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Charlique Rolle, along with Joshua Schwartz and Adam Crain (in the insert) perform "Working," a musical which debuted Oct. 8-11.

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Exercise your right: Reasons to vote for...

Barack Obama for President

Compiled by Sarah Rodgers

This information came from various candidate and political websites.

ABORTION—Obama believes in being pro-choice. He will support this by contributing the tools for women to be able to keep and support their children.

DEATH PENALTY—Obama believes in just cause for the death penalty. He believes that the death penalty does little to “deter crime.”

SOCIAL SECURITY—As the economy is going down hill, so are plans for the future for senior citizens. At this rate, it is possible that none of the younger generation will be able to receive Social Security. One of the main ideas to help senior citizens is to eliminate income taxes for seniors who make less than \$50,000 annually

EDUCATION—Obama wants to revise the “No Child Left Behind” program to help early education start as early as possible. Obama and Biden are also going to work for affordable child care.

ENVIRONMENT—Gas prices are a major concern in America and the environment. Obama wants to provide short-term relief at the pump. He is also encouraging people to start “going green” and wants to use 1 million hybrid cars which will help our environment.

HEALTH CARE—“I believe that every American has the right to affordable health care. I believe that the millions of Americans who can’t take their children to a doctor when they get sick have that right,” said Obama at speech in Iowa City. Obama is going to lower costs by up to \$2,500 a year for health care and for people who don’t have health care, there will be new and

affordable ways to receive it.

IMMIGRATION—Obama’s view on immigration is to preserve the integrity of America’s borders. Obama and Biden think that America must fix its dysfunctional immigration bureaucracy and increase the number of legal immigrants to keep families together and meet the demand for jobs that employers cannot fill.

IRAQ—The War in Iraq is a crucial decision for America at this time. Obama wants to remove troops but in an orderly fashion. More than 4,000 Americans have died and 60,000 have been injured because of the war. America has spent more than \$2.7 trillion. With the war costing almost \$10 billion per month, Obama believes some of the expense should be carried by the Iraqi government which has a budget surplus.

FOREIGN POLICY—America’s relationships with other countries, such as Iran and Russia, are becoming dangerous and Obama and Biden are both going to try to make America’s standing in the world more respected. With Iran having sought out nuclear weapons, both Obama and Biden would offer the Iranian regime a choice. Iran needs to abandon its nuclear program as well as its support of terrorism or Obama is going to step up economic pressure and political isolation.

ECONOMY—With the economy vastly decreasing, Obama is going to jump start the economy with helping to provide \$50 billion to help prevent 1 million Americans from losing their jobs, along with supporting the middle class and small businesses.

John McCain for President

Compiled by Johnny Henry

This information came from various candidate and political websites.

ABORTION—McCain supports a child’s right to life. He would allow individual states to make a decision on the issue.

DEATH PENALTY—McCain has supported expansion of the federal death penalty and limits on appeals.

SOCIAL SECURITY—McCain says “nothing’s off the table” when it comes to Social Security.

EDUCATION—McCain is not proposing a federal voucher program that would provide public money for private school tuition, in contrast to his proposed \$5 billion voucher plan in 2000. He sees the “No Child Left Behind” law as a vehicle for increasing opportunities for parents to choose schools. He proposes more money for community college education.

ENVIRONMENT—McCain supports increased offshore drilling, but is opposed to drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. He argues that prohibiting more drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf stands in the way of energy exploration and production. He believes states, including Florida, should be able to decide whether to expand drilling off their coasts. He would use federal money to help build 45 nuclear power reactors by 2030. He believes global warming is a threat to the planet.

HEALTH CARE—McCain supports a \$2,500 refundable tax credit for individuals, \$5,000 for families, to make health insurance more affordable.

IMMIGRATION—McCain sponsored the 2006 bill that would have allowed illegal immigrants to stay in the United States, work and apply to become legal residents after learning English, paying fines and back taxes and clearing a background check. He now says he would secure the border first. He supports a border fence.

IRAQ—McCain opposes scheduling a troop withdrawal, saying the latest surge strategy is succeeding. He supported the decision to go to war, but was an early critic of the manner in which the Bush administration conducted it. He supported the troop increase. He is willing to have permanent U.S. peace-keeping forces in Iraq.

ECONOMY—Recently, McCain said the Federal Reserve should stop bailing out failing financial institutions. As president, would create a Mortgage and Financial Institutions Trust to help homeowners avoid foreclosure. Although he has generally championed deregulation throughout his career in the Senate, he now calls for a commission to find out what went wrong in the financial markets and how to better regulate them.

FOREIGN POLICY—In general, McCain’s foreign policy positions put him among mainstream conservatism. McCain voted in favor of the Iraq war, he says the U.S. may need to increase the number of troops there, and he said they may need to stay in Iraq for many years. He has supported almost all of President Bush’s “War on Terror” bills. McCain would maintain the embargo on Cuba. He has called for strong action (including a NATO-enforced “no fly” zone) to end genocide in Darfur.



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--First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

In my shoes: What it's like to be at war

Johnny Henry

DELTA STAFF WRITER

"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 USS Camden froze. Everyone knew what to do.

Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, these 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 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 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 I was at the time.

One interesting aspect of the military 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 seemed like a



Photo courtesy of navysite.de

The USS Camden, the ship Henry was stationed on while deployed.

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

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 into homeport to watch long-awaited reunions happen right before my eyes. Nothing 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.

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 Missouri 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?

Flu Shots Available

Flu shots are available during regular office hours from Student Health Services in the campus nurse's office. No appointment is necessary. The cost is \$20, payable in exact cash or check only.

Be a 'Valley Cat'

A fundraiser at MVC for the Marshall Animal Shelter will be held Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Murrell Memorial Library Coffee Room.

Animal Shelter League member Sheila Blalock will help to start a Valley Cat Fundraiser for the animal shelter. There also will be cookies, punch, and door prizes. The event is being organized by MVC faculty members Tamara King and Betsy Murphy.

Poets' Coffeehouse

Poets, writers, singers, and people who enjoy hearing the art of expression are encouraged to attend the Poets' Coffeehouse, Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the Coffee By the Book Room of Murrell Memorial Library. It starts at 7 p.m.

Dracula at the library

For this month of Halloween, Bram Stoker's "Dracula" is featured at the Murrell Memorial Library. A large cut-out of a Dracula figure is on display for entertaining use in photographs. Other October events at the library at 7 p.m. include:

Oct. 21—Willie Harlow, embalmer and funeral home director will share his stories about serving as a county coroner.

Oct. 23—Called Popcorn Night (with free popcorn), clips of documentaries will be about "Dracula's Family Tree" and "The Origin of the Vampire."

Oct. 28—Theatre students Adam Crain and Jackie Anderson will show how horrifying make-up techniques can turn frightful faces into ghouls.

Halloween at the YMCA

Students who are interested in volunteering to help with the Salt Fork YMCA Annual Halloween Party, held on Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., should call Alyx Chevalier at 886-9622.



In my shoes: What it's like to run and run

From jumping hurdles to sprinting over hills

By April Stottlemyre

DELTA CONTRIBUTOR

Run hard, turn left, it's as easy as that.

My mom said as soon as I learned how, I was running around the house as fast as I could jumping and on several occasions, well most occasions, falling over everything in my path.

I lived for "field days" in elementary school. I had to prove to everyone that I was the fastest girl in the class.

In middle school, I played football with all the boys at recess; I loved being picked before some of them. In high school it was to no one's surprise that I ran and excelled in track.

People underestimated me, just because five of my strides equaled two of theirs, didn't mean I couldn't beat them.

After all, I'm only five-foot-one and three-fourths inches tall. My decision to continue running at the collegiate level seemed like the next logical step in my athletic career.

When I came to Missouri Valley



Contributed Photo

Stottlemyre is a member of the track and field team along with the cross-country team.

and people found out I ran track their first question was, what event?

Hurdles, that's what I ran.

I don't really think many people believed me until they saw me run.

"You're missing my class to run hurdles," one professor said. "You run hurdles! Aren't they as tall as you?"

Run hard, turn left.

Let's break that down for a second. Run hard, that means fast. Turn left, on a track it's the only way to turn.

The farthest I ever ran was 400m. That's one lap, two turns, that's it.

Sprint, synonyms for sprint include, dash, hurry and rush. That was me, I was a sprinter.

Until my senior year of college, several unfortunate events left the women's cross-country team a few members short of an official team. I mean really, how hard could three miles be?

My first race was interesting to say the least. I felt like a third grader trying to figure out an algebra problem.

Track was easy; get in your blocks, wait for the gun and go.

No matter what anyone says, trust me, track and cross-country is nothing alike. In cross-country, you start in a "box."

"Box, what's a box?" I frantically asked my teammates as they chuckled. I had never been to a cross-country meet, but I felt sure the runners did not in fact start in a box.

I had borrowed a running watch from one of my friends so I could at

least look the part of a cross country runner.

Unfortunately, I forgot to start it.

I found out one thing at my first cross-country meet, run hard, turn left, does not apply to cross-country.

In cross-country, it's more like, run and run and keep running; you'll make three lefts, then a right, over the mountains, (aka hills to CC runners) run around the river and through the woods, and just when you think you're done you realize you've only hit mile marker number two.

Not as catchy as run hard, turn left.

As much as I complain, protest and grumble, I've still managed to finish every race, I even beat people! Yeah, all five-foot-one and three-fourths inches of me.

This year the men's and women's cross country team has been hard at work and I'm part of it.

With three races already under their belts, the teams continue to improve. This truly is a building year for the lady Vikings.

With only four runners, just one member shy of a team, the women must focus on improving their individual times.

A welcomed addition to the team, sophomore Taylor Whitacre, is the leading runner for the team placing high at each race.

On the men's team this year is a group of strong runners. A mixture of experienced runners and new talent makes the team solid and competitive.

The team has big shoes to fill, last year the team finished the season with a third place finish at conference.

"It's amazing the potential we have on our team," freshman Chase McMichael said. "We have so many freshman we have the capability to be very good in the next three or four years."

"The thing I'm going to miss the most is the team," said senior runner and two time All-American Thiago Ferreira.

The cross country team has two more races this season one at Graceland and the HAAC Conference hosted by Lindenwood University.

As for me, I'm going to run hard, turn left, and try to help the cross country team as much as possible.

Football

After coming off a strong win during week five of the teams schedule, beating Central Methodist University, 35-0, the Vikings remain undefeated with a 5-0 record. They had a break this past weekend with the teams bye week.

The Vikings will head to Olathe, Kansas, to take on Mid-America University tomorrow.

Women's Volleyball

The Missouri Valley College women's volleyball team is currently 2-19 coming off a hard loss at home against Avila University in five sets. They will head to Mt Pleasant, Iowa, to play in the Iowa Wesleyan Tournament on October 17-18.

Men's Soccer

The Men's soccer team will head to Kansas City to play at the Community America Ballpark as they take on Graceland University on October 18.

The Vikings, currently 5-7, will play against the Yellow Jackets at 3:30 p.m., with major league soccer teams, the Kansas City Wizards and San Jose Earthquakes following the Vikings match.

Men's and Women's Rodeo

The MVC men's rodeo team recently took top honors for the second-straight rodeo event. The team traveled to the University of West Alabama, where they placed first in overall competition.

The women's team finished in a second -place tie with Troy University in overall competition. Strong finishes have put both rodeo teams in good overall standings with the men's team first and the lady Vikings second overall in the Ozark Region.



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Senior, April Stottlemyre participates in a cross-country event.

Women's soccer team welcomes new coaching staff

Lady Vikings undergo changes once again

By Alayna Palmer
DELTA CONTRIBUTOR

A new season, and yet again, Missouri Valley College's Women's Soccer Team is adapting to new coaches.

The women's soccer program is undergoing their third head coach and assistant coach in the past four years.

"Having a new coach each year has presented many problems for our program, but thanks to the strong group of girls we have that have been pulling through just as I have, we've managed to keep the team alive," senior Captain Kendra Kaiser said.

Drew Hawkins is the women's new head coach. He came to Missouri Valley in the fall of 2002 and graduated in May of 2006 with a B.A. degree

in English and Criminal Justice.

He was a graduate assistant for the Missouri Valley Men's Soccer team from the fall of 2006 to the spring of 2008 when he received a master's in Educational Administration from Lindenwood University.

After receiving an opportunity to coach the women's soccer team in the summer of 2008, Coach Hawkins took the offer and ignored his qualms of what it would be like to coach a women's team.

Hawkins knew this was going to be a challenge.

"Naturally when a change is made, it takes time and effort to adapt and believe in the change," Hawkins said.

"As a coach, the most important adaptation is getting the girls to believe in your coaching methods, without this, no success can be achieved."



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The 2008 Missouri Valley College women's varsity soccer team.

After coaching the women's team for a few months, Hawkins realized there was no reason for the uncertainties he had about coaching women.

He said that if he had to find another coaching job down the road, he would now prefer to continue coaching women.

"Even though we are young and rebuilding, we are competing and improving everyday and we have the talent and heart to play with every team in the conference," Hawkins said.

"After going through two losing seasons, it is nice to have two new coaches that bring across an easy atmosphere that is enjoyable to all of the girls," senior Tiffany Chin said. "It's been tough the past two years, but both Coach Hawkins and Coach Kerwood provide a new hopeful outlook for the three seniors and a guiding light for those that follow in their footsteps."

Eric Kerwood is the assistant coach for the Lady Vikings.

He came to Missouri Valley in the fall of 2003 and graduated in the summer of 2008 with a degree in Exercise Science.

Kerwood is currently getting his master's in business management while serving as a graduate assistant for the women's soccer team.

"All-in-all, this season is going well," Coach Kerwood said. "We have a lot of new players who are showing potential and returners showing great leadership skills. With these types of players, as long as we all keep working together, we will accomplish great things."

Even with the change in the coaching staff, the Lad Vikings and coaches have a positive outlook on this season.

"I think they are by far two of the best coaches we have had at Valley," senior Captain Emily Skellett said. "They know the game, our school, and everything we have been through. And they know that we have everything to gain and bring out the best in us."

The Lady Vikings are currently 3-8 on the season, with six more games remaining in the season.

The team's next match will come this Saturday October 18 traveling to Iowa to take on Graceland University in a HAAC game. The women's team is 1-3 in conference play.



Devon Wade/ Delta Contributor

Freshman defensive player Samantha Moses wins possession over a Culver Stockton player, in the team's last home game, winning 7-1.

Upcoming Valley Sports Schedule:

10/18
Football: MVC vs. Mid-America @ Olathe, Kansas, 1 p.m.
Soccer: MVC men's vs. Graceland @ Kansas City, Missouri, 3:30 p.m.
MVC women's vs. Graceland @ Lamoni, Iowa, 5 p.m.

10/18
Women's Volleyball:
MVC vs. Iowa Wesleyan College @ Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, 10 a.m.
MVC vs. Grand View College @ Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, 2 p.m.

10/21
Soccer: MVC vs. Avila @ MVC, 2 p.m. (women's) 4 p.m. (men's)

10/21
Women's Volleyball:
MVC vs. Mid-America @ Olathe, Kansas, 7 p.m.

10/25
Football:
MVC vs. Avila (Homecoming) @ MVC 2 p.m.

Alums rock out in 'Arsenic Dream' concert

Review by Yalimar Vidal

DELTA STAFF WRITER

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 steady rock beat. The song was an alternative rock to metal mix. It picked up slowly with Missouri Valley College 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 opening 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. Beazl, the band's drummer, came up with it when they started searching for a name for the band.

Shaun "Fingers" Armbruster, another Missouri Valley alum and the band's bass guitarist, has been playing for nine years. New member Shance "Tweeter" Twenter plays the guitar and has been doing for six 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.

Beazl was also a radio personality at Missouri Valley College's student radio station KMVC-FM 91.7. He hosted the late-night alternative rock and metal hour. Their music is currently being played at the KMVC radio station.

Their music is loud, riveting, and full of meaning. Their CD is a collection of their favorite new and old songs. It is available in the Vox Box in Marshall, 7th Heaven in Sedalia,



Yalimar Vidal/The Delta

Arsenic Dream members (left to right) Shaun Armbruster, Josh Larimore, (on top) Shance Twenter, (on bottom) Darren Beasley, and Elykosnicki

and online at www.myspace.com/arsenicdream.

I would give their music a four out

of five star rating. Their music was head bang worthy, so give it a try.

Campus survey: Students favor Obama over McCain

Samuel Njuguna

DELTA STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama is favored 2 to 1 by likely student voters at Missouri Valley College, according to a survey of 100 students. The survey was conducted on October 2, 3 and 7.

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 are not likely to vote on Nov. 4. There were 11 students who indicated that they were registered and not going to vote or were going to vote once they regis-

tered. Voter registration had not come to a close when the survey was taken.

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 said he 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 showing young people leaning more toward Obama.

The respondents for the survey came from four different classes that included Tiffany Bergman's American History class, David Roberts' Media Law and Ethics and Basic News

Reporting classes, and Ken Kujawa's Intro to Mass Communication class. About 15 students were randomly picked at Murrell Memorial Library and at a Student Government Association's meeting.

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.

Sophomore Austin LaRue from Sedalia is a first-time voter planning to vote for Obama. LaRue said that Obama seems to have more ideals of the youth and he is focused on change.

"Not that McCain would not bring change, but Obama would bring more

change," LaRue said. "Obama also has a firmer stance on pulling troops out of Iraq."

Senior Ashley Grindstaff from Biloxi, Miss., is also 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 McCain has the better policies on foreign policy," Grindstaff said.

Grindstaff said the most pressing matter for the next four years is to get out of Iraq while still upholding the infrastructure built by the American presence.

"Who better to know the best plan of action in a controversial war than a POW of the Vietnam War?" Grindstaff asked. "America can't afford to take a gamble on someone inexperienced in our present condition."

Residents host international Viking adoption program

Samuel Njuguna

DELTA STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

For many international students, coming to school in America is an opportunity to meet new faces and connect with people of a different culture.

The International Club, with the help of Milena Simic, International Students' coordinator and instructor of Business Administration; and Eric Sappington, director of Institutional Advancement, is coordinating the Adopt-A-Viking program that will help international students find host families around Marshall.

The program has been in place for the last few years and has facilitated the hosting of international students by families in Marshall.

A Marshall couple started supporting international students even without knowing or being part of the Adopt-A-Viking program.

Wayne and Mary Ann Palmer have helped several international students in the last five years. The couple first met students from Serbia when Mary Ann, whose health started to deteriorate, called Missouri Valley for assistance and was referred to the students by Simic, also from Serbia.

With her husband on the job as a truck driver, Mary Ann needed physi-

cal help around the house and outside, especially mowing the lawn. Four students from Serbia, Milos Dosen, Jovan Jovicic, Milo Velimirovic, and Stefan Gardasevic, helped Mary Ann.

In return, the Palmers assisted the Serbian students by taking them to driving lessons and tests, taking them on shopping trips to the Columbia mall, picking them up from the airport, lending them vehicles, and purchasing clothing, shoes and other accessories.

The Palmers also took the four students for a vacation in Texas and held backyard graduation parties with their relatives and friends.

"We fed them and let them stay at our house over spring break and Christmas," Mary Ann said.

Mary Ann is glad to have met the Serbians whom she believes have played a huge role in her life and vice versa.

"They needed someone in America to give them love, understanding and compassion," Mary Ann said. "They also needed a person they could openly talk to."

Mary Ann deeply appreciated their kind responses and humility.

"They were very respectful and gracious in their thankfulness and their parents were appreciative of our support," Mary Ann said. "They were

also thoughtful and not disturbing at all."

Mary Ann and Wayne call the Serbians "young'uns" and the Serbians call the couple "grandma" and "grandpa" while another student calls her "global grandma" for her connections with students from many countries.

Apart from the monetary help that the Serbians received from the Palmers, Mary Ann would sometime talk to them about their grades and how they could perform well at college.

"I would also talk with them when they thought all the world was against them and helped to lift their spirit,"

Mary Ann added.

Although she and her husband have hosted many other international students, Mary Ann admits that the Serbians became closer to her.

"I did not connect with the rest as I did with the four Serbians," Mary Ann said. "My son and grandson always treated them like brothers."

All three Serbians except Gardasevic have graduated and gone different ways. Gardasevic regularly stays or visits with the Palmers and the other three call from time to time.

Since meeting the Serbians, the couple has supported directly or indirectly students from nine different countries.



Contributed by Stefan Gardasevic

Jovan Jovicic, Stefan Gardasevic, Milos Dosen, and Milo Velimirovic.

Program examines plight of homeless children

Ralitsa Gospodinova

DELTA STAFF WRITER

Murrell Library presented a film and lecture about homelessness and social entrepreneurship on October 7, in the R. Wilson Brown Room. The library recently received a grant from PBS to help highlight social entrepreneurs and promote the importance of their work.

"When the library asked me to help with the grant, I couldn't say no," said Tammy Harrelson, human services and recreation instructor and the moderator for the event.

A social entrepreneur is someone who recognizes a social problem and uses entrepreneurial principles to organize, create and manage a venture to make social change. They, "help others help themselves," as Harrelson

said.

As a part of this program, PBS provides short films from Frontline World to encourage group discussion. This film showed overcrowded cities in India and how people work, eat and sleep on the streets.

The film highlighted social entrepreneur Father Thomas Koshi, the executive director of the Navajeevan Bala Bhaven, or "New Life Children's Home Center," in India. More than 25,000 street children have been helped since the foundation of the center through the "peer educators" approach he uses.

In the United States, more than 1.3 million children are homeless, which amounts to 27 percent of the homeless population. Each year 4,745 of these children die due to assault, disease or

suicide. Every day, these children face addiction to drugs, trafficking, HIV/AIDS, lack of medical care, and prostitution. These children are victims of extraordinary poverty, abusive home lives, broken family units or work to support their family's income.

"Stand Up For Kids" is an organization in America that helps homeless children. It was started by another social entrepreneur, Richard Koca, in San Diego in 1990.

"Stand Up For Kids" now helps children in more than 60 cities and has a branch in Kansas City.

The event also highlighted a social entrepreneur with a tie to Missouri Valley College. In 1961, Tom Butterfield enrolled at Missouri Valley. While here, he became the first single male foster parent and the youngest

foster parent, at the age of 23, in the United States.

He opened Butterfield Youth Services, a ranch for children and adolescents with social and emotional challenging conditions. The service started with one child and one ranch and today has over 200 boys and girls.

"The only way you can truly help someone is to experience it yourself," Harrelson said. As the American Humanics campus director, she and Missouri Valley members spent three nights and four days on campus last semester living in cardboard boxes and experiencing life as a homeless person would.

"Don't be afraid to step up and help out," Harrelson said. "One voice can turn into one hundred voices and then into one thousand."

Midnight Madness pumps up students for basketball

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Midnight Madness has become a campus tradition. Six years ago, Missouri Valley alumni Chad Lance took over the men's basketball program. He began searching for a way to get people excited about the upcoming season. Lance enlisted the expertise of his wife, Ellen, who is also a Missouri Valley College alum. Both are passionate about their alma mater.

"Anything we can do for the school, and the small part that we are involved

in, continue to make us proud to bleed orange and purple," Ellen Lance said.

Each year, Ellen Lance and Courtney McGill, wife of assistant coach Chris McGill, work together to plan and organize the event which they feel will benefit a welcoming and enthusiastic environment for not only the student body but also the coaches, players, faculty and community members who are present. The themes for Midnight Madness are selected almost a whole



Samuel Njuguna

MVC cheerleaders at Midnight Madness

year in advance. This year's theme was "Operation Viking."

"The first year we did this, the teams came out of the bleachers and at that point it was so amazing that I made a pledge that every year we had to do it better," Ellen Lance said.

Voter registration effort leads to disagreement

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With the Nov. 4 election quickly approaching, the heated presidential race is taking on new forms and affecting people nationally and locally.

Missouri Valley College was hit with a dose of the intensity of the battle for the next president. "Campaign for Change" was asked to vacate the college campus, leaving many students and others confused and upset.

"The mission is to register our kids to vote so they can make educated opinions. However, as a college, we can not support one political party over another," said Heath Morgan, dean of students.

Morgan said that a man and woman, from the group "Campaign for Change" approached the Student Affairs office and said they would like to help students register to vote. Colby Hazouri, Student Government Association President, asked the group to come to campus.

"I contacted both parties and offered them the exact same proposition," Hazouri said. "I personally feel that it is unfair to deny access to one political candidate because the other candidate is not interested in coming on campus."

According to Student Affairs, the individuals were asked numerous times if they were in any way associated with one political party.

"The first time we spoke with them, they made no indication that they were supported by, affiliated by or in asso-

ciation with either political party," said Alli Lindemann, who works in the Student Affairs office.

The two individuals were told they could set up a table outside of the cafeteria to register students to vote as long as they did not interfere with any other groups already registering students to vote and they remained bipartisan.

After being given permission to set up a table, the group asked if they could have fliers stamped for approval through the student affairs office to be placed around campus. After examining the fliers, Lindemann saw that they included the line "paid for by Obama for America." She told them they could not hang up or distribute the posters because they were not bipartisan.

After a few days of registering students to vote, working alongside the NAACP, Obama posters were found hung up around campus.

"They were the same fliers that they were told could not be hung up. We found them in the Ferguson Center as well as on the front doors of Baity," Lindemann said. Once it was discovered that the "Campaign for Change" group were responsible for the posters, the Student Affairs office asked the group to leave campus.

Araz Pourmorad was one of the members of "Campaign for Change" who came to Missouri Valley. Pourmorad is a student volunteer for the campaign and his views and opinions do not reflect the opinions of "Campaign for Change." They are his

personal opinions.

Pourmorad said he and another worker, Kelley Robinson, made it very clear to Morgan and Lindemann that they were with Campaign for Change, which is affiliated with Barack Obama.

Pourmorad said they were denied the right to hang any posters or literature up by the Student Affairs office and did not do so. They were under the understanding that they could register students to vote but not advocate for one side or another.

Pourmorad said that after working with the NAACP for several days, they felt they were not needed and decided to go outside. Several Missouri Valley students had asked for posters supporting Obama. They handed out posters to those who asked. Pourmorad said that they did not personally hang up any posters around campus.

Pourmorad said that the school prevented students from having the chance to register to vote and that, as a free speech zone, the organization should have been allowed to hand out pamphlets, posters and literature.

"A school is a place that promotes critical thinking about a variety of topics," Pourmorad said.

As a paid employee of the "Campaign for Change," Robinson said she was unable to comment.

Colby Hazouri said that he will again be contacting both campaigns again in hopes of having a debate or forum where students can hear from representatives of both campaigns.

Homecoming plans in full swing

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

This year's theme is "I Love MVC" and events start the morning of October 24 with the annual Homecoming Torch Run. Several campus organizations and sports teams will start at Avila University to run a torch back to Missouri Valley. At 8 p.m., Vikings will gather at the Burns Athletic Complex for a bonfire, beginning when the torch arrives on campus. After the bonfire is lit, there will be performances by the dance team, cheerleading squad and Polynesian Club, along with an introduction of the senior football players.

On Oct. 25 at 10 a.m., the Homecoming parade begins at the Marshall town square. Each club, sorority or fraternity in the parade will show Viking spirit as they march to 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 Francisco Sanchez Nauffal.

At 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., the women's and men's soccer teams will take on Benedictine College. At 2 p.m., the football team will play Avila University. At half-time, the Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced, along with the Homecoming king and queen. Festivities culminate with the 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 Christine Dittmer. "It will be great to spend time with them and also to watch our football team show Avila what they are made of."

