Valley Idol Showcases MVC Singers

Those of you who follow American Idol are quite familiar with names like David Cook or Carrie Underwood, but around Valley have you heard of Dexter Peebles, Brady Wilson or Philip Hamer? They are all past winners of Valley Idol!

Valley Idol is an American Idol style competition but without Simon or Paula. Auditions started on November 8. There were 13 people signed up and they were held in the R. Wilson Brown Room. The contestants had to sing without any background music. The top 8 of the 13 moved on to the 2nd round that will be held on November 14 in the Theatre. The 2nd round performances will be tough! They will have the opportunity to choose any song they want to and it could be with accompaniment. Contestants will sometimes play their own instruments. The third and final performances will be in the Eckelston-Mabee Theatre on November 21, and the winner will be decided by the audience’s vote. The winner will receive $100 and the runners-up will receive $50 each.

This year’s judges are Alli Linde- mann, Housing and Res. Life Coordinator; Jon Morris, Valley Alum; and Pam Reeder, Library Director. They will provide public feedback after each person’s performance along with a rating. A huge thank you to Jon Morris for donating the prizes to the winners. He also was thoughtful enough to get the contestants that didn’t move on gift cards to Applebee’s!

In addition to a few new judges this year, this year’s hosts are Sherri Sellini and Trina Williams. So come out and exercise your right to vote for your 2011 Valley Idol!!!

Hanging of the Greens

It’s the most wonderful time of the year! Christmas is just around the corner, and at MVC we celebrate it a little early with a traditional Hanging of the Greens.

This year’s celebration will be Thursday evening, December 1st. After a cozy dinner in the R. Wilson Brown Room, students, faculty, and staff are invited to circle the quad hanging wreaths on the buildings and singing traditional Christmas carols. There will be a live nativity scene and a reading of the Christmas Story.

Contact Emily in Student Affairs for any questions or to sign up!
Christopher Carter

The Student Affairs Office welcomed back a regular performer Christopher Carter!!

On November 7, Christopher Carter made his way back to Eckilson-Mabee Theatre. Even after having him back almost every year for the last 4 years, he has never let us down. His tricks and acts are as the students put it, “mind blowing.” Chris started with a teaser in the Café. During his show in the theatre he revealed things about students their peers didn’t know all by holding a piece of paper they had written on. There were lots of gasps and shocking moments. He brought down the house with a final act of two students each holding a light bulb that was not plugged in and lighting them with their minds. It is actually something people need to see to believe. Christopher Carter has been and always will be a crowd pleaser!

New Student Center in the Works

On October 17, 2011 Dr. Bonnie Humphrey, MVC president, and Gary Ford, MVC board of trustees chairman, announced the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation has awarded MVC a challenge grant of $750,000. To secure the Mabee grant, the College must raise $1.4 million over the next 12 months. According to Humphrey, the College has launched the “Your Valley, My Valley, MissOURi Valley” fundraising campaign for the construction of a Student Activity Center (SAC). Dr. Gordon Imlay, Class of 1959, has been appointed chairman of the campaign committee. The committee will be contacting MVC alumni and friends over the next 12 months in order to meet the Mabee Foundation challenge. The Center will hold a gymnasium, coffee house, meeting areas, and a student lounge with internet access.

For questions about giving opportunities please contact the Development Office at 660-831-4168.

Movie Night: Little Fockers

The holiday season is fast approaching, and to help you get into the Christmas spirit—we’re hosting a holiday themed movie night! Little Fockers will be shown on the Monday after Thanksgiving Break, Nov 28 at 7pm in the R. Wilson Brown Room. Little Fockers stars Ben Stiller and Robert DeNiro.

Family-patriarch Jack Byrnes (DeNiro) wants to appoint a successor. Does his son-in-law, the male nurse Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) have what it takes? Come find out on November 28! Don’t forget your snacks and drinks!
Veteran Honor Wall

11-11-11. It isn't just a lucky person's dream. It is more importantly a day of remembrance and gratitude.

Friday, November 11, the MVC Veteran’s Association will be having their annual Veteran’s Day Ceremony on the quad in front of the flags. During that week, the Student Affairs Office will be accepting names of friends or family members that have served or are still serving in the military. Their names, rank, branch and years or wars served will be displayed on the wall in front of the cafeteria.

It is our way of thanking them and allowing their names to be honored. We would like to thank all of our Valley Vikings that have served or are still serving for protecting us and our freedoms! We appreciate you more than you know!

Letter from the Dean of Students

Students,

I hope you are having a wonderful semester. November has started with great temperatures that allow us to continue to enjoy the outdoors. We are starting to wrap up our fall sport season, which has produced very good teams this year that have represented Valley well! We are now pushing into our winter sport season and need to support our basketball, wrestling, indoor track, and men’s volleyball teams. Thanksgiving break is the 23rd-27th and will provide each of you an opportunity to take a break before the last few weeks and finals. Again, I hope you have an incredible November, and want to remind you that my door is always open for comments or concerns.

- Heath Morgan
Dean of Students

Give Thanks for a Break

Thanksgiving Break is right around the corner—and what’s better to look forward to than a five-day-weekend!

Missouri Valley College will be closed for Thanksgiving Break Wednesday November 23rd through Sunday, November 27th. During this time, the Student Affairs Office would like to remind you of a few policies and procedures in regard to leaving your dorm for the long weekend:

• Unplug everything in your room except your refrigerator
• Take out all trash and/or open food
• Take valuables home with you
• Lock your dorm room door

If you follow these simple procedures, all of MVC’s campus will have a safe and thankful holiday season!

For those of you who are choosing to stay over the break, please know that the cafeteria will not be open for regular hours during the five-day-weekend. Think ahead and plan accordingly.
Calendar of Events: November/December

NOVEMBER:
8- Valley Idol Auditions 7pm
   R. Wilson Brown Room
9- Men’s Soccer Playoff Game
   7pm
   Men’s Basketball 8:30pm
11- Women’s Basketball
    7:30pm
14- Valley Idol Round 2 7pm
    Eckilson-Mabee Theatre
16- Women’s Wrestling 6pm
17- Wii Night 7pm R.W.B
17- Flatliners 9:30pm in the
    MET
21- Valley Idol Finale 7pm
    Eckilson-Mabee Theatre
23-28 Thanksgiving Break

Enjoy holiday events as the semester winds down!

2- Christmas Holiday Show
5-9 Finals week
6- Voice Recital
   Kansas City Area Social
   Alumni Event
7- Instrumental Music Recital
8- Flatliners 9:30pm in the
   MET

DECEMBER:
1- Hanging of the Greens 5pm
   Dirty Santa Holiday Party
   Christmas Holiday Show