‘Get Me Outta Here’
Valley grads are anxious to get their diplomas and begin their life after college. Congratulations to the first graduating class of the new decade.

Graduates prepare for final walk across stage
The 121st commencement ceremony for Missouri Valley College graduates in the class of 2010 will be held on Saturday, May 8.
The ceremony will be held at the Gregg-Mitchell Field. A baccalaureate ceremony will be held at 11 a.m., followed by a commencement ceremony at 2 p.m. The commencement speaker will be Bert Berkley, chairman of the board of Tension Envelope of Kansas City.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE CANDIDATES:

Show me your tats!
Valley students use body art to express their individuality.
See page 16 for story and photographs.

Valley Will Roll: See page 13 for spring football wrap-up.
MVC alum joins the Navy

Samuel Njuguna
DELTA CONTRIBUTOR

It was about this time in April 2008 when I penned what I thought was my last article for the Delta. In the article, I had looked back at the time spent at this college with a lot of gratitude for professors who had academically molded me and friends and members of staff who had greatly enriched my life.

Little did I know that I would stay at Valley about two years after graduating in May 2008. As a strong believer in God’s will and purpose in each of our lives, I have no doubt that God provided me with the opportunity to prolong my stay in Marshall. Since then, I have worked for the college, enrolled in Psychology classes, and made new friends. In short, the last two years have been satisfactorily a blessing to my life.

Earlier this year, I heard about MAVNI (Military Accessions Vital to National Interest), a new military program geared toward enlisting foreigners with certain language capabilities or those qualified in the healthcare field. Some of the languages included Swahili, one of the languages that I speak. After weeks of meeting with recruiters and going through the application process, I finally met the basic requirements for joining the service. At the end of February, I was sworn in and officially enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a linguist.

I believe this is an opportunity that will be fulfilling in the long term. My contract allows me to travel to my home country and work there for a minimum of six months as a translator. Other benefits include becoming a U.S. citizen in less than a year’s time—a dream come true.

There’s nothing that comes easy in life and this new offer has its own challenges. The demand to meet specific physical fitness standards is just one of a few. With that in mind, I have been working out to better prepare myself for boot camp.

Successfully graduating from basic training (boot camp) is not guaranteed, but I am hopeful that I will do fine. Regardless of the outcome, I have the opportunity to seek another job as a translator or utilize my undergraduate degree in Mass Communication for a career in journalism or pursue a master’s degree. Save for unforeseen circumstances or injuries, I think my time in Marshall is up and it’s about time to move on.

For more than five more years that I have been in this town, I have made countless friends either through the college, my local church, First Baptist Church, and local people. I love this town and its people and God willing I shall return. Kwaheri na Mola aibariki Marekani!

I would like to thank the people at MVC who have supported the efforts of the newspaper and yearbook. They are not easy projects and require a lot of work and dedication by the students. I would like to thank Delta co-editors Ralitsa Gospodinova and Devon Wade, as well as special reporter Samuel Njuguna, and the other dependable members of the Delta staff for a year of interesting and creative newspaper journalism.

On the yearbook side, I would like to thank Katie Kimble, for her work in organizing the first-ever video yearbook that we will have available on DVD, and Allison Student, for her work in organizing the still photographs DVD project that we will also have available, and Cory Petersen for great photos along the way. Those projects were true success stories by those students. My thanks goes to those students of the yearbook effort who were truly diligent.

As for a traditional book-format yearbook? Well, we’ll look at what’s been suitably done and decide from there. In this modern world where every student’s yearbook is their Facebook site and they upload photos and information there, producing the yearbook book-format is challenging. We may attempt a do-it-yourself template for the future wherein interested students build their own yearbook pages and then we gather them together.

That’s one of numerous ideas. Changing media requires different efforts and plans.

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--First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
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More worth than he’s trouble: Special child makes lasting impression on student

Devon Wade
DELTA CO-EDITOR

A couple dozen puzzle pieces, black and red checker chips, and various action figures were scattered on the ground. It took two other staff members and I forever to clean up the destruction left by one four-year-old, who had to weigh 50 pounds soaking wet, holding a 10-pound dumbbell.

It was well past the closing time for the “Kids Gym” at the Salt Fork YMCA, but I took comfort in knowing that I had made a special child happy (and that I was still clocked in for an extra 30 minutes).

I will refer to him as Joseph to protect his privacy and identity. Joseph came into the kid’s gym when there were only two kids left, which was more manageable than him coming in during a time when the area was packed.

I knew he was a child with special needs and I had no idea how I was going to communicate with him. Knowing that little children are the second meanest people in the world only behind high school girls, I had to be mindful that these children would notice that Joseph wasn’t like them and would most likely say something.

After Joseph removed his shoes, he darted toward the bin that held the action figures and seemed taken by the red Power Ranger. It wasn’t as cool as the original Red Power Ranger but I didn’t hold that against Joseph, who seemed perfectly content. He quickly grew bored with each action figure, and began to bring out more and more toys.

I made sure to keep an eye on him as I continued my intense game of wall ball with an 8-year-old. After the game, I noticed that Joseph tried to crawl under the net that separated the play area from an area that was restricted from the kids.

I used a calm and playful tone with Joseph to try to get him to crawl back to the play area. I had no luck with that, so I gently tried to pull him toward me but his cobra-grip on the net gave me a little trouble. I didn’t want to hurt his hands by just snatching him so I tickled him just long enough for him to release his hold on the net and picked him up to carry him back over to the play area.

After a couple of kicks to the chest, I put him down and watched him run over to the wall where he screamed and pointed at the restricted area. I had no idea what was behind that net that attracted him so much. I walked over to him to try to calm him down and he grabbed my hand and began walking over toward the net.

I gave in and told my co-worker to give me the keys so I could take him to the area behind the net. I am not sure that he understood what I said but I saw his eyes light up and his arms flail up and down with excitement.

When we got inside he went straight for the tricycle with the broken pedals. The only way he could ride the tricycle was with me pushing him. After he got on the tricycle, he turned around, looked at me, and gave a playful clamor, and I began pushing the tricycle all through the play area.

I pushed Joseph around for almost a half an hour; I watched him flash that infectious smile. By the time his mom came to get him, the room was in disarray and much cleaning had to be done.

Listen Up Freshmen: Valley graduating seniors offer advice for the freshman for surviving Moval

Chris Gobin, Biology major.
Advice for incoming freshmen: “Get some good friends. Get to know your professors and advisers. Don’t always change your classes. You don’t want to be a seventh-year senior.”

Garren Holley, Interdisciplinary Studies major.
Advice for incoming freshmen: “Go to class and do your work. Apply yourself.”

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MVC student scholars were honored at the Scholar Academic Awards Banquet on April 6. Interim CAO Marilyn Belwood welcomed the students, parents and guests, faculty and staff.

The 22 student scholars were Amy Adametz (Social Studies Education), Stacy Adams (Elementary Education), Jackie Andersen (Theatre), Lacey Breshears (Psychology), Amanda Byerly (Middle School Education), Jenna Eck (Human Service Agency Management), Rouven Haenig (Economics), Rachel Henke (Public Relations), Tyler Kasubeck (Business Administration), Sharae Kelly (Religion/Philosophy), Katie Kimble (Mass Communication), Josh Lammert (Athletic Training), Hatsumi Makino (Accounting), Wes McCollum (Criminal Justice), Tricia Mowatt (Exercise Science), Alayna Palmer (English), Jessica Shobe (Dance), Lindsey Simmons (History), Ryan Sutton (Speech Communication), Kristen Thomas (Biology), Cole Thurman (Physical Education), and Christina Yingst (Mathematics).

Above: Student-scholars who attended the banquet. Far left: Alayna Palmer is named the winner of the essay contest by Ed Leslie, associate professor of Mathematics and Computer Science. Left: Lindsey Simmons receives her Scholar award from Jon Duke, chair of the Social Science Division.

Hatsumi Makino (center) receives the Scholar award from Larry Stockman, chair of the Business Division, and Pat Vazzana, professor of Business Administration. (Photos by David L. Roberts)
Today’s generation is swarming with technology and the most popular other than the computer can only be the delivery of short email.

Texting is the one of the most popular forms of communication among young adults. According to victorian.fortunecity.com, it’s so popular because “every generation has its own technology—young people discovered texting and made it theirs.”

Students on this campus said that texting is popular because it’s an easier way of communicating. But according to one, she didn’t seem to think so. Junior Tricia Freeman said, “Texting is less personal and takes less time. Talking on the phone is more old-fashion and says she wouldn’t date a guy who didn’t call her.” She added, “If a guy wants to ask me on a date, he’d better call and ask me. Do not text me.”

All were asked if texting is part of their everyday routine. They all answered yes. But when asked if calling was ever an option, some had similar answers, but one just insisted on texting. Freshman Jessica Gates said she wouldn’t call instead of texting. “I love texting.”

Freeman said she uses phone calls often because she gets annoyed with texting.

Senior Steve Price said when something is more important, he would rather call than text. “I love texting.”

Schrader and Price both think that the law will be followed. She said that police will start pulling people over for it and it will just be a chain reaction.

What are the chances of everyone following the law though? Price and Hauskins don’t think it has stopped people already because they both agree that texting while driving is what causes most of young driver accidents.

People text all day everyday, even when driving. According to victorian.fortunecity.com, about 50 million messages are sent in the United Kingdom (Britain) everyday. With more people in the United States, the number is most likely larger.

Texting is part of everyday life for some. But those same people say they could go a day without texting.

When, is the funny question? Schrader said she could do it. It just depends on the circumstances. For example, she said, “When I went to Las Vegas, I didn’t text. It was just me and the casinos.”

Price said he did text during spring break. So, a day without texting is possible. Maybe it’s just when something better takes their attention away from the phone.

Texting is a big part of this generation, and the chances of it stopping are like seeing pigs fly. It’s a new and improved way of communicating and many could say it’s a major improvement of our messaging system.

Missouri Valley College students surfed to numerous websites this past semester:— The college’s official Facebook site drew 1,597 people to declare that they “liked” the website. Facebook recently changed its reference of “joining as a friend” to “liking.” For MVC-related Facebook pages about specific sports activities, the football site drew 765 fans who committed to “liking.” The men’s wrestling site drew 309; the men’s and women’s volleyball site drew 214; and the tennis teemsite drew 125.

— The infamous Sammy Lynn website, reported about in a Delta edition in March, still has 890 “friends.” For the site, there have been no status updates, nor replies to people who write on her wall. She received five birthday greet-ings, but didn’t answer any of them.

— A Facebook site for the Petition to Keep Dr. Lent at MVC drew 332 members who joined in support of a renewed teaching contract for Larry Lent, an assis-tant professor of Psychology since 2006. Students presented a petition of around 500 student signatures supporting Lent to the college administration. Students also recently met with the college president, but expressed disappointment on the website about the resulting response.

— It’s always good to keep a sense of humor when everyone around you is los-ing theirs. That might have been why more than 300 students became members of the Facebook page “You know you’re from Moval when…” The humor and comments on the site for the most part have been relatively gentle and clean.
Around the World at the Culture Fair

Top photo: Samuel Njuguna displays Kenya information and samples of food. Above: Faculty member Peter Warnock promotes his Anthropology program.

Top middle photo: Shruti Bedi displays items from India at the library’s Culture Fair. Left: Yalimar Vidal provides information and food samples representing Puerto Rico. Top: Students enjoy sampling food items. Above: A display about Mexico.
The Delta received 12 award honors for writing, photography, and editorial work at the Missouri Collegiate Media Association convention in Lee's Summit on Saturday, April 10.

Delta Co-Editors Ralitsa Gospodinova and Devon Wade, Delta special reporter Samuel Ngunga, and faculty adviser David L. Roberts attended the convention, held at the University of Central Missouri's Summit Center campus in Lee's Summit. The event involved students and advisers from more than 20 colleges and universities in Missouri.

The convention included journalism workshops and presentations by Bill Reiter, sports enterprise reporter for the Kansas City Star; Lee Gray, retired editor and columnist; and others. The banquet speaker was Dave Helling, multimedia reporter for the Kansas City Star.

As a recent MCMA member, MVC's Delta student newspaper participated in the competition last year, earning three awards. This year, the 12 award honors were given for newspaper work during the spring semester of 2009, when Cori Basham served as editor, and the fall semester of 2009, with co-editors Gospodinova and Wade.

The awards were as follows:

--A first-place award for the Delta online edition (website presence) for the entire staff, with certificates also individually presented to the three editors Cori Basham, Ralitsa Gospodinova, and Devon Wade for their editorial roles.

--A first-place award for feature photography by Alfred Lewis for a photograph, blending color as well as black and white photographic work, of Dance Assistant Professor Janie Ross and some of her dance students along the brick path of the quad.

--A second-place award for feature writing by Devon Wade for a story about inter-racial dating.

--A second-place award for feature photography by Cory Petersen for a photograph for his story about hunting for Morel mushrooms.

--A third-place award for sports column by Devon Wade for a column about his impressions of attending a rodeo for the first time.

--A third-place award for news photography by Phillip Hamer for a photo of a Polynesian Club performer at the Homecoming bonfire.

--A third-place award for sports writing by Austin Zavala for a sports story about the number of Hawaiian graduating seniors on the men's volleyball team.

--A third-place award for entertainment review by Cori Basham for a review of the "Modest Mouse" rock group concert.

--An honorable mention award for in-depth reporting by Cori Basham for a story about Facebook stalking.

Wade said, “Twelve awards for a paper with first-time co-editors and a small staff isn’t too bad.”

Gospodinova said, “It was an honor for me to be one of the first Valley students to attend the convention in recent times.” She said that the awards were well-deserved by the Delta staff. Gospodinova added, “It’s a challenge to compete with so many schools and then win a good number of awards.”

Roberts said he was pleased with the recognition of the Delta students and also proud of the ongoing effort by all Delta editors and staff members to improve the newspaper and their skills in producing quality journalism work.

Roberts said it was also exciting to see so many students from colleges and universities throughout Missouri who had enthusiastic passion for their journalism craft. "At the banquet, we sat with the adviser and some of her Montage newspaper students from St. Louis Community College-Meramec and they were a great group," he said.

While in Lee's Summit, the Delta students and adviser enjoyed a visit with Travis Watts, Mass Communication alum who serves as a newspaper sports editor, and former MVC student Sheena Simpson.
Rashona Colbert, a junior in sociology and wrestler at Missouri Valley College, dedicates most of her time toward graduating and being the best wrestler she can be. However, she also dedicates a lot of her time to another subject for which she is very passionate. This subject is photography.

Colbert has had an interest in photography since the eighth grade. Her passion for it has only continued to grow. Over the years, she has worked in three different photography studios and has done a lot of work on her own. She recently displayed some of her work in the Craft Bazaar on campus.

When asked about her portfolio, she pulled out a lanyard with 15 or more flash drives on it, she smiled and said, “I love all of my work, I never throw any of it away.” In answer to what inspires her, she replied, “I just like capturing beautiful things and people who feel they aren’t pretty. I like to prove them wrong. I try to capture the beauty in everything through my photography.”

Scenery and glamour are the types of photography she enjoys capturing most. Being a MVC wrestler allows Colbert the chance to let her passion for scenery photography flourish because of all the traveling that comes along with it.

Scenery photography is her way of keeping the places she travels as memories. Her passion for glamour photography comes from being given the chance to show the beauty in others. Many of her clients give her the free will to be creative with their portraits.

Colbert enjoys being able to portray her passion for photography to viewers through her work. “I want them to see that pictures just aren’t images on paper,” she said. For Colbert, what started as just a hobby has grown into a love. Her dream is to one day open her own studio.
Iceland volcano leads to technology first for MVC

Speakers describe challenges of entrepreneurs

ESPN founder, online editor, businesspeople advise students at annual event

Students learned about business in the global market and were advised about the challenges and risks of being an entrepreneur from 10 speakers at the fourth annual MVC Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship in April 19-21.

Speakers from as far away as the Netherlands, the location of the city Maastricht for which the annual MVC institute was named, and throughout America provided the narratives of how they became entrepreneurs, what has worked for them, and that they also have had their share of failures. Students in attendance said they were impressed, inspired, and informed by the presentations.

As an example of how a small college in Missouri can be impacted by global activities, the Iceland volcano Eyjafjallajokull even got into the act, after its drifting ash closed down European airports, forcing flight cancellations for safety reasons. (Ash can clog and shut down airplane engines while a plane is in flight.)

While several speakers traveled to the United States before the air travel problem, E.J. Bodewes couldn’t leave the Netherlands in time and thus couldn’t physically travel to Marshall. But the world is also about technology, so Bodewes nonetheless appeared on a computer screen, all the way from the Netherlands, thanks to technology used at the institute this year. (Photo by David L. Roberts)

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Bodewes, the other institute speakers, spoke to MVC students from Europe. It was the first time that the college’s Internet Technology (IT) department arranged a Skype presentation, a long-distance link-up with a speaker via the Internet.

Besides Bodewes, the other institute speakers were Brent Bahler, Robert Dresen, C.A. Van Den Ende, Robert Dunham, Jasmine Grimm, Jim Henry, Bill Rasmussen, Jay Sebben, and Benoit Wesly.

MVC President Bonnie Humphrey welcomed speakers and students to the three-day sessions. The institute is organized annually by the Business Administration Division. Larry Stockman, chair of the Business Administration Division, served as institute director. Advisers included Benoit Wesly and Ed Elliott, former interim MVC president. Other main MVC staff and faculty members involved in the organizational work included Eric Sappington, Chad Jaeques, Sharon Hoefflicker, Dessie Stafford, and Lorin Price.

TWO SPEAKERS ARE ALUMS

Two of the institute speakers this year were MVC alumni.

Brent Bahler, president of Bahler Communications of Alexandria, Va., is a 1975 graduate. He majored in English and Speech (Dramatic Arts), but had interested in journalism and that was before a Mass Communication major existed at the college.

He was active with campus radio station and served as editor of the Delta student newspaper.

He went on to work as a radio news director, a newspaper editor, a press secretary, and a consultant. He served on the National Transportation Safety Board for four years. “I learned how to communicate more precisely than I ever did before,” he said about the national appointment.

He also was involved with campaigns for Republican candidates and issues. One effort was the campaign to defeat the health care reform plan proposed by the Clintons in the 1990s. “We spent over $1 million on the campaign to tell people about the threats of government-run health care,” he said.

Bahler said he worked with Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa, who he praised as one of the greatest U.S. senators.

He said a lesson for the entrepreneur is that “you never stop learning.”

The other MVC alum, who returned as a guest speaker, was Jasmine (McDowell) Grimm, who graduated in 2004 with an English degree. Her husband, Cory, a staff sergeant in the Air Force, accompanied her to Marshall.

Grimm is the editor-in-chief of Connections, an online magazine based in Lancaster, Pa. “Trying and being willing to fail is the cornerstone of any entrepreneur endeavor,” she said. “Every single time I failed, I learned from my mistakes.”

Grimm advised the students to use social media, take risks, and learn how to tell a great story. “If you believe, in your heart of hearts, that it’s a good idea, you should go for it.”

(See the separate story by Megan Shepherd about Grimm’s presentation.)

ENTREPRENEURIAL THEMES

The themes of challenges, risks, and handling failure in business continued throughout the three-day seminars.

Robert Dunham, founder of the Institute for Generative Leadership in Colorado, said, “The future is not something that happens to us. It is what we create.”

He said being an effective entrepreneur means being an effective leader. Commitment is where action comes from, he said, adding that before action, there is ongoing communication and conversation. “What leads people to action is care,” he said.

Dunham said that entrepreneurs succeed when they produce value and satisfaction for their customers.

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Jay Sebben, principal for Fulton Bridge Partners of Chicago, a boutique merchant bank, said though there are about 7.7 million businesses in America now, it’s tough to be an entrepreneur and to be successful in business.

He advised students to take their accounting classes seriously. “You’re going to have low points, but it does get easier,” he said about business and careers.

Sebben told students to find something they are passionate about, something people want to buy, and turn it into a business.

Speaking through the Skype presentation, E.J. Bodewes, lecturer of Entrepreneurship at Maastricht University in the Netherlands, said, “Live your passions.” He described entrepreneurs as people who are “innovators, challengers, disruptors, self-confident, and passionate.” He said they challenge the status quo. “Look around for problems to solve.”

Bodewes said entrepreneur businesses can work for young people who don’t have a lot of money or even networks but who have big dreams and go after them. “Google is a good example of two guys who had no business experience and never worked for a company, but had a great idea,” he said, adding that the story of Microsoft is similar.

He said that most people who start a business fail within the first five years, but entrepreneurs will try and try again. Perseverance is important, Bodewes said.

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ESPN founder returns as speaker

Allison Student
Delta Contributor

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He had the audience laughing when he told a story about his advertising methods. Men wore red jackets with a big ESPN on the back and “I told them to face the field the whole game and stand right on the side lines. CBS couldn’t get a shot without ESPN being in view.”

Rasmussen said, “The harder you work, the luckier you get.”

Rasmussen concluded his speech, “You don’t have to know the facts to be an entrepreneur, you have to have the passion of the idea.”

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Editor says entrepreneurs keep learning

Story by Megan Shepherd

There will always be people in life that will doubt you and try to put your dreams down, but it is up to you to believe in yourself and go for your dreams. This was the message by Jasmine (McDowell) Grimm, editor-in-chief of Connections online magazine, who was one of the speakers at the Maastricht Entrepreneurship Institute, April 19.

Grimm graduated from MVC with an English degree in 2004. She was the youngest person to serve as a speaker for the annual Maastricht program, in its fourth year at MVC.

Grimm, who began her journalism career in high school, told attendees the story of when she began her entrepreneurial career.

At the age of 15, Grimm’s goal was to backpack across Europe and so she pitched this idea to her parents. After two disappointing responses, Grimm’s parents finally agreed to the trip only if she could raise the $2,500 on her own. The entrepreneur spirit in her surfaced when she came up with the plan to use the Internet to tell the world of her goal in trying to raise money for her trip to Europe.

Grimm gave out her home address for around the world to see and to donate to her trip. Shortly, an envelope with $1,000 and a note saying “Enjoy your trip” showed up at her door. Grimm said her parents were furious. “I will admit this was pretty stupid from a logical standpoint,” said Grimm, but it worked, in terms of an entrepreneurial effort.

From this experience, Grimm said she learned that people would listen to her online and they would pay her for what she has to say. Not every idea will be a good one but you must believe in yourself to try them and not be afraid to fail, Grimm said.

“Trying and being willing to fail is the cornerstone of an entrepreneur endeavor,” Grimm said.

In her speech, Grimm encouraged students to follow their dreams, ideas and goals no matter what those who may doubt you have to say. When creating a sales pitch, Grimm said, “Come up with a plan. Even if you think it’s counterintuitive, someone will go for it.”

She also told attendees, “Don’t be afraid to tweak your sales pitch.” Let your customers know what the rewards are for them and they will be more likely to want to buy your product.

Finally, she advised students to get a third-party endorsement and to find your niche.

Grimm also spoke about her job as editor-in-chief of Connections magazine. “It’s a ‘me’ world and I have to cater to that,” she said. Grimm said that her job or any job is about the users or the clients and how they feel when they walk away from your product. Users want to feel a part of her work and want to be able to see themselves in what she does, she added.

Grimm explained that she must make people aware of Connections on-line magazine to create trafficking to the website. When a lot of people visit the website, advertisers are happy and that means they will continue to pay to advertise on the website. It is up to her to “give appealing content and that in itself is the hardest part of my job,” Grimm said.

Grimm said, “When you fail, how do you recover? Because I have failed many, many times, but every single time I failed, I learned from my failures.” She then went on to share some advice she received in her past: “If you do something once and fail, that’s learning. If you repeat it many, many times, that’s failing.”

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in Connecticut. He said he started with $9,000 in credit card money, but made important connections and promoted the potential of ESP Network, the name it was first called.

“We hit it at the right time,” Rasmussen said, adding that luck can play a part as well.

Rasmussen said many people didn’t think a 24-hour sports network would be successful. “There were no 24-hour networks then. We were the first one,” Rasmussen said. “You really have to have the passion, the enthusiasm, energy, and passion.” He said an entrepreneur needs to have an incredible perseverance and passion.

Rasmussen was bought out in 1984 when ABC purchased ESPN. Now, ESPN is owned by Disney, who also owns ABC.

When Rasmussen started, he said he had to settle for 2.4 cents per month from cable companies who broadcast his network. Now ESPN receives $4 per month from cable operators, raising $400 million monthly from just subscribers. The company attains billions of dollars in advertising revenue.

With a smile, Rasmussen said that 52 children have been named “Espn” or “Espy.” He said some wives have even named ESPN in divorce suits, claiming that their husbands were watching ESPN too much.

Rasmussen first came to the MVC campus in November for his online College Fanz Sports Network’s coverage of a Viking football game. “We had a good time coming here, last year.”

He said the MVC football game is on the CollegeFanz website for a year and that, after they archive a game, the audience doubles to watch it. The site provides sports coverage for about 1,450 four-year colleges and universities.

Also returning to campus, Jim Henry, playwright of “Angels of Lemnos,” a play produced at the MVC Theatre last semester, talked about his entrepreneurial efforts in sending out 150 play scripts per year to theaters.

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Seminars blend science, religion

The information was vast from the four seminars about Science and Religion, held during the month of April.

--Of 20 countries in the world, the United States ranked 19th in public acceptance of evolution.
--The age of the sun is 5 billion years and the sun’s average temperature is 6,000 degrees.
--Science measures the age of the universe at 13.75 billion years.

Physics Professor John Gault said, “I believe that science needs religion and religion can receive a strong benefit from science.”

All of the speakers in the series endorsed evolution as a process in the natural world.

Sarah MacDonald, assistant professor of Biology and Botany, quoted Galileo who, in 1620, said, “The Bible tells us how to go to Heaven and not how the heavens go.” Galileo got into trouble with the Church of the day for suggesting that the Earth went around the Sun and was forced to recant his message.

Chemistry Professor Stephen Patton’s presentation noted that there are 53,230,834 known chemical substances. Patton said the two chemicals that people know most about is water and salt. He said there are many references to salt in the Bible. Too much salt is bad, too little salt is bad, but just the right amount of salt is good and necessary, Patton said.

Peter Warnock, assistant professor of Anthropology and Archaeology, said people and cultures can view Biblical description by logical or abstract thought, in figurative or literal ways.

Jesus used parables for teaching, which is a form of abstract thought, Warnock said. He said the story of Jericho could be interpreted literally or figuratively, with walls coming down or people’s wills being overcome.

Warnock said the story of the Great Flood can be found in Genesis as well as in writing in other ancient cultures, such as Sumerian, Hindu, and Scandinavian.

The seminars by Gault, MacDonald, Patton, and Warnock drew large crowds of students.

More about Institute’s business speakers provide wisdom

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Henry earned an engineering degree and still works for National Cash Register company in Chicago. “I thought a playwright was William Shakespeare, Tennessee Williams, a dead guy.”

After his first play was produced, he said he realized he was a playwright and “had arrived.”

“Be whatever you want from day one and pursue it with all the passion you have,” he said. He said all people have their moments of failure. Henry said an important aspect of success is a positive attitude. He said he will sometimes say to himself, “Today is my favorite day” because it is the one he’s living in. “I try to create my own weather when it’s gloomy outside.”

He asked students to think about the question, “What am I going to do with this one life that God has given me?” To which Henry offered two more questions to ponder, “What do you like most? What do you like to do?”

Henry quoted radio commentator Earl Nightingale who once defined happiness as “Progressive realization of a worthy goal.”

One of Henry’s sons came to MVC for a year on a baseball scholarship. He also has a son who is a film maker in Los Angeles.

Henry said his greatest achievements are his 32-year marriage to his high school sweetheart, their eight children, and four grandchildren. His wife, Dona, accompanied him to Marshall.

THE LAST INSTITUTE SPEAKER

Benoit Wesly, chairman, president and CEO of Xelat Group of Maastricht, the Netherlands, was the last speaker for this year’s institute. Wesly’s involvement with the institute over the years was crucial to its origin and progress.

He has worked in the health care business, the music business, and the restaurant and hotel business.

“Your professors and fellow students make you richer,” Wesly told the students. “They have contributed to your future wealth and future welfare.”

Wesly said that the Netherlands celebrates 400 years of a relationship with the United States. He talked about his Jewish family, which numbered 51 prior to World War II with only three family members, including his parents, surviving the Nazi reign in Germany. He said his 3-year-old brother was one of many who died in the Auschwitz’s concentration camp.

Wesly said every day is a new day and that “Life gives us the opportunity to make something better.”

He said, “In what you do, always be guided in consideration of how you would like to be treated as a human being.”
Spring Ball Wrap-up

Devon Wade

DELTA-CO-EDITOR

Spring practices for football have concluded and summer is here; let the countdown begin. Once again the Tigers loose a bunch of talent with the graduation of seniors, most notably All-American Merlin Benefield.

The 2010 Viking squad is not short on talent. Paul Trotth, head football coach, said that Jesse Putnam, Darrian Woodson, and Richard Wick could be defensive candidates for all-America honors.

You have to be a good player to be an all-American, but it helps to get some recognition as a sophomore and junior, and seniors usually dominate the All-America team, Trotth said.

The Vikings kick-off the 2010 campaign on the road in Baldwin City, Kansas against Baker University.

In addition to starting the season off on the road, the Vikings have a date with Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri, who has bested the Vikings the past two seasons.

Despite the road tests, the Vikings go into fall camp with the goal of winning the Heart of America Athletic Conference, and a trip to their 4th national playoffs in 5 years.

"We always come into fall camp expecting to compete for a conference title," said Trotth.

Trotth also announced the four captains for next year. They include Darrell Madry and Henry Hamilton from the offense, and Mike Franklin and Adam Maher from the defense. Those are the guys the team voted for, so obviously the players think a lot about them, said Trotth. "I think they picked four good players," Trotth added.

These players will be relied on for not only their leadership on and off the field but also for their performance on the field. Darrell Madry is a versatile receiver who is a deep threat and also sure handed and will be relied on heavily in the passing game.

Henry Hamilton will need to help anchor a line that must protect Chris White, senior quarterback and fourth year starter.

Adam Maher and the rest of the linebackers won’t have Merlin Benefield to take on double and triple teams, but the core of linebackers are very talented with potential All-American candidates Jesse Putnam and Darrian Woodson.

Mike Franklin will have to be the leader and playmaker of a secondary that will be replacing three starters.

The defense will once again be the strength of the Viking team.

If Chris White can have a big year hitting targets like Darrell Madry, Josh Reid, and Tommy Pinta, and if the Vikings can overcome tough road games and 4th quarter woes, then the Vikings should have a solid year.

The four captains from left to right: Mike Franklin, Adam Maher, (top) Darrell Madry (bottom) Henry Hamilton. Photos by Philip Hamer. Enhancements by Devon Wade

The following MVC football athletes had perfect attendance through the 2010 spring workouts: Larry Richardson, Antonio McBee, Adam Chesser, Clarence Franklin, Gideon Lockett, Jared Wenzel, Ben Hampelmann, Cantrell Andrews, John Carrell, Ethan Leigh, Antwayn Spears, Chris White, Kevin Aldridge, Mikel Neil, DeAndre Smith, Rob Barrington, Michael Franklin, Tommi Pinta, Andrew Gregory, Alex McCallum, Micah Petersen, Jim Whitaker, Zebediah Dintelman, Spencer Hython, Gideon Israel, Ryan Lewis, and Stanley Pitman.

Spring Workout Ironmen
The last Spring concert of the semester was filled with singing and dancing. Performers from the Music and Dance programs entertained the audience at Eckilson-Mabee Theater.

Photos by Phillip Hamer
As well as music, the last MVC concert of the semester included performances by students from the MVC Dance program.

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Tattoos

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One American phenomenon is actual strong around the world: Tattoos.

One in every 10 Americans have them now, compared to one out of every 100 three decades ago.

The tattoo trend is so huge that sometimes the question isn’t “if you have one,” but rather “when are getting one.”

In the microcosm that is Missouri Valley College, understanding why people are putting permanent ink on their bodies is a worthy research goal.

Tattoos have been a trend that originated from rock and roll, though tattoos and tattooing has been around for centuries. It is likely that the ancient Vikings of Scandinavia wore tattoos. Around the year 1100, the Arab Ibn Fadlan described a meeting with some Vikings. He thought they were rude, dirty, and covered with pictures.

The Maoris, a tribe in New Zealand, tattooed their faces. In Asia, Buddhist priests got the right to have tattoos. In Africa, another version of the tattoo was created: scarifications, for skin too dark to show colorful tattoos.

Nowadays, the tattoo is considered by some people as a “must-get” look and style of pop culture. The rapper Snoop Dogg, also know as the D-O-double-G, has only one tattoo of the letter “C” on his arm. Tattoo artists collaborate with everyone, including Nike. Rayban recently created a video of a guy supposedly getting sunglasses tattooed on his face.

Faith Raulie, an MVC freshman, said her tattoo is on her back. She said it is the first initials of her mother, father, and three sisters. “I got it so they’ll always be with me wherever I go.”

Student Lekyndra Duncan said she has some stars tattooed on her stomach, because she likes stars.

So, tattoos can be about loved ones, decorative detail, a memory of a trip, or other messages and images.

Louis Aguilar is an MVC international student from France. He has numerous tattoos and is an artist who is interested in getting into tattoo designing. Aguilar said that when you draw on a person, you create a relationship with someone who has a history, a past. Though tattoos are not seen as common in France, Aguilar’s environment is filled with art.

“I probably couldn’t work in some office jobs, but I don’t want to anyway,” he said. While some employers may look unkindly upon employees with tattoos, body art is becoming more acceptable in the workplace, as long as the art isn’t offensive or would endanger workers. But Aguilar is aware that visible tattoos could affect future job opportunities.

“My ex-girlfriend was always drawing a sun on his hand, so it reminds me of her,” Aguilar said about the red sun tattoo on his hand.

Though most students with tattoos who were asked about them said they didn’t regret getting them, nonetheless a tattoo also can come with psychological baggage. Studies show that a tattoo is deeper than just a chosen message. A survey of more than 4,700 teens and adults found that tattoos are linked to suicides, piercing, and/or scarifications, with two-thirds of them saying they had contemplated or attempted a suicide.

Lawrence G Lent, assistant professor of Psychology, said he doesn’t buy a connection between tattoos and mutilation. People with tattoos want to identify with a group who does it, he said.

Lent said that tattoos are common in prison and gangs. The tattoo can be more of an induction act, a provocation act, or a way to find themselves.

He said it can mean symbolically that the person is tough or wants to be tough, though that may not be true. Tattooing is an art which some people say requires sensitivity and passion. It is also an expression of personal freedom. People who have tattoos say they represent their true identity, though they can struggle with defining who they really are.

Despite some barriers, the trend of tattooing continues to grow, for students on the MVC campus and people throughout the world.
Scholarships announced

Two recent scholarship awards were announced by English Professor Loren Gruber.

Tessa Belcher, of Edgerton, Mo., is the recipient of the Missouri Valley College Virginia Kugel-Zank Arts and Humanities Scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year. The scholarship provides $1,000 for an outstanding student in the former Arts and Humanities Division.

Kasey Chism, of Merrill, Wis., is the recipient of the MVC Trent Loos Academic Rodeo Scholarship for the coming academic year. The scholarship awards $1,000 to an outstanding MVC rodeo student-athlete.

Gruber sponsors both scholarships. For objectivity, the judges for the scholarships are off-campus and do not know the applicants.

Be sure to tune into Viking Views during the summer on channel three, on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. and Thursday nights at 8 p.m.

Actors, directors show talents with one-act plays

Three one-act plays were presented by MVC student directors and actors in mid April at the MET. Sarah Webb directed “Pastoral” by Peter Maloney with actors Will Van Wig, Jessie Greenfield, and Crystal Mann. Kate Reuter directed “Carwash” by Louis Philips with actors Ricardo Salazar, Zachary

McKinney, Cristian Wilson, and Tershelle Burrows. Sequan Davison directed “Where Have All the Lightning Bugs Gone?” by Louis E. Catron with actors Mayleen Soto and Lance Weinhardt. Clayton Sullivan served as stage manager for two of the plays.
Coed dorms

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Coed living only exists at Missouri Valley College with one residence hall, Saline Hall where rodeo students reside. However, colleges and universities across the United States are now more comfortable with the idea of coed dormitories, where the genders are mixed, and some are even moving on to coed rooms. According to Livescience.com, “Ninety percent of U.S. college dorms are now coed.”

USAToday.com reported that coed dorms were introduced in the 1970s. Now in 2010 and living in an advanced society, MVC still does not offer coed dorms to all of its residents.

Allie Lindemann, head of Residential Life, said, “I do know that we have one co-ed dorm right now, Saline Hall, and we are building a co-ed system of dorms over by Burns Gym. It’s actually going to be similar to what we have at the Redman Apartments where one-half of it will be women and one-half of it will be men.”

Most students on campus know that Saline Hall is known as “the rodeo house.”

Lindemann said that mostly rodeo students will be moving in the new rodeo dorm. She said, “But I’m unsure; there might be enough housing to house other students as well.” These dorms are scheduled to be opened at the beginning of the fall semester or completed during the spring 2011 semester, Lindemann said.

Some MVC dorm dwellers said the rodeo team has an advantage of being able to reside in a coed residence hall.

Katie Kimble, a senior majoring in Mass Communication who is on the rodeo team, said, “I lived in Mac and I also visited my boyfriend in the rodeo dorms where it was coed. It was always a pain in the butt to have to sign in and out. It was so frustrating because I would follow the rules every other time and then one time we’d fall asleep and get in trouble.”

Kimble added, “I would know five other people that have broken the rules and they would never get in trouble.”

The non-coed aspect of modern dorm life for most of the MVC residence halls also gives an advantage to gay students, who don’t have to worry about the visitation rules that straight couples do. Kimble said she thought it was a double standard that some gay students get to be with their significant others but heterosexual couples can’t be together. She said there’s no disciplinary action whatsoever when students or lesbians are caught together. She added, “I’m not saying that they shouldn’t be together, but if they can be together, then heterosexuals shouldn’t get in trouble for being together.”

Emily Skellett, Student Activities coordinator, said, “Based on our Presbyterian affiliation, I think that would be the main reason why and I also see a lot of conflict if we had coed dorms.”

Lindemann said, “We are still a Presbyterian college, so we have that Christian heritage and that’s part of the reason we keep that code of conduct.”

More than the religious aspect, as Presbyterianism tends to be more liberal than most denominations, and the fact that MVC is nondenominational in its procedures, the greater barrier to coed living may be the traditions of the college and its place in a more conservative setting.

Students said that having coed dorms would not make students any less Christian nor would having same-sex dorms make students more religious. Most students aren’t likely to change their morals and beliefs simply because they live in the same building as members of the opposite sex.

Coed dorms can have some advantages.

Lindemann, who went to a large school that did offer coed dorms, said, “I think there are some advantages, I think socially.”

According to Life123.com, “In real life, males and females interact daily as neighbors. College life brings this reality closer, so coed living makes sense from a real-world perspective.”

Heath Morgan, dean of Students, said that “there are just a lot of logistics problems that will make our buildings not sufficient enough to be coed right now.”

Morgan explained that the problem with making the buildings on campus coed is that they were not designed to be coed. Because of the community bathrooms, men and women will not be able to have enough privacy to take showers freely.

“If you look at other schools that have coed facilities, the buildings are coed specific,” said Morgan. He added that “there’s a possibility of some new dorms being built. I’m not sure exactly where we’re at in that right now. I don’t know if it will be a traditional dorm setup like what you would say the College Street or MacDonald Hall is.”

With the opportunity of new building being built, the opportunity of going coed has a greater chance.

The new buildings can be designed to eliminate all logistics problems where the setup can be like MacDonald Hall’s suite where only two rooms share one bathroom. The buildings could either have separate floors or separate wings for men and women.

But what about the culture? When some college officials hear “coed dorms,” they may think of college students having sex. Coed dorms are not all about sleepers and sex. Sometimes it is just easier for others to get along with members of the opposite sex.

Some students said dorms may become quieter, cleaner, and have other qualities if students know the other gender is scrutinizing their behavior and conduct.

But Cassandra Harmon, a transfer student from the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) which has coed residence halls, said, “I feel like whenever there is coed, the dorms seem to be louder.”

Harmon said all buildings at her previous school were coed and that “the restrooms were right across from each other, they were community too.”

Harmon added that “we had all-girl floors or all-boy floors but we had no separate buildings.”

Lindemann said, “One of the main issues right now is we do still have a code of conduct that includes visitation hours so males and females are not allowed to be in each other’s room after 1 a.m. until 8 a.m. If you have a coed dorm, it is very, very hard to manage to make sure that people are following that code of conduct.”

Although these rules are in place, students who attend Missouri Valley College can speak to the flaws in the rules, including at MacDonald Hall, the women’s dorm and the only building with regularly enforced visitation rules.

“If it were coed, in my opinion, it should be upperclassmen. Underclassmen come in too crazy, too ready to party,” Skellett said.

The idea of coeducational living is one for the college to consider. Maybe the time has come for it at MVC.
SGA president, officers take oath

Students, faculty receive recognition

At a special ceremony and banquet, Student Government Association officers took the oath of office to serve MVC students for the next school year. The officers are President Raymond Banks, Vice President Natalie Cotto-Garcia, Secretary Drew Mohler, and Treasurer Randi Beltz.

Outgoing SGA President Lindsey Simmons, MVC President Bonnie Humphrey, and Dean of Students Heath Morgan addressed the students and faculty in attendance. Simmons received a special award for her work. Students from organizations and projects who were recognized included Jennifer Asberry, Kevin Baisch, Nicki Erickson, Morganne Faw, Ralitsa Gospodinova, Jessie Greenfield, Brock Hill, Casey Knight, Joshua Lammert, Rebecca Markes, Julie McNabb, Thomas Merlot, Samuel Njuguna, Sarah Stegall, Allison Student, Stephen Summers, Paula Tieman, and Yalimar Vidal. Faculty were also honored for their teaching according to a recent vote of the student body for their most influential professors. Tiffany Bergman received the most votes. Other faculty members receiving high vote tallies were Marilyn Ahrens, Harry Carrell, Susan Dittmer, Charles Guthrey, and David Roberts.

More about Graduates of MVC class of 2010

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Michael Chance Weldon, Adam J. Willis, Rebecca Joie Louise Young.

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ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE CANDIDATES
Roy J. Rosebaum and Tiffany Ann Thurman.
Katie Kimble, a graduating Mass Communication senior, recently completed the artwork photo collage that she started for the Photojournalism class. The artistic entrepreneurial effort by Kimble will hopefully take shape in special poster size. The photos also can be periodically changed and updated with more Viking scenes.