carter, program development specialist, added that one-fourth of women will be victimized at some point in their life, and, in 2007, 501 families were housed in the Lighthouse.

Students at MVC donated their time as well as shirts that were on display at the presentation.



The 501 shirts as well as 501 pairs of shoes represent the number of women and families housed by the shelter in 2007.

Community speaks out against domestic violence

Story by Johnny Henry

Four powerful individuals spoke out to inform the community on issues of domestic violence October 14 at Missouri Valley College. The first to speak was Saline County Commissioner Becky Plattner. Plattner's approach was not statistical, but more about emotion and feeling.

She related a choice from her youth to connect the notion that "choice is learned" and people choose to be violent. People choose to help or take action against domestic violence, she said.

The second speaker was state representative Joe Aull. Aull has co-sponsored bills prohibiting school bullying and bills calling for establishment of hotlines for missing and abused children.

Aull spoke of how physical abuse has changed since the '70s. Aull said forms of punishment in the past could be considered child abuse today.

He gave examples of "swinging the paddle" and getting a student's attention using physical force. Aull emphasized how times have changed while he talked about an 11-year-old orphan who hung himself because of child abuse.

He talked of two common themes connected with abuse. They didn't know who to turn to and they told people but nobody did anything, he said.

The punishment must be "tightened down" and more people must get involved, Aull said.

Jennifer Carter, program development specialist of the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, provided the statistics on domestic violence.

- One in four women are assaulted in their lifetime.
- In 2007, almost 20,000 bed nights were provided.
- In 2007, more than 8,000 women and children were turned away because of no available space.
- In 2007, in 24 hours in Missouri, 2,116 victims served.

1,100 people had some place to go, the others were turned away.

- In 2007, 92 percent of survivors reported having strategies for enhancing safety after being helped.
- She also talked about being helped with funding and future plans of increasing staff, salaries, and training.
- If you are a victim of rape you now don't have to pay for your own rape kit to collect evidence, she said.

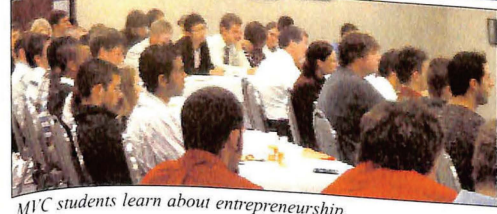
Debbie Wallace, executive director of the Lighthouse Shelter, was the final speaker. She spoke of the success of the shelter and gave some statistics as well:

- 25-31 percent women report being abused in their lifetime.
- 501 victims provided for in 2007 at the shelter.
- The shelter started with a donation of two story house.
- 1998, the first year, 72 were helped.
- Form '98-07 the shelter served more than 2000 women.
- So far in 2008, 580 people have been helped.



Speakers at the event included Joe Aull, Becky Plattner, Jennifer Carter, and Debbie Wallace.

The Maastricht Institute



MVC students learn about entrepreneurship.

"Perhaps students can learn something from my novelties," said Dr. Benoit Wesly as he presented his book "Nothing New" to the students and faculty gathered in the R. Wilson Brown Room on the top floor of the Ferguson center for the Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship 2008. "Students have plenty of educational material which tells them what to do. However, they have nothing which tells them what not to do," Wesly added. The book focuses on Wesly, a Netherlands businessman and entrepreneur, and his career.

Wesly was one of the founding members of the Institute, a collaboration between Missouri Valley College and Maastricht University that was set up three years ago to promote entrepreneurial studies among Valley students. Organizers of the Institute intended to introduce students to the ideas and methods of successful entrepreneurs.

Missouri Valley professor, and head of the business department, Larry Stockman said the idea was to bring a more cosmopolitan perspective to Valley students by mixing European and American guest speakers.

"I think it's been rather successful," said Stockman, citing the varied backgrounds of former speakers. He added, "We've had people in from art, publishing, medical and even entertainment backgrounds."

The three day event consisted of several sessions of speeches given by a consortium of experts on the subject of entrepreneurial development. These included local businessmen, experts in international business, a Federal Reserve analyst and American and Dutch business professors. Several of the Speakers were Missouri Valley graduates: Jon Morris, President and CEO of Jett Medical, Blue Springs; and Cliff Callis, president of Callis & Associates Inc., Sedalia.

This year's Institute began under a haze of anxiety from Wall Street. A mortgage crisis, coupled with a highly contested proposed bailout plan by the US government, had international and domestic markets on their toes.

All three days the back center row of visiting businessmen was alive with the constant hum from the vibration of a thousand Blackberrys, alerting each of them to the constant diving action American and British stocks were taking. Students, focused on the speakers, did not seem to notice.



MVC President Bonnie Humphrey and Benoit Wesly.



Danny O'Neill, founder of The Roastery, Kansas City.



Maastricht guest speaker Marielle Heijltjes instructs Valley students.

MoVal Cares Project

Story and photos by Samuel Njuguna
January 2009

With four volunteers on hand, the Moval Cares Project for Soldiers packaged 15 boxes on Wednesday, Jan. 21, for American soldiers with MVC connections in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The project has been sending care packages every month since September 2007," said Tamara King, founder and coordinator of the project.

"Wednesday's packages were the 17th batch since the project started."

The project sends care packages to soldiers in war zones who are alums, friends or family of MVC students, faculty, and staff.

"We rely on donations from people who want to help us show the soldiers that folks back home care about them," said King, who is also an associate professor of History.

The items sent included homemade cookies, socks, candy, gum, snacks, Gold Bond powder, Baby Wipes, Kool-Aid mix, chap sticks, books, magazines, puzzle books, playing cards, holiday cards and notes, and art by children.

"Chuck Voltmer, manager of Hospitality Services Inc., also gives us a large bag of chocolate chip cookies to include in the packages every month," King said.

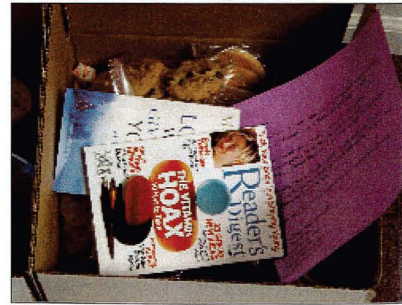
"The number of packages varies from month to month as soldiers come home or get moved around, but 15 is about average," King said.

The soldiers receiving packages in January were Joel Castor, Thomas Williams, Curt McPherson, Randall Sherman, Mollie Keith, Jeremy Denny, Edward Maidment, Dennis Hackman, Derek Hampton, Will Walker, Brian Franks, Brandon Figg, Marcus Mainz, Amberlee Kirkowski, and Joseph Sipala.

(Right, top) For delivery to the U.S. Post Office, Tamara King prepares the care packages for soldiers serving abroad.

(Right, middle) Lois Tyler (King's mother), Tamara King, and Larry Stockman, associate professor of Business Management, help put together care packages.

(Right, bottom) A care package with items for soldiers.



Author talks about children's book

Story and photos by Samuel Njuguna
November 2008

Squiggie swung from Mocha's mouth like a pendulum on a clock. Tick, tock, tick, tock. It was like the seconds of his life were ticking away.

This is just an excerpt from "Squiggie's Night Out," a children's book by local author Alice Gensler, who was the guest speaker at the Teacher Education Library on Tuesday, Nov. 18, promoting the book.

Gensler described how she started writing the 71-page book which took four years to complete. During her time in college, Gensler majored in Health Science but liked writing essays which she "aced."

When her husband bought her a computer as a birthday present, she used it to work on the book.

Gensler encourages children to read the book which is mainly for those between ages 8 and 12 but which people of all ages can enjoy reading.

"Each chapter ends with a cliff hanger," Gensler said. "That will create interest for the reading of the next chapter."

In the book, one of the characters, Mocha, is a cat named after Gensler's own cat.

Gensler is currently working on a sequel which will be out in the near future.

Tiffany Bergman, History instructor and Career Planning and Placement coordinator, read a chapter in the book for those in attendance.

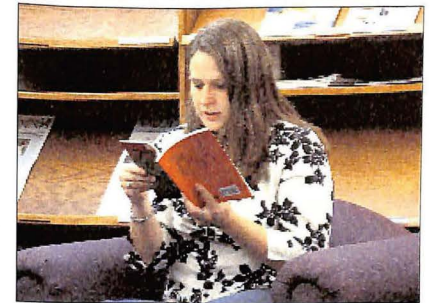
Senior Katy Halteman from Richland, Mo., said the event was nice and entertaining.

"This was my first book signing and I enjoyed it," she said.

Halteman has read three chapters of the book so far which she said are cute.

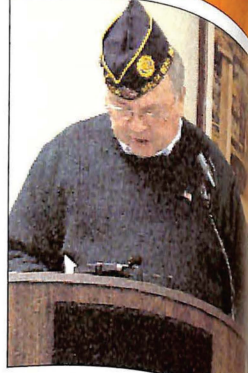
"I like the book and it is interesting," Halteman said.

After the event, Gensler signed books for those who purchased them.



Photos (from top to bottom): Alice Gensler talks about her book; Tiffany Bergman reads a chapter from the book; and some of those in attendance listen to the author including her husband.

Veterans Day



(Top, from left) Members of ROTC honor guard; John "Scotty" Campbell, president of Veterans Association, introduces speakers at the Veterans Day event.



(Middle) Some of the MVA veterans in attendance. (Bottom, from left) David Van Horn, military chaplain, veteran and Biology Assistant Professor Allan Wilson speak at the event. Valerie Smith sings the Spangled Banner.
Page design by Samuel Nygaard



VALLEY IDOL



(Above) Catie Combs sings her heart out in the final round of Valley Idol; (right) Brady Wilson, the winner of the Idol contest, sings a country song.



(Above) Joie Young and (right) Phillip Hamer perform their songs in the final contest.



Cowboys on the Quad

Story by Katie Kimble

The Missouri Valley Viking Rodeo Team showed off its rodeo skills the Tuesday before the home rodeo performance.

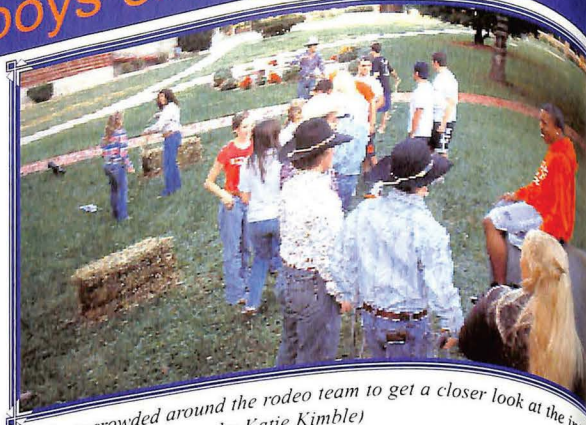
Cowboys on the Quad was a promotional event for the Viking Rodeo Team to show the rest of the campus the sport and inform everyone about the rodeo that took place Sept. 11-13. The home rodeo is important to the team as it is the only home competition all year.

Prior to the rodeo, junior David Clapp said he was "ready to rip some mane hair out!" referring figuratively and not literally, to his bareback horse-riding event he entered for the weekend.

Cowboys and cowgirls showed up to rope the bale, ride the El Toro bucking machine, and dance to popular country music.

Sophomore Regina Bodine of Springfield, Mo., said, "It's awesome and I love the music."

The music and singing was presented by Missouri Valley's Brady Wilson. Brady is a junior at the college and has entertained the stu-



Students crowded around the rodeo team to get a closer look at the interesting activities. (Photo by Katie Kimble)

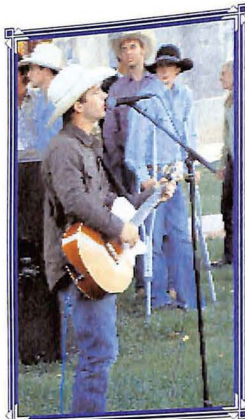
Palmer, a junior soccer player for Missouri Valley from Kennett, Mo., after she tried her hand at the El Toro bucking machine. Many students said they planned to attend the rodeo. Twenty-year-old Stormy Smith said, "I'm getting excited, I wanna see it." The sophomore from Louisiana, Mo., also mention that he had seen one on TV but never in real life.

Many of the students came out onto the quad to see what the rodeo team had to offer. Some students rode the bucking barrel and tried their hand at roping while others chose to relax and listen to the music.

"Ready to rip some mane hair out!"

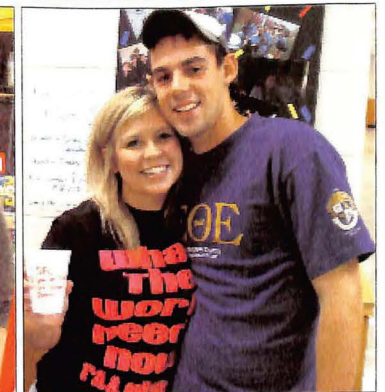
"It was awesome, definitely something different," said Alayna

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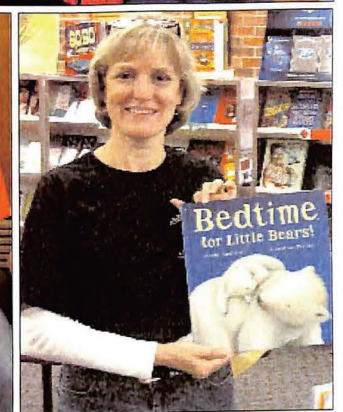


Above: Cowboys James Carter and Sean Beachy practice on the El Toro. Left: Brady Wilson entertains audience with country music. (Photos by Joie Young)

Campus Scenes



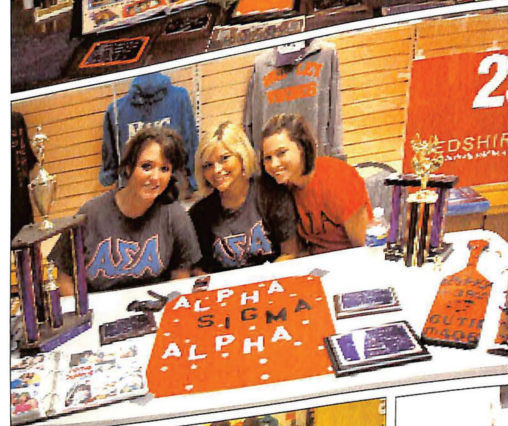
(Top) Humanities instructor Shawn Terryberry and Rachel Ehlers at the Annual Scholastic Book Fair; Jordan Williams and Ashley Williams promote Soldiers for Christ (SFC) during Activities Week. (Middle) Krystal Stone, a member of the Athletic Training Organization, during Activities Week; Education Assistant Professor Linda Gordon at the Scholastic Book Fair (Bottom) Members of SFC hand-out popsicles during Freshmen Orientation; American Humanities Club members during Activities Week.



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Campus Scenes



Members of different clubs and organizations promote their efforts during Activities Week.
 (Top) Theta Phi Alpha (TPA) sorority; women's volleyball team.
 (Middle) Alpha Sigma Alpha (ASA) sorority.
 (Bottom) International Club; and Gamma Alpha Lambda (GAL), Christian sorority.

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Life in Marshall

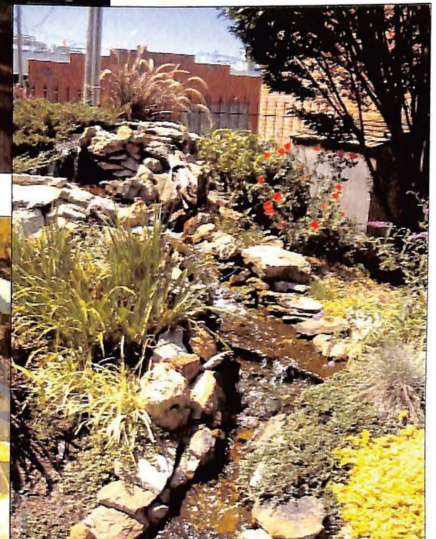
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Marshall, Missouri

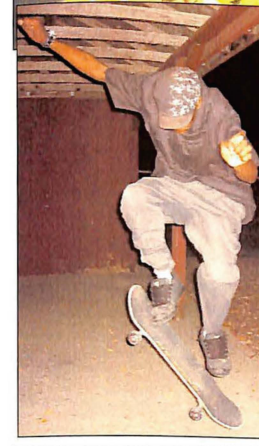
Population: 12,433
 (according to 2000 census)



Above: Marshall Cemetery entrance.



Above and Left: Jim the Wonder Dog Memorial Park. (Photos by Yalimar Vidal)



Quick Facts

- Coldest month: January
- Hottest month: July
- Historic Site: Town Square
- Tourist Attractions: Jim the Wonder Dog Park and Indian Foothills Park.

Far left: Skateboarder Tyecorey Davison near Indian Foothills Park. Left: Statue of Marshall Cemetery.

Plastic tape sculptures

Story by Yalimar Vidal
March 2009

The cowboy, the nerd, the girl with the dog. What do they all have in common?

They are the work of Charity-Mika Woodard's 3-D Design class projects.

These plastic tape sculptures were the first of many new design projects coming from the Art department.

The sculptures are made of tape to teach students to make 3-D designs out of unusual materials. It allowed students to interact with each other and work as a team.

Like the tape sculptures, the students were given the opportunity to interact with their environment.

The locations for the tape sculptures were chosen by the individual students. Some tape sculptures are residing in places where the people who made them like to be. Others are simply having fun.

These tape sculptures can be seen in many places around campus. Woodard said that they are referred to as "installation pieces."

Woodard said, "They can be installed just about anywhere if the weather is right." The 3-D Design students were asked to pick an indoor location for their tape sculptures to prevent weather damage. "This project was student driven," Woodard added.

The tape sculptures are based on real people. Each student used their body as a mold and gave their sculpture personality.

"The students were excited. Thrilled with the fact that they got to do it," said Woodard. "I would have loved to see a group of sculptures on the quad having a picnic," Woodard added.

Three-D Design student Ted DeVere, sophomore art and computer science major, made "The Nerd" on the steps in Baity Hall. DeVere's sculpture is the slouching student who has dropped some documents on the steps.

"Not many people are empathetic," DeVere said.

"You have to make people look pitiable and apply visual emotions to the piece," said DeVere. "It was the posture more than the expression."

Andrew Devero, sophomore art major whose tape sculpture is in the Science Center, at the bottom of the stairs, said "I liked it."

Devero said, "Tape is better. I thought it was fun."

DeVere said, "It was fun to do. A challenge, because we look at ourselves and how we're supported and it doesn't work with tape."

"Getting it to stand up or pose was the biggest challenge," DeVere added. "Tape people aren't very flexible."

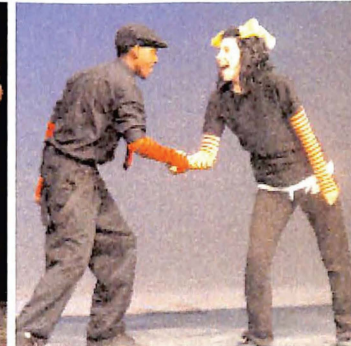
Woodard and her 3-D Design students will keep the tape sculptures up until the end of this month at Murrell Library, Ferguson Center, the Tech Center, Science Center, and Baity Hall.



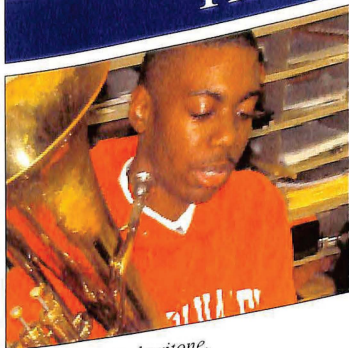
"The She Devil who lost her Halo" by Sarah Christopherson.

(Top) "Bad Dog" sculpture by Sara Gross. (Middle) "The Cowboy" by Tyrone Maines. (Bottom) "The Mummy" by Tighe Reeder. (Photos courtesy of Charity-Mika Woodard)

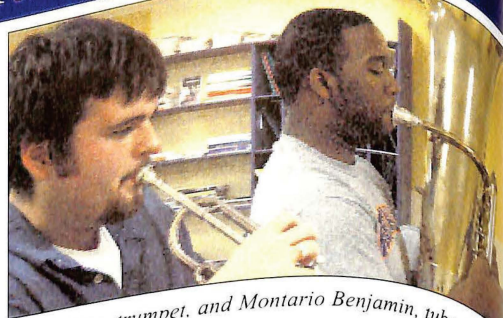
Show Choir and Dance Concerts



The Brass Ensemble



James Withers, baritone.

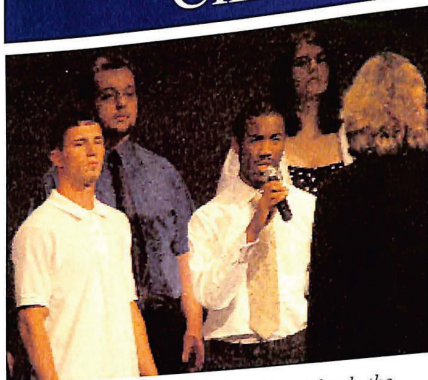


Nick Hern, trumpet, and Montario Benjamin, tuba.

Morrison Gymnasium is concealing the start of something good below its basketball court and painted-over windows. A small group of dedicated students and professors are rebuilding the band within the music department.

The Brass Ensemble, a four-piece brass set, including freshmen Nick Hern (trumpet), Montario Benjamin (tuba), James H. Withers III (baritone) and instructor Garry Anders (tuba), worked all fall semester in preparation for the Christmas showcase

Christmas Showcase



Bradford Scott (holding microphone) leads the opening of a song by the Show Choir.

The Music Department's annual Winter Showcase was held this year on December 4 and 5. The showcase consists of different acts performed by student groups such as the Show Choir, the new Brass Ensemble, the Concert Choir, and the O'Clock Group.

The Show Choir is a young group, according to Associate Professor Diana Malan, chair of the Music Department.

"Our Show Choir is made up of 13 students, mainly freshmen and sophomores," Malan said.

The Show Choir will be performing the more "fun" Christmas songs, like "Jingle-Bell Rock," while the Concert Choir will handle the more traditional songs.

in which they all performed solos. "We're really enjoying playing together because the music is really challenging," said Withers. "We actually get individual lessons, which is nice," added Hern. He also said the size of the ensemble was right because it eliminated any members who "aren't committed" to the band. The plan is to work hard over the fall semester and then use the Brass Ensemble as the basis for the larger jazz ensemble next spring.

Midnight Madness '08

Story and page design by LaKeshia Van Horn

Midnight Madness was brought to Missouri Valley College by men's basketball head Coach Chad Lance and his wife Ellen.

This night was made to present the men's and women's varsity basketball teams. When Coach Lance first became head coach, there was hardly any school or team spirit, said Mrs. Lance. So they decided to come up with an idea to showcase the men's and women's varsity squads.

"This is one night that we actually get the majority of the student body to come and support our organizations," she said. Now every year, the basketball teams open up their season with the "Madness" of the night.

During the Madness, the players from both squads are introduced by performing and entertaining the audience with a selected song. This is a night when the gymnasium does not look like the same old gym. It

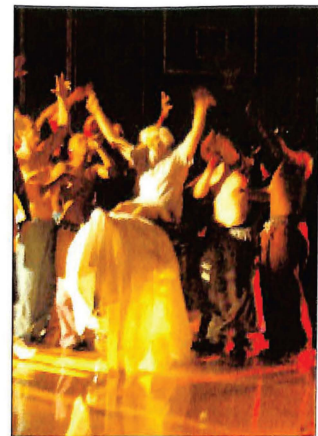
is greatly decorated and has a different theme each year. This year the Madness theme was "Operation Viking." The players had a chance to take pictures in scrubs courtesy of Fitzgibbon Hospital.

This night is also a great night for the student body to come out to show their support. They have a chance to entertain themselves by participating in games and winning prizes.

Thousands of dollars worth of prizes were given to students who won games, including a prize of free books for next semester.

"Midnight Madness was great entertainment for the students. I liked the theme and the introduction of the players," said student Dovania V. Hanna.

This night of excitement was memorable and hopefully will be a continuing tradition. Good job, ladies and gentlemen!



The men's head coach is raised up by the players, while wearing a Halloween mask.



The women Vikings enjoy the view of the active crowd.



The women's and men's squads entertain the game players.

Homecoming 2008

Story by Sarah Rodgers
October 2008

Every year the student body looks forward to the exciting events of Homecoming. Everyone brings their Viking spirit, past alumni come to visit, and everyone shows how much they love Missouri Valley College.

"Homecoming is a time for those, who have parted ways with their Valley family, to return," said Tyler Fennenwald, Student Life Housing coordinator.

The Homecoming 2008 theme was "I Love MVC" and events started the morning of October 24 with the annual Homecoming Torch Run. Several campus organizations and sports teams

started at Avila University to run the torch back to Missouri Valley. At 8 p.m., Vikings gathered at the Burns Athletic Complex for a bonfire, beginning when the torch arrived on campus. After the bonfire was lit, there were performances by the dance team, cheerleading squad and Polynesian Club, along with an introduction of the senior football players.

On October 25 at 10 a.m., the Homecoming Parade began at the town square in Marshall. Many clubs, sororities or fraternities had a float to show their Viking spirit as they marched toward campus.

"I really like Homecoming. It's fun to see all the alumni and it's also a great tradition that I have never experienced before."

said sophomore Francisca Sanchez Nauffal.

At 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., the women's and men's soccer teams took on Benedictine College. At 2 p.m., the football team played Avila University. At half-time, the Hall of Fame inductees were introduced, along with the Homecoming king and queen.

Festivities culminated with the traditional Alumni Wrestling Dual at 7 p.m. at the Burns Athletic Complex.

"I'm so excited for this year because all of my friends that graduated last year are coming into town," said senior Christian Dittmer. "It will be great to spend time with them and also to watch our football team show Avila what they are made of."



The Homecoming parade passes by the Missouri Valley College campus.
(Photos courtesy of Devon Wade).

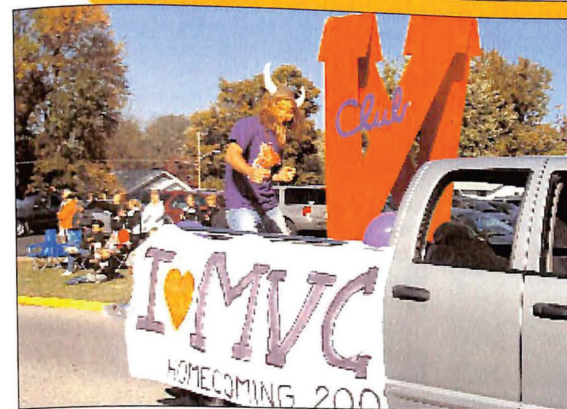
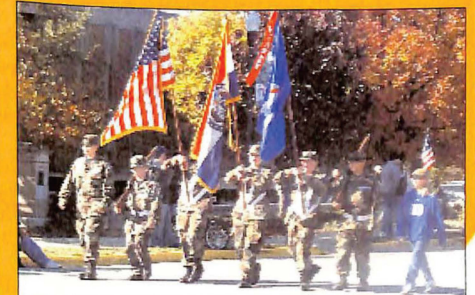


(Above) The Missouri Valley Viking mascot gets into the Homecoming spirit in the parade.

(Below) Hot ride gets its time to shine in the MVC Homecoming parade.



(Left) and (below) Valley students show their Valley pride while supporting the troops stationed in the Middle East.



(Left) A V-Club member shows some Viking love along with some sweet moves.

Faculty profile: Joe Aull

Story and photo by April Stottlemyre

A retired school administrator, Joe Aull represents District 26 (Saline and Lafayette counties) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He also instructs two courses at Missouri Valley College.

Joe Aull teaches Sports Reporting as well as a graduate class, School and Community Relations. "I enjoy the relationships I've made with students at MVC," said Aull. "I'm impressed with the overall quality of the student body, both graduate and undergraduate."

A 1966 graduate of Lexington High School in Lexington, Rep. Aull received a bachelor's degree from Westminster College in 1970. At the time, Westminster was an all-male, small private college.

Aull is very familiar with the small college atmosphere; he played baseball and basketball in college. Aull went on to get his master's in Education and Education Specialist Certification from Central Missouri State University.

Aull and his wife, Candee, who have been married for 14 years, reside in Marshall.

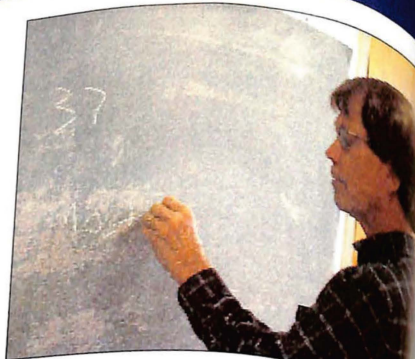
Aull began his 34-year career in education as a middle school math teacher in Slater. Throughout his career, he has served not only as a teacher but also as a coach, middle school principal, high school principal and school superintendent. Most recently, Aull served as superintendent for the Lexington and Marshall School Districts.

"I got into education because I like kids," Aull said. "I enjoyed teaching and coaching the most because in those areas you have closer contacts with the students."

Aull received the 2002 Pearce Award for Outstanding School Superintendents in the State of Missouri. He said this award meant more to him than the others because other superintendents in the state chose him. "It feels good to be recognized by your peers," said Aull.

Not only does Aull teach sports reporting, but he also does radio broadcasts for Missouri Valley basketball and sports shows for KMMO.

"Sports broadcasting has always been a passion of mine," Aull said. "I enjoy teaching college students



Joe Aull teaches one of his classes at Valley.

because they are on a mission. They are taking classes to lead them to a career. Teaching high school is different because some students are motivated and some are not."

Aull won't be able to teach any classes this spring because of the legislative session. As for his job as state representative, Aull said one of the main issues this year is to restore health care. There are currently 700,000 people in Missouri without health care.

As for issues most directly affecting college students, Aull said it is important to do everything possible to make sure college is affordable for everyone. "In our economy, families are pinching pennies. We don't want an atmosphere where parents can't send their kids to college."

Aull said while most legislatures predominantly help state schools, the state does offer grants and scholarship opportunities to private schools.

Speaking about the historical presidential election, Aull said he was glad to see so many young people active in the campaigning process.

"Regardless of who won, we all have to come together and work in a bi-partisan way. We've got significant changes to make," said Aull.

Aull advises soon-to-be graduates to take their dream and run with it. "Decide what you want to do and be aggressive with it. Don't let anyone tell you can't do it."

Faculty profile: Jennifer Eimers

Story and photo by Katie Kimble
November 2008

Jennifer Eimers, assistant professor of English, has spent a lot of time abroad studying the world. Eimers, born in Waverly, Iowa, grew up with her family on a farm. She eventually went to college in Des Moines.

She received her bachelor's degree at Grand View College in Des Moines. From there, Eimers acquired her master's at Creighton University in Omaha.

She had only begun her travels though, after her studies in Omaha. She traveled to the University of Georgia to study southern literature.

It was there that Eimers became really interested in football and became a huge Bulldogs fan. "Go Dawgs!" she said.

In 2006, Eimers spread her wings and spent the summer in Oxford, England, where she was a grad assistant for the undergraduate study abroad program.

Eimers didn't stop there. She has also visited many other places including Venice, Paris, Ireland, and Montreal, Canada.

She has been to a total of 29 states and her goal is to visit all 50, and, although they aren't immediate, she also has plans to visit Rome and Florence in Italy.

Eimers said her love of reading is what inspired her to become an English teacher.

Her parents always worked hard for what they had and it inspired her to do the same, she said. Eimers finished her doctorate in May and said that Missouri Valley "just seemed like a good place for me to be."

She teaches the composition and American Literature classes and is also the coordinator of the Study Abroad Program at Missouri Valley.

Her favorite part about Valley is the people and she also enjoys the small tight-knit community. Eimers said the atmosphere at Valley is a positive one and everyone makes an effort to help her fit in.

Her biggest amazement at Missouri Valley is all

the different states and countries that the students come from, Eimers said.

"Absalom! Absalom!" is Eimers suggested book for everyone to read. She said the book is challenging, but Faulkner is one of the best writers of America and his lyrical sentences and the southern family history make the book a must read.

Her advice to undergraduates planning on an English major is to take a wide variety of literature and not to narrow yourself. "Be aware," she said.

Eimers' advice to all students is to go slowly on partying. Education is important and it is the reason they're here.

Quick notes on Jennifer Eimers

1. What book did you like best that you were assigned to read in college? "Absalom! Absalom!"
2. What is your favorite TV show? "Alias."
3. What is your favorite movie? "Roman Holiday."
4. What was your best subject in college? English.
5. What was your worst Subject in college? I didn't have one. In high school, it was Physics.
6. What is your favorite sport to watch? Baseball, football, volleyball.



Jennifer Eimers at her office in Ferguson Center.

Faculty Profile: Janie Ross

Story by Samuel Njuguna
January 2009

She was only three years old and her father had already put her through the rigors of dance. This was just the beginning of what would blossom into her career and involve a life-changing trip to Africa. "He wanted his little daughter to dance," Ross said of her father. "I never really stopped."

Janie D. Ross is the new assistant professor of Dance at Missouri Valley College. Ross came to Valley last semester in her first teaching job.

It was during the middle school high school period that Ross decided to pursue dance as a career in some form.

Ross, born in Berks County, Pa., moved a lot with her family within the county.

Ross received her BFA in Related Arts/Dance from Kutztown University in Pennsylvania, and her MFA in Dance from Arizona State University (ASU).

Ross has had the privilege of working with many choreographers, including Columbine Macher, Carley Conder, and Nora Chipaumire.

Of these choreographers, Chipaumire, originally from Zimbabwe, was a huge influence on Ross' life.

"Chipaumire's take on dance changed the idea of what dance means," Ross said.

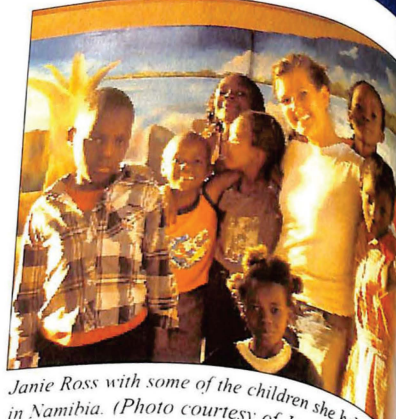
Her approach to dance is the "most life-changing dance experience I have had," Ross said.

Ross said of Chipaumire, "She believes dance has a meaning and communicates." Ross added, "She also said dance creates awareness, brings change and social justice."

While dance is viewed by many as entertainment and for enjoyment, Ross said dance can be more powerful than that.

Ross' uncle and aunt were in Rwanda during the genocide. Ross watched the movie "Hotel Rwanda" and realized how she could tell the story of the genocide through dance. As a graduate student at ASU, Ross had to come up with a thesis for grad school and decided to travel to Africa for her research on dance as well as to share her dance talents.

Through an organization, Ross was selected to travel to Namibia where she spent a little more than two months volunteering at AIDS orphanages and centers dealing with elementary-age children. She also spent



Janie Ross with some of the children she helped in Namibia. (Photo courtesy of Janie Ross)

one week at a high school.

"This was another life-changing moment," Ross said. "The trip made me value how much I have. It also made me value and appreciate people even more."

Ross added that she was touched by "their sense of community" in regard to the African social setting.

Ross is looking forward to going back to Africa and hopes that everyone gets an opportunity to travel somewhere.

One of the people she worked with in Namibia was a couple of classes last semester.

According to information on her Valley's webpage, Ross' previous research has included studying the impact of purposeful movement and dance on high school and university students with visual impairments. She presented at the Council for Exceptional Children Conference in 2001 and 2002.

Ross said she is happy and glad to be teaching at Valley.

"I love the place and the people," Ross said. "It's a friendly atmosphere."

Ross added that the college is also ideal for a small dance program.

Ross is also happy that the Dance Music/Theatre departments at the college are integrated.

"I teach all dance classes and choreograph for musicals," Ross said.

Faculty profile: Charity-Mika Woodard

Story by Yalimar Vidal
December 2008

The ground is shaking as she hikes up the mountain side. Slowly she gets closer and closer to the active volcano.

An adventurer taking a trek near the Acatenango Volcanoes in Guatemala as they are erupting. Watching from a distance. Taking it all in like any good artist would.

This adventurer is Charity-Mika Woodard, assistant professor of Art at MVC.

Woodard is the chair of the Art Department. She is currently teaching drawing, watercolor, and art appreciation. One of her goals is to start an Art Club for MVC students and possible art majors.

Woodard is art professor, adventurer, and football fan, born in Kansas.

She said she was inspired by her grandmother, who was also an artist, to draw and paint.

This inspiration led her to Pittsburg State University where she earned a BFA.

During college, she discovered the Figurative Art by Eric Fischl.

Fischl became a great inspiration to Woodard who earned her MFA in painting and drawing at the New York Academy of Art where he was teaching.

Woodard also has traveled to Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, United Kingdom, France, Spain, and Italy.

"They have beautiful puffy white clouds," Woodard said, referring to the views of Central and South America.

She was living in Independence, Mo., just before coming to MVC on her first visit.

"I like the fact that Valley is a small school," said Woodard. "I thought that everyone was really friendly."

She added, "They were nice and inviting." She said she likes the traditions of Homecoming, Convocation, and the Hanging of the Greens.

Her job at Valley brought her to Marshall. Here she shares her love of art through teaching.

Woodard likes Art History and Steve Martin, not as an actor, but as an art collector.

Her hobby is making all-natural, all-vegetable soap and bath products. "My parents are hippies," she said. Woodard was searching for soap products that did not have animal fat.

Woodard's favorite book is "A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius" by Dave Eggers. "It's an inspirational and tragic story, told in a humorous way," Woodard added.

Woodard likes Contemporary Christian music. "I'm a Christian and I really like uplifting music," she added.



Charity-Mika Woodard, at the Art Room in Baity Hall, is the chair of the Art Department.



A 3-D Design class' object done by Woodard's students.

Faculty profile: Harold Hynick

Story by Johnny Henry
November 2008

Harold Hynick, assistant professor of Theater, will be directing *The Glass Menagerie* on November 19-20. *The Glass Menagerie* addresses issues of society during the Great Depression and a son's struggle to escape. The play begins at 7:30pm.
"It's going well. This is a play I have wanted to do for a long time. I love Tennessee Williams."
Hynick is one of the many new instructors who came to teach at Missouri Valley College in the spring 2008 semester.



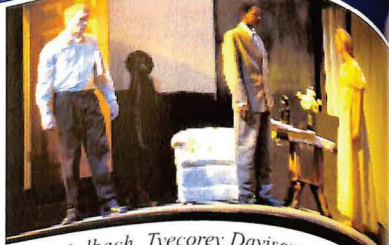
Harold Hynick

Hynick came to MVC from Fremont Nebraska, but he's originally from Eddyville, Iowa. He is married and has two sons. Rowan who is 11 and Martin who is five. This Iowa native also played the washboard in a jug band called Dirty Mac and The Bumpercrop Boys. He received his bachelor's degree in Theater from Central College in Pella, Iowa, and his MFA in Theater Directing from the University of South Dakota.

In college, Hynick mainly focused on theater, but was also interested in radio announcing and newspaper. Hynick also has instructed students at several other institutions including University of South Dakota, Drake University, and Midland Lutheran College.

Quick questions for Hynick:

- 1.) Best book assigned in college: "Equus"
- 2.) Favorite TV Show: "The Daily Show"
- 3.) Favorite movie: "Monty Python and the Holy Grail"
- 4.) Activities during college: Theatre, radio DJ, newspaper
- 5.) Favorite sport to watch: Gymnastics



Zach Aulbach, Tycorey Davison, and Sarah Webb in "The Glass Menagerie."

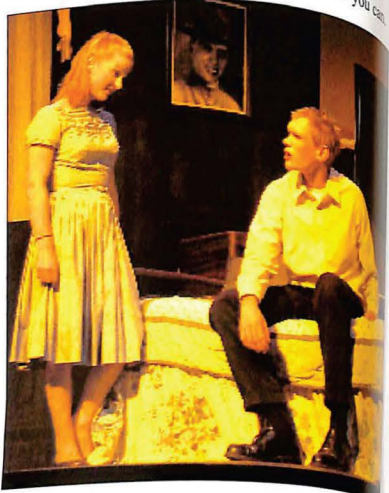
the worst, according to Hynick.

The funniest event for Hynick in his career was when a fellow actor did not show up on time for a play and the actors had to ad-lib until the actor arrived at intermission.

Hynick has directed between 50 and 60 plays in his career.

Hynick also teaches a few courses at Missouri Valley College in lighting design and construction.

According to Hynick, if you want to become a great director you must be able to look at the "big picture" and take as many humanities-type classes as you can.



Jessica Swanson and Zach Aulbach in "The Glass Menagerie."

Hynick was drawn to directing by the importance of bringing people together and working with people to create a piece of art.

The best part of directing for Hynick is working with people and watching ideas come together while people play off each other. This includes the audience.

The best part is also

Faculty profile: Ken Kujawa

Story by Johnny Henry
September 2008

Listeners will hear a new voice when tuning into the Missouri Valley Sports Network. Ken Kujawa, director of the Sports network, is the new "Voice of the Vikings."

The Sports network provides coverage of football, volleyball, baseball and softball, broadcasted over the Internet through the Missouri Valley website. It was created to promote student athletes and give parents, who can not attend the games of their sons or daughters, a chance to hear the game coverage.

A South Dakota native, Kujawa received his bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota in 1977, majoring in broadcast journalism and minoring in American History and English.

Kujawa has more than 30 years of radio experience. He was the program director at KRES radio in Moberly before coming to Missouri Valley College.

He was the voice of Truman University football broadcasts for 14 years, broadcasted Moberly Area Community College basketball games for 30 years, and announced play-by-play for area high school sports.

At Missouri Valley, Kujawa is teaching the radio production classes and the mass communication introductory course.

He said he likes to stay busy and learn from the people around him.

"I'm excited about this opportunity to work at Valley and I think the creation of the Sports network will put the college ahead of the other schools in the conference as far as promoting our student-athletes and other activities on campus," Kujawa said.

(Right, from top) Ken Kujawa at the KMVC studio; Kujawa at the studio with radio broadcasting students. Front, from left: Chelsea Clappsaddle, Katie Kimble. Middle: Stephanie Rivielo, Ashalyn Ellis. Back row: Sabrina Hooker, William Claggett, Phillip Hamer, Ken Kujawa.

Quick questions for Kujawa

- 1.) Best book assigned to read in college? "Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck.
- 2.) Someone famous you would like to invite into your classes? Tom Brokaw, former NBC news anchor.
- 3.) Favorite TV shows "Law and Order," "CSI," Seinfeld," and "Everyone Loves Raymond."



Faculty profile: Rachel Mayfield

Story by April Stottlemire
Photo by Ralisa Gospodinova
October 2008

Parking in a gravel parking lot behind Baity and waiting in a line for the business office for four hours was the first vivid memory Rachel Mayfield had of Missouri Valley College. Little did she know how Valley would shape and mold her and that she would return four years later to give back to the college.

Rachel Mayfield is the new assistant professor of Psychology and a new counselor in the campus counseling center.

She is teaching two PY-100 classes and Psychology of Learning as well as classes in the Alcohol and Drug Studies program (AD-350-Ethics and AD-320-Case Management).

From Effingham, Ill. to Marshall, Rachel graduated in 2004 with bachelor's science degree in Psychology, and Alcohol and Drug Studies. She furthered her education at Lindenwood University, earning a master's in Professional Counseling. Mayfield took an early interest in psychology. Her mother is a social worker. Even in high school, she knew that she wanted to pursue a career in psychology.

Mayfield came to Valley on a volleyball scholarship. She said she worked hard in high school to be good at volleyball.

When she was 16, her parents told her she could either have a car or play in a club volleyball league. Mayfield chose volleyball, knowing that if she stuck with it, it could take her to college.

Mayfield said that the college has undergone several improvements since when she attended. Mayfield arrived at Valley in 2000 to gravel parking lots and a much less active Campus Affairs Office.

"The school offers so many neat activities now, like the YMCA Valley Night, and the movies on the quad,

something that never happened when I was a student," Mayfield said.

"Also, freshman seminar classes were not so popular like they are today. There were only two classes," Mayfield added.

As far as the student body is concerned, Mayfield said it's pretty much the same type of students at Valley, just more of them. "Marshall is so small," Mayfield said. "The people who come to Valley are

stay are the ones that really connect with something, whether that is a professor, and organization or an athletic team."

Not only did she devote time to athletics, Mayfield was a member of Pi Gamma Mu, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Student Government Association, and Psychology Club.

"I joined a sorority to meet people who had similar likes and dislikes that I had, people who were looking for the same experience I was," Mayfield said.

Mayfield made connections with women in her sorority who joins seven of her sorority sisters in white-water rafting in Georgia. "We get together every year to catch up and remember our Missouri Valley days," Mayfield said.

Rachel is married to Charles "Buddy" Mayfield, director of Financial Aid Office. The two met their first year at Valley and have been together for eight years.

On coming back to teach at Valley, Mayfield said she was excited at the opportunity.

"I enjoyed my experience here and I want students to enjoy theirs," she said. "The camaraderie with teachers is very good at Valley and I want to give back as much as I received. I know what it's like to take that exam, so I try to prepare my students for that."



Rachel Mayfield at her office in Baity Hall.

Faculty profile: Sarah MacDonald

Story and photos by Sarah Rodgers
December 2008

Coming to Missouri Valley College for her first full-time teaching position, Sarah MacDonald is eager and ready to start a new experience in a warmer environment.

MacDonald was born in Lafayette, Ind., and has always had a passion for different areas of science, such as botany and genetics.

Before coming to Missouri Valley College, MacDonald finished her bachelor's degree at Purdue University and her direct doctorate at Michigan State University (MSU).

"I got my direct Ph.D. in Crop and Soil Science, which takes about the same amount of time and work in the end," MacDonald said.

After receiving her direct doctorate from MSU, MacDonald worked on bio-fuel research and is now an assistant professor of Biology at MVC. MacDonald is teaching Biochemistry, Botany, Biology and Environmental Science classes this semester.

"My favorite part of teaching Botany is the fruit labs where you can eat what you cut open. You wouldn't want to do that in an animal lab," MacDonald said.



Sarah MacDonald in a Science Center hallway.

She also wants to be involved in the Botany Club at MVC and help to build a new greenhouse for the science department.

MacDonald's husband, Douglas, works at Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall.

MacDonald recommends people to read her favorite book "The Last Battle" by C.S. Lewis. She likes it because it has the best ending ever. MacDonald's advice to students who take her classes is to attend, study everyday, and follow instructions.

Campus Scenes

Below: Students pose for team photographs during Freshmen Orientation.



Faculty profile: Wade Hughes

Story and photo by Samuel Njuguna
February 2009

Theater, psychology, and the military are disciplines that define one of the new professors at Missouri Valley College.

Wade Hughes is in his first year as an associate professor of Theater. He also is the director of "A Year with Frog and Toad" musical that began on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Hughes was born in Waterford, Mich., a few miles outside Detroit. Hughes graduated from high school and was not ready for college. He had interest in law but decided to join the United States military police and was deployed in Germany for three years.

"I used to ride garrison with cops," Hughes said. "I then became a sergeant with my own command."

Hughes later went to college and earned his bachelor's of science degree in Criminology and Theatre at Arkansas State University (ASU) and his MFA in Performance from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro (UNCG).

While at ASU, Hughes was studying Criminology and hoping to be a criminal profiler for the FBI after graduation.

It was later when he was taking a General Theatre course and had auditioned for extra credit for a show that he was eventually cast in a play after the instructor said he had "casting potential."

Hughes then decided to double major in Theatre and Criminology.

Hughes was studying his master's in Working Social Theory and in Advanced Psychology, which he ultimately dropped, to pursue acting. It was something he did for a while before, during and after finishing his master's in Performance.

He became a professional actor before joining High Point University (HPU) where he taught for six years before coming to Valley.

While at HPU, Hughes traveled to London to study "Panto" theater and later used some of the ideas he learned there to write, produce and direct his own play "2 Sticks," a children's show developed from the style of Italian Comedia. The basis and starting point

for the play was from the work of Aesop, the legendary Greek writer of fables.

Hughes has been involved in more than 100 productions from his time at High Point, UNGC, ASU, Triad Stage, and other venues. Hughes also attended many conferences dealing with theatrical performances while at HPU.

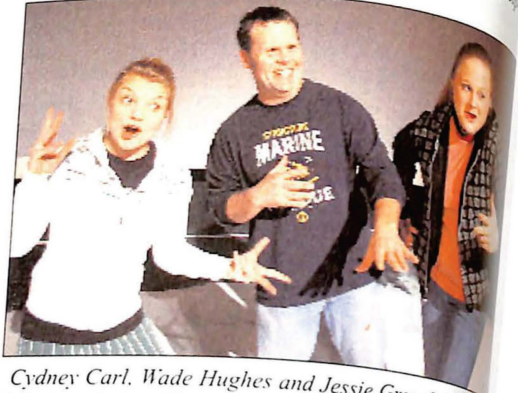
Last semester, Hughes was the director of "Working," his first show at Valley. He was also a judge for Valley Idol, along with Diana Malan, assistant professor of Music, Dance and Theatre, and Heath Morgan, dean of students.

Hughes directed the pantomime routine, based on Comedia, which was incorporated in the Christmas Choral Show and performed by Tyecorey Davison and Carrie Palmer. He also directed the "Ballroom fight brawl during the Fall Dance Concert and "Sees God," at the One-Act Play festival, and "Dances created production at the Black Box.

Hughes is happy to be at teaching at Valley. "I like the environment," Hughes said. "It is very conducive for learning and good for students who do not like huge settings."

Hughes added. "It is a place I want to teach. The BFA is a great degree we offer unlike in many other colleges."

Hughes said his students are "solid," but he's helping them work on academic discipline.



Cydney Carl, Wade Hughes and Jessie Greenfield at Eckilson-Mabee Theater during practice for the musical "A Year with Frog and Toad."

Faculty profile: Waylon Hiler

Story and photo by Ralitsa Gospodinova
September 2008

Riding bulls as a member of the Missouri Valley College rodeo team several years ago, Waylon Hiler has returned to MVC to instruct students in biology.

The new assistant professor, who graduated from MVC in 2003, is most recently from Ft. Collins, Colo., and was born in Denver. He teaches four biology courses and two labs, including General Biology, Environmental Science, Vertebrate Zoology, Mammalogy, Herpetology and Ichthyology.

Growing up in the country, he spent most of his time outside, exploring, hiking, fishing, and joining his father at a rodeo. That's what made him fall in love with nature. "I couldn't imagine myself working behind a desk in an office one day."

He formed his future plans in high school when his history teacher showed the class some conservation videos about different careers and biology.

In college, Hiler became interested in the conservation of non-game species (animals you don't hunt). The aspect that caught his attention was that many people don't really care about these secretive but important organisms. They include salamander, snakes or frogs. And he was interested in learning more about them.

What helped him to do that, and to get to college, was the MVC rodeo scholarship. Hiler has been riding bulls since he was 9 years old. "In bull riding, all you need is your equipment," Hiler said. It was the best activity to do out there and he loved it!

He was on the Valley's rodeo team for four years, doing pretty well, and, during his senior year, he won the bull-riding at the home rodeo, which is one of his best memories of MVC. He admits he will always remember the big crowd that was cheering him that day.

Everyone has their so-called ritual that they perform before an event. He said, "I try not to be



Waylon Hiler, assistant professor of Biology, in one of the Biology labs at the Science Center.

superstitious. It's important to have a routine that you follow." He is still passionate about it and takes part in some professional rodeos when he has the opportunity.

He said he was excited about the home rodeo Sept. 11-13. "It's unique, because not a lot of colleges have a rodeo team," Hiler said. He said since the home rodeo is a first event of the school year for the rodeo team, it's a great time to show off a little bit and it's an opportunity to represent the college.

The long-lasting friendships he made through rodeo are the most precious to him, he said. "College was a priority, but it (rodeo) definitely influenced the way I am, the people I hang out with, the type of music I listen to, the way I dress," the assistant professor said.

However, the direction of his life was shaped mainly by his parents, not rodeo. "They always stressed the importance of college education. Neither of them attended, and wanted my brother and I to have life opportunities they didn't."

He added, "It's important to establish priorities and keep life in perspective." Rodeo always came after the school part for him, because that's what college is mainly about.

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Faculty profile: Waylon Hiler

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His brother, one year younger, also graduated from MVC with a Biology degree and is now working for an Environmental Consulting Company in Cheyenne, Wyoming. They used to be roommates and were both on the rodeo team.

Waylon went to Arkansas State University to attain his master's degree in Biology in 2005.

Now Waylon Hiler is back after five years and he is experiencing Valley in a very different way. "It's a different atmosphere for me," he said, adding that he is busier now and has almost no free time. The buildings are the same and quite a few of the samples in the Biology lab are the ones he collected when he was a student here. However, there are some new faces in the faculty and others are gone.

Hiler remembers his Chemistry Professor Lawrence Krebaum with a smile and said, "I walked out of (his) chemistry exam and was close to mental breakdown... I was pretty shaky for three hours."

Now, as a faculty member, Hiler sees things differently. "Your goal is to educate students. You don't want to waste time goofing around."

Quick notes about Hiler

- 1). Favorite sport to watch – NFL Football.
- 2). Favorite TV show – Seinfeld.
- 3). Favorite actor – John Wayne.
- 4). Best book assigned to read in college – "The Jungle" by Upton Sinclair.
- 5). Foreign countries he has been to – China, Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, and Fiji.

His teaching techniques are based mainly on what he has observed from his professors, because he said he is still trying to find the style that best suits him. Waylon Hiler is an introspective young man with a lot of passion for life. As a Viking who, at one time, represented the college on the rodeo team, Hiler has taken on the challenges of his new role in instructing college biology. He hopes to make students familiar with the miracles of biology that kept him interested in that study for all these years.

Scenes of Freshmen Orientation

Photos by Sabrina Hooker and David Roberts



Chemistry professor presents obesity research

Story and photo by Samuel Njuguna
March 2009

A new research suggests that obesity raises levels of the hormone leptin, which can be as big a threat to the cardiovascular system as cholesterol.

This was part of a lecture by Stephen Patton, MVC professor of Chemistry, at the Biochemistry Seminar held on Monday, March 2 at the Science Center.

The seminar, titled "Living with Obesity," was to enlighten people on ways to live a healthier lifestyle and reduce the rising cases of obesity and other illnesses.

Patton talked about Leptin and its known effects. Leptin is a peptide hormone with important effects in regulating body weight, metabolism and reproductive function.

"It suppresses appetite, releases reproductive hormones, and raises body temperature," Patton said. "It also increases nitric oxide synthase expression, and exhausts L-arginine and tetrahydropterin stores."

Patton said L-arginine is needed by everybody but very essential for pregnant women, black people, and those overweight or obese.

"With black people having a double amount of nitric oxide synthase expression in their bodies compared to other races, their lack of enough L-arginine reduces their lifespan due to diseases like stroke, diabetes, and heart attack."

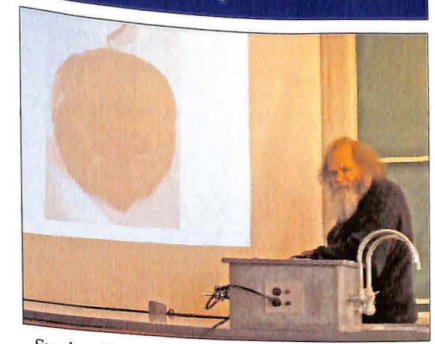
L-arginine is mainly found in fish and poultry. It can be purchased from drug stores.

Patton gave advice on taking L-arginine.

"The human dietary requirement for L-arginine is about 20 grams/day," Patton said. "Average American burger diet contains 5 1/2 of L-arginine/day."

Patton added "L-arginine should be taken thrice a day. It is very cheap."

Patton explained who should not take L-arginine. "If you have just had stroke, heart attack, or have severe advanced cancer," Patton said. "And if you just had an operation, if you are bleeding



Stephen Patton shows an example of an obese mice that was used to study effects of leptin.

excessively or if you have a severely strained muscle."

Patton said the weight loss imperatives include "moderate exercise and lower food intake without lowering L-arginine intake."

Though obesity is closely associated with heart failure, scientists haven't fully understood the relationship, Patton said.

During the lecture, Patton said he became epileptic as a boy and described how it happened.

"At age 14, I fell off a bike while trying to impress some ladies," Patton said. "Everything healed but I started having seizures due to brain damage."

Patton added that he later developed diabetes in the 1990s. Patton takes insulin for diabetes and L-arginine to protect from the damage of obesity.

Patton has struggled with weight issues in the past. Patton said his diabetic problem is hereditary and most of his relatives have died at an early age. The outcome of his research has helped prolong his life.

Patton has been involved in numerous scientific research breakthroughs with several professors at the University of Ohio. The group is headed by Tadeusz Malinski, professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

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Patton's seminar focuses on obesity

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One research article published in 1997 was dubbed "the most important paper in 100 years" by scientists in cardiology, Patton said.

"Three papers by the researchers have been cited for the Nobel Prize," Patton said. "I believe Malinski could win the Nobel Prize next year or in the near future."

In an interview, Patton talked about why he does research and what it should be for.

"It should be done for pure fun and joy," Patton said. "It works well with those wanting to teach organic chemistry and other scientific applications."

Patton said he has reservations for research being done as a career.

"If it's a job, you can't guarantee success," Patton said. "If you're wealthy, maybe."

Patton added, "Research should be a hobby, like stamp collecting."

Patton graduated with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Spring Arbor University, Mich., and a master's degree in Analytical Chemistry

from Wayne State University, Detroit.

In 1997, he attained his doctorate degree in Bio-Medical Science from Oakland University, Rochester, Mich., and post-doctoral training at Oakland University in Electroanalytical Chemistry.

Patton has been involved in much research work in various institutions. The research includes "Crystal Structure of Ce₂S₃ by Neutron Diffraction" with Argonne National Laboratory; "Forensic Chemistry Methods Development" with the Detroit Police Crime Laboratory; and "Crystal Structure for Model Compounds of the Active Site of Nitrogenase" with the University of Michigan.

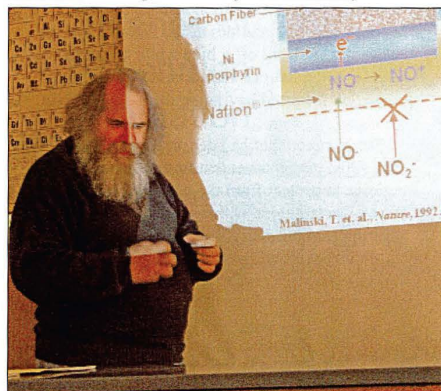
Some of the published work by Patton and other scientists at Ohio University include "Diffusion of nitric-oxide in the aorta wall monitored in-situ by porphyrinic micro sensors," "Kinetics of nitric oxide release in the presence of superoxide in the endocardium as measured by a porphyrinic sensor" and "Leptin-induced endothelial dysfunction in obesity."

Patton's doctoral dissertation was titled "Nitric oxide in the cardiovascular system."

Other positions Patton has held include assistant professor of Chemistry at Louisiana Tech University; senior Environmental Analytical Chemist for the City of Detroit; and pre-doctoral research/teaching assistant at the University of Michigan.

Patton's academic and research honors while at various institutions include Engineering Honor Society (Tau Beta Pi) at Wayne State University; NASA Fellow at Oakland University; and Undergraduate Research Fellowship at the Argonne National Laboratory.

Two of Patton's favorite quotes are "The most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible" by Albert Einstein and 1 Corinthians 10:31 "So, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God."



Stephen Patton talks about the microsensors that he uses for research on obesity-related study.

Alum Spotlight: Mickey Burns



Mickey Burns with some prominent celebrities he has interviewed. They include Joe Namath and LeRoy Neiman, Dick Cavett, Herschel Walker, Bo Bice, Larry King, Davy Jones, and Kirsten Haglund (Miss America 2008). (Photos courtesy of Mickey Burns)

New York TV host receives alumni award

Story by Johnny Henry

Mickey Burns, founder and president of Quest Media Entertainment, Inc., will be honored as one of the outstanding Alumni for Missouri Valley College at the 2008 Homecoming.

Burns is a native of Staten Island, New York, where he played three sports in high school earning All-City honors in football and baseball before graduating from high school.

Mickey attended Missouri Valley College on a football scholarship "At the time, I was interested in playing college football and Valley had one of the best programs in the country."

He followed by earning master's degrees at Central Missouri State University in Education and Communications.

He has been inspired by numerous people throughout his life. However, his mother, Dorothy was at the top of the list, he said. Adding that from an early age she instilled confidence in him and made him believe that there wasn't anything he couldn't accomplish as long as he applied himself and was willing to put in the hard work.

Burns had some close friends who worked for Fox News in New York City, and that's how he started in TV production. "They got me in the door - at the bottom, working as a production assistant. Once in the door, I was able to learn all aspects of the television business. I was lucky!"

He produces in the New York City market and has created a show called "Profiles" which is a sit-down interview show with celebrities.



Mickey Burns

He said the best part of the job is sitting down with iconic celebrities and conducting 30-minute interviews. And, trying to make it look a lot easier than it actually is!

The worst part is compiling the enormous amount of research that goes into conducting a 30-minute interview, he added, it usually takes about 10 hours of research per interview. And, as soon as you get finished with one interview, you're immediately on the next one. It's very similar to doing a term paper . . . just every week!

The funniest moment Burns has seen so far in his career starts when a friend and fellow colleague fell asleep, and fell off his chair, while conducting an interview. On live television!

Burns' colleague had spent too much time and money in a New York City club, afterwards he told the executive producers he had an ear infection!

Burns' advice to future students interested in the television field is to get the proper education, and take as many writing and speech

classes as you can. Participate within the college's media programs both in television and radio. "Don't be one-dimensional, know everything about the business of television, camera, sound, lighting, editing, and producing. You never know where opportunity will present itself; be ready for anything and everything." And, lastly, he said students should not be afraid to start at the bottom. Do whatever it takes to get your foot in the door, he said.

In the '90s, Burns hosted, anchored and starred in numerous television programs such as "Special Edition," "Island View" and "Staten Island Live" for Turner Warner Cable, Inc.

In 1994, Burns became one of the founding members of Quest Media Entertainment, Inc.

In 1998, he created Quest Media's most popular and successful show, "Profiles."

At Quest Media, Burns is responsible for writing, producing, hosting, and overseeing the daily operations of the company.

According to Burns, "Hosting and producing Profiles has been the most challenging and most rewarding experience of my broadcast career."

Burns said he wouldn't change anything about his life if he could.

"Not really. Since 2003 I've had my own television show interviewing viewing celebrities such as Joan Rivers, Maya Angelou, Joe Montana, Danny Glover, and George Foreman. The show is seen by six million viewers in New York City, the number one market in the United States. I've been lucky, and continue to be!"

Serving in the military Valley alum tells about life of soldier in Iraq

The following interview with Thomas F. Williams, a Missouri Valley College alum who is currently serving in the military in Iraq, was conducted by e-mail by Delta reporter Ralitsa Gospodinova. Thomas graduated in 2003 with a Mass Communication degree. While at MVC, Thomas played on the Viking football team.

Delta reporter Ralitsa Gospodinova: How old are you and what is your military title?

Thomas Williams: (I'm) 29, and I am a Sergeant (E-5) within my Company. I am a Team Leader, 1st Plt, 2nd Sqd, C Team Leader.

Ralitsa: What exactly are your duties in Iraq?

Thomas: My squad assists and monitors the police academy for Ninewa province, Mosul Public Service Academy (MPSA). My company was given the PTT mission. Police Transition Training. We work with the Iraqi Police (IP), Providing them with classroom and hands-on training. Training in such things as searching people, vehicles, buildings and roadways. We do joint patrols through the city to show the local populace that the police are there for them and their safety.

Ralitsa: When did you join the Army?

Thomas: I joined the Army November 30, 2005.

Ralitsa: Can you describe one of your days over there? What is it like to be an American soldier in Iraq?

Thomas: Tough question. I guess a typical day would be: Wake up at anywhere from around 0430-0700.



MVC alum and soldier Thomas Williams displays possibly the first Delta newspaper in Iraq.

Shave and get cleaned up, get breakfast, three-quarter-mile walk. Then grab my driver, go get my truck and bring (stage) it in front of our living area (chu's). Then my gunner joins us. We load all our gear into the truck. Turn on all the electronics and radios and drive to the TOC, Tactical Operations Command, and get our daily pre-mission briefing. That's just where we find out what all went boom the 24 hours before, or who was killed-us or them--and what the intel says will be waiting for us in the city. Then we do a convoy brief with just the squad, put on all of our gear and roll out. We are usually out about 6-12 hours and then come back. Download our gear, after mission brief and paperwork, then go eat. I go workout and run. Then we have our meetings for the next day at

about 2030-2100. Then let my guys know the plan and off to bed. In a nutshell, we wake up, go into the city, listen to or see IED's go off from time to time, do some training with the IP's and then come back.

Being an American soldier in Iraq is like being the most popular superhero and villain in the world at the same time. The people either love or hate the hell out of us. We soldiers don't think of ourselves as anything special or better than anyone else. We simply know we were blessed with the ability to do the job of protecting the country in this manner.

Ralitsa: What has been most memorable about your experience there so far?

Thomas: The most memorable

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Missouri Valley alum serves in Iraq

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things aren't positive or good. But, I would say, the heat and the smell.

Ralitsa: In a recent picture you sent us, you're holding an issue of The Delta newspaper. Could you tell me more about the picture?



Alumn Thomas Williams visits the campus several years ago.

Thomas: The picture was taken at a police station in Balad, Iraq. I had just received it and took it out on mission to get a picture. The guys were all there and the IP's love being in photos so we made it happen. Not much back story.

Ralitsa: Is there something you think people back in America don't see and don't understand about the conflict over there? What would you want the American people and people all over the world to know?

Thomas: There is a lot that people back in the states and all over the world do not see or understand. The main thing though is that we are making progress. Iraq has freedom, the vast majority of the people are extremely happy, and positive change is happening. People back home would be amazed at how much the people of this country hate, absolutely hate, the terrorists. Fear is waning and the people are now fighting back on a civilian level against terrorism and corruption.

Ralitsa: Is the war being won in Iraq and Afghanistan, and why or why not?

Thomas: I can not speak of Afghanistan. In Iraq, yes! We have won. Now we are in the rebuilding and transfer of the responsibility of the welfare of the country stages. Iraq and its people are slowly taking over the role of providing for the safety and security of the country. The Army has shifted from catching and stopping terrorists to showing the Iraqi police and Iraqi army how

to do it and then watching them do it.

Ralitsa: How long do you think America will have soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan?

Thomas: I believe we will more than likely maintain some sort of presence in both countries for years. That's just my opinion, based on previous wars. I believe most troops will be out of Iraq by 2011. Afghanistan, again, I can't comment. I have not been there, yet.

Ralitsa: Has the change of the U.S. president affected how the war is being waged?

Thomas: No.

Ralitsa: Do you receive packages from the Moval Cares Project and what are your feelings about this way of support? What is the procedure of receiving them and how do you use them?

Thomas: I do receive them, and am very grateful. Receiving mail and the care package is a morale booster. Mail is very personal and means more to soldiers than e-mail or phone calls actually. We usually receive mail once or twice a week. I usually read whatever is inside and then see what some of the guys might want. Most of the socks we give to the Iraqi children. Iraqi kids love our chocolate chip cookies, too!

Ralitsa: What impact has this war had on your life? Have you changed since you've been there?

Thomas: The war has given me a new appreciation for what service-

men have endured in this war and wars past. The only major impact the war has had on my life is just the loss of a year with friends and family. War changes all of us. However, if you actually leave the confines of the "fob," you're going to see war and change.

Ralitsa: What are some of your best memories while you were a student at Missouri Valley College? What activities did you participate in?

Thomas: I can't lie. I was a participant, so many of my best memories are from parties. I spent 5 1/2 years at Valley and have so many amazing memories. I remember the sound of the creaking stairs in Baity, the smell of third-floor Ferguson, sleeping in the chairs in the library, and all the faculty who became friends...Dave (Roberts), Mrs. (Pam) Reeder, the Leslies (Ed and Wendy).

Ralitsa: How often do you talk to your family and friends back home?

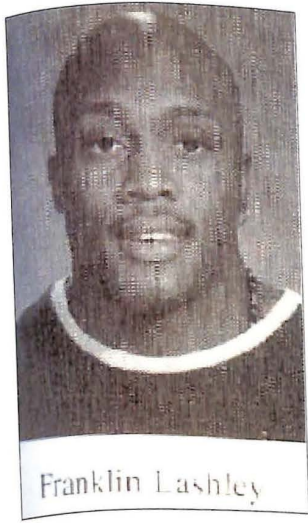
Thomas: About once a week, I will have some form of communication with someone back in the states. I have only made three phone calls in nine months though.

Ralitsa: Despite your obligations as a soldier, what do you think of the war as a person?

Thomas Williams: As a person, I think the war was necessary. We may not have found weapons of mass destruction made of metal and explosives, but we found ones made of flesh and blood. Saddam, his family and regime murdered more than a million people and oppressed the rest. We have set the foundation for a democratic and free country in the Middle East. For the first time, I believe we have created a proactive approach to terrorism.

Alumni

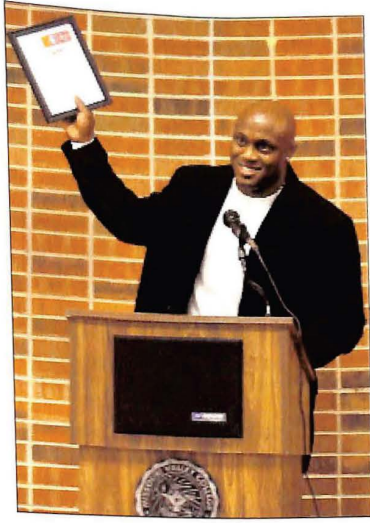
Bobby Lashley



Franklin Lashley

Left: Photo from the 1998 Sabiduria when Lashley was attending Valley.

Right: Lashley is inducted into the MVC Athletic Hall of Fame in fall 2007. (Photo by Cory Petersen)



Story and Page Design by William Claggett

He was one of the most successful collegiate wrestlers that Missouri Valley College had to offer between 1994-1999. Franklin Roberto "Bobby" Lashley Jr. graduated in 1999 from MVC with a bachelor's degree in Human Service Agency Management and Recreation Administration, a program which was managed by Professor Carl Gass at the time.

Lashley was born on July 16, 1976, in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Growing up when his father was in the military, his family traveled all over, residing in Kansas, and even in

Germany for four years. His family ended up at a military base near Fort Riley, Kansas, which is now Junction City.

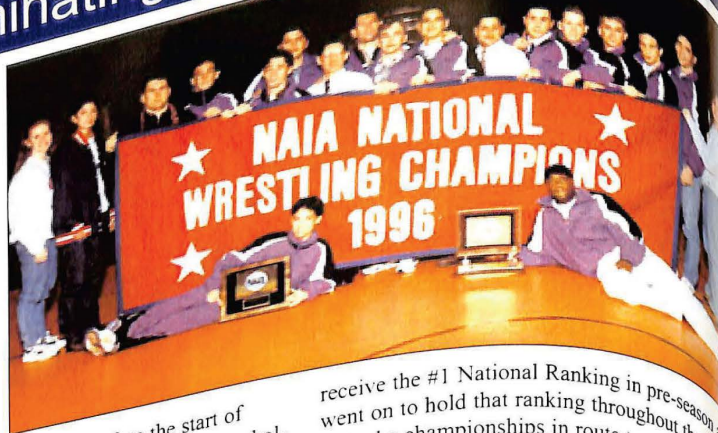
Lashley attended high school in Junction City while his family made their home there. Lashley loved to play sports non stop and was involved in every sport that was available to him during his high school career. He participated in baseball, basketball, soccer, wrestling, football, track, and cross country.

He was not the typical person to jump out in the middle of things. More of the quiet type, with a "work hard, shut up and train" attitude. While in high school, he wrestled at state in Kansas and took second place.

Dominating competition at Valley

Photo from MVC Sports Information.

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In 1994 about two weeks before the start of classes, Lashley was called up and offered a scholarship to come to Missouri Valley. He was one of the top recruits at the time. While attending MVC, Lashley accomplished a wide range of goals. His main goal while attending MVC was getting his diploma.

Lashley also dominated in the sport of wrestling at MVC from 1994-1999. He placed fourth in 1995 after his first year of college wrestling and soon began to get some recognition. He then won three national amateur wrestling championships in 1996, 1997, and 1998. At 177 pounds, he was the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Wrestling Champion in both 1997 and 1998. He was an All-American three times.

Lashley treated wrestling for Valley as if it were his full-time job. He also kept a hand on his grades while working toward his wrestling goals. MVC head men's wrestling coach emphasized grades heavily, so Lashley's grades as well as the grades of the other members of the team were in constant concentration. The team wanted to exceed at every level possible.

In 1996, the wrestling team propelled Missouri Valley College wrestling into the national spotlight and set the stage for future national recognition.

In 1997, the wrestling team made Missouri Valley College wrestling history as the first team to

receive the #1 National Ranking in pre-season and went on to hold that ranking throughout the year and take championships in route to setting a national team point scoring record and winning back-to-back NAIA National Championships.

During the season, this team also won the first ever NAIA Coaches Association National Dual Meet Championships held in Las Vegas.

After graduating from Valley in 1999, Lashley became an Armed Forces Champion twice. He was also a CISM World Championship Silver Medalist in 2002.



Alum Bobby Lashley is honored by Missouri Valley College in fall 2007. (Photo by Cory Petersen)

Lashley dominates the WWE

Four years after graduating, Lashley went on to further his talent in wrestling as he joined the world of professional wrestling in 2003.

He was signed to a developmental contract to World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). He soon began extensive training at Ohio Valley Wrestling (OVW) which was the WWE's developmental facility at the time in Louisville, Kentucky.

Lashley was then brought up to the roster of the WWE in mid-2005 and he wrestled with the WWE from then until January of 2008 when he left the company. Like wrestling for MVC, Bobby was a dominant force to be reckoned with in the WWE. He made a huge impact on fans as soon as he made his debut.

Lashley became a huge character on WWE television in early 2007 as he was part of the most widely publicized wrestling matches in WWE WrestleMania history.

He was chosen by Donald Trump to represent him in a "Battle of the Billionaires" match at WrestleMania 23 in a match against WWE

Chairman and CEO Vince McMahon's representative, Umaga. It was a Hair vs. Hair match, that saw Bobby help Trump shave McMahon's head at the result of Umaga losing the match.

Even with the recognition that Bobby got after the WrestleMania 23 match, he was already accomplished in the world of professional wrestling. During his time in the WWE, Bobby received the following awards from Pro Wrestling Illustrated (PWI): He was named PWI Rookie of the Year in (2005), PWI Most Improved Wrestler of the Year (2006), and PWI ranked him #9 in the PWI 500 in 2007.

Lashley was quite the champion in the WWE as he was the Extreme Championship Wrestling (ECW) World Champion two times and had the honor of winning the WWE United States (U.S.) Championship once.

Bobby Lashley continues to have an impact on the world of professional wrestling in some fashion or another. He now owns his own online supplement store where he

sells health supplements at LashleyNutrition.com He also owns a shop where he sells health smoothies drinks in Denver, Colorado, where he now resides with his two children.

Lashley has some advice for Valley students:

"You know everybody says it. They say it a million times. College is short so when you're there, with the things you go through, you think it is so long and so grueling. And sometimes it's like you don't want to be there. So I say: Treasure your moments at Missouri valley, because it's going to come and go. When you come back when you're older, you start to look at your old football stadium and old wrestling room and your old track field, and you're going to start bringing back those old memories. Then you're going to say, 'I did have a good time at Valley.' So I just say everyday 'thank God' for the opportunity to be there and get the most out of it."

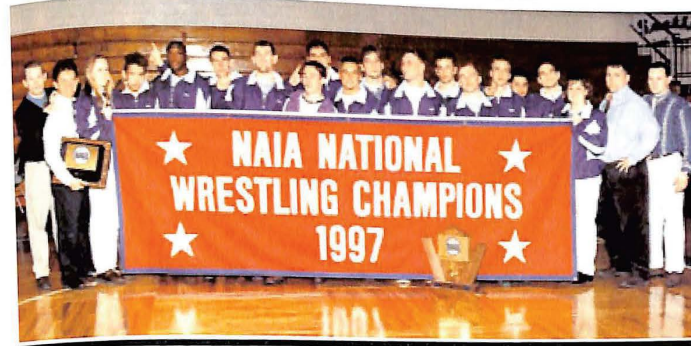


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Canadian cowboy heads to Missouri

By Katie Kimble

Chase Waters, resident of Cupar, Saskatchewan, Canada, found himself Missouri-bound after a week-long trip to Illinois for the National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR).

Twenty-year-old Waters grew up on a ranch in western Alberta, Canada, near Stavely. He describes the landscape as being where the range land meets the prairie.

At 15, Chase moved to a ranch in Saskatchewan near Cupar. He continued to ranch with his mother, father, and older sister, DeCoda.

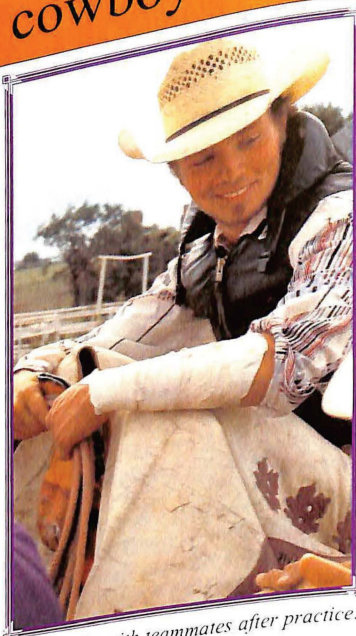
"It's something I have always done," Chase said about competing in rodeos. "Just a part of my everyday life."

Growing up on a ranch and having the background in rodeo gave Waters the experience he needed, as he started going to the practice arena to rope with his father.

However, roping was just part of the job to Chase. He said he needed more excitement in his life. He wanted to start riding bareback bucking horses, and turned to his father for support.

His father, a former bareback rider, was more than happy to assist Chase in following his new found dream.

Chase said he always knew rodeo would take him far, but when he went from his ranch in rural Canada to a dorm room in



Chase talks with teammates after practice. (Photo by Sasha Sankey)

two weeks, he was a little taken back.

He was plagued with the thought of why he was leaving the security of his home, and wondering if he would gain anything from this experience. Still, he was excited for what he might find.

Waters was brought into this situation by a girl he met at the National High School Finals Rodeo, who was planning to attend Missouri Valley for rodeo.

They had met at the beginning of the week and, by the end of it, they had become really good friends.

On his long drive home, he found himself talking to Ken Mason, the rodeo coach from

Missouri Valley, and looking for a scholarship opportunity.

Chase said it was a dramatic change to make in just two short weeks, but that everyone should "take advantage of opportunities when you get them."

Ranching gave Chase the ultimate responsibility. Many of the moments that shaped Chase into the man he is today came when he was calving cows with his father.

Waters described it as being able to give or take life in a matter of seconds, when helping a cow have a calf.

One of the most significant moments in his life was when his father trusted him to take care of their 3,000-acre ranch, including the 1,200 cattle that roam the ranch at any given time during the summer.

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Chase prepares to check cattle. (Photo Katie Kimble)

Waters talks about rodeo, family, and future

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Chase's family and friends have had a very positive impact on him, but his father has always been the most influential person in his life.

Waters admires his father because he has given so much of himself to his family and ranch, and worked very hard in his life.

Bunky Waters, Chase's grandmother, is someone he has always looked to for guidance.

Waters' grandmother lives in rural Canada and Chase said he would give anything for her to be able to watch him rodeo.

Chase said "faith" is what keeps him going from day to day on the back of bucking horses every weekend.

His most memorable moment

in competition was during the 2006 Provincial finals in Wood Mountain, Saskatchewan.

"It came down to the last horse," he said. He was nervous, but said he had to think of it as a competition between the horse and him and not between the other cowboys.

Chase has played hockey since he was four years old and, when he was 16, his Bantam hockey team became the league champions.

Chase also enjoys the outdoors and hunting, as well as listening to music.

His friends say he has an uncanny ability to remember song titles and artists from many different genres.

"Chase is a very unique individual and he treats people real-

ly well," said Jessica Brown, a freshman on the Missouri Valley Viking Rodeo Team.

One of Chase's many entertaining stories pertaining to rodeo is when his friend from Saskatchewan lost his pants during a bareback ride, when he got hung up around the arena.

Chase says his biggest struggle in rodeo is to stay confident, but when he loses focus, he has many strategies to gain it back.

He visualizes his ride in his head, "perfectly," he says no hiccups." He said it helps to be so focused that he almost loses feeling in his hands and feet.

The team feeds off of each other's strength and it pumps them up. Praying is also a big part of rodeo, Chase said.

"I can't describe the feeling it gives you. I don't think anyone can. It just gives you that extra push like you have something behind you," he said. "An extra hand."

Chase's advice to everyone is, "Try to be respectable and don't do anything you might regret, and always tell your mom you love her."

Chase's future plans involve working in the environment.

Such areas as environmental consulting really interest him, but his biggest goal in life is just to be successful and support his family.



Chase Waters and brother-in-law Brent pose with a badger. (Photo by Katie Kimble)

GROWING UP 'FUNNY' ON A FARM

Story and photos
by Katie Kimble

I may be well into my junior year at Missouri Valley, but my life growing up has stayed with me everyday.

Whether it was standing in the frozen food aisle in Wal-Mart™ on one leg like a cold chicken or suddenly getting the urge to balance a duck upside down on my head, growing up on a "funny" farm definitely has shaped me into the woman I am today.

When I mention a funny farm, I don't quite mean a few different animals here or there.

I mean a full-fledged Old McDonald-had-a-farm type deal. At any given time growing up, we had a minimum of 35 head of horses from draft Budweiser-type horses all the way down to miniature horses that weighed less than some of our dogs.

When I mention dogs, as I was leaving for college in the fall, I had to say goodbye to my only siblings, my "brothers" as my parents said. We had seven dogs ranging from a 2 ½-pound Papillion to a 200-pound English Mastiff, not to mention the two Boxers, two Miniature Pinchers, and a Dachshund in between.

All in the house I might add. Our English Mastiff even had his own couch.

But enough about the dogs. How about the 40 rabbits, 10 goats, 200 chickens, and 20 ducks and geese that roamed the farm on any given day.

We also had the occasional llama, milking cow, tom turkey, and pot-belly pig roaming around.

As I mentioned before, I am an



Katie's "brothers" relax on the couch and watch Opra.

only child and so from the day I was born till I went off to kindergarten, I was mostly surrounded by animals.

My parents often found me outside interacting with the animals. Once when my mother couldn't find me she found me riding the draft horses around the pen and quickly asked how I got up there.

I simply replied by telling her

when I put the rabbit pellets on the roof of the rabbit cage, the horses came up close enough that I could climb up onto the cage and scramble up their neck and eventually to their back.

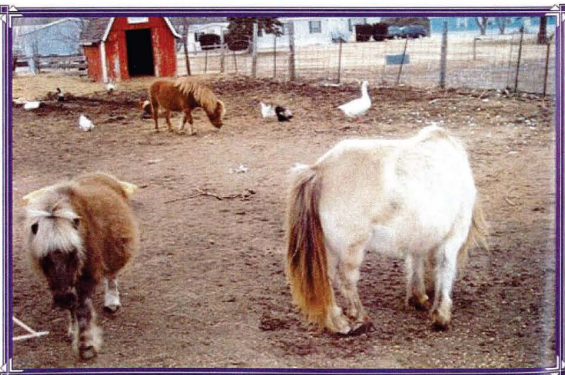
I have to mention that these horses weighed 2,500 pounds and at that age I was lucky to be about 3-and-a-half-foot-tall and 30 pounds soaking wet.

So it was not exactly what my mother wanted to see me doing.

I have many memories involving collecting the eggs from the chickens every evening.

My mom still tells stories about watching me from the kitchen window walk into the chicken coop with a bucket and then, about a minute

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Dazzle (right), Ginger (left) and Frosty (top) roam around with chickens and geese.

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later, seeing me running out feathers and bucket flying while mad hens proceeded to chase me out of the chicken coop.

She claims the real entertainment came when I stomped back into the coop with shovel in hand and returned a few moments later, bucket in hand, full of eggs.

My father found out that when your daughter wants to show you something outside it was probably better to just walk outside instead of telling her to just bring it in.

Shortly after telling me to "just bring it inside," I waltzed right in with my pony behind me.

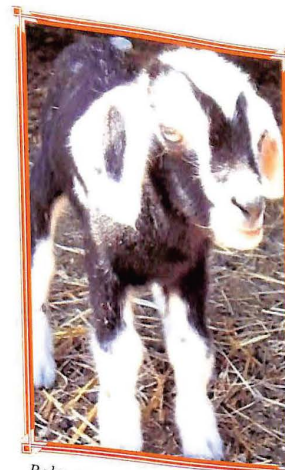
I will never forget the look on my father's face as he lay on the couch nose to nose with my pony, Ginger. I was always coming up with ideas that made my parents just shake their heads.

One day I thought it would be a brilliant idea to ride the llama. Convinced that if it had four legs and could hold me up, I thought, it must be able to be ridden like a horse.

It wasn't that we didn't have enough horses for me to ride. At one time we had more than 40 head. I just got bored and wanted to try something new.

I thought I could ride Spanky. That was the llama's name. However, he didn't find it nearly as amusing as I did. Just as quickly as I hopped on, I was dumped right back on my bottom.

The ducks also always came as a source of amusement for me. To this day, I still don't know what made me do it, but nonetheless, I managed to walk all the way about 100 yards from the barn to the house, to show my mom, of course, with a duck upside down balanced on top of my head. Mom and I always had fun going to sale barns and adding to our funny farm.



Baby goat takes its first steps.

We would always pick up something new and random and we had a motto when it came to what Dad would say. It was simply, "oh, he'll get over it," and he always did.

Usually it would take him a while to even notice what new animal was roaming around, however when

mom and I bought a pair of guineas home it was slightly more noticeable.

Guineas are very loud, obnoxious birds with a very unique sound and when they sound off at about 6 in the morning, let's just say it was enough to make Dad jump out of bed and grab the shotgun.

My favorite story of all time involves our peacocks. One of them was roosting on a branch of the front oak tree that hung over the road and just so happened to fall out of the tree landing on a car driving by.

The man and woman came up to the house hysterical because they didn't know what had just happened.

When we went outside, all that we could see were the two peacocks, one of which was a little dazed, and enough feathers to stuff a mattress with. Our best guess was that the bird fell asleep and just happened to land on one of maybe five cars that drove past that day.

After we calmed the couple and assured them that the peacock was fine, my parents and I laughed so

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Bruno and one of the baby raccoons, that the Kimble family raised, get acquainted.

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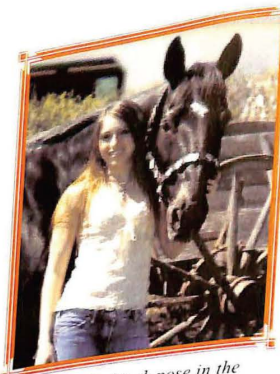
hard we were on the verge of tears. All the funny stories aside because there were many, spring was by far my favorite and most responsible time. As you can imagine all those animals came from somewhere and we did buy many of them, but most came in the spring time when everything was giving birth. I learned more about life and death growing up on a farm than I could have ever learned from any book or classroom.

It was by far the ultimate responsibility to be in charge of caring for an incubator full of chicken eggs or having the night watch for a maiden mare giving birth to her very first foal.

I learned that not only was life the most precious gift, I also learned that sometimes there was just nothing anyone can do to save it.

I came home from school one day and found our sheep giving birth prematurely to triplet. She had lapsed her uterus and all the lambs were stillborn. There was simply nothing I or anyone could do.

I also remember standing in the lot with the vet holding chains as he attempted to pull a backwards calf



Katie and Blackjack pose in the front yard.

from our milk cow.

Not all the moments we sad ones. One winter night my aunt's goat gave birth to twins, but one was a runt and wouldn't make it through the night.

I took on the responsibility of staying up through the night with the goat to bottle feed it every few hours. She lived and ending up living in the house for about a month until my dad said she finally had to go outside like a normal goat.

Another was when one of my rabbits froze her foot in her water dish and had completely severed the

bone and all the nerves, but still attached by skin.

So I brought her up to the and mom and I did surgery there in the kitchen sink; she lived for several years after.

It wasn't just the normal animals that I grew up with either. Mother decided to get her rabbit license one summer and about 5 years we had everything from deer to raccoons including occasional skunk and fox.

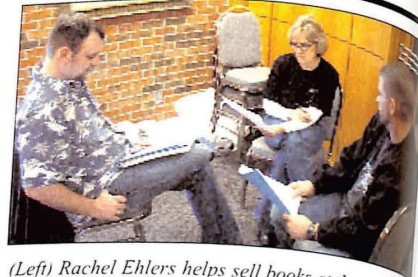
Our specialty became raccoons and we ended up rehabilitating around 20 or so raccoons in the years that we kept our license.

Our first raccoon lived in the house for the longest time. He was litter-box trained and even ate cereal at breakfast at the kitchen table with me in the mornings.

Many people know me as a rodeo girl and the truth is I grew up competing in rodeo since I was 5. But what many don't know is when I went home from the rodeo, I went home to way more than just horses.

So just in case you see me standing in the frozen food section at Wal-Mart on one leg like a cold chicken maybe, just maybe you'll understand just what it's like to grow up on a "funny" farm.

Campus Scenes



(Left) Rachel Ehlers helps sell books at the annual Scholastic Book Fair. (Above) Education Assistant Professor Linda Gordon talks to Education majors at the Book Fair.

Student Profile

Justin Cary: Student, athlete, rebel

Story by R.J. Kobza

When Justin Cary finished high school in the summer of 2003, he had no idea that in just two short years, he would be climbing on the back of a 2,000-pound bull. But that is where Justin's life has taken him.

After graduation from Marshall High School, Cary was not sure of which college he was going to join or how he was going to afford it. Enter head rodeo Coach Ken Mason. Coach Mason needed someone to help at the barn and Cary needed a scholarship. One day they met in the Business Office and Mason offered him a scholarship. Cary jumped at the chance to attend college.

Justin started school in the spring of 2004 and was helping Mason at the barn with odd jobs, feeding animals, fixing pens, cleaning up trash and anything that needed to be done.

While Justin was there, rodeo practice was going on and he would find himself taking a break from his work to watch. The event that Justin found himself watching the most was the bull riding, and he would

always come by and help, loading bulls and pulling ropes. Until one day, Justin decided that he wanted to get on a bull.

"I would just be out at practice watching and it looked fun so I wanted to try it," Justin said.

While he was in high school, Justin played football and basketball and ran track. Figuring that he was a natural athlete, Justin thought he could make the transition to riding bulls. After working on some of the fundamentals on the ground, the day came when Coach Mason said it was time to get on the real thing. Borrowing some equipment from a friend, Justin climbed into the chute and got aboard the massive beast.

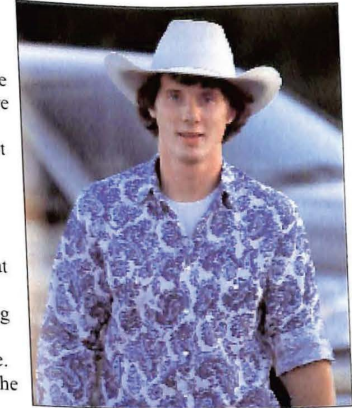
"I was nervous, scared, and excited all at the same time. I did not want to get hurt because my mom would have been real mad at me," Justin said.

When the chute gate opened, the animal sprang to life and started to buck. The bull only took about three or four jumps and then Justin was on the ground. He leapt up to his feet with a huge grin on his face and asked if he could do it again.

"It was the greatest feeling in the world. I knew then that I was a man," Justin said about his first time on a bull.

So, as they say, the rest is history. Justin has been riding for three years now and said he gets better with every ride. He hopes to continue riding after college and make it on the pro-circuit.

"I still have a lot of fun doing it, so I'm going to do it till it's not fun anymore," Justin said.



Justin Cary, in full cowboy attire, is ready to get on his bull.



Justin rides his bull at a local rodeo.

Students form Hip-Hop group

Story and photos by Samuel Njuguna
March 2009

"One night only, that's all I need, let me fulfill all your fantasies. I'll get you before you get me, I'll do you right ... My love, it's so sweet, come lay with me. I'll make you weak." This makes up the chorus for one of the adult-themed songs by Hustle & Eat Productions.

Senior Glenn "DJ Glenn" Dredden, Computer Information Systems major from Kansas City, started and is the leader of Hustle & Eat Productions.

The group was created last year after students from St. Louis and Kansas City started making music into discs for dissing each other. Dredden and his friend Quintin Perkins broke off from this to join up and founded the group. The two recorded their first song "Mind of a Person Like Me."

Dredden described how the group started working on songs. "This year we had the mindset to start music. We then added Phillip Hamer and Bronson Jones permanently to the group," said Dredden. "We officially have one song 'Make You Weak' and are in the process of recording three other songs."

The group records their songs in Moreland Room 201 which is also the studio, storage and everything they need for their music.

"That's where business gets taken care of," said Dredden.

Dredden owns the recording equipment. Perkins and he provide speakers for the parties.

Dredden said of the group and their music. "We are trying to get our name out there." He added, "We are not making money but providing something for college students to do."

Dredden said the group later thought of hosting social events for students.

"There's not much to do for students and we believed they needed something to provide a fun environment," said Dredden. "We wanted to be



(From left, clockwise) Bronson Jones, Glenn Dredden, Quintin Perkins, and Phillip Hamer.

those people, the ones to provide something."

Styles ENT is a separate entity from Hustle & Eat Productions that primarily deals with promotions for the social events and parties. The group is headed by Valley students Whitney Robinson and Lavell Caradine with Dredden and Perkins as members. With Styles ENT dealing with promotions and in charge of tickets at events, they get some financial gain.

Dredden is happy to see the huge turnout at the social events. Students are showing up at events and we are getting good responses, Dredden said.

Apart from being the leader and rapper, Dredden said for the group, Dredden helps with production and DJ promotion of events. Dredden was court-warming and king nominee last month.

Junior Quintin "QP" Perkins, an Exercise Science major from Fulton, Mo., is the deputy for the group. Also known as DJ Killa Killa, Perkins is a rapper and helps with productions and disc jockeying at parties.

Perkins is glad to see the group operate effectively. "We work well together and no one is above the other," said Perkins. "We take constructive criticism very well."

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Hip-Hop group entertains students

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Perkins said music is part of their life.

"Music is an outlet. We write what we feel," Perkins said. "There's positive support and no negative feedback so far. We have good support from the school, community, administration, and faculty."

Perkins added that the group makes their own beats, with the exception of their first song.

Junior Phillip "Big Country" Hamer, a Mass Communication major from St. Louis, is the "R&B voice" of the group as well as the cameraman.

Hamer is glad to be part of the group.

"We are friends who have an ear for music," Hamer said. "Our love for music brought us together."

Hamer appreciates his input to the group.

"I bring the R&B aspect to the group, which is a majority of it," said Hamer. "I also help to harmonize the lyrics."

Hamer said of the first event the group held, "It was cool to play our song and see the reactions and for those attending to recognize our music."



Phillip Hamer (above) and Glenn Dredden (right) practice before recording one of their songs in Moreland Room 201. (Seated right) Bronson Jones.

Hamer said, "Besides school and sports, music is good to pass time and another way for us to enjoy being in school."

Hamer, together with alum Larry Boone, won the talent show in spring last year. He has also auditioned for Valley Idol twice, becoming finalist both times.

Junior Bronson "B Smooth" Jones, a Computer Information Systems major from New Orleans, raps for the group and is glad to be part of it.

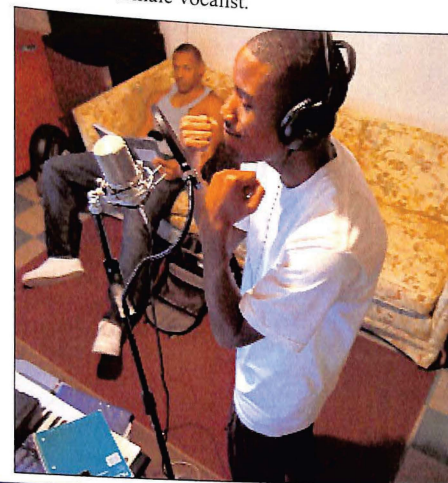
"It is all about having fun and hanging out with my boys," said Jones. "It makes me feel good and I am glad we are getting the exposure."

The group's events so far include "09 is Mine," and "Overdose," at Martin Community Center and "Love or Lust" at Morrison Gym.

After spring break, the group plans to have a pajama party titled "One Night Only."

"We would like students to come and support us and have a good time," said Dredden. "We are always working on new ideas."

The group is currently focusing on doing songs to distribute in their hometowns before venturing into the national limelight. The group is also looking for a female vocalist.



What it's like...

...To be in a war

By Johnny Henry

Bong! Bong! Bong! General quarters, general quarters, all hands man your battle stations, this is not a drill. Fifteen words forever imprinted in my mind. Fifteen words I had hoped to never hear in my lifetime.

Most civilians would freeze up, trembling with fear. Nobody on the USS Camden froze. Everyone knew what to do.

Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, names mean nothing. All that matters is your mission.

My mission was relatively simple. I had to man a repair locker for six hours, then sleep for six, then do it all over again for three weeks.

If you don't know what a repair locker is, it's a designated spot on a ship in which repair supplies are located to repair the ship in case of attack or major damage.

After hearing "this is not a drill" from the OOD or Officer on Deck, I thought, man, there is a high possibility of death for us.

The USS Camden was a high-speed supply ship, AOE (Ammunition, Oil, Explosives), basically a floating gas station.

After knowing it the entire time, it does not set in until a chance of attack. I could really die and I'm virtually standing inside a potential bomb, one that will take out everything within in a 5-mile radius.

I was never afraid, just worried. I was worried more about my family than myself. I didn't know that they were probably safer than me at the time.

One interesting aspect of the mili-

tary life does not change, even during war upon a Navy vessel: The food. It was still as nasty as always and still the same thing, chicken and rice.

I really never heard many fellow sailors talk of fear at all during those three long weeks. It's strange. You would think that they would, but no, it seemingly looked like a plain ole day on the Camden, except for the six on and six off.

So, what did we do to pass the time? Well, for the first couple of days, I spent most of my time worried with crazy thoughts racing through my head, like what would happen if the states were attacked and is everyone I care about still going to be there if or when I return.

The rest of the time, when things calmed down a little, I sat in the repair locker for six hours and watched movies and videos of dirt bike races until it was time to eat.

The worst part about the whole experience was not being able to contact anybody outside the ship.

I know my family was worried and they were hoping to hear from me soon, but I was powerless because e-mail was taken away for our own safety.

After it was all over and we were on our way back home, after 10 and a half months, none of the sailors really talked about anything that happened.

A regular day for us, perhaps? Not even me. I had nothing really to say



about it. I think everyone just wanted to be with family and that's all they could think about.

Many fellow sailors were lucky. They had someone waiting on the pier upon our return. All the worrying, all the stress, just to pull in to homeport to watch long-awaited reunions happen right before my eyes. Nobody for me, nobody on

pier. Nobody, nothing, I just wanted to disappear into a black hole and never return.

I would have to say that that feeling was worse than the feelings of worry produced by the war.

Many people would disagree, I assume, but those people probably had someone waiting for them.

I just took a shower, got dressed, and went to the closest bar. That was the start of a very long drinking binge for me. It lasted for a few years. I wanted to escape my life.

Between the war, my thought process, and women, I never had a chance at the age of 21. The war and the time spent away had a massive affect on my relationship with a girl I was engaged to for three years.

It all started to fall apart and I decided to drown my sorrows with beer and whiskey, not my best chain reaction of decisions, but I'm glad I made them that way, because later I found out she was cheating on me anyway.

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More about What it's like to be in a war

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Now, years later, the war has very little affect on my life. The ship I was on, the USS Camden was decommissioned in October of 2005. the same year I started at

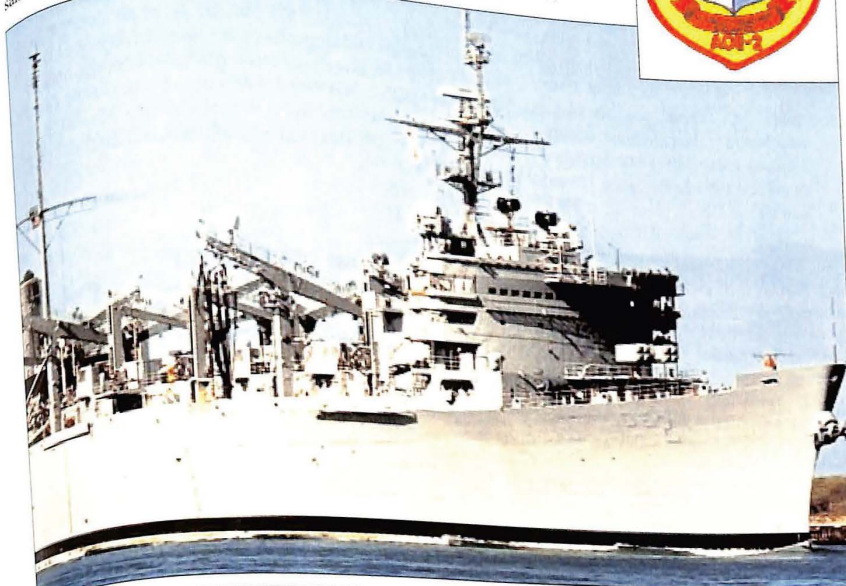
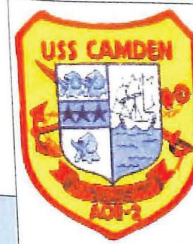
Valley.

It was a fresh start for me. No military, no cheating wife to be, and I could see my family anytime I wanted.

Now, this is my last

year of college, as one door closes, another opens.

I really look forward to what the future has in store for me. It can't get any worse, yeah???



Delta wins awards in collegiate media contest

The Delta student newspaper won three awards from the Missouri Collegiate Media Association in April 2009. The October 2008 story presented above by Mass Communication senior Johnny Henry, a narrative about serving during war time, was awarded an

honorable mention in feature-writing. Mass Communication senior Austin Zavala, also the sports editor for the Delta, received an honorable mention award for his September 2008 sports story about the Viking football team. A third-place award for online web-pages

went to the new Delta Online version, which was combination of the color version of the regular Delta, under the editorship of Cori Basham, and additional first-time pages, produced or designed by Delta staff members or Mass Communication students.

Student Profile

Story by Megan Shepherd

When entering college for the first time, most freshmen are advised to take the first semester slow, learn their new surroundings, meet new people and, of course, stay focused on their school work.

One freshman at Missouri Valley College decided to do all of this and more. International freshman Charlique Rolle is involved in numerous ways at MVC including Theatre, as a member of the Christian sorority Gamma Alpha Lambda, a right-side hitter of the women's Junior Varsity volleyball team, and part of the esteemed Repertory Dance Ensemble, which is part of the Dance program at Valley.

Seventeen-year-old Charlique is a vibrant young lady from Grand Bahama, Bahamas who never lets her full and often tiring schedule bring her down. She said, "My motivation to fulfill all of these activities is mostly dependent on my grades. I know if I want to continue with my chaotic life, I have to keep my grades up." As if she doesn't have enough extracurricular activities to fill up her evenings, her mornings are bombarded with classes fulfilling her

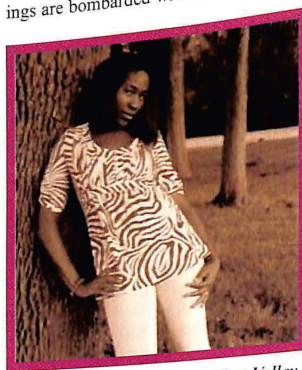
double majors of Theatre and Pre-Dental with a minor in Dance. She plans to become an orthodontist and maybe one day appear on Broadway. "Maybe they'll make a musical about me one day: the singing orthodontist," she said jokingly.

The little free time she has in between volleyball practice, theatre rehearsals and dance practices is dedicated to homework, studying and making calls to her parents.

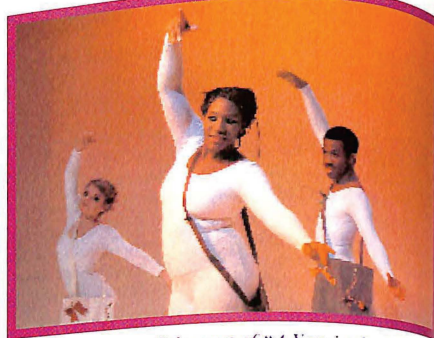
As she furthers her college career, she said, "This is only the beginning. I will not stop being involved in school activities because they are the things that keep me going. So much to accomplish, so little time. But I will do as much as I can in the time I have."

Charlique encourages other freshmen and the student body at large to take part in as many school activities as possible.

"A little school pride goes a long way, not only in your college career, but post-college career. It will always look good on your resume. Also, make lots of friends. The friends you make in college are the ones you'll most likely have for a lifetime, and enemies just aren't worth having."



Charlique Rolle on the quad at Valley.



Rolle with some of the cast of "A Year in the Life of Frog and Toad" at Eckilson-Mabee Theatre.

Student Profile

TV crew films beginning of student's college life

Story by Ralitsa Gospodinova

Incoming freshman Nikola Radenkovic experienced his first days on the Missouri Valley College campus under the eye of a TV camera.

Niko, as his friends call him, was followed around on campus by a TV crew 24/7 for a reality-type show that is broadcast in Germany.

Though Niko was born in Germany, he considers himself to be Serbian. His parents, both Serbians, moved to Frankfurt, Germany, right before he was born. He has lived there ever since, however, he always goes back to Serbia for the holidays.

At the age of 16, Niko found his passion for basketball at a street ball tournament under a project for young talents. It is the same passion that eventually brought him to Missouri Valley to play on the basketball team.

"If you go to college in Germany, you're done with sports," Niko said. He added that in Germany, college is taken as seriously as a job. "If you go to college, it consumes all your time and you should have no distractions." He didn't want to give up on basketball, so he searched for options.

This past July, Niko packed his bags

and decided to go to a trial camp in Miami, where coaches from all over the United States would be able to see him play.

He said the camp went pretty well. Niko made some new friends and got offers from 14 colleges. One of those new friends, Etjen Nako, who had accepted a scholarship to play at Missouri Valley, helped him make his final decision.

"It's a whole new world for me and I preferred having someone I knew over here," Niko said.

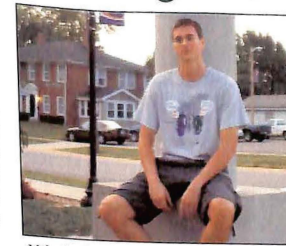
Niko and Etjen became good friends despite that their native countries, Serbia and Albania, have political issues.

"It's a war between politics, not the people," Niko said.

Six or seven other students from the camp also came to Valley.

The TV crew from Germany was with Niko for 10 days, including while he was at the camp. They followed him back to Germany and then to Missouri, catching all the details around his "coming to America" experience.

After arriving in Marshall, the crew captured his first week at Missouri Valley, which was a new experience



Nikola Radenkovic (Photo by Ralitsa Gospodinova)

for most of the campus.

"Most of the students were curious," said Carol Schupp, who works at the check-in counter at the cafeteria. "They seemed excited."

Although some people can be uncomfortable with cameras around, Niko didn't mind. "I don't have problems with cameras. However, sometimes they are annoying." Because the TV crew had a certain way of filming the story, Niko said that at times they were telling him what to do for the scenes they needed.

Niko said he is glad the film crew is gone now so he can concentrate on his studies and basketball.

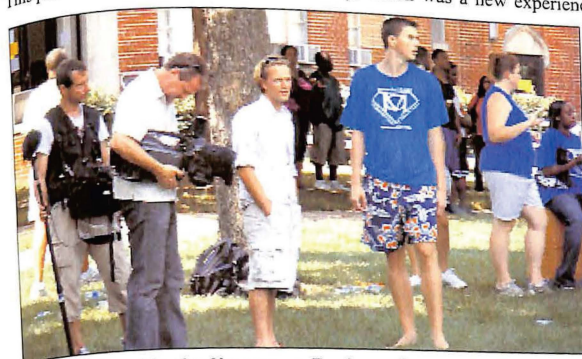
The show which will be broadcast in the German language will be airing in a month or two in Germany.

As a new college freshman in America and away from home, Niko said he misses his 9-year-old brother who he played basketball with and also misses German bread.

Many Germans watching Niko's show will be able to see aspects of student life at Missouri Valley College.

"This show is great exposure for the college," Schupp said.

For Niko, with the courage to leave home and to go into the unknown, he is a new Missouri Valley Viking, living out his dreams.



Niko is followed by the film crew at Freshmen Orientation.

Student profile: Lindsey Stapp

Story by Samuel Njuguna
February 2009

She is not your ordinary student. She is a stellar performer on and off the field.

Senior Lindsey Stapp, a Washington, Mo., native, is the winner of the Robert J. Greef Award. The award is given to a brilliant English major student willing to pursue teaching after graduation.

The award was given courtesy of the Missouri Association of Teachers of English (MATE). The award is named after former MATE President Robert J. Greef. The winning student must have attained a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 in English classes.

Stapp has a cumulative average of 4.0 in English and 3.969 overall GPA. She is also a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, and helps with editing the Purple Patch and tutoring Math and English. Stapp is the captain of the softball team, is an All-American honoree, and an Academic All-American.

The award ceremony will be on Feb. 27 at the Tan-Tar-A Restaurant at the Lake of the Ozarks. Stapp will be accepted on her behalf by English Professor Loren Gruber, who said Stapp embodies "service to others."

Stapp plans to be a high school English teacher and softball coach near her hometown, a few miles outside

of St. Louis. She also plans to study for her master's at the closest college.

Stapp talked about balancing sports and academics. "It is hard to juggle both, but I make sure I am organized with my priorities straight," Stapp said. "It is possible because I know what I am doing at different times."

Stapp is more than happy about the award. "I am excited because it will be good on my resume," Stapp said. "It is an honor that shows how hard I have worked."

Stapp recommends that students "go after what they like, and strive for the area they enjoy most," Stapp added. "Hard work pays off."

Stapp will be graduating in May and said her time in Valley had been great.

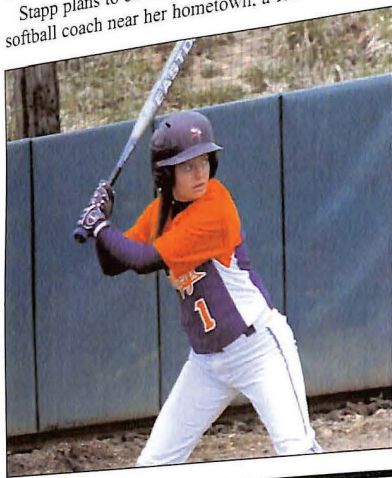
"I love the college," she said. "The faculty-student ratio in English classes is very good."

Stapp added, "Professors help in all areas and are approachable on a one-on-one basis."

Senior Rachel Veit, a Physical Education major from Westphalia, Mo., said it was amazing for Stapp to win the award.

"She works hard and deserves it," Veit said. "When she puts her mind to something, she gets it accomplished."

Veit added, "I wanted to transfer as a sophomore but came back because of her. She is the best friend I have ever had."



(Left) Lindsey Stapp bats during a softball game. (Above) Stapp with closest friend Rachel Veit at Murrell Library.

MVC Alum Spotlight: Arsenic Dream



Shaun Armbruster on bass guitar and Darren "Beazl" Beasley on drums. (Photo by Yalimar Vidal)

Review by Yalimar Vidal

The stage was set. The show went live with the drummer tapping out a sweet beat.

The bassist hit the floor with some cool-intense notes. The bass line ran with the drum beats like a steady beating heart.

Then it came: the moment everyone had been waiting for.

Arsenic Dream went live with a steady rock beat. The song was an alternative rock to metal mix. It picked up slowly with MVC alum Darren "Beazl" Beasley on the drums. He used light-rapid taps. Rata tat tat, boom boom, pow. He dropped it fast and hot. The fans screamed and jumped.

Then Josh, the lead vocalist, took the microphone and put it up to his mouth to talk to the crowd. He asked for a "Whoop" for their open-

ing band "Unseenhatred," then one for their managers and long time fans. The final one was dedicated to those who came out to support them that night.

A few seconds later the song truly began. The guitarists appeared. Then the bassist appeared. They played in unison like a mad music power house. The crowd roared as they introduced themselves as "Arsenic Dream."

It was a name that "wasn't used anywhere else," said Josh Larimore, lead vocalist with 23 years of experience. Beasley, the band's drummer, came up with it when they started searching for a name for the band.

Shaun "Fingers" Armbruster, the second MVC alum and bass guitarist, has been playing for 9 years. New member Shane "Tweeter"

Twenter plays the guitar as he has been doing for 6 years. Elykosnicki, also known as "The Koz," has been playing the guitar for 13 years.

They hope to go on a world tour some day and, with each concert, they truly are a step closer.

Beasley was also a radio personality here at KMVC 91.7. He hosted the late night alternative rock and metal hour.

Their music is currently being played at the KMVC radio station. Tune in for more on Arsenic Dream and your top 20 hits.

Their music is loud, riveting, and full of meaning. Their CD is a collection of their favorite new and old songs. If I had to give it a star rating, I would give it four out of five. Their music was definitely head-bang worthy, so give it a try.

Drumline



Front row: Nick Hern, Bradford Scott, Theresa Callanan, Yardley Lebrun, James Withers. Second row: Taylor Robinson, Veronica Allen, Jacques Toney, Montario Benjamin, Roger Guimont, Jeff McNair. (Page design and photos by Yalimar Vidal)

The Drumline's Goals

Play at four home games (two more than last year).

Support the Football team.

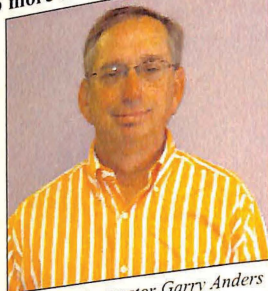
Turn the current band into a percussion ensemble.

March in the Homecoming Parade next year.

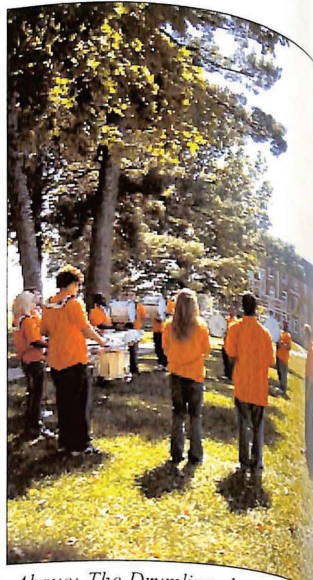
Perform at all the home games.

Increase their band size by 50 percent.

Coordinate their efforts with the cheerleading and dance teams better.

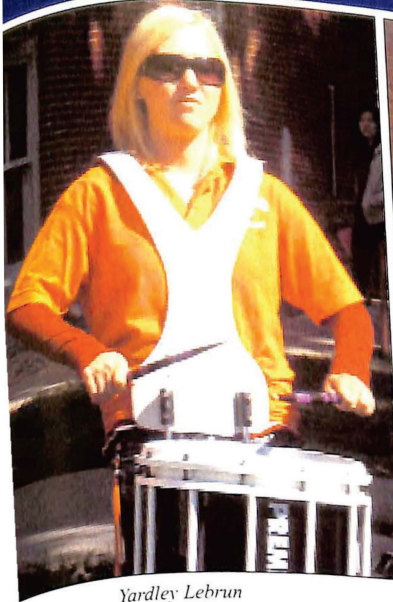


Drumline instructor Garry Anders



Above: The Drumline plays on the Quad with instructor Garry Anders.

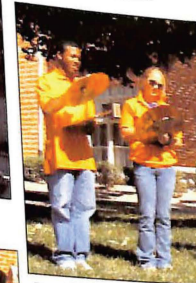
Drumline



Yardley Lebrun



Veronica Allen, Jacques Toney, Montario Benjamin, and Roger Guimont.



Bradford Scott and Theresa Callanan



James Withers and Jeff McNair.



Left: Taylor Robinson, Yardley Lebrun, and Nick Hern.

Photos by Yalimar Vidal



Having fun with a goofy pose



Drumline practices on the Quad

MVC GOLF

The MVC golf coach is Jim Anderson.



A Valley golfer prepares for a shot. (Photograph by Christopher Gobin)

MVC golfer Craig Gibson won a gold medal at the Heart of America Athletic Conference Championship in Lawrence, Kansas, in May 2009. Despite Gibson's individual victory, the Vikings lost to defending

champion Lindenwood, 918 to 93 points. (In golf, the lower the total score, the better the score.) Other MVC golfers at the event included senior Tanner Fennwald, junior Tyler Kasubek, and sophomores Devan Bestgen and Adam Novakowski.

The MVC women's golf team finished fourth in the Heart of America Athletic Conference Championship at Indian Foothills Golf Course in Marshall in late April.

The team total score was 377. Other team results: Lindenwood, with a total of 329, finished first; Avila University (335) was second; Baker University (350) was third. Finishing behind MVC were Graceland University, with 393, in fifth place; Culver-Stockton College, with 478, in sixth; and Evangel University (N.S.) For individual scores of the MVC golf team, Meghan Gauthier was tied for eighth with a score of 87. Other MVC team players were Leah Bartlett, Rachel Henke, Kalin Miles, and Kim Whitworth.

Cheerleaders and Dance Team

For 2009, the MVC Cheerleading team placed second at the Heart of America Athletic Spirit Squad Championships, and ninth in the UCA National Championships in Orlando, Florida.

The coach and captain of the team was senior Samantha Kendall.

In addition to Kendall, the team roster included Jessica Baker, Amanda Byerly, Anne DeBarr, Jordan Diggs, Dalen Harris, Kayla Howard, Lacey Hyatt, Tracie Kohn, Becca Markes, Amanda Marquette, Jordan Patrick, Shayla Pearman, Brittany Riffe, Jenna Robertson, Kristy Smotherman, Courtney Steffens, Sarah Stegall, and Sarah Vallez.

The head coach for the MVC Dance team is Landon Alexander.

The dance team members are Ciara Bonds, sophomore from St. Louis; Ashlen Bryant, freshman from St. Louis; Lindsey Crowe, freshman from Hermann, Mo.; Jasmine Hardwick, freshman from Detroit; Brenton Jeffery, freshman from Lawson, Mo.; Charlique Rolle, freshman from Freeport, Bahamas; and Jessica Shobe, junior from DeSoto, Mo.



Cheerleaders at the Homecoming bonfire. (Photograph by Phillip Hamer)

Soldiers for Christ

Story and photos by Katie Kimble

The Soldiers for Christ (SFC), a student-led organization, welcomes new members. Many MVC students have found friendship and worship through the organization.

At each meeting, the SFC joins together listening to music and worshipping God.

Each Tuesday someone steps up to lead the Bible study and talk about their feelings concerning spirituality.

The SFC has been busy this year. During Freshman Orientation, they handed out popsicles to the freshman teams during the relay races and other events, said Leah Jenkins, a leader of SFC.

Another activity included the Root Beer Kegger on Sept. 25. The group handed out root beer floats and even had a live band from Booneville.

Freshman Lauren McDonald has attended every week she said. McDonald said it helps her stay close to God since this is her first year away from home.

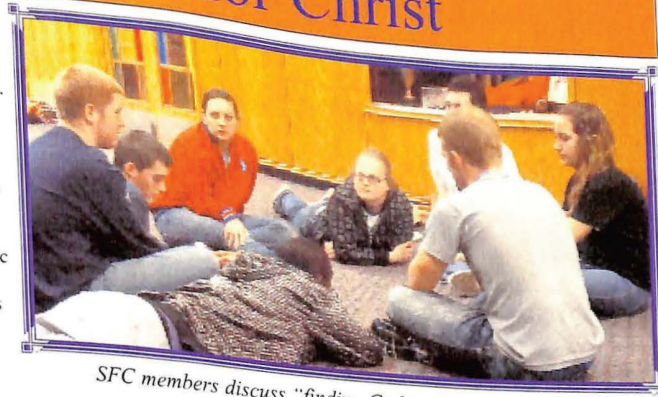
She also said she enjoys being around other Christians and people with the same values.

Junior Kris Scoville has been involved with SFC since he was a freshman at Valley.

Scoville is one of the leaders of SFC and said it is a great organization with great fellowship. He describes it as "having fun while getting in the word of God".

Scoville said he enjoys SFC and learning what God has in store for his life and other people's lives.

Senior Michael Mitchell, the president of SFC, has been involved with the SFC for a long time.



SFC members discuss "finding God in the silence."

Mitchell often leads the Bible study and is very much involved with the Crucifixion re-enactment that takes place on the quad in the spring around Easter.

He said that leading the Bible study is simple but it still requires a lot of work. Mitchell said the hardest part is "knowing where God wants to lead the group".

The group is so diverse, it is often hard to lead all of them, Mitchell said. However, God is good and always gives the speakers the words to lead, he said.

T.C. Farrar, a 19-year-old sophomore, likes to call going to SFC his "Biblical adventure" and said it is a place to meet great people.

Ashley Williams, another leader of SFC, said they worship, sing, and play games. It is a good time with good people, said Williams. "I have met my best friends through SFC," added Williams.

Jordan Williams, a junior and leader of SFC at Missouri Valley, has also been involved with SFC for several years.

Jordan said SFC tries to be an outlet for students to experience God. They have modern worship music as

well as inspirational videos, Williams said.

There is no denominational preference; anyone who follows Christ and wants to join is welcome, he said.

Jordan also said he wants to "see God move on this campus." He hopes the students can realize the blessings God has for their life.

Jenkins said anyone is welcome, "We love to see new faces."

The SFC has big plans for this fall and upcoming spring. Look for the students of SFC handing out hot chocolate on the cold days.

The SFC will be working with the Salvation Army in the coming weeks to ring the bells outside Wal-Mart.

In the spring, the SFC has plans to invite Christian bands for a big worship night.

The Soldiers for Christ is a student-led organization that welcomes all students wanting to learn more about God and meet new people with the same interests.

The group meets every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Ferguson Center in the Formal Lounge just down the hall from the Campus Affairs Office.

Alpha Sigma Alpha

Story by Matt Ellis

Alpha Sigma Alpha is an active sorority at Missouri Valley College that was first established on campus on September 30, 1967. The ladies of Alpha Sigma Alpha are involved in a variety of activities.

Some of the activities include clothing drives, bake sales, and donating canned goods to the Lighthouse Shelter during Halloween. They also have a Breast Cancer Walk during the middle of the year.

Each year, Alpha Sigma Alpha experiences new pledges willing to put in maximum time and effort to become an Alpha Sigma Alpha member. This year, Alpha Sigma Alpha had seven pledges



Panellenic Service Award, and they have the honor of having the 2008 "Greek Woman of the Year."

The women of Alpha Sigma Alpha are also involved in the day-to-day activities of going to class to helping with Freshmen Orientation.

Alpha Sigma Alpha currently has 21 active members and eight different officers who have contributed large amounts of time and effort toward Missouri Valley College.

in the spring and 15 in the fall semester.

Alpha Sigma Alpha has also earned awards in the recent past. Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority was the winner of Greek Week.

The current president of Alpha Sigma Alpha is Ashley Grindstaff who has multiple vice presidents. They are Ashlee Bestgen, Kim Smith, Megan Abramczyk, and Nikki Hyland.

Alpha Sigma Alpha Creed

To fill my days with satisfying activity,
To find dominant beauty in art, literature, nature, and friendships,
To know the peace and serenity of a divine faith,
To love life and joyously live each day to its ultimate good—
This is my creed in Alpha Sigma Alpha.

-Wilma Wilson Sharp



Theta Phi Alpha

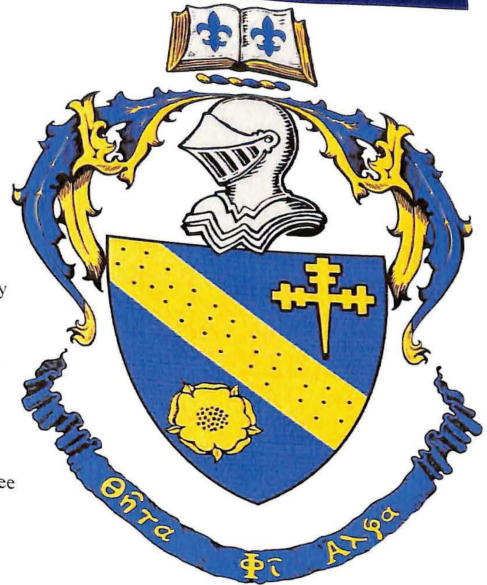
Story and page design by Matt Ellis

Theta Phi Alpha was established on the Missouri Valley College campus in 1996. Though Theta Phi Alpha hasn't been on campus as long as some of the other Greek organizations, the sorority ladies still are active in different types of activities around campus.

Last semester, some of the events the Theta Phi Alpha ladies participated in were highway cleanup around Marshall, Psychology Club, and Business Fraternity. This semester, the sorority planned on participating in highway cleanup again and also donating food for needy families.

Last spring, there weren't as many pledges as the sorority had hoped for but they still had two. This fall, Theta Phi Alpha had a better turn-out with 18 pledges.

The current active sorority members are President Anne DeBarr, Vice President Talya Barr, Secretary Mary Kimmel, Treasurer Jamee Watson, Pledge Educator Ashley Karle with assistant Heather Shomaker, and Panellenic Board Vice President Megan Moniz.



Theta Phi Alpha flag football



Theta Phi Alpha Creed

Justice to each fellow man,
Wisdom in each deed and plan,
Loyalty to every friend,
Faith that sorrow can transcend,
Truth to God and truth to self,
Honor valued over wealth,
This is the creed that in us lies,
The creed of loyal Theta Phis.
The white rose for its purity,
The sapphire blue for loyalty,
The compass for its needle sure,
That holds our course firm and secure,
The silver for a precious faith,
That knows no end not even death,
This is the creed that in us lies,
The creed of loyal Theta Phis.

Department of Theatre, Music & Dance
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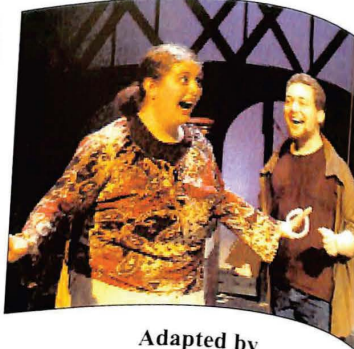


Lights... Camera... Action!
It's Working!

Based on Studs Turkel's best-selling book of interviews with American workers, *"Working"* paints a vivid portrait of the extraordinary men and women who are so often taken for granted.



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Adapted by
Stephen Schwartz & Nina Faso
Directed By Wade S. Hughes

- Production Team**
- Music Director.....Diana Malan
 - Scene Designer.....Jamie Lindemann
 - Costume Designer.....Casey McNamara
 - Lighting Designer.....Harold Hynick
 - Sound Designer.....Jamie Lindemann
 - Choreographer.....Janie Ross
 - Technical Director.....Jamie Lindemann
 - Stage Manager.....Derek Petifurd
 - Props Master.....Kate Reuter
 - Master Electrician.....Jacki Anderson
 - Asst. Stage Manager.....Janie Ross
 - Asst. Lighting Designer.....Jacki Anderson
 - Light Board Operator.....Trumayne Clayton
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 - Costume Run Crew.....Carrie Palmer & Sarah Webb

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'THE GLASS MENAGERIE'

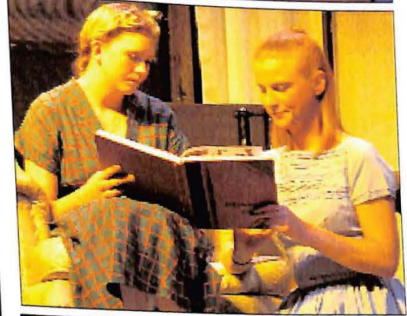
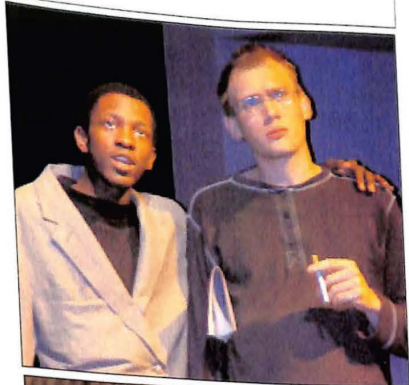
Directed by Harold Hynick

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- Amanda.....Sarah Webb
- Laura.....Jessica Swanson
- Jim.....Sequan Davison
- Male Understudy.....Brenton Jeffrey
- Felame Understudy....Carrie Palmer

Production Team

- Scene Designer.....Jamie Lindemann
- Costume Designer.....Sulma Caballero
- Lighting Designer.....Jessie Greenfield
- Sound Designer.....Jacki Andersen
- Technical Director.....Jamie Lindemann
- Stage Manager.....Casey McNamara
- Props Master.....Derek Petifurd
- Master Electrician.....Jacki Andersen
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- Light Board Operator.....Bradford Scott
- Sound Board Operator.....Joshua Schwartz
- Run Crew.....Joie Young & Cydney Carl



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'AIN'T NOTHIN' QUICK 'N EASY'

Directed by Jamie Lindemann

Cast:

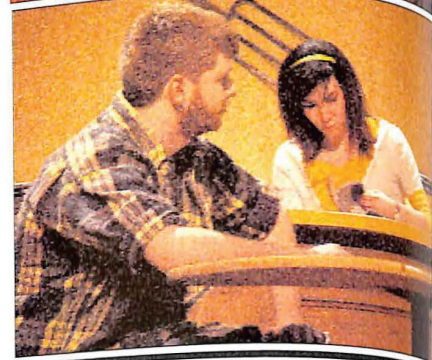
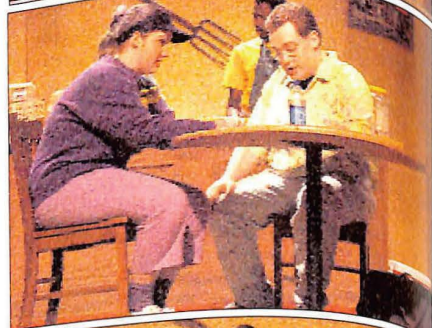
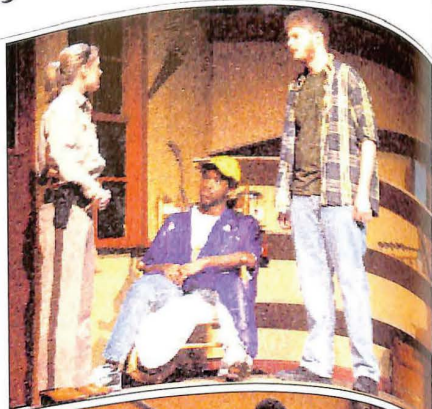
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- Ellie Dee.....Samantha Duquette
- Sexton Bryant.....Lance Weinhardt
- Jenny Wolf.....Joie Young
- "Milk" Weberman.....T.C. Farrar
- Tod "The Rod".....Bradford Scott
- Archibald Barker.....Casey McNamara

Production Team

- Scene Designer.....Jamie Lindemann
- Costume Designer.....Casey McNamara
- Lighting Designer.....Jacki Andersen
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- Ass't Costume Designer...Alli Lindemann
- Ass't Master Electrician...Charliques Rolle
- Light Board Operator.....Charliques Rolle
- Sound Board Operator.....Cristian Wilson
- Run Crew.....Sarah Webb

Aint Nothin' Quick 'N Easy: Life is set to change in Last Chance, Missouri. On the last night of operation for the local general store, the locals meet to catch up on old times and consider the future of their way of life.

(Photos by Yalimar Vidal)



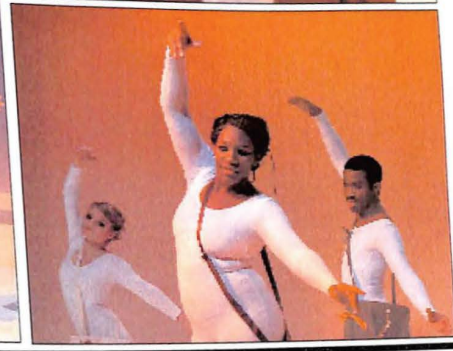
'FROG & TOAD'

Directed By Wade S. Hughes
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- Toad.....Lance Weinhart
- Snail.....Casey McNamara
- Lady Bird 1.....Kloee Shipp
- Lady Bird 2.....Samantha Duquette

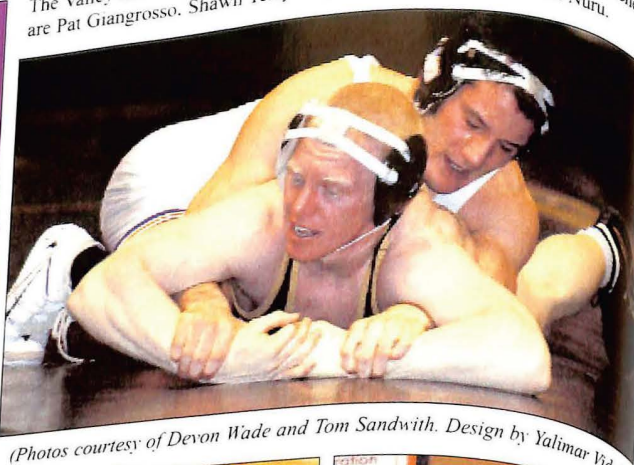
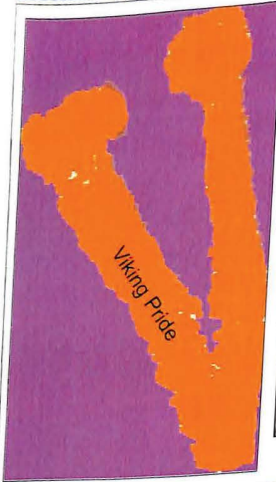
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Men's Wrestling

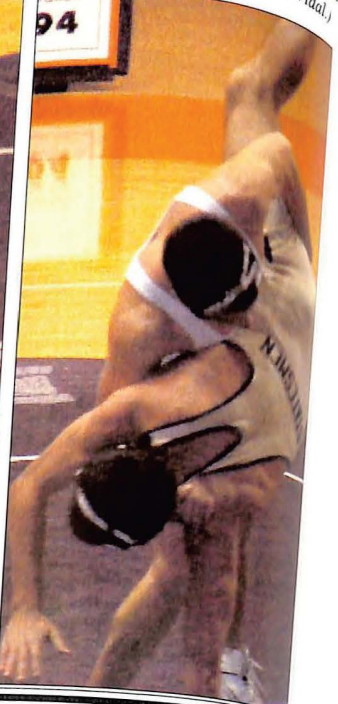
The Valley men's wrestling head coach is Mike Machholz. Assistant coaches are Pat Giangrosso, Shawn Terryberry, Tony Eierman, and Adam Nuru.



(Photos courtesy of Devon Wade and Tom Sandwith. Design by Yalimar Vidal.)



Top right: Eric Graham (MVC) wrestles an opponent from University of Missouri (Mizzou). Above: MVC wrestler Billy Exline gets a takedown. Right: MVC wrestler tosses opponent (gold singlet) during a dual meet.

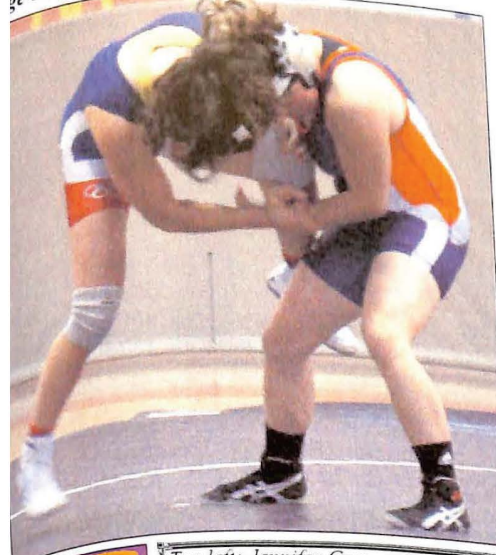


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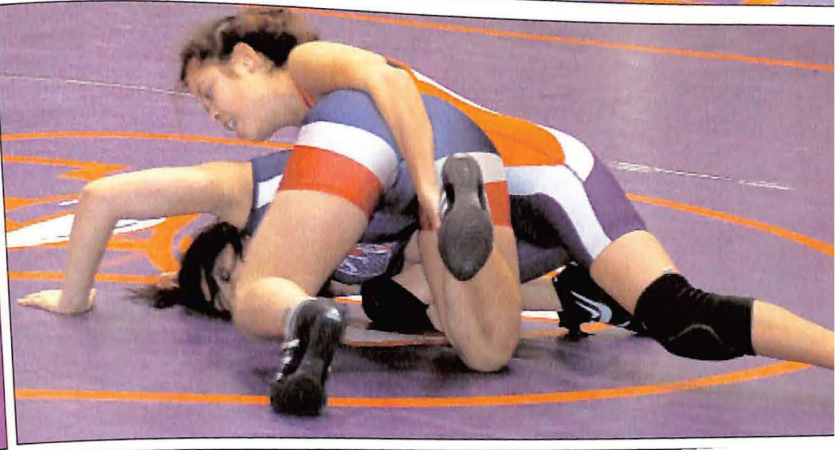
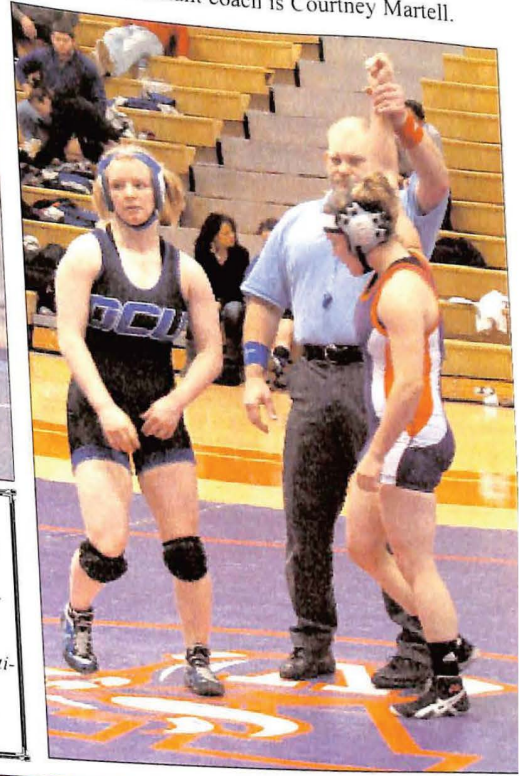
Women's Wrestling

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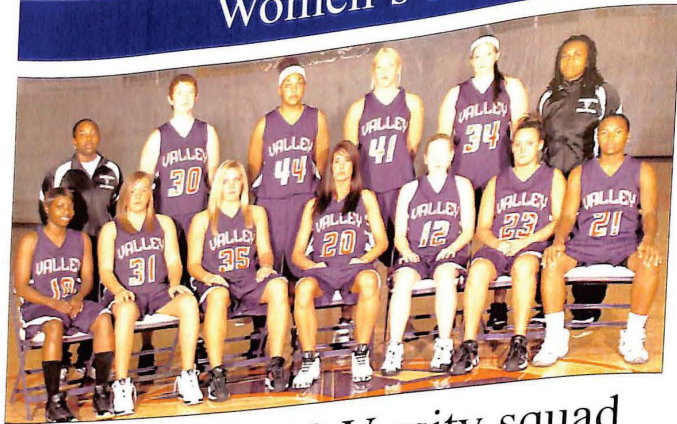
The MVC Women's Wrestling coach is Carl Murphree. Assistant coach is Courtney Martell.



Top left: Jennifer Germany goes in for a knee pick during a dual meet. Right: Jennifer Germany announced as the winner of the match. Below: Stephanie Putnam takes control of her opponent during the Women's National competition. MVC was chosen to host the competition this year. (Photos courtesy of David Roberts, Devon Wade, and Phillip Hamer.)



Women's Basketball



The 2008-2009 Varsity squad

New coaches, new jerseys, and a new year. The lady Vikings of basketball were ready for a change. Coached by last year's varsity assistant coach Jolene Christensen, the team faced its challenges.

Going 10 strong, these young ladies did not quit. They received the help of assistant coach Casandra Renno, who played NCAA Division One basketball and had some experience overseas.



(Above and right) Women basketball players in action at different tournaments.



Head Coach
Jolene Christensen



Graduate
Assistant Coach
Casandra Renno



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Men's Varsity Basketball Highlights



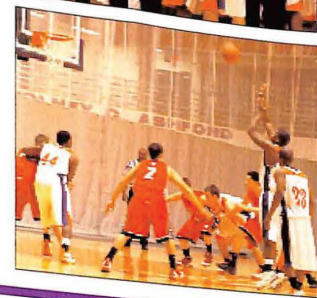
Head Coach Chad Lance

2008 - 2009 Scores!

Missouri Baptist College	W 75-64
Harris Stowe State Univ.	W 85-61
Hannibal LaGrange Coll.	W 72-47
Missouri Baptist College	L 68-61
Columbia College	L 73-60
Univ. of Central Mo.	L 96-63
Culver-Stockton College	W 70-66
Central Methodist Univ.	L 73-59
William Jewell College	L 61-59
Hannibal LaGrange Coll.	W 72-62
Drury University	L 84-45
Eastern Illinois Univ.	L 80-51
Lindenwood	L 78-73 (OT)
MidAmerica Nazarene	L 81-66
Evangel	L 66-71 (OT)
Avila	L 80-71
Baker	W 81-67
Graceland	L 86-74
Benedictine	W 83-71
Central Methodist	L 70-68
William Jewell	L 57-77
Columbia College	L 73-49
Culver-Stockton	W 56-50 (2OT)
William Woods	W 82-57
Lindenwood	L 57-62
MidAmerica Nazarene	L 66-100
Evangel	L 71-79
Avila	W 83-72
Baker	W 77-63
Graceland	L 92-99
Benedictine	L 61-66



(From top, clockwise) Vikings and opponents at tip-off; Vikings at the sidelines during a timeout; and Brandon Toliver hits free throws.



(First row, from left): Roy Giles, Melvin Roberts, Bryant Porter, Josh Boswell, Craig Jones, Jelani Hicks, and Caleb Moon.
(Back row, from left): Rouven Haenig, Roc Rogers, Jon Ringstaff, Brandon Toliver, Bryan Corley, Patrick McDermott, James Devault.

Viking Softball



2008-2009 Missouri Valley College Softball Team

Missouri Valley College Head Coach Josh Miller and Assistant Coach Stephanie Hey were named the NAIA Midwest Region Softball Coaching Staff of the Year, according to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association in June.

Miller has been with the Vikings for two seasons. The MVC Softball team enjoyed a record-setting year as Vikings won 34 games and the Heart of America Conference Tournament championship.

That victory meant the Vikings advanced to the national championship tournament for the first time in the college's history. At the tournament, the Vikings compiled a 1-2 record in play. (Information provided by Tom Sandwith of MVC Sports Information.)



Assistant Coach Stephanie Hey has a conference on the field with her infielders.

The Viking softball team goes to the national championship tournament for the first time in MVC's history. (Photo courtesy of MVC Sports Information)



Page design by Matt Ellis

Baseball

MVC baseball players earn HAAC honors

Three MVC Baseball team players earned Heart of America Athletic recognition for the 2009 season. Pitcher Joaquin Lopez, a senior from Eugene, Oregon, was selected for the second all-conference team. He was 5-6 with a 4.55 earned-run average, threw two shut-outs, and led the pitching for the Vikings with 65.1 innings and 47 strike-outs. Center fielder George Ban, a sophomore from El Grove, Calif., was also named to the second team.

With a .349 batting average, he had a .603 hitting percentage with 16 doubles, three triples, and five home runs, and 32 runs batted in. First baseman Jay Walkup, a junior from Tacoma, Wash., was an honorable-mention selection, with a batting record of .348 with three home runs, 31 RBIs, and 29 runs scored.

The MVC Baseball coach is Chris Shotwell and the assistant coach is Eric Norbut.



From left: MVC Viking Baseball player Ricardo LeClaire prepares to run from first base; pitcher Jer Atkinson; and catcher Andy Chamberlin.

Late-breaking summer news about the MVC Softball Team

Vikings honored by HAAC

The MVC Softball Team, the Heart of America Athletic Conference tournament champion, had four players honored by the league. In June, juniors Tatum Hathecock and Janae Borrego were chosen for the all-HAAC first team, while senior Kimberly Fuller and junior Wendy Garcia were second-team selections. The MVC team defeated a number one team from Evangel University to advance to the HAAC championship.

First ever championship game played

The MVC Softball Team defeated a Northwood University team from Texas 7-4 in the final game of pool play at the 2009 NAIA Softball National Championships in Decatur, Alabama in May. It was the first ever game at NAIA championships for the MVC Softball Team.

The pitchers were senior Alana Bentz and freshman Janie Jungermann. It was the final game for seniors Bentz, Kristine Escujuri, Kimberly Fuller, Tatum Hathcock, Esperanza Reyes, Heather Sliger, and Lindsey Stapp.

The team finished its 2009 season with a record of 34-23.

Tennis

Women's team wins first HAAC tourney

The MVC Women's Tennis team won its first ever Heart of America Athletic Conference tournament in Marshall in late April.

On that Friday of play, MVC Vikings Davina Holtfreter, a freshman from Hamburg, Germany, and Lindsay Tworek, a junior from Columbus, Neb., won in the double matches. Winning in singles matches were Holtfreter; Elanqua Griffin, a freshman from Nassau, Bahamas; Tershelle Burrows, a freshman from Nassau, Bahamas; Juliana Doyle, a freshman from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Nicki Erickson, a senior from Marshall.

In the finals play on that Saturday, the Vikings defeated the number one seed William Jewell College with the lady Vikings winning two of the three doubles matches. In singles play, MVC players who won included Nicki Erickson, Davina Holtfreter, and Lindsay Tworek.

The victory sent the Lady Vikings to the 29th annual NAIA National Tennis Championship in Mobile, Alabama, in May. The team was eliminated in the first round.

MEN'S TEAM

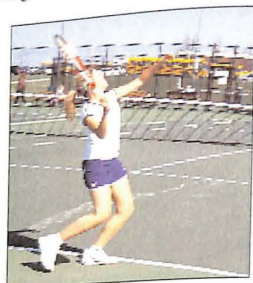
The MVC men's tennis team lost to William Jewell College during the HAAC tournament action. The team from Graceland University won the conference championship.

TENNIS COACH

The coach for both the women's and men's tennis teams is Ryan Carney.



Viking women's tennis players go to nationals. (Photo by Ralitsa Gospodinova)



Roster 2008-2009:

Women's Tennis Team: Shruti Bedi, Tershelle Burrows, Juliana Doyle, Nicki Erickson, Elanqua Griffin, Davina Holtfreter, Synde Parkhurst, Jayne Pettigrew, Alyssa Stock, Lindsay Tworek, Amanda Whited.

Men's Team: Alain Antoine, Derek Gillilan, Diego Malaga, Daniel Rhoades, Alvar Ribalta, Jason Rolle, Marko Vulovic.

Viking in the 2008 Olympics

Story by April Stottlemyre

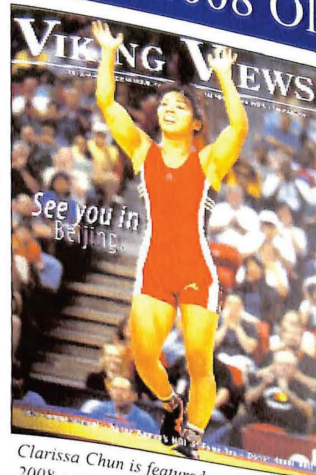
Standing at a just 4'11", MSNBC noted that Clarissa Chun was the second shortest U.S. Olympic athlete on the 2008 team, coming in behind gymnast Shawn Johnson at 4'8".

In 2001, while only six American universities and colleges had varsity teams, women's wrestling was one of the fastest growing sports for women.

The Missouri Valley College program was the first scholarship program in the nation.

Chun was one of the first women to wrestle for the Vikings in 2001, a standout for the Vikings in 2001, the year the women won the U.S. National Championship.

"It was a great program and it's funny because it was a new program and there were a bunch of us girls, most of who were on boy's teams and never had been on an all-girls team before." Chun recently



Clarissa Chun is featured on the Summer 2008 cover of Viking Views magazine.

said in an interview for Missouri Valley's alumni magazine Viking Views.

Chun made the decision to leave

Missouri Valley College when the International Olympic Committee decided to include women's wrestling in the 2004 Olympics and opened a women's wrestling program at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Chun didn't make the U.S. team for the 2004 Athens games, but she didn't give up then. In the 2008 trials, Chun knocked off long-time rival Patricia Miranda to earn a trip to Beijing.

From Hawaii to Missouri and from Judo to wrestling, Chun has experienced a variety of success.

Clarissa was a Mass Communication major at Valley and a writer for the Delta.

"She was a very good student, very sweet," said David Roberts, assistant professor of Mass Communication. "She was petite. It always surprised me that she was a wrestler."

Missouri Valley and NASCAR



Driver Mark Green by the #70 Biomet/Foretravel Nationwide car.

Each year, hundreds of Missouri Valley students load into buses and head to Kansas City to work at the NASCAR fundraiser. This year, Missouri Valley College had its logo on one of the cars.

ML Motorsports teamed up with Missouri Valley College last weekend at The Kansas Lottery 300. According to mlracing.com, Mark Green, driver of car number 70, Biomet/Foretravel Motorcoach Chevy, carried the school's logo on the deck lid and TV panel.

ML Motorsports co-owner Stephany Mullen as well as her husband, Team President Ed Mullen, graduated from Missouri Valley College. Stephany Mullen and her mother founded ML Motorsports in 1998.

Men's wrestling coach Mike Machholz is the coordinator for the MVC fundraising event.

The fundraiser usually raises about \$50,000 for Missouri Valley athletic programs.

Rodeo

Muddy arena doesn't keep cowboys down

Despite the muddiest arena in recent memory, the MVC Men's Rodeo Team took first place at the Valley Stampede Rodeo in September with 750 total points. The Tennessee-Martin men's team was second at the rodeo at the Marshall fair grounds.

The MVC Women's Rodeo Team came in second

with 330 total points. The Southern Arkansas women's team took first place.

Because of the constant rain, the arena was extremely muddy. Participating cowboys and cowgirls were covered with mud by the end of each event.

Eleven qualify for national rodeo competition

In the 61st National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., in June 2009, Jake Shaw and Will Smith competed in the final round.

Jake Shaw, a junior from Cocoa, Florida, had the fastest time in the steer wrestling competition going into the finals, with a 3.9 second time in the first round. He completed the three rounds of steer wrestling in seventh place to qualify for the short round. In the short round, Shaw

posted a no-time and finished in 11th place. Shaw also competed in the tie-down roping and finished 22nd and took fifth in the All-Around.

Will Smith, a sophomore from Luyoff, S.C., completed his three rounds in saddle bronc riding, tied for 11th to qualify for the short round. In the short round, he posted a 70.5 score to finish in 10th place in the championship.

Of the more than 400 student-athletes competing for a national championship, MVC qualified 11 student-athletes for the competition.

Besides Shaw and Smith, other MVC rodeo competitors were Kyle Brennecke, James Earl Carter, Adam Gilchrist, Will Crain, Brady Wilson, Kallie Agre, Katie Kimble, Amy Adametz, and Krista Staley.

The coach is Ken Mason.

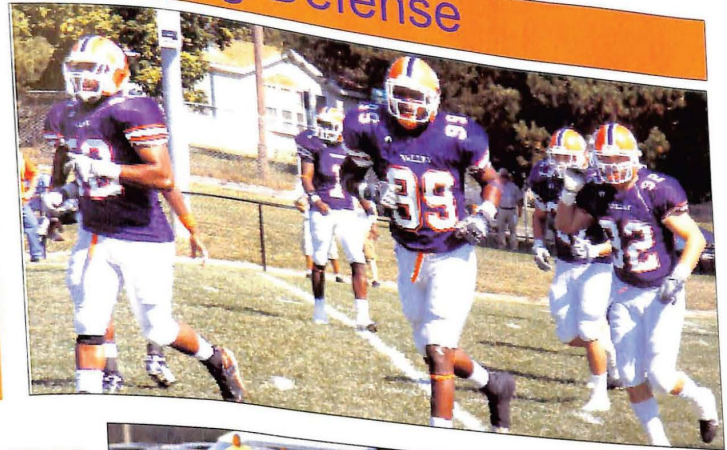
Mason named Coach of Year

Ken Mason, coach of the MVC Viking Rodeo Team, was named 2009 "Coach of the Year" for the Ozark Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association in late April.

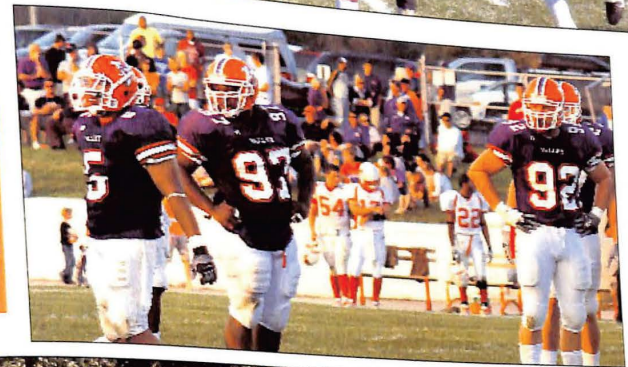


Viking Defense

Defenders (from left to right) Corey Apperson, Jacoby Lindsey, Jesse Suttman, and Larry Wenzel exit the field after an excellent defensive series.

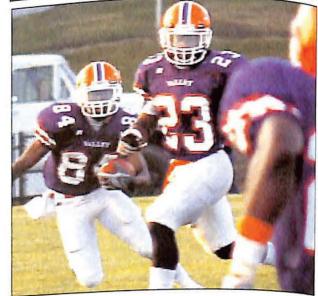
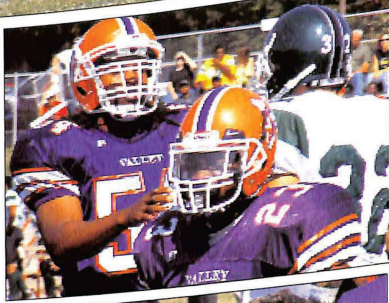
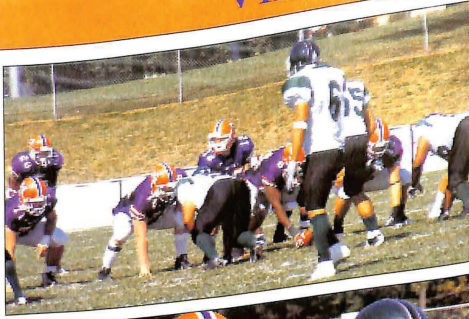


(From left to right) Seane Sewelo, Merlin Benefield, and Al-American Larry Wenzel look toward the sidelines to receive the incoming call from defensive coordinator Coach Roe.



Seniors Billy Atlas and Correy Webb get on the same page before the upcoming play.

Viking Offense



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Viking Offense

clock wise, from top right)
 Sophomore Quarterback Chris
 White, Senior Running Back
 Robert Holmes, and Senior
 Offensive Lineman Nick Peker
 ready to run the next play;
 Senior Running Back Robert

Holmes explodes through the
 line to stiff arm the defender;
 Freshman Running Back Junior
 Allen gets ready to block for
 Senior Receiver Javion Jones;
 Seniors Trevor Howard,
 Jermaine Solomon, and Nick

Peker chill out after another
 great offensive series; Junior
 Bryan Crayton gives Freshman
 Junior Allen a pat on the helmet
 after a great punt return, and the
 Vikings offense gets ready to
 take a stab at the end zone.

Honors and Awards

Heart of America Football Honors

- First Team Offense
 -Robert Holmes, Senior Running Back
 -Nick Peker, Senior Offensive Lineman
 -Junior Allen, Freshman Running Back
 Third Team Offense
 -Bryan Blackley, Sophomore Running Back
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 -Larry Wentzel, Senior Defensive Lineman
 -Moamoa Palepale, Junior Defensive Back
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 -Jacory Lindsey, Senior Defensive Lineman
 -Soame Sevelo, Senior Linebacker

- Correy Webb, Senior Defensive back
 -Tevita Williams, Senior Defensive back
 First Team Special Teams
 Honorable Mention
 -Adrian Trevino, Junior Kicker Punter
 -Billy Atlas, Senior Linebacker
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 -Jermaine Solomon, Senior Offensive Lineman
 -Javion Jones, Senior Wide Receiver
 Second Team Defense
 -Merlin Benefield, Junior Defensive Lineman
 -Colin Smith, Junior Linebacker.

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9/20	William Jewel	Home	W44-17
9/27	Evangel	Springfield, MO	W47-10
10/4	Central Methodist	Home	W35-0
10/18	MidAmerica Nazarene	Olathe, KS	L43-25
10/25	Avila (Homecoming)	Home	W41-10
11/1	Baker	Baldwin City, KS	L26-22
11/8	Culver-Stockton	Home	W59-7
11/15	Lindenwood	St. Charles, MO	L21-18

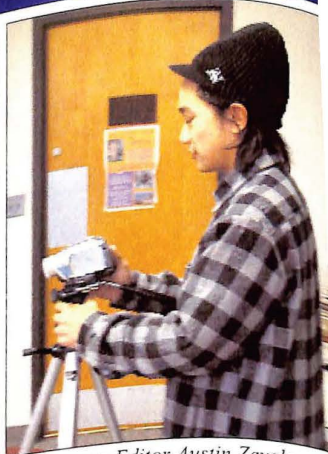
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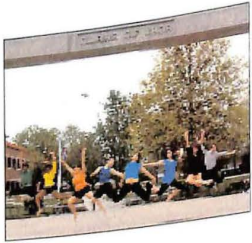
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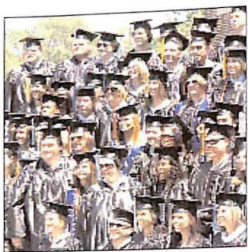
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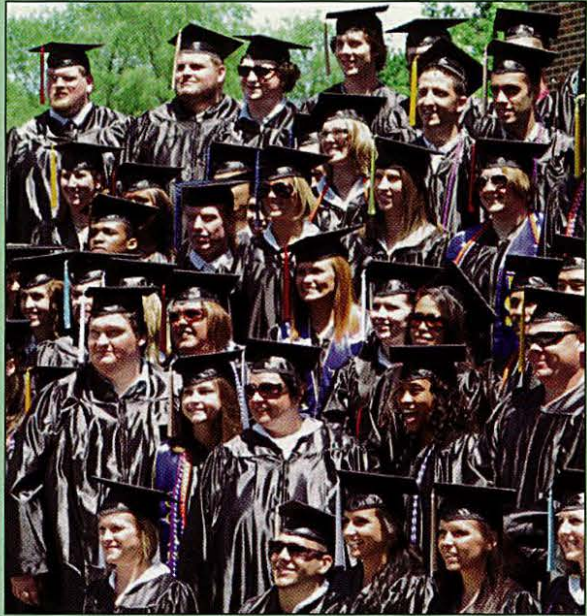
MVC soccer goalkeeper Igor Lima
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ROT members during Veterans
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