MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE comes 207 degrees at its 172nd commencement exercises

MVC bid farewell to the class of 2011 on May 7. Gray rain clouds opened up and a little sunshine peeked through as the honored graduates of a packed Villa Alumni Stadium at 207 degrees were welcomed into the Valley alumni family. Jennifer Aberley ‘11 of Malta, Mo., and Konrad Wiesnich ‘11 of Marshall, Mo., were awarded with the Charles L. Bacon Distinguished Service Award. The board of trustees honored Bassie Chittwood ‘44, trustee emeritus, and Bill Hanlon ‘65, the 2011 commencement speaker, with honorary doctorates.

FACULTY, STAFF, BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL RECOGNITION BANQUET

MVC held its annual faculty/staff/board of trustees Recognition Banquet on May 6. Several individuals were recognized for their years of service. Sandy Machahte, assistant to the registrar and transcript clerk, was recognized for 40 years of service to MVC. David Roberts, assistant professor of mass communication, received the John McCauley Teaching Excellence Award and Debi Bultmann, administrative assistant to the athletic director received the President’s Staff Excellence Award.

VALLEY WOMEN’S HALL OF FAME

Joyce Clasius, assistant to the registrar, became the 43rd woman to be inducted into the Valley Women’s Hall of Fame. Clasius has spent 16 years at MVC, serving under seven MVC presidents, numerous bosses, in several different offices and has worked with four different student information systems. Clasius is known around campus for her knowledge of the institution and her friendly personality. The Valley Women also awarded, Linda Dryden, of Springfield Mo., with the 2011 Outstanding Senior Woman Award. Mrs. Dryden is a biology and exercise science major, while at MVC she participated in women’s soccer, biology Club, V.L.C., and was a two-time Academic All-American.

CONSTRUCTION OF MORRIS GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ART SUNDAY NEAR UNDERSAVER

Morrison Gallery, which will be located on the first floor of the Tech Center across from the Eckstock-Mibeau Theatre, is made possible because of a gift from MVC Alumni and Trustee Jan Morris and her wife, Dwan- na. The Gallery will feature five shows per year. The first show, 100 Paintings: by Margaret Owen, is to be held in August 15. According to Val Wedel, MVC assistant professor of visual art and co-director of the Gallery, artists from all over the country have submitted applications. "The Morris Gallery is approximately 24’x36’ with many windows for natural lighting. There will be moveable walls for extra space, and track lighting will be installed.

MVC HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2011 HONOREES

The MVC Hall of Fame Selection Committee has chosen the teams and individuals that will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. The inductees will be recognized at the Hall of Fame banquet, which is held during Homecoming Weekend.

1961 Varsity Football Team - The 1961 football team was Coach Victor Ashford’s last undefeated team going 9-0-1 on the season. The Vikings finished the 1961 season as M.C.A.U. Conference Champions and ranked No. 19 in the NAIA. Eleven Vikings from the 1961 team were named all-conference, and seven members of the team have been inducted into the MVC Athletic Hall of Fame. The 2011 season will mark the 50th anniversary of Coach Ashford’s last undefeated team, the 1961 football squad.

1991 Women’s Soccer Team - The 1991-92 soccer team finished their season as NAIA National Runner-Up with a 20-4-1 record. The team produced three all-Americans, four national all-ecosystem selections and one National Scholar Athlete. The team is the first women’s team and the first soccer team to be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jan White ’97 - White was MVC’s wrestling first-time four-all-American placing seventh, sixth, third, and first at the national level. White was a three-year captain at MVC and a member of the 100-Victory Club.

Bobby Lashey ’99 - Lashey was the second four-time all-American for Valley wrestling, finishing fourth as a fresmen, and national champion in ‘97, ’98, and ’99. Lashey was a team captain, a member of the 100-Victory Club, and a member of the back to back national champions teams (1996 and 1997). He was MVC’s wrestling first world medalist, placing second in the World Military Freestyle Championship (2002). He is a two-time Armed Forces Champion, finished third at the Olympic trials, and is a WTA supreme and mixed martial artist.

James Tobin ’68 - Tobin received all-conference, and all-distric honors while playing football at MVC. He started all the positions of blocking back and fullback. Tobin had the distinction of being voted team captain of the 1968 team, which was MVC’s first team last year. While on campus Tobin was active in V.L.C., a member of the Dean’s List, and Sigma Nu fraternity.

Greg Tienen ’75 - Tienen excelled at MVC as a three-sport letterman. Tienen was an all-conference and all-district basketball player, being running back, defensive back, and punter. In basketball he set the school record for scoring in a single game (32 points), and to track Tienen won the conference championship in the triple vault, long jump, and high jump. Tienen was a four-year letterman at the safety position and was the punter for the powerhouse teams under Coach Kenneth Gubler in the early 1970’s. He led the defense team in 1974, a year the defense was nationally ranked in several categories, and helped lead MVC to a runner-up finish in the NAIA National Championships.

Mike Brinkley ’86 - Brinkley was an American for the Viking football team and was also voted "Mr. Viking" his senior year. Brinkley played under Coach Kenneth Gubler and passed on his coaching philosophies to his son, Beau. Beau is currently a long snapper for the University of Missouri Tigers football. Brinkley is an avid supporter of MVC Athletics.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Association will also host an alumni social on July 8 at Busch Stadium. Call Joji for more information at 660-815-4177 or joji@mojuve.net.

The 56th Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament will be held Monday, July 5 at Stone Hedge Golf Club in Marshall. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The Tournament will be a four person scramble. Proceeds will go to the Alumni Association's Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Above: (left) Beissie Chittwood ‘44 and (right) Bill Hanlon ‘65 for their extraordinary degree of service to MVC.