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Cowboy up, Valley!

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New club to help needy school children

Samuel Njuguna

DELTA COMMENTARY

School children in many parts of Africa are faced with challenges unlike those living in industrialized nations.

From walking to school on barefoot, to borrowing writing utensils to having no library for additional academic resources, these overwhelming challenges have led to higher dropouts rates among students.

With the government unable to fund schools, students are also forced to study in dilapidated buildings that are not conducive with proper study conditions.

With a good educational foundation, these students can grow up to be professionals and subsequently help improve the well-being of the country and face the challenges of 21st century, just like most students in America.

As a young boy growing up in rural Kenya and attending one such school,

I know the pain of seeing my fellow classmates not able to reach their academic goals because of circumstances that can be avoided.

By God's grace, I got the opportunity to finish my primary and secondary education and I am now a graduate of MVC. Some of these students can also explore their learning potential if given the opportunity.

The latest club at Missouri Valley

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Letter to the editors

Student voices concerns about discrimination

Dear Editors,

Heterophobia. Surprisingly enough, such a word doesn't really exist in the English language. Not yet anyway.

What is there to fear when you fit in with society's standard of "normal sexuality"?

Nothing really; however, there seems to be a common dislike or fear, whichever it may be, towards people who are attracted to the same sex.

This is called homophobia: fear of or contempt for lesbians and gay men, as defined by the American Heritage College Dictionary fourth edition.

Imagine being made to feel so uncomfortable that you can't act normal, for fear of being verbally tormented or physically beaten or abused; not to mention the fear of being murdered. Imagine not being able to show your affection to the one whom you feel dearly or strongly because it's inappropriate.

Yet, on television, there is sex, murder, and violence portrayed in the news and entertainment.

It is glorified, and yet it isn't a homosexual who does this. At least it isn't known to be chiefly caused by homosexuals.

They don't have that much power. But two men want to get married and society is on the verge of a meltdown. This is ludicrous!

To think that women's suffrage, meaning women were given equal rights, occurred in the early 20th century, and African-Americans were granted equal rights in the late 1960s, we think we have done well and have made progress against discrimination. We think of ourselves as civilized, yet can we pat ourselves on the back when for millennia there has been an ongoing stigma against gay people or lesbians? What about them? They have seen and felt oppression since biblical times to the present with little relief offered.

Discrimination is still present across the board for women, ethnic groups, and people of a different sexual orientation.

Slowly but surely more people are becoming bold; they are

coming out at younger ages, and yet some aren't quite compelled to be completely out.

On the other hand, that is at the discretion of the individual. If they would like to be frank about it, that is their choice or if they decide to just tell a select and trusted few, that, in my book, is equally respectable.

But in no way do I believe that any parent should have to bury their child from either having been bullied, bashed or from suicide. I am only one individual, but I know that I am not alone in feeling like this.

Who is it then that should really be feared? The homosexual who is feared for being different or the heterosexual oppressor? Not all heterosexuals are bad, just like not all homosexuals are bad. But the few bad ones make it difficult for a human being to feel normal. If ever there was a reverse discrimination, it would be described as heterophobia: The fear of or contempt towards people who are attracted to the opposite sex. Only it wouldn't be because of their sexual orientation that they are feared; no, they would be feared and discriminated for their prejudice.

But what makes it okay to be prejudiced against someone who is prejudiced? Both are technically in the wrong. It is this attitude that creates less peace and tolerance.

What makes it okay for one group of people to be allowed to have legal rights that others are denied? I am disgusted that I am told I live in a country of the free and a land of opportunity, but there isn't true freedom.

There are only opportunities for those that are readily accepted according to our society's standards. This double standard society we live in makes me angry.

The "Sure it's okay for you but not them" attitude. And yet will I be heard? Who knows?

Hopefully, there will be a day in this country that all will be honored by the U.S. Constitution where it says, "that all men are created equal."

—Jay Miller, Psychology and English

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ADA Services at MVC

Students come forward for help with their studies

Megan Shepherd
DELTA STAFF WRITER

The college experience is already a challenging one for every student and there is no reason to make it more difficult by not seeking help, said ADA Coordinator Jamie Gold.

ADA stands for Americans with Disabilities Act. It is "the most comprehensive federal civil-rights statute protecting the rights of people with disabilities," according to an ADA website (www.adata.org).

Missouri Valley College has been offering students ADA services ever since it became a federal law. A student is ADA eligible if he or she falls into any one of the categories specified in that law. The student must provide documentation from a credible source and ADA services works with the student from that point.

Gold said, "I just really think it is critical that students understand that they're not going to be labeled. There's not a negative stigma attached

to it; it's simply a way of creating greater equity for success for them and they should by all means take advantage of it."

At Missouri Valley College, "our job basically is to level the playing field for all students," said Gold, adding that "we all learn differently."

Gold said some students have different challenges and obstacles that they face in terms of their college education and ADA is a way of leveling that playing field.

Gold said currently about 30 students are receiving assistance from the ADA services. "I think we've had a lot of success."

The ADA services at Missouri Valley College have had such an impact on students who have come forward for help in the past that around 85 percent of the students return, Gold said, adding, "That's a pretty good return retention rate."

Gold said that "providing a quiet environment is one of the biggest things." She said she has seen stu-

dents struggle in the classroom to take an exam simply because they are distracted.

Along with providing environments, the services may allow some students extended times on tests or have their tests read to them orally or be able to respond orally rather than written.

If a student is hearing-impaired, ADA services will work to make sure that student can be seated at the front of the classroom in order to hear the professor better.

ADA services will also make sure that the student is provided with some form of the lecture if professors do not write on the board. Hearing-impaired students also may be provided with scribes--someone to take notes for them--or be allowed to take a tape recorder to class.

Students with mobility issues may face some challenges on campus. However, ADA services are doing what it can to accommodate these students.

"It's not a challenge just for them,

but it's a challenge for us as well and we work really hard to make every reasonable accommodation that we can for those students," Gold said.

Some accommodations include a newly added ramp placed outside of MacDonald Hall and inside the building. Gold added if there is a building that is not accessible to a student, their class is moved into a classroom that is accessible."

For those who are still timid about speaking to their professors about needing special accommodations, Gold offers some encouragement. "We all learn differently and there's nothing wrong with that. There's no one right way."

Gold said, "Students need to recognize that they have to be their own advocate first and foremost."

Gold encourages students to come forward because ADA services "can't do anything for them or with them until they have requested help and shown that documentation."



WISE WITH CREDIT

Using credit wisely was the focus of advice for the Freshmen Seminar classes from Cynthia Crawford (left) and Mike Ravenscraft (above center, wearing the Viking horns), family financial education specialists for the University of Missouri Extension. It's O.K. to go into debt for college, as long as the student gets a degree, Crawford said.

Viking Stampede Rodeo results

Best Results given from the Vikings: 2nd place, Men's team

6th place, Women's team

1st place, All-Around, Jake Shaw
2nd place, Bull Riding,

Jason Seeley
1st place, Steer Wrestling, Jake Shaw
2nd place, Team Roping Header, Michael Weldon
2nd place, Team Roping Heeler, Chris Coulter

Injured Viking

MVC student C. J. Reichert, following a saddle bronc ride, was hospitalized for back injuries.



Third year's the charm: Rodeo virgin no more

Armed with a camera and expecting somewhat of a culture shock, I made my way to the Saline County Fairgrounds to watch the Viking Stampede Rodeo.

The rodeo has been something I have wanted to go to since I've been here at Valley but since I've missed the previous two home stampedes, I knew that this was my only opportunity to go until next year.

As I got out of the car, my first sight was a couple of people on horseback roaming around the parking area. Initially I thought that they were the people who I was going to have to pay for parking and I thought it was pretty appropriate that they were on horseback, considering the event.



Devon Wade
SPORTS
COMMENTARY

However, they weren't collecting money for parking. They just happened to be walking their horses that area.

Shows how much I know about rodeo already. I then made my way toward the gentleman who was collecting the money for admission. I was paying for me and my roommate's ticket which brought the total to \$8. I handed him a \$10.

I don't know if it was the fact that it was dark outside or whether it was the smell of cow manure, but for some reason he had a hard time figuring out that my change came out to be \$2. This confused me, my roommate, the man helping him, and the people waiting behind us to pay for their admission.

As I walked toward the arena to try to look for a seat, I noticed the sea of people who had brought their own compact and fold-up chairs. I was reminded once again about how little I knew about rodeos. The bleachers that were provided were packed to the brim.

My roommate had friends who were already watching the event, so we made our way over to them. They were obviously rodeo "virgins too", because the best place they could find to stand was right next to the fenced area where the bulls were attempting to mate, or so it looked like.

I began to attempt to take pictures I didn't realize how hard it would be to get quality action photos of the events. While I took pictures, I wished there was "rodeo translator," who would have been next to me explaining what I was looking at. For example, I wanted to know who the random guy, dressed in his cowboy get up with his face painted like the joker, was and why he was in the audience bothering people.

I also wanted to know who the equally annoying man was who the joker-faced cowboy-person was talking to the whole night.

The events themselves were entertaining. I watched cowgirl's body slam goats and tie their

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Women's soccer team expands junior varsity

Ralitsa Gospodinova
DELTA CO-EDITOR

With his recruiting throughout the year, head coach Drew Hawkins brought back to life the women's junior varsity soccer team.

"I believe the last time that MVC had a women's JV soccer team was around 2005," Hawkins said. This effort took him a lot of time and a lot of hard work, he added.

"I felt like I was always on the road this past year recruiting," Hawkins said. "I tried to get my face out to as many tournaments as possible."

This is a new experience for both the coaches and the team.

Senior Alayna Palmer said since she's been here, they have never had a JV team until this year.

"The most important thing about having a JV team is that all the girls get a chance to participate in a match," Hawkins said. "This enables the girls to develop their skills and experience in an actual game rather than practice."

Hawkins added that sometimes the players can feel that they are being pun-

ished instead of taking advantage of the opportunity to make themselves a better player.

"I think the JV team is a great idea," freshman Lindsay Heady said. "I am happy it exists because if it didn't some of us wouldn't be playing, we would just sit the bench and the games are the best part."

Transfer student Samantha Lang said that it is a privilege for a freshman to play on varsity. "You have to show the upperclassmen that you're supposed to be there just as much as they are," she added.

There are many freshmen playing on the varsity team this year. Laurie Gilbert said "Being one of the freshmen on varsity is very nerve-racking for me."

Freshman Floxy Owere added, "It makes me feel good about myself. I know that coach sees potential in me so I need to use that to my advantage to become a better player."

She also said college soccer is what she expected it to be – tough and physical.

The new players find college soccer harder than high school soccer because



Senior Sarah Bottila at the Ladies' first home game (Photo by James Clark)

"you need more work ethic and more dedication," Samantha Lang said. "You actually have to step up your play a lot and be more respectful to the different teams you play," she added.

The seniors this year are Sarah Bottila, Alayna Palmer, Adriana Batres and Nicki Erickson who are very supportive

of the new players, Gilbert said. Owere added "I feel like I can talk to them about the game and they make practice and bus rides a blast."

Many changes have occurred in the last four years. Alayna Palmer said since she was a freshman, the team has changed three head coaches and three assistant coaches.

She added she is going to miss hanging out with her teammates, winning soccer games, and will even miss the "three a day" practices. Palmer advises the freshmen to never take it for granted. "Live and love every moment of your time playing soccer for Missouri Valley Vikings."

Bottila said what she is going to miss the most is the team. "I have made such good memories with the team and will always remember our bus rides and dance parties," she said.

Owere wants the seniors to remember her because she is thankful to them for easing her into her freshman year. "I wish them the best of luck in the chaotic world," she said. "They have worked hard to get to the point where they are at and deserve all the best."



More about Student attempts to learn the ropes at first rodeo



Photo By Chelsea Clapsaddle

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legs with lightning quick speed and military precision. I saw people flying off horses to tackle (not sure what the animal was).

I saw cowboys get tossed off bulls that didn't seem to be too happy to be taking part in the event.

My favorite part of the entire evening was shortly after one of the bull riding events. The bull didn't seem like that he was going to go leave the arena without a fight.

He even went after joker-faced cowboy-person

and I think I and half of the arena were hoping that the bull got a piece of him. He was able to get away. Shame

All and all, it was an event that I was glad I went to go see.

I am sure I am the only person that I know from the Stone Mountain section of eastern Atlanta who has ever seen a rodeo, and definitely the only person in my family who has ever seen one.

It is an experience I will always remember, even if I didn't know what was going on the entire time.

More about Club seeks donations for Kenyan schools

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College, Pamoja Vision Moja, was founded with these needy students in mind. The name "Pamoja Vision Moja" is a blend of two Swahili words and one English word. The word Pamoja means "together" and Moja means "one." Therefore, the club's mission is to empower the poor by providing them with means to achieving basic primary and secondary education while meeting other human needs.

After interviewing Janie Ross, assistant professor of Dance for a story in the Delta, she mentioned her visit to Namibia a few years ago. After learning more about her trip, I could tell Janie had the passion and desire in her heart to directly or indirectly help change the lives of many impoverished Africans. Janie is and has been involved in different activities to help those affected in various parts of the African continent.

During the interview, Janie also mentioned her plans to start an organization in the future so that she can reach more of the affected people. With such plans in my mind, we both decided to consolidate our ideas into starting an organization that will at least help keep some students in school.

Faced with the challenge of scant resources at the onset, the club is looking to start on a small-scale fashion. With projected publicity, increased fundraising efforts, and more volunteers, the club is looking to expand in the future.

Led by a group of dedicated officers, Pamoja Vision Moja strives to coordinate fundraising initiatives dubbed "Project Pamoja" on behalf of the needy students. The club has no administrative costs and membership is on voluntary basis.

With help from friends and volunteers, the club aims to reach its goal of bringing a smile and helping underprivileged students by sending academic supplies.

The club's first target for donations is Wangui Primary School, an institution of about 347 students. With donations already trickling in and future fundraising efforts in top gear, the first shipment of donations is expected by mid-October.

For every non-profit organization, accountability and transparency are key to its success and maintaining credibility. With that in mind, the club is requesting for volunteers who will help with accounting to ensure proper management of donated money.

Through monthly newsletters and a website, the club will keep online records detailing the use of resources plus sharing pictures from Kenya and other relevant information.

The headmaster of Wangui Primary and a local clergyman are responsible for overseeing the distribution of donations once they arrive at the school. The two will coordinate the taking of pictures on behalf of the club for the purpose of sharing them with those following the activities of the club.

Other objectives the club hopes to achieve



Hands together in support, the officers of the Pamoja Vision Moja are (from left) Kloee Shipp, Mandy Gaskill, Samuel Njuguna, Kwaku Noamesi, and Janie Ross. (Photo by David L. Roberts)

includes writing letters encouraging students to work hard, sending files and writing materials to teachers, and sending photos of Missouri Valley College and the city of Marshall.

I would like to thanks those who have already contributed their time, money and effort to the cause. These include friends, students, professors, a local church, and people around Marshall. As the club's secretary, I also extend my thanks to current officers who include Janie Ross, president; Kloee Shipp, vice president; Mandy Gaskill, chief fundraiser; and Kwaku Noamesi, treasurer.

The club understands it can do little to help the needy students but, with renewed optimism for some students of Wangui Primary, the sky will be their limit.

Some students find 'family' ties in fraternities, sororities

Greeks search for students to carry on the tradition

Mike Othic

DELTA STAFF WRITER

Every college term, some freshmen will decide to join fraternities and sororities.

Greek organizations gear up at the start of the term for the onslaught of activities, such as fundraisers, volunteer events, and membership drives.

Of the activities, recruitment of potential members probably takes the most time and effort.

The people recruited by members of any given greek organization are those who will someday replace the active members, so current fraternity and sorority members look for new members who must be responsible enough to carry the torch.

Thus, active members of greek organizations go out into the freshmen population and pass out "bids," offering underclassmen an opportunity to pledge to their house.

Very few freshmen probably know exactly why they are pledging, while their active members could talk a per-



Theta Phi Alpha Sorority at Bid night (Photo by Tiffany Bergman)

son's ear off about the subject.

"I did it (pledged) because I wanted to meet more people," said Cody McGuire, a junior and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE).

He said he spent his freshman year focusing on class, but got involved once he got to know some of the people in TKE. "I thought I'd give it a try and quit if I didn't like it," he said.

The process of pledging is a major turnoff for some potential greeks.

Movies like "Animal House" and "Van Wilder" paint a picture of paddle-happy neo-Nazis romping around making life miserable for their pledges.

The reality of the situation is very different from the way pledging is portrayed in the media.

Hazing has fallen out of vogue with greek organizations, along with forced

drinking and humiliation practices. Hazing also is illegal in Missouri and other states, and ranges from a misdemeanor to a felony if someone's life is potentially at risk. And some fraternities also end up losing their charters because of hazing.

So, the process presents a formidable challenge.

"There were a lot of times when I was like, why am I doing this to myself?" said Jarrod Wright of TKE. "But I thought of it as a challenge...something to overcome."

Phil Kraft, a sophomore of Sigma Nu (SN), had much the same opinion.

"I had kind of a competitive mindset about the whole thing... I guess I didn't really have a reason to do it (pledge) other than the challenge."

Leah Bartlett, a junior from Kansas City, lived off campus before she-

joined Theta Phi Alpha (TPA) sorority.

"At first I thought I'm not going to pay for friends," said Bartlett in reference to the annual dues which members must pay, but she said one of the women in TPA "invited me to meetings and activities...after the third meeting, I changed my mind. I'm very glad I joined."

Amid the flurry of activity which includes the first few weeks of classes, it is easy to miss the actual reasons why people join greek organizations.

Many students spend much of their college career hanging out with the same small group of close friends.

Fraternities and sororities offer a wider range of people to interact and have fun with.

"It's like joining a family," Bartlett said.

'Robber Bridegroom' musical begins theater season

William Claggett

DELTA STAFF WRITER

A musical titled "The Robber Bridegroom" will begin the season for the MVC Department of Theatre, Music, and Dance.

The musical is sure to be a test for some of Valley's veteran actors as well as a number of incoming freshmen.

Performances of "The Robber Bridegroom" are scheduled for October 7-10 at 7:30 p.m. with open seating starting at 7 p.m. in the Eckilson-Mabee Theatre.

General admission is \$5, while admission is free for Valley students with ID

cards, faculty, and staff.

The Theatre department held auditions for two upcoming shows "The Robber Bridegroom" and "The Angels of Lemnos" on Aug 27 and 28 at the theater.

About 30 students participated in the auditions.

Harold Hynick, assistant professor of Theatre, serves as director of the show.

He said, "It's a joy to watch the auditions to see all the talent, and start thinking about what possible scripts we can do as it grows and grows."

"Robber Bridegroom" is known for requiring its actors to be more vocal than normal and Hynick said, "That's

always a risk when you have incoming students and you don't always know what you're going to get from your incoming talent."

Described in theater notes as "a rousing, bawdy Southern fairy tale set in eighteenth century Mississippi," the musical is "the story of the courting of Rosamund, the only daughter of the richest planter in the country, by Jamie Lockhart, a rascally robber of the woods. The proceedings go awry, thanks to an unconventional case of double-mistaken identity. Throw in an evil stepmother intent on Rosamund's demise, her pea-brained henchman and a hostile talking head-in-a-trunk, and

you have the recipe for a rollicking country romp."

Hynick added, "The vocal range on some of this is challenging, so you want to make sure you have students that have the vocal 'chops' to do it."

Junior Joshua Schwartz plays the part of Clement Musgrove. Schwartz performed in the MVC productions of "Working" and "Godspell," and has been steadily involved with MVC choir. He also has had roles in high school performances which include, "Beauty and the Beast," taking the role of the beast.

Several members of the cast are also in the Flatliners Improv Troupe, for which Hynick is also involved.



Busy crew takes care of more than 40 college sites

Ashalyn Ellis

DELTA STAFF WRITER

With the school year in full swing and a record enrollment this semester, everyone better believe that the Missouri Valley maintenance staff has been busy.

While students had the summer off, the maintenance workers were far from soaking up the sun and relaxing. Graduation and students packing their belongings and leaving doesn't mean a break for maintenance. An empty campus doesn't equal nothing to do for these hard working individuals.

Over the summer, Tim Schulte, director of Maintenance, and his staff were working on repairs that needed to be done and also some new projects on campus.

They worked on the location of the nursing school, remodeled science labs, and the new south entrance of the football field.

Now that school has started, they keep right on going. Schulte has 18 workers on his staff and they help to keep the college going. There is someone from the maintenance staff here between 6 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., staggered throughout the day.

When the first person arrives early in the morning the first task they do is check the maintenance e-

mail. The maintenance has an online request form that can be found in the quick links on the Valley homepage. The online request form makes work easier and faster, Schulte said.

The online request form or the hand written form that students can fill out in the maintenance office are the most convenient for him and his staff. Details, details, details, added Schulte.

He couldn't stress enough how much it helps when submitting a concern that students give their exact address, building, room number, and also their name and a contact number. "This just helps us help you faster," added Schulte.

A lot of tasks get done everyday, Schulte said, but then new ones just fill their place. "It's never-ending," he added. It tends to slow down in the winter though, said Schulte.

A new face in the Student Affairs Office Emily Skellett, student activities coordinator and MacDonald hall director, said it seems like she calls Schulte 10 or so times a day.

"We get about 30 calls a day," Schulte said.

The maintenance staff is a huge part of Valley, said Skellett. The campus would not be nearly as pretty without them, said Skellett. "I really appreciate everything they do on campus."

Students are generally very easy to work with,

said Schulte. Their complaints are usually simple and they are happy once it's done. "Thanks goes a long ways," said Schulte. Work has slowed down some for maintenance now. The first three weeks were the busiest for them and now students seem to be settling in.

With the hot weather, students were mostly concerned with their air conditioners.

Sophomore Sommer Patterson said her air conditioner wasn't working right within the first couple weeks of school.

"I put in an online request form and they were there with in the next few hours," Patterson said. They were "very friendly," she added.

The maintenance staff takes care of 41 buildings and surroundings on campus, which includes football and soccer fields as well as the quad.

It may not be the hardest but the most time-consuming task is the continuous trash on campus, said Schulte. It takes a minimum of two hours and three people every day, he added. This is time out of every day that they could be using for something else.

The worst job Schulte said he has ever had to do is fix a broken boiler. It broke on a Sunday night around 10 p.m. and it took all night to fix, said Schulte.

Ribbon-cutting planned for three renovated spaces

Ceremony set for 11 a.m. on Oct. 3

Chad Jaecques

MVC MEDIA RELATIONS

Missouri Valley College will celebrate the opening of three renovated campus spaces on Oct. 3.

A gift from Jon ('87) and Dawnna Morris allowed MVC to renovate a section in the lower level of Morrison Gymnasium into the J & D Morris Dance Studio; convert the women's fitness center in the lower level of MacDonald Hall into the new Morris Experimental Theatre (MET); and construct the new Morris Fitness Center in MacDonald Hall.

"Over the last few years, Jon and Dawnna have been very supportive of MVC by offering gifts to specific areas," said MVC President Bonnie Humphrey. "This gift is significant not only in the amount of the gift, but also because it is wide-reaching and directly impacts a number of our students and programs."

The addition of a dance major at Missouri Valley College made the need for a dance studio imperative. The J & D Morris Dance Studio will be available for practice space for dance majors, dance ensembles, and

the MVC Dance Team.

"The Dance Studio is giving us a designated space for our student dancers," said Diana Malan, director of MVC theatre, music and

dance department. "They've had difficulty working on their dance skills because of the shared space in the gym. That won't be the case anymore. It's going to be nice for the students to walk in to a space that is designed and designated especially for them."

The Black Box, previously located in the lower level of Morrison Gym was designed for student directing and acting projects. It was also home to MVC's own comedy troupe, Flatliners. The new MET, which located in the lower level of MacDonald Hall will replace the Black Box. Throughout the school year one act plays, original plays, and student generated projects will be presented in the new space.

"The MET will provide a great deal more space for

classes, performances, and seating for several more people." Malan said. "We'll be able to arrange the space in a variety of ways for a variety of performance styles."

"It's convenient that anytime I want to work out, I don't have to worry about interfering with athletic teams or tons of other people."

The Morris Fitness Center is a welcomed addition to MacDonald Hall. The women's-only facility includes new exercise equipment and TVs.

"It's so nice to have a place where girls can feel comfortable when they work out," said Brittany Bertolani, sophomore exercise science major from Hampton, N.H. "It's convenient that anytime I want to work out, I don't have to worry about interfering with athletic teams or tons of other people."

Jon and Dawnna Morris will join MVC administrators in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. on Oct. 3 with presentations at each renovated

space. The couple will also be recognized during half-time of the Vikings home football game, which is a 1:30 p.m. kickoff.



Looking around Marshall

Valley will roll...for skating recreation

Jacob Uhrig

DELTA STAFF WRITER

As the school year continues to keep students busy with their studies, some Marshall businesses offer recreational breaks and encourage students to hang out and relax after classes. One of the places is the Marshall skating rink.

Rich DePaoli, owner of the Galaxy Hot Wheels Family Skate Center in Marshall, said there is an adult night on Thursday, from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., this season that works well for MVC college students and others 18 years of age and older. The cost is \$4 for students with an MVC ID.

"There are more skate sessions through the weekend, with sessions geared for families and even "tiny tots," DePaoli said.

Junior Jesse Putnam has been learning to skate for the first time and it has been difficult the first few times.

"The first time I tried to skate, I kept falling down whenever I moved and my friends were laughing at me," Putnam said.

"Sometimes it's hard for people to learn how to skate for the first time, but they shouldn't give up," Johnson said.

Even for some of the more experienced skaters, it can be hard. Sophomore Rosa Mulligan, a Criminal

Justice major, said, "I have skated before but I still lose some of my balance and fall from time to time."

Mulligan also said that she had not been skating as much before because she had always been busy and it kept her from being able to improve on her skating.

Senior Krista Staley, who is an English major, said, "I have been able to skate for quite a while and have always done pretty good, but have wanted to learn how I would be able to improve."

For location information, session times, and costs at the skate center, go to the website at galaxyhotwheels.webs.com.

The Donut provides sweet start to the day

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Erratic eating habits are as synonymous with college life as overpriced textbooks. Sometimes a slice of pizza tastes better before an 8 a.m. class.

Review

Sometimes Lucky Charms taste the best at midnight.

Sometimes a student wants a donut at 5:15 in the morning, and thanks to The Donut, I was able to accomplish that.

The Donut has the hours of 4 a.m. until noon every day except Mondays when it is closed. It would be hard to imagine that many college students would even know about the



store considering that most college students would prefer five more minutes of sleep anyway rather than "getting the worm."

This early-bird got the worm however, and, in this case, it was a delicious glazed donut topped with maple.

At The Donut, I was greeted by a refreshingly upbeat two-person staff, which I found surprising, considering how early in the morning it was.

The store isn't as big as a Krispy Kreme or a Dunkin Donuts with not nearly the selection, but the selection was good enough for any donut fan and the store was certainly big enough to fit one and even a few of his friends.

The prices weren't bad also at 69 cents apiece for donuts and \$6.90 for a dozen. The Donut also sells a variety of drinks as well.

The location is very convenient at 76 W. Arrow St., down at the Square next door to Viking.

I would recommend The Donut to anyone who loves donuts enough to wake up before noon.

(Photos of The Donut by Devon Wade)



MVC who, what, when...

The MVC sports fund-raising effort at the NASCAR event in Kansas City runs Oct. 1-4.

The Edgar Allan Poe Mystery Night featuring a mystery based on Poe's short story "The Tell-Tale Heart" is scheduled for Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at Murrell Memorial Library.

The Renaissance Science and Religion Seminars begin on Oct. 19 with a presentation by Chemistry Professor Stephen Patton. The Oct. 26 presentation will be by Jon Duke, assistant professor of Criminal Justice. The seminars are set for 7 p.m. in the Ferguson Center's R. Wilson Brown room.

A Valley family night tour of the "Harry Potter World" exhibition is set for Oct. 22 in the Murrell Memorial Library reading room at 7 p.m.

The Advanced Potion-Making Lab for young people, ages 8 to 17, will be conducted on Oct. 24 and again on Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. in Science Center 211.