Fall is in the air!
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Six wheels that keep Valley ROLLING!

Insight on four of The Student Affairs office administrators.

A freshman nervously turns the pages of his textbook. A sophomore yawns, watching two juniors passionately talking about their summer internships.

A loud senior cuts the long line waving, nodding and smiling to three-fourths of the returners that fill the Business office hallway.

Simultaneously, a petite and frail woman hugs a 250 pound student. The grey-haired bubbling woman gives advice and greetings to that football player.

Through her sparkling blue eyes and sincere smile, she greets everybody passing by.

DARLENE ARNETT
Yes, I am talking about Darlene, the receptionist who answers the phone and any student questions at the Student Affairs office.

Actually Darlene Arnett and the dean, Heath Morgan are two of the six wheels that keep Valley rolling.

EMILY SKELLETT

Who wants some free stuff?" Emily shouts. Her slightly deep and soft voice makes that offer even harder to refuse. At the exit door of the cafeteria, students grab the razors and feminine goods she is handing them.

Emily Skellett is the Activities Coordinator of Missouri Valley College. She played four years for the varsity Lady Viking soccer team before graduating in Science and Psychology.

Emily is engaged to Tanner Fennewald and her best memory as a Moval student is when he proposed to her at Midnight Madness.

“There is a lot more to do now,” Emily says as she compares the differences between the back-in-the-day—when-she-was-stu... student at Moval and now.

For instance, the movie nights are a real upgrade. Pictures of two blondes with blue eyes, an almost exact clone of Emily, decorate the door of her room in MacDonald Hall where she is a Resident Assistant.

Emily has a twin, Megan, not identical but the resemblance is obvious, Tanner said. Athletic, outspoken, goal driven Emily likes to have everything laid-out.

ALLI LINDEMMANN

She sooo looks like Chloe Sullivan! Yes Alli Lindemann does, a little, if you tilt your head to the left side...and half close your right eye the resemblance can be seen. Okay that might not be obvious and clear for everybody, but she keeps up with that smart journalist of the series Smallville.

Indeed, with a Bachelor’s in History from the University of Missouri, Columbia; a Master’s in Teaching from Park University and Higher Education from Kaplan University, she does not have anything to envy from that fictional character.

Alli began as a receptionist in the office, then left. She moved back to Moval in 2007.

As Coordinator of Housing and Residential Life, she is at the top of the pyramid of the campus Residential Assistants, and after Heath Morgan, the must-see person to talk to in case of a serious problem.
Alli is impressed by the past few years of new construction, and the work done in housing. Alli also likes the Missouri Valley College new website and these current updates; it is a big accomplishment for the college.

**NICK PEKER**

In his office a former varsity Viking football player checks his emails and answers them at 8 a.m. in the morning. His dark hair and thick eyebrows underline his light-brown or dark-green eyes.

His big and impressive shoulders contrast with his sweet and juvenile smile. Nick Peker, who graduated in 2009 with a degree in Business administration and Management accounting, is the Blosser Coordinator.

Nick was on the team that won the Heart of America Athletic Conference in 2006, and went to the NAIA semi-finals in South Dakota. That remains his best memory as a student.

Against the preconceived ideas, Nick is an athlete who likes to read and play board games during his free time.

Cheese! A freeze smile. Still good-looking. A little bit ill-at-ease as he accepts the improvised photo-shoot in his office, Nick seems to be the reserved-kind.

Even if Nick spends a lot of time behind the screen as he also builds computers, he enjoys being in contact with people and helping people around him.

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**SOANE SEVELO**

The referee whistles, it is the end of the game. Winners and losers shake hands, laugh and tease each other. The spectators in the old gym in the middle of the campus square cheer the intramurals players. The ref seems satisfied and is getting ready for the next kick-ball game. The way he runs down the floor shows that he is an athlete. He has a thickset silhouette, short hair, neat and close cut beard. His naturally tanned smooth skin indicates that he must come from the paradisiacal islands on the other side of the world.

Indeed, Soane Sevelo comes from the Islands of Tonga. That archipelago (group of islands) located in the Pacific ocean southwest of Hawaii and northeast of New Zealand. “Actions speak louder than words with that guy,” says Moa Palepale one of Soane’s former teammates now working for Missouri Valley College security. An anonymous source stresses the fact that Soane is admittedly a silent leader but with a genuine musical interest; he is a great singer.

“Missouri Valley College does a great job spreading culture worldwide,” Soane said. According to him, with the buildings and renovations, one of the biggest accomplishments of Moval is the diversity that the college brings to a small town like Marshall, Missouri.

Soane graduated in December 2008 with a major in Business administration. Before becoming Nick Peker’s colleague in the Student Affairs office, he was his teammate and they both share the same memory as students, travelling around the United States during the play-offs of 2006.

Soane likes to work out and is a big fan of “The office,” a mock documentary, with the well-known comedian Steve Carell, and a group of typical office workers, where the

**The beautification of the campus attracts and makes students actually stay at Missouri Valley College.”**

**The “home-sweet-home” of Soane Sevelo but also of a large group of polyne- sians at Missouri Valley College.**
On the first day of classes, a freshman can be seen running up the steps of Baity Hall, frantically rushing to class and then realizing they are in the wrong room.

To help the freshmen get used to being away from home and adjust to college life, freshmen seminar classes are offered at Missouri Valley College to help the students find their way around, get to know other people and participate in activities.

The freshmen seminar classes started several years ago to help students get used to the new environment of college. The class is taught by over 10 professors and include 20-30 students in each class.

During the freshman seminar classes students learn about what college life will be like through lectures on how to manage money, how to manage time schedules between classes and extracurricular activities and how to prepare for their classes. Also included during the classes are online quizzes on Moodle for the students.

Other activities for freshmen include competitions between other freshmen students, such as tug-of-war to help them get to know each other better. There is also a picnic held for the freshmen. During this time, they are introduced to the College Dean and the President.

Tiffany Bergman, Freshman Seminar Coordinator said “The freshmen that I have taught during the class have become more confident in how they will be able to adjust to the college.”

Bergman also said that she hopes that the class will help students be able to have an easier time adjusting to college life and have a good experience.

According to the website Associated Content, “Statistics show that over half of college freshmen drop out before they graduate and one out of every four will drop out by sophomore year.”

Stan Silvey, Freshmen Seminar instructor, said that he hopes that the classes will help students feel comfortable to ask for help whenever they need it.

Also Silvey said that teachers are willing to help students whenever they get stuck or are having trouble with classes.

Pam Sebastian, College Chaplain, said that she hopes that if any students need her help for classes they tell someone, because there is always a teacher willing to help them.

Shawn Terryberry, Freshman Seminar instructor said, “I hope that the class has given students the chance to make new friends and has been helpful to their careers.”

Many of the freshmen have appeared to have adapted to the new routine of college life while some people are still getting used to the new experience.

Freshman Kyle Gilbert said that getting used to college has been easy thanks to being on the football team.

“I have made several new friends from the football team who have helped me find classes and get around campus,” Gilbert said.

Most of the freshmen have varying opinions on freshman seminar. Some people think that the class has been helpful to them in keeping track of their schedules.

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Gilbert said that freshman seminar has been helpful to him because it has helped him become better organized for classes.

Freshman Jasmine Daniel said that she had some trouble getting used to being in college, but has now finally gotten used to the schedule of college life. She likes freshman seminar because she enjoyed getting to know other kids in her class.

Freshman Nathan Garrett said, “I have been getting used to college life, even though for the first week, I was nervous and didn’t know where I was going for my classes.”

Garrett also said that he finds some of freshman seminar interesting, such as the picnic and the games while some of the lectures are hard to follow and are sometimes boring.

There are also some people who don’t like freshman seminar, because they think that it is boring and lasts too long.

Freshman Roy Wolfrum said that he has gotten used to college life and didn’t have too much trouble having to get around because of help from friends. Wolfrum said that he doesn’t like freshman seminar because the lectures are sometimes boring.

Freshman Amanda Buhr said, “I was nervous the first few days of school, but once I was able to find my classes, I was comfortable.”

Buhr also said that she likes some of freshman seminar, but that the lectures are her least favorite part because some of them are hard to follow and boring.

The freshman seminar class lasts for the first eight weeks of the school year.

Freshmen learn how to manage money and deal with other financial topics during the “Are You Smarter Than a Viking” contest in the R. Wilson Brown room during freshman seminar.

Tug-O-War was one of the many activities that Freshman participated in during orientation. Groups also had their pictures taken underneath the tree outside Collins center.
In 1951, the U.S. population reached 153 million, the New York Yankees won the World Series, defeating the New York Giants 4 games to 2 and on October 16, 1951, Susan Love Rogers was born in Syracuse, New York.

Susan Rogers, commonly called Sue around campus, moved to Missouri when she was only 8 years old.

“I remember where I was when John Kennedy was assassinated. I was 12 years old,” said Rogers.

Sue was also a part of a march in Kansas City supporting Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement.

“I didn’t march with Dr. King but I marched when he was marching and I got arrested back in the 60s demonstrating for civil rights,” added Rogers.

When Sue graduated high school she decided to raise a family instead of going to college.

“She has six children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. She says her kids are very pleased that she decided to go back to college.

Rogers attended State Fair Community College five years ago and when she decided to transfer to a four-year college was less than pleased to find out that all her credits were not going to transfer.

“I feel I have good people skills, I think that with my experience I can help other people who are impoverished or disenfranchised and I would like to do that,” said Rogers when asked why she decided to go back to college.

She is working toward a double major in Sociology and Psychology and a minor in Anthropology.

“I figured it!” exclaimed Rogers, referring to being the oldest student on campus. “Being old is not a bad thing,” she added, “it isn’t promised to you.”

Rogers who stills very much feel like a 20-year-old on the inside wants her peers to know that “old age is not for sissies. You wake up and you’ve got aches and pains you’ve never had before, a wrinkle in a place you’ve never had it before, or a gray hair or things like that.”

Rogers actually feels it is a lot easier going to college now than if she were younger.

“I have routines and I’m pretty much established with a lot of things and I don’t care about drinking beer or staying up until 2 o’clock in the morning,” she said.

Rogers chooses to live her life by a very well known Bible verse, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

As to what advice she would give her younger peers, Sue said “take good care of yourselves, you might surprise yourself and end up being old someday too.”

I asked Rogers to complete the following statement, “Despite being the oldest person on campus, I….” She replied, “I got skills.”

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In 1991, the Internet was made available to unrestricted commercial use and number of computers on the net reached 1 million, Queen Elizabeth II gave a speech in the U S congress, and on August 30, 1991, the youngest student at Missouri Valley College was born. Dekel Raven Nesbitt, born in Freeport, Bahamas, graduated high school and started college at only 16-years-old. Dekel, now 17-years-old, is a Business Administration major.

“Most exciting thing about valley is the feeling of togetherness and it feels like everyone is a part of a family here,” she said. However, like most students at Valley, her least favorite thing would have to be the lack of activities there are in Marshall.

In her 17 years of life, Nesbitt says the most exciting thing that has happened to her is when her roommate she barely knew pierced her ears. The hardest thing she said that has happened in her life was the death of her mom in 2008. Being an international student, Nesbitt says she does tend to get homesick. “I usually call my dad or my friends who are off in school who can relate to how I feel,” she said. It also helps that she has an older brother that goes to Valley as well. “Before I got here I thought it would be horrible, but now that I’m here it’s really just a big help to me because he helps me with transportation and anything else I need,” she added.

Nesbitt said college has lived up to her expectations as it requires a lot of time management between classes, homework, sports and friends.

Nesbitt said she did not know that she was the youngest person on campus and that, “It feels great! I think it makes me unique and different. A lot of people can’t say they went to college at 16-years-old like I can.”

As to anyone that doubts her readiness for college she said, “I am mentally and academically ready and mature for college despite my age. I have a good head on my shoulders and I know why I’m here.”

I asked Nesbitt to complete this statement, “Despite being the youngest person on campus, I…” She replied, “I am still able, capable and going to succeed and excel academically and athletically just as everyone else.”
Fall in love with Fall at Valley

Photos around campus by Megan Shepherd and Jacob Uhrig

Megan Shepherd

Whether you knew Fall began September 22nd or not, the evidence was all around.

The leaves began to change hues of bright red and orange. They ever so predictably fell and then turned into those crunchy brown leaves we step on as we walk about the campus.

In case you’re always in a rush, take the time now to enjoy the beautiful colors of fall!
Jump into fall at Missouri Valley College

A sneak peek of the scenery around campus

Jessica Marrs

Have you seen the leaves piling up around campus, or blowing in the wind and hitting you as you walk to class? Fall is finally here at MVC, with its colors exploding everywhere you look. Though the temperatures have been high, they are slowly falling and it’s almost time to break out those boots and winter jackets we’ve all been waiting to wear...or have we? It’s about time we ditch our shorts and flip flops, along with our sun-kissed tans we worked so hard on. Snow and winter are right around the corner, unfortunately. So to all of you fall lovers at MVC: go find some leaves that are piling up and jump in them before they blow away or get raked up. Have some fun!
Orange and Purple...healthy green, shining yellow, bloody red: When Viking meets Fall.

Fall is the kind of immortal woman figure. She has been on earth for a while now, but remains forever young. Playful child who creates tiny tornado that can blow in any nappy puffy Afro hair cut; Fall is also a seductive woman who can make anybody that stares at her fall for her.

Fall matches Valley spirit. Coming from all over the world, Fall makes the International flags around the campus tremble seductively under a cloudless blue sky. A leaf that looks like a brownish butterfly fights against the wind in front of Baity Hall.

When the rough Viking and the passionate Fall walk together, the atmosphere rolls in slow motion. They flirt proudly even if everybody knows that it is just a three month crush.

In love even if their relationship goes round and round; Viking enjoys seeing her undressing...these branches from their healthy green and shining yellow crepe paper but he always get bored in front of these naked trees.

Viking is a Don Juan, he left the good-smelling flowers of the frenetic Summer to join the flirtatious motion and mysterious wind whistle of Fall.

But he is now in lust for that quiet and pure virgin with her white coat called Winter.

Fall is a proud woman in love. She fades away of that relationship that let bloody red leaves behind.

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