

M O U N T V E R N O N

NOW

European Tour

Collegians Chorale performs
throughout Italy and Bulgaria

Five school
deans appointed

Excell launches
new M.S.M. program



MOUNT VERNON NOW

What's Inside

FALL 2003 • VOL. 38 • ISSUE 4

The MVNU Motto – A Way of Life

By Dr. E. LeBron Fairbanks, President

Christian greetings from Mount Vernon Nazarene University!

In early June, Dr. Robert Tocheff and the Collegians Chorale spent two weeks in Europe giving concerts and assisting in work projects. Anne and I rendezvoused with the group in Florence, Italy, after the Collegians worked on a missions project in Catania and presented concerts in the city, the local Church of the Nazarene and the U.S. military base in Sicily.

Following concerts in Florence and Rome, including a song at the Vatican's St. Peter's Square with Pope John Paul II present, the choir continued their journey to Bulgaria for additional mission projects and concerts.

Anne and I, along with many other people who packed into local Nazarene Churches, Roman Catholic Cathedrals and large community facilities, were blessed by the outstanding music and personal testimony of the students.

At one cathedral in Rome where the Collegians presented a concert, the priest asked to speak to the standing room only audience. He said that his cathedral had hosted many performances, but the Collegians concert was one of the best and came from their hearts.

A couple slipped into the cathedral after the program started, and they were standing

throughout the concert. The husband and wife, American missionaries in Italy, had just experienced an extremely difficult day with the mission responsibility. According to their note to me, the couple was blessed beyond measure, and wept throughout the concert because of the words and beauty of the songs and the singers. What a testimony!

Parallel stories could be told of other MVNU students working in June in Frankfurt, Germany, at the Frankfurt First Church of the Nazarene. Would you believe a "converted" streetcar was relocated to the front yard of the church to serve as a "coffee house" ministry for many traveling by on the busy road in front of the church? The team of MVNU personnel and students made a profound impact on the local church and ministered to many Germans as they worked and sang, shared and participated in special evangelistic services.

What a profound blessing to participate with and listen to students as they share their experiences and testimonies following numerous MVNU mission and ministry opportunities. "To seek to learn is to seek to serve" is more than a motto at MVNU – it is a way of life. We are an academic community of faith, shaping Christ-like leaders for lifelong service.

9 Collegians: Director Dr. Robert Tocheff diaries Collegians' European summer

13 Summer renovations: Faculty and Regents Halls undergo lab overhauls

17 Men's soccer: The Cougars travel to Madeira to minister through sports



Cover photo: On one of their site-seeing stops, Collegians sang inside this acoustic cave-like structure called "The Ear of Dionysius" in Sicily.

PRESIDENT
Dr. E. LeBron Fairbanks

VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT
Keith Newman

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
Carrie A. Crouch

COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT
Trinia Huddleston

CONTRIBUTORS

Dr. Karen Boyd
Dr. Glenn Bryan
Mike Cheek
Robert Coffee
Jim Dalton
Dr. Karen Doenges
Dr. E. LeBron Fairbanks

Paul Furey
Sharon Gearheart
Dr. David Kale
Dr. Paul Maddes
Dr. Paul Mayle
Keith Newman
Dave Parsons

Carlos M. Serrão
Dr. Jeanne Serrão
Joy Sever
Dr. Jim Skon
Dr. Henry Smith
Dr. Debra Snyder
Dr. Lincoln Stevens

Austin Swallow
Dr. Randie Timpe
Dr. Robert Tocheff
John Washatka

Mount Vernon NOW (USPS 761-980) is published four times a year by Mount Vernon Nazarene University, located at 800 Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050. Periodical Postage Paid at Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050.

CAMPUS SWITCHBOARD: (740) 392-6868
SUBSCRIPTION UPDATES: communications@mvnu.edu

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is an intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students and working adults who seek opportunities to learn and grow in an academic community of faith. We provide the context for a transformational experience through excellent academics, service opportunities, caring relationships and a nurturing spiritual and social environment. We challenge students to achieve their highest potential, to become increasingly Christ-like and to make a difference in their world through lifelong service.

POSTMASTER:
SEND ADDRESS CHANGES TO:

Mount Vernon NOW
800 Martinsburg Road
Mount Vernon, Ohio
43050-9500



VISIT US ON THE WEB: www.mvnu.edu

- Up-to-date news, events and Cougar sports
- Give online at www.mvnu.edu/univadv/waystogive.html
- Send MVNU e-cards from www.mvnu.edu/alumni/ecards/
- Alumni activities at www.mvnu.edu/alumni/activities.html

Return on Mission

By Keith Newman, Vice President for University Advancement



Welcome to the debut issue of "Mount Vernon Now" in magazine format! The recent changes reflect our desire to bring you the best of Mount Vernon Nazarene University and, at the same time, be effective stewards of our resources. We are pleased to incorporate the former Excell newsletter into "Mount Vernon Now" to give you a comprehensive vision of MVNU. Enjoy it, and let us know what you think.

This summer, some of our 1976 class returned to campus for a picnic organized by Walt Baughman. It was a great opportunity for me to meet some of MVNU's first graduates, many of whom are celebrating their 50th birthday this year. Especially interesting were the stories of those early days. These students were true pioneers, attending a fledgling school without the amenities expected on a college campus.

I couldn't help but reflect on the sacrifices of those early graduates and the generosity of so many that have dramatically changed the campus' landscape. Today, MVNU boasts first-class facilities and we are excited about future plans to improve and expand. More sacrifice and generosity will be needed to see these dreams come true.

Will coming generations invest in MVNU as past ones did?

I believe so, because of what is referred to in business as "return on investment." From mega-corporations to small businesses, the question is asked: What kind of return can we expect if we invest resources in a project, a program or a person?

At MVNU, we talk about "Return on Mission." Here is a glimpse at some of the return on mission we are enjoying these days.

- MVNU was listed as one of only two Ohio schools and the only Nazarene-affiliated institution in the country in Christian Contemporary Music (CCM) magazine's 25 great options for Christian higher education.

- Sara Gruver, a 2001 education graduate, had "Reading Skills Mini-Lessons" published in May by Teacher Created Materials. The book, prepared by Gruver for intermediate grades, includes complete lesson plans, reproducible activity pages and reinforcement activities. This fall she will teach 6th grade at Central Intermediate School in Newark, Ohio.
- With help from alumni, friends and churches, MVNU awarded more than \$637,000 in scholarships this year.
- James McCament, a 1996 graduate, is currently working as a staff attorney in the Department of Homeland Security General Counsel's Office in Washington, D.C. He handles legal issues relating to border and transportation security, international law and regulatory work.
- A school-record 14 players were selected as NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes during the 2002-03 school year. The women's soccer team led the way with four honorees.
- Two MVNU coaches were honored by their peers as the American Mideast Conference Coach of the Year for their respective sports during the 2002-03 school year. Mike Meeks was the AMC Golf Coach of the Year while Jonathan Meade was the AMC South Division Women's Soccer Coach of the Year.

Your return on mission is sound. MVNU is a great place to invest. Thanks for believing in both the process and the product. Enclosed in this issue is an envelope we hope you will use to continue your life changing investment. We are grateful for your prayers and support, and promise to continue this partnership for a great return on mission.



*MVNU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Henry Smith*

Schools Created, Deans Appointed, Decision Making Processes Studied

As Mount Vernon Nazarene University begins a 36th year of service this fall, changes in structure are being made. In the 2003 spring semester, the MVNU Faculty Assembly accepted a recommendation from a faculty task force to reorganize the University into five schools and appoint five new school deans effective July 1, 2003.

New Appointments

The following School dean appointments have been made:



Dr. David Kale
Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities



Dr. Tomas Parks
Dean of the School of Business



Dr. Steve Ragan
Dean of the School of Education and Professional Studies



Dr. Karen Doenges
Dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences



Dr. Jeanne Serrão
Dean of the School of Religion and Philosophy

In addition, three significant title changes have been made providing special standing within the organization. Dr. Randie Timpe moves from associate dean to assistant vice president for Academic Administration; Dr. Randall Wells moves from associate dean to associate vice president for Graduate and Adult Education; and Dr. Sonja Smith moves from director to associate dean for Teacher Education.

Three fundamental purposes guide the changes being implemented:

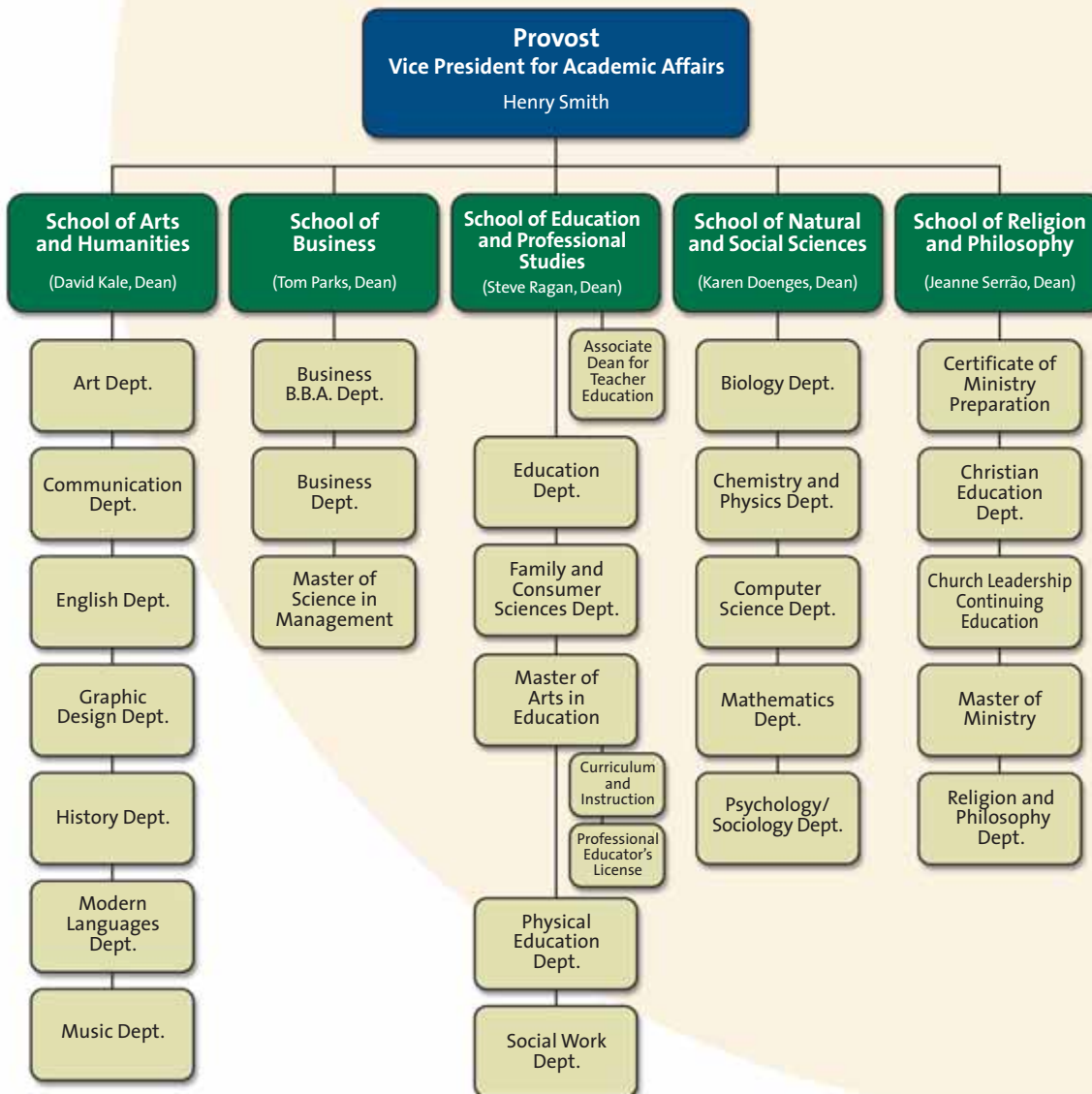
- 1) to organize MVNU in appropriate ways that will serve well now and position the University for future effectiveness,
- 2) to create, clarify and implement a faculty decision making process, and
- 3) to push decisions downward to the lowest possible unit of authority while maintaining an appropriate level of redundancy and accountability.

New School Structure

Since being founded, MVNU has been organized into academic departments and divisions. The organization within the academic affairs division has included academic departments each containing areas of study including majors and minors. These departments have been grouped into seven divisions. The table below shows the change from the previous seven divisions to the five new schools.

DIVISIONS	SCHOOLS
Division of Business	School of Business
Division of Education and Physical Education	School of Education and Professional Studies
Division of Religion and Philosophy	School of Religion and Philosophy
Division of Fine Arts	School of Arts and Humanities
Division of Literature, Language and Communication	
Division of Natural Sciences	School of Natural and Social Sciences
Division of Social Sciences	

This new organizational chart depicts the schools and the various departments and programs grouped functionally under each school.



Decision Making Processes

The appointment of new positions and the regrouping of departments are very important decisions. Also of critical importance are the processes of decision-making. Pushing decisions down to the lowest possible unit will serve as a guiding principle to the deliberation of the faculty during the 2003-04 academic year. The fundamental and foundational decision making role faculty play in the life of the University is vital. Decision making in higher education has been undergirded by the cherished principle of shared governance.

United States Vice President Richard Cheney was interviewed recently and asked about the organizational structure of the White House. Cheney commented that the relationships and how they were managed and the interaction with others within the structure were far more important than the formal structures that had been established. The simple truth in this revelation applies to the changes in the academic structure occurring at MVNU. Success will be measured by the relationships that are cultivated among the faculty regardless of the formal structures. Professional friendship, mutual respect for one another and the continued value of the faculty voice in decision making coupled with the respect for the role entrusted to the administration should continue to characterize our University as an academic community of faith committed to academic excellence.

MVNU Students in Free Enterprise

*by Dr. Debra Snyder, Associate Professor
of Accounting and Sam M. Walton Free
Enterprise Fellow*

The Mount Vernon Nazarene

University Students in Free Enterprise

(SIFE) team has been in existence for

22 years and has advanced to the

national level of competition 20

times with three top-ten finishes.



During the 2002-03 academic year, there were over 900 domestic SIFE teams. MVNU's SIFE team competed at the regional level in Cincinnati and advanced to the national level. The team was one of only 15 teams in the nation to win the "Polsky Personal Investing in Equity Mutual Finds" award for educating the community about the importance of investing for retirement. They also received second runner up at the national level, placing in the top five percent of teams in the nation.

According to their website, "SIFE is a global, non-profit organization that is literally changing the world through highly dedicated student teams on more than 1,400 university campuses in 33 countries. SIFE teams teach important concepts [of free enterprise] through educational outreach projects, including market economics, entrepreneurship, personal and financial success and business ethics to better themselves, their communities and their countries."

The MVNU SIFE team completed 11 projects with 1,327 hours of student involvement. These projects utilized the support of 14 MVNU campus departments, 12 community organizations and 87 international students. All of this was accomplished with only 72 SIFE students and a budget of just under \$2,000 (funds received for winning at the regional level and placing at the national level during the 2001-2002 academic year).

One of the projects completed by the MVNU SIFE team was the creation and implementation of a one-day business ethics conference. The conference, held on campus, focused on how ethical decisions impact the free market structure. The second annual business ethics conference will be in October 2003.



Above: Students who competed at the national competition in Kansas City in May - front row from left: Kevin Perkins from Van Wert, Ohio; Maria Watkins from Marion, Ohio; Ryan Retcher from Defiance, Ohio; Betsy Maynard from Felicity, Ohio; Andrea Ridgeway from Pioneer, Ohio; Wendy Rhoades from Radnor, Ohio; Brandon Rose from Cincinnati, Ohio; Professor Wayne Yerxa, SIFE advisor; Cole Dunster from Kidron, Ohio; and Dr. Debra Snyder.

Business students score high on MFAT

The Business Department is proud to announce the success of many of its traditional students on the Major Field Achievement Test (MFAT) in Business. For the past few years, scores have consistently been on the increase. Students scored on the average at the 65th percentile for the country with eight Business Department students scoring above the 90th percentile.

Kent Gerber scored at the 99th percentile, earning a total of 188 out of 200 possible points. Heather Pettet scored 181 out of 200 and Sarah Leiendecker's score of 180 put them both at the 97th percentile.

Following are some of the other outstanding student scores with their respective percentile rankings.

Troy Ferryman	177	95th percentile
Jacob Hill	175	94th percentile
David Skinner	175	94th percentile
Brandon Rose	173	92nd percentile
Theodore Walton	172	91st percentile

Seventeen percent of the graduating seniors in business scored above the 90th percentile for the country, which is an outstanding achievement on the part of the Department and its students. Faculty and students alike are to be congratulated!

Social Work program receives candidacy status

Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Social Work Department recently received word from the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Commission on Accreditation that the program has been granted "candidacy status" as a step toward initial accreditation. A lengthy study and site visit were conducted in December 2002.

According to the CSWE Handbook, "Accreditation is a system for recognizing educational institutions and professional programs affiliated with those institutions as having a level of performance, integrity and quality that entitles them to the confidence of the educational community and the public they serve. The Commission on Accreditation of CSWE is authorized to accredit baccalaureate and master's degree programs in social work education in the United States."

Professor Karen Boyd, head of the department, commented, "Candidacy is a significant milestone in the accreditation process. Only social work

programs that have the potential to become fully accredited are granted candidacy status. The granting of candidacy status by CSWE brings national recognition to the program." MVNU has 138 social work alumni and 40 students in the program currently.

The process for accreditation can take two or more years, and includes numerous reports, studies and site visits. Initial accreditation is valid for four years; the school must then go through a reaffirmation process, which is good for another eight years. With constantly changing standards and requirements, national accreditation achievement is a major effort, but worthwhile to everyone involved. Students graduating under accreditation often enter

graduate programs at an advanced level, sometimes skipping an entire year of lower level courses. Boyd commented, "When students get out into the field, they'll have to renew their social work license every two years, which includes 30 hours of continuing education. It's our goal to prepare them to be lifelong learners who maintain high professional standards."

MVNU's growing Social Work program has an excellent reputation throughout Ohio. Organizations have often hired numerous graduates from Mount Vernon because of the quality and dedication found in them. Accreditation will only boost the program's recognition and commitment to excellence.



Social Work students during a class activity.

Karen Boyd, Department Chair and Associate Professor of Social Work



MVNU Department of Education graduates continue to pass licensure exams at high rates

The most recent test scores for Praxis II, the national licensure exam required by the State of Ohio, validate the skills and knowledge of Mount Vernon Nazarene University teacher education graduates. Students passed at an overall rate of 95 percent. The overall pass rate for Ohio is 91 percent. While rates of passage for individual programs varied somewhat, nearly all of the programs saw students passing at rates in the 90 percent range.

MVNU has a long history of exemplary education graduates. In the previous report from the Educational Testing Service, the overall pass rate was 98 percent. Similar pass rates were apparent that year for content area exams as well. The continuing high pass rate results from both the quality of students we are blessed with and instruction and supervision provided by our faculty.

Dr. Rhoda Sommers,

chairperson of the Department of Education, suggested that one possible reason for our scores is the high level of commitment and intense enthusiasm of our students. She noted that students admitted to the teacher education programs have both higher ACT scores and higher high school rankings than most college students. They are also interviewed to determine their commitment to teaching and their alignment with MVNU's mission as a Christian institution.

In addition to quality students, according to Dr. Sonja Smith, associate dean for Teacher Education, our curriculum is carefully crafted to meet state and national standards for the knowledge, skills and dispositions required for the profession. MVNU students must complete an academic major in order to be licensed in a teaching specialty area, which is not a requirement at all institutions. She also cited the intensive screening



Melissa Patterson, 2002 graduate, is a lead preschool teacher for Knox County's Head Start program in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

of students prior to entry into the program as another contributor to high pass rates.

Finally, MVNU's Teacher Education program provides an exceptional amount of field experiences and a high level of supervision in those experiences. Both are integrated into the curriculum throughout a student's four years at MVNU and based upon the Praxis III evaluation program, allowing students to become familiar with the assessments they will face

before they must perform for the observations. As a result, 100 percent of our graduates completing the process have passed the Praxis III evaluation by the State of Ohio.

MVNU graduates continue to make our teacher education programs as excellent as *they* are. Their high level of knowledge, skill and professionalism is a testimony both to their quality and to the various teacher education programs across the campus.

FOX receives national award for dissertation

Dr. Candace Fox, associate professor and head of Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Family and Consumer Sciences department, has received the national 2003 Outstanding Dissertation award for the Education and Technology Division of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She was presented with the award at the AAFCS annual meeting in Washington, D.C., on June 29, 2003.

Fox's dissertation was titled, "Teacher Efficacy, Professional Development, Professional Practices, and Critical Science-Based Family and Consumer Sciences Curriculum Implementation." She completed the document for her doctorate in December 2001 from The Ohio State University.



Collegians Chorale Ministry/ Concert tour

Italy and Bulgaria, May 26 – June 11, 2003
By Dr. Robert Tocheff, Director of Collegians Chorale



Take a glimpse with me into an incredible two weeks for Collegians Chorale and often, we trust, for those to whom we sang.

For four days, Collegians ministered to the Church of the Nazarene and surrounding community of Catania, Sicily. Chaplain Tim Moore arranged a tour of the American Naval Air Station at Sigonella, just a few miles from Catania, including the boarding of impressive

aircraft. What a privilege it was to sing our National Anthem for the men and women who protect our freedom.

In Catania, our work included manual labor at the site for their new church, one-on-one evangelism in area businesses and restaurants, saturating the community with prayer, Bible study and sharing testimonies and building relationships through recreation with area youth. We also worshipped together

in a Sunday service and an outdoor concert at the new church site where over half the crowd were visitors drawn to the courtyard to hear the gospel proclaimed through Collegians' music.

We were joined by Dr. and Mrs. Fairbanks, who, for the next four days, walked side by side with our students. Our first evening concert was at the Florence Church of the Nazarene, pastored by a former student of

Mayle experiences Russian life with CCCU

This summer, Professor of History Dr. Paul Mayle experienced Russia first-hand. He was one of eleven faculty selected from the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities to participate in the first workshop of the Russian Studies Program, a semester abroad program for college students. He comments on his experience:

After arriving in Moscow, we toured the Kremlin with its complex of Russian Orthodox chapels. We were scheduled to see Lenin in repose, but the tomb was closed. That was initially disappointing until we discovered a group of WWII veterans visiting the

site. It was impressive, and quite humbling, to see the elderly patriots stooped over with a chest-full of medals as they emerged from Lenin's Tomb. We talked to some who understood English, and they seemed united in wondering if their sacrifices had been worth it after all.



After Moscow, we traveled eight hours by train to Nizhni Novgorod, Russia's third largest city. The base for the Russian Studies Program is the University of Nizhni Novgorod. Each morning we had intensive Russian language lessons with lectures on Russian culture, history and religion in the afternoon. The academic part of the program was stimulating, including readings of Tolstoy, Dostoevsky and Bulgakov.

Each member of the group was assigned to a Russian host family. Mine consisted of a married couple and their daughter, Inga. The wife, Anna, is a doctor who makes the equivalent of \$65 a month, and the husband, Vitaly, lays tile for a living. The family lives in a crowded flat in one of the many nondescript,

Dr. Fairbanks, Daniel Fink. It was a spirit-filled evening of praise and worship. The next evening, we sang for the mass and presented a concert at the Ognissanti Cathedral in the center of the city. The surroundings and the effect of our songs on the people were unforgettable.

After a four-hour bus ride to Rome, we were in line at 7:30 a.m. to the Papal audience at the Vatican. We waited in the hot sun for about three hours, singing to the crowd around us occasionally. Then came the announcement: "We welcome Collegians Chorale from Mount Vernon Nazarene University," at which time we stood and sang. What an honor and experience for all of us!

The next two days we toured the Coliseum, Forum, Pantheon, St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and more. Our time in Rome ended with a concert at the Cathedral of St. Eustachio. The Lord crowned this concert with an unusual dispensation of His presence. In his article, Dr. Fairbanks explains well the moving speech of the priest and the ministry to those in attendance. God is faithful!

The former communist country of Bulgaria offered our students a completely different culture and evidence of God's work in a new context. Our hosts were missionaries Jay and Teanna Sunberg, local church officials Galin and Lydia Ivanov and newly appointed volunteers Ron and Paula



Bergin. The Church of the Nazarene in Bulgaria has struggled with registration and official recognition for years. These tremendous workers and those before them have been persistent and now the work is moving forward. Collegians Chorale was privileged to be a part of this ministry.

Sunday we left very early to worship with the growing Church of the Nazarene in Montana, a small town two hours away. After wonderful praise and worship music, two songs by Collegians and a sermon by Jay Sunberg, the congregation presented us all with flowers, small gifts and a "thank you" speech that moved us to tears. Their outpouring of love and gratitude for our coming was beautiful. A personal highlight came for me at lunch. My grandfather came from Bulgaria in the early 20th century. We don't know much about our Bulgarian relatives, but my

sister Shirley and I had been working with Lydia since January attempting to locate a cousin she had written as a teenager. Now, 40 years later, my cousin Steffana, her husband and two grown boys met us! My son Clay and his cousin Sharla, both in Collegians along with Diana and I had an emotional reunion. Unbelievable!

Back in Sofia, we went to the property of the future church and foundation building. We sang and prayed for the harvest of the many souls in this new area. Monday evening we presented a joint concert with a children's choir in Hall, Bulgaria, the home of the Sofia Symphony Orchestra. The process of publicity with city officials allowed the Church of the Nazarene to gain better acceptance, which they desperately need to advance the Kingdom in this great city.

The diversity of each leg of our trip was evidence of God's faithfulness and presence in every culture and, indeed, a reminder of the souls worldwide that need our Savior and His great love. Just ask any of us; the trip was truly life changing!



gray buildings typical of Soviet housing. I was disappointed, but not surprised, to hear that this family, like so many others, looks back at the Soviet period with a certain nostalgia and longing. They said their life was much better under the old system.



The Russian experience will prove invaluable for Mayle's (above, center) course, History of Modern Russia. This course can be combined with MVNU's Semester in Hungary to complete a minor in Eastern European Studies.

New Graphic Design program

By Dr. Randie Timpe, Assistant Vice President for Academic Administration

In fall 2003, Mount Vernon Nazarene University will launch a new academic program in graphic design. The program's goal is to help organizations and agencies create clear and effective communications in a world that is often confusing, gloomy and ugly. Society needs designers who understand the need to change culture in ways that are constructive, positive and redemptive.

In the program, individuals who anticipate working as a production graphic designer complete a basic core

of graphic design courses supplemented with additional courses in art. If the student anticipates being an account manager, a marketing director or a liaison between clients and production staff, the graphic design core is supplemented with work in marketing, print media and communication.

For additional information contact Department Head Jan Hendrickx in the Graphic Design Department or the Admissions Office at 1-866-GO-2-MVNU.

Religion Professors add experience and breadth to the classroom

By Dr. Jeanne Serrão, Dean of the School
of Religion and Philosophy

Four unique and gifted professors in the School of Religion and Philosophy have just finished their first year as regular members of the School. Their contributions continue to make MVNU a great place to learn the craft of ministry.



Professor Bruce Oldham is the chair of the Department of Christian Education and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the educational zone. In addition to his adjunct teaching, he has served MVNU as executive assistant to the president, assistant to the president for Church Relations and director of Admissions and Student Recruitment.

He is currently completing his dissertation for an Ed.D. in educational leadership at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. Prior to his ministry at MVNU, Oldham spent 10 years in local church youth ministry leadership, plus four years on the editorial and program staff of Nazarene Youth International Ministries (NYI) and is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene. In addition to being the General President for NYI, he has been a speaker for Nazarene Youth Congress events world wide.

Dr. Steve McCormick fills the vacancy left by the much loved Dr. David Cubie, who retired in May 2002. He served four years at European Nazarene College near Schaffhausen, Switzerland, and 14 years at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass. He received his Ph.D. in historical theology from Drew University, and served as vice president and president of the Wesley Theological Society, chair and executive committee member of the Wesley Studies Group for the American Academy of Religion and is a member of the Society for the Study of Eastern Orthodoxy and Evangelicalism. Last year he participated in an ecumenical dialogue with New Testament scholar, N.T. Wright, as well as a consultation on "Scripture and Tradition" in Greece. He is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene and has served as pastor for the Wesleyan Word and Table Worship services for both the Wollaston, Mass., Church of the Nazarene,



and Lakeholm Church of the Nazarene, Mount Vernon. His experience in academic pursuits bring a fresh perspective and a breadth of knowledge to his MVNU classrooms.

Dr. Jane Kennard brings diversity and depth of academic and practical experience in the areas of learning strategies, ministry organization and associate ministries, including associate pastor, children's ministries, mission and outreach ministries and singles' ministries. She received her Ph.D. in educational studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill. Most recently, in addition to adjunct teaching at MVNU, she served 15 years as associate pastor for the Meadow Park Church of God in Columbus, Ohio, and is

an ordained minister of the Church of God. Prior to her local church ministry, she was chair of the Christian Education Department at Warner Southern College, in Lake Wales, Fla. Kennard has also broadened the perspective of the School of Religion and Philosophy by adding a second feminine voice to the School.



Dr. Willie Dishon fills the assistant to the chaplain for Excell vacancy left by Dr. Doug Matthews who became MVNU's vice president for Enrollment and Student Services.

Dishon is serving the Polaris Campus in Columbus, Ohio. He completed his D.Min. from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., in 2002 and has pastored in the Church of the Nazarene for over 30 years. He is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, and was most recently senior pastor for the Northwest Church of the Nazarene in Houston, Texas.

His ministry assignments have also included pastorates in Indiana, Kansas and South Africa as well as chair of the Kansas City District Church Growth Committee and instructor in Theology and Practics (part-time) at the Nazarene Bible College in Johannesburg, South Africa.





Kevin and Allison (Littler) Timpe

Passion for philosophy drives grad

By Dr. Lincoln Stevens
Professor of Philosophy

Graduates from the philosophy program are continuing to thrive in their work beyond Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Kevin Timpe, a 1997 graduate, was recently awarded a fellowship to study at the Center for Philosophy of Religion at the University of Notre Dame for the 2003-2004 academic year. The Center was established in 1976 in order to promote, support and disseminate scholarly work in the philosophy of religion. More specifically, the Center promotes the development and exploration of Christian and theistic philosophy.

Kevin is currently finishing his doctoral studies in philosophy at Saint Louis University, exploring in his dissertation issues surrounding contemporary understandings of free will. While at the Center, Kevin will conduct research concerning the relationship between moral responsibility and the ability to do otherwise, and the metaphysics of intermittent existence, the concept that an object can go in and out of existence over time. The importance of this is that if intermittent existence is possible, Timpe said, "It is possible to be a physicalist and still affirm a Christian understanding of the Resurrection." This debate, of course, is one among many that are crucial to the contemporary development of Christian philosophy and theology. Kevin and his wife Allison (Littler '96) currently reside in Saint Louis, Mo.

Upcoming Continuing Education Events

October 7, 2003

Children's Ministry Leadership MRT Workshop - A workshop for children's pastors and lay children's directors responsible for the overall children's program on pertinent topics in children's ministries.

October 11, 2003

SkillQuest Youth Ministry MRT Workshop - A day of training for youth pastors, lay youth workers and student leaders with the theme: "Building Community in Your Youth Group."

October 24-25, 2003

Regional NMI Conference - A day of inspiration and training for pastors and local church missions supporters, to be held at Mount Vernon First Church of the Nazarene.

November 8, 2003

FamilyWorks - A workshop for parents and teenagers led by MVNU Chaplain Dr. Gary Sivewright on specific areas of concern for families in today's world.

November 18, 2003

LEAP: Keys to Servant Leadership - Noted author and speaker Dr. Calvin Miller leads this seminar for pastors, staff and lay leaders on the impact of servant leadership in the local church.

January 16-17, 2004

Church Finance MRT Workshop The tenth annual workshop for church treasurers, finance secretaries and pastors on managing the church's finances, stewardship and tax considerations.

Coming in 2004

LEAP Seminars on preaching in February, contagious church evangelism in March, the annual Youth Pastors Leadership MRT Workshop and Network Day in May (theme: "Managing Your Youth Ministry Program") and **PALCON** (Pastors Leadership Conference) in June.

Visit the website www.mvnu.edu/churchrelations and click on "Continuing Education," or contact 1-877-640-7400 for more information.

The Regional Church Leadership Resource (CLEAR) Network is a partnership effort of the eight districts on our East Central region and Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The network serves as a link between pastors, the University and a variety of enrichment events from numerous sources. The Regional Resource Council, with representatives from each district, helps guide the network's activities.

Bruce Oldham, MVNU Church Growth Continuing Education Coordinator, facilitates the program, directing a variety of seminars and workshops for pastors, staff and lay leaders held on the campus and promoting events scheduled across the region. On-campus events include:

LEAP Seminars - One-day sessions on current topics in leadership, evangelism, administration and preaching/teaching.

MRT Workshops: Ministry role training days for youth pastors, children's pastors, church treasurers, etc. (Pastors involved in these areas are also welcome.)

CEU credit for master's classes: Six master of ministry courses annually offer CEU credit.

Church Leadership Resource Room: Located in the Thorne Library/Learning Resource Center, this room, designated for ministry research, is open to pastors, staff and lay leaders.

Information regarding costs, schedule and registration for continuing education events and masters of ministry courses is available at www.mvnu.edu/churchrelations/cgldn.html, by calling Leah in the Excell office toll-free at 1-877-640-7400 or by contacting the Church Leadership Continuing Education Office or (740) 392-6868, ext. 3614.



Enhancing Science Education at Mount Vernon Nazarene

Mount Vernon Nazarene University has always maintained that quality science education is crucial to an overall undergraduate experience. Because MVNU is dedicated to preserving this excellence, the administration is following a multiple-phase approach to enhance science education. Phase one occurred during the late 1990s when the administration provided over \$113,000 for the purchase of new and/or replacement equipment for several science laboratories. In Phase two, during the summer of 2000, the General Chemistry lab was updated and a new Organic Chemistry lab was created. In addition, the Environmental Biology lab was relocated and expanded. These changes created better learning environments, where faculty and students can work together or individually on projects, maximizing their learning experience.

An additional \$1,100,000 was obtained from a U.S. Congressional grant and phase three is now fully underway – renovation of Faculty and Regents Halls, along with acquisition of new and/or replacement equipment. The changes are a combination of improving existing laboratories and capitalizing on the use of space.

MVNU works to supply Bahamas with technology



Shown left-right: Computer Science Professor Dr. Jim Skon, Doug Karl of KarlNet, Raoul Armbrister of Island Encounter and Eric Russell of Cable Bahamas.

Last summer Dr. Jim Skon, computer science professor at MVNU, visited the Grand Bahamas with the Mount Vernon First Church of the Nazarene's youth group. While there, Skon met Raoul Armbrister, director of Island Encounter, an organization which brings youth to the island for weeklong summer mission projects. One ongoing project was to provide computer laboratories in the 20 public schools, as well in Christian youth centers.

Three needs were noted: used computer systems; the expertise to install, network and train local youth leaders and teachers; and Internet access for the systems. Skon, who performs sponsored research with a wireless networking company, KarlNet Inc. of Dublin, Ohio, saw a possibility that

this company might be interested in assisting. Doug Karl, the president of KarlNet Inc. is a Christian, and has a great interest in missions.

Skon met with Karl, and the two visited the Bahamas this spring to investigate the project further. Additionally, Skon met with the vice president of nearby Kenyon College, who agreed to provide 40 retiring computers for the project.

In May, Skon and Karl met with the director of Cable Bahamas. They learned Cable Bahamas had recently installed fiber optics to virtually every village in the country. Moreover, the president of Cable Bahamas, a Christian himself, promised to provide free high-speed access to every school!

They finally discussed with local school administrators the need for teacher training in technology in education. Skon is currently exploring the possibility of a January travel course to provide such training.

Skon and computer science students are working on campus to set up the systems with the hopes of a trip later this year to deliver the computers to the Bahamas. Looking ahead, Skon said donations of computers, at least Pentium II class or better, would be accepted to speed the process of providing technology to the Bahama schools. If you are interested, please contact Skon at (740) 392-6868, ext. 3224. Watch Mount Vernon Now or www.mvnu.edu/news for updates.

Education at Maryville University

By Dr. Paul Madtes, Professor of Biology

During the last week of the spring semester, equipment and supplies were removed from all labs on the second floor of Faculty Hall. Removing the walls dividing the biology laboratories as well as the elevator gave more space for the new labs – three in biology and two in chemistry. All will be equipped with teaching stations and counter space, enhancing faculty instruction. Additional changes are still being considered.

The new anatomy and physiology lab will contain computer-assisted data acquisition equipment, permitting physiology experiments to be completed by students in many courses offered by the Biology Department, including general education courses. The new General Chemistry lab will contain work stations that allow for individual and group work. In addition, the room is being wired for a centralized data acquisition system, which will enable more rigorous data analysis and an enhanced learning experience. The two-part biology stockroom will enable general access for common use needs and limited access for other items. The new Zoology/introductory biology lab will contain much-needed space for projects and practicals. The new Genetics/Microbiology lab will enable students to



Congressman Robert Ney, who assisted in securing renovation grants, visited campus in March 2003. Pictured left-right: 2003 biology graduate Jessica Fleagle, Provost Dr. Henry Smith, President Dr. E. LeBron Fairbanks, Vice President for University Advancement Keith Newman, Ney's District Director John Poe, Congressman Ney and Professor Dr. Paul Madtes.

work together easily, and the redesigned two-room chemistry stockroom will improve storage, access and safety. The remodeled Advanced Chemistry lab will facilitate group learning.

The physical changes were developed with a view toward the future when phase four (an expansion of existing facilities) would permit additional improvements including new programs in the health sciences. That phase is still in the "dreaming" stage, but given the track record for the past decade, it could be coming soon.

Mathematics with a Mission

Many students often ask what they can do with a major in mathematics. The following excerpt from a letter written to the Mathematics Department by Heather Bush (Clyburn '99) gives insight into math's limitless possibilities. Heather is working on her dissertation for a Ph.D. in biostatistics at the University of Kentucky.



I thank the Lord that he led me to major in mathematics at MVNU. I changed majors several times searching for one that would get me a particular job. There was no simple, "If you are a math major, you become such-and-such." Eventually I realized that the problem wasn't a lack of jobs, but that there were multitudes of jobs. I also had a hard time seeing how I could help people with a career in mathematics.

There were no mission trips for mathematics, and I couldn't think of a way to serve God through mathematics.

How thankful I am that there were people who encouraged me and showed me that God can call you to study mathematics. I have been given unlimited opportunities to help people. As a teaching assistant, I was able to not only teach statistics but show students that someone cared about them! As a research assistant, I discovered a new way to help people with my math major. Currently, I am working on projects that involve the effects of arsenic in drinking water on pregnancies and the increased incidence of cervical cancer in Appalachian counties. I collect and analyze data for public health professionals who seek to understand what makes people sick and how to prevent it.

I realized that there is a very human component to the study of mathematics. Choosing to be a math major was one of the best decisions I have made, for it has brought me a world of opportunity and a great deal of joy.



From left, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Henry Smith, Associate Vice President of Graduate and Adult Education Dr. Randall Wells and Mount Vernon Nazarene University President Dr. E. LeBron Fairbanks visited the newest Excell campus, located in Gahanna near Interstate 270 and exit 37. The site, which opened in August, is the first to offer classes in Excell's newest degree-completion program, the Master of Science in Management. Other Excell sites are in Mount Vernon, Polaris, Newark and Lima.

Management Leadership Education provided through new Master of Science in Management degree

*by Dr. Glenn A. Bryan,
Master of Science in Management Coordinator*

The academic community of faith at Mount Vernon Nazarene University continues to grow as the School of Business and Excell launch the first graduate business degree – the Master of Science in Management. The program began its first classes in September at Excell's Polaris and Gahanna campuses.

Designed for working adults holding leadership positions in the public service, private and nonprofit sectors, the M.S.M. degree program has as its purpose the promotion of managerial effectiveness and the enhancement of human performance in organizations. The program focuses on the skillful leadership of people within a dynamically changing environment, combined with the management of strategies and team-based projects as the cornerstone of a successful management career. In addition, the M.S.M. program is a values-based educational experience exploring the issues of ethical and moral development and its impact on management and administration.

The core M.S.M. curriculum focuses on managerial effectiveness and human performance. However, a unique feature of the M.S.M. is the ability to concentrate in one of four critical areas of study:

Leadership

Students can become better managers by studying leadership theory, processes of motivation, group systems, conflict management/resolution, human resource management and trends in leadership. This concentration is designed for students to critique and improve their own personal leadership style.

Human Resource Management

Students will focus on the management of personnel by studying job/skill assessment concepts, training and development methods, labor relations and legislation and effective team building. This concentration is designed for students to become better managers of organizational personnel.

Excell student applies learning to improve business



Education precedes application, but where the B.B.A. program is concerned, application ought to be the end result.

Such is the case with Robert Coffee (pictured). The Business Research class calls for students to “solve a significant or business problem, make an important enterprise decision, capitalize on a business venture and implement a plan of action to improve the company or agency.” In other words, take their business education into the workplace.

Coffee is a computer software and network support technician for SARCOM, a value-added re-seller in the computer services industry. His business research project was writing documentation for the work he does at one of SARCOM’s customer sites.

“There was no documentation for SARCOM procedures at that site,” he said. “I was trained by people, but with nothing I could hold in my hands.”

He continued, “You’re only as good as the people who train you unless it’s written down. I went through the processes and procedures (of creating databases) and wrote documentation for it. I thought the work I did was okay. I was surprised by the response from my manager.”

Coffee’s manager, Jim Haynes, sent an e-mail regarding the work Coffee did to Dr. Ronald Bolender, his instructor for Business Research. In it he wrote, “One of the areas that we struggle with, as a company, is building and maintaining customer specific procedural documentation. That said, Robert has just handed me a copy of the Processes and Procedures manual that he has developed for your class and I am very impressed.” He continued, “This is definitely the most comprehensive customer specific manual that I have ever seen. It is beautifully laid out and will add tremendous value to our account as well as to our customer.”

Haynes said, “The project was well done, definitely applicable to what we do here everyday. Not only did he do a good job in the documenting process, but he went a step further. We are able to use it as a training manual which will help get new employees up to speed.”

Coffee’s research project is an excellent example of academia meeting the business world.

“Robert’s project was exactly the kind of thing we had in mind when we developed the Business Research curriculum. The whole B.B.A. program is focused on educating our students so they can make a real impact where they work,” said Dr. Randall Wells, associate vice president for Graduate and Adult Education.

By John Washatka, Director of Academic Services, Excell

Financial Management

Students will sharpen their managerial finance skills by studying investment theory, portfolio management, risk management, capital budgeting, financial markets and institutions and financial planning concepts. This concentration is designed for students to enhance their decision-making abilities utilizing appropriate financial analysis techniques.

Not-for-Profit Organization Management

Students will enhance their management of not-for-profit organizations by studying leadership theory, human resource management, financial/accounting practices as related to not-for-profit organizations and not-for-profit marketing principles. This concentration is designed for not-for-profit managers that want to become better

leaders and focus on not-for-profit applications.

MVNU’s commitment is to offer a variety of concentrations at different campus locations to better serve our students. To reach this goal, the first four group starts are as follows:

September 2003 – Gahanna, Human Resource Management; Polaris, Financial Management. In January 2004 – Newark, Leadership; and in March 2004 – Mount Vernon, Human Resource Management.

MVNU will be offering the Not-for-Profit Organization Management concentration at a later date.

To learn more about the Master of Science in Management, call Mark Labutis, M.S.M. Recruiting Coordinator, at 1-800-839-2344, ext. 6244 or visit www.mvnu.edu/excell.

Excell Appreciation Picnic



From left, Excell students Jamie Christman, Kevin Ernst and Rick Smith help themselves during an early summer picnic hosted by main campus recruiters Kelly Clutter and Dennis Eggerton. “The picnic was our way of saying ‘thank you’ to our students for giving us referrals,” said Eggerton, Mount Vernon site coordinator. He estimated 50 percent of main campus students come from referrals. The recruiters cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for an hour each night for a week, feeding 11 Excell groups.

Photo by Sharon Gearheart.



Submitted by Paul Furey
Assistant Professor of Physical Education
Men's Soccer Coach

Madeira

an Island in our Hearts

The Mount Vernon Nazarene University men's soccer team knew there would be challenges on their ten-day, pre-season mission trip to Portugal. The first came five minutes after arriving at Port Columbus to fly to Europe on Thursday, Aug. 21.

At the airport, Head Coach Paul Furey learned of mechanical problems on their scheduled aircraft to Newark, N.J., that would result in missing the connection to Lisbon. As agents looked into other options, the east coast was hit with a power outage creating a traveler's nightmare. Local media covering the blackout and its affect on travel focused on the Cougars stranded at the airport, and soon the team was featured on all three Columbus TV stations and in "The Columbus Dispatch."

"At one point, it didn't look like we would go at all," said Furey. "But I believed there was a purpose for us to go and that God would work it out, and He did."

The team finally arrived in Portugal three days later, anxious to engage in activities planned nearly a year before. Pastor Samuel Simões, a 1998 MVNU graduate, and his wife Joanne greeted

the team at the Funchal Airport on the island of Madeira, 600 miles off the coast of Portugal.

The Simões felt the Lord's calling to return to Sam's homeland after completing his graduate work at Nazarene Theological Seminary. In April 2003, he accepted the newly created pastor's position of the Madeira Church of the Nazarene. Sam was the ideal match with his energetic, friendly personality and knowledge of Portuguese language and culture.

"Sam told me the way to reach the Madeirans was through friendship evangelism," said Furey. "They want to see how you live and if they see something special and different in your life, then they would be open to what you have to say."

Simões' strategy was simple - befriend the Madeirans using their two great interests to ultimately share the Gospel - music and sport. They love music, but their most passionate pastime, like many Europeans', is soccer or *futebol*.

Through the talents of the MVNU soccer team, the Simões made contacts with people, players and coaches in

the various Madeira soccer communities, gaining exposure for the Igreja do Nazareno (Church of the Nazarene) displaying a church banner by their bench.

"Although our ministry opportunities were limited due to language, God was at work in the hearts of the team," said Furey. "Often in mission trips the biggest changes come to those on the trip."

"It was a tremendous experience, despite the challenges," he added. "It's a beautiful island which instills love and appreciation for the One who created it. Sam and Joanne were excellent hosts, showing us most of the island via a 'hair-raising' bus tour of the mountainous terrain on narrow roads that overlook the Atlantic Ocean."

The team learned and used one Portuguese word, *obrigado* or "thank-you." Furey concluded, "To Sam and Joanne we say, *obrigado*. To those who sponsored and prayed for us, we say *obrigado*. To MVNU, we say *obrigado* for this opportunity. And above all, to the Lord for His goodness and love while working to conform us to His likeness, we forever say, *obrigado*."

MVNU

Baseball players

having successful summers

By Dave Parsons, Sports Information Director

Two former Mount Vernon Nazarene University baseball players have been in action this summer in various baseball leagues.

Marty McLeary, a 10th round draft pick by the Boston Red Sox in 1997, is currently playing for the Albuquerque Isotopes, the Triple A team of the Florida Marlins. The right-handed pitcher has posted a 0-0 record with a 4.24 earned run average in 12 appearances. In 17 innings of work, McLeary has struck out seven batters.



Dave Byard, a 35th round selection by the New York Mets in 2000, is currently playing for the St. Lucie Mets in Single A. The right-handed pitcher has posted an 0-1 record with four saves and a 1.30 ERA in 21 games. In 27 2/3 innings of work, Byard has struck out 25 batters.

2003 Women's Volleyball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Oct. 4	* at Rio Grande	11:00 a.m.
Oct. 4	* vs. Cedarville	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	* at Ohio Dominican	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	* at Shawnee State	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	* at Urbana	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	* MALONE	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	* GENEVA (PA)	9:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	* at Walsh	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	* at Tiffin	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	* RIO GRANDE	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	* OHIO DOMINICAN	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	+ at NCCAA Nationals	TBA
Oct. 31	+ at NCCAA Nationals	TBA
Nov. 4	* SHAWNEE STATE	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	* URBANA	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	= AMC Tournament	TBA
Nov. 21	& NAIA Region IX Tournament	TBA
Dec. 3	§ at NAIA National Tournament	TBA

* American Midwest Conference South Division Matches
 + NCCAA National Tournament (at Indiana Wesleyan University)
 = American Midwest Conference Tournament (TBA)
 & NAIA Region IX Tournament (TBA)
 § NAIA National Tournament (San Diego, CA)

2003 Women's Soccer Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Oct. 1	* at Walsh	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	* MALONE (PARENTS DAY)	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	SAINT VINCENT (PA)	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Indiana Wesleyan	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Kenyon	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	* at Ohio Dominican	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	* TIFFIN	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	* at Cedarville	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	* URBANA (SENIOR DAY)	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	AMC Playoffs	TBA
Nov. 14	NAIA or NCCAA Region Semifinals	TBA
Nov. 15	NAIA or NCCAA Region Finals	TBA
Nov. 20-25	NAIA or NCCAA National Tournament	TBA

*American Midwest Conference South Division Matches

2003 Men's Soccer Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Oct. 4	TAYLOR (IN)	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	* TIFFIN	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	* at Rio Grande	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	* MALONE	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	* at Cedarville	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	GRACE (IN)	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	* at Shawnee State	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 1	* WALSH	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	AMC/NAIA Region IX Playoffs	TBA
Nov. 20-24	NAIA or NCCAA Nationals	TBA

*American Midwest Conference South Division Matches

Alumni Feature: Lester and Lisa Hardesty – Compassion on the Reservation

By Mike Cheek, Director of Alumni Relations and University Fund



Lester ('87) and Lisa Hardesty understand the meaning of compassion. The Hardestys co-pastor the Cherokee (N.C.) Church of the Nazarene and run a Compassionate Ministries outreach on the Cherokee Indian reservation. That is not so unusual, but their story is different than most.

Lisa was the first to move to Cherokee. She had attended Nazarene Theological Seminary and began working with the Cherokees after graduating. Lisa became the pastor of the Cherokee church without interview or vote, when the district superintendent said he was willing to appoint her if she was willing to accept.

Lester graduated from MVNU with a religion degree, and also

attended NTS. He said, "I met Lisa at seminary and we kept in touch for many years. She had the call to missions and I had the call to be a pastor. I thought she was going overseas and I was staying here. When Lisa went to Cherokee, she asked me to consider coming to work with her. I prayed about it and a few months later, I answered by asking her to marry me." God not only brought Lisa a co-pastor, but also a husband!

The work has been long and hard. Along with leading weekly worship services and managing a food and clothing pantry, they transport people to doctor's appointments, grocery stores, laundromats and more. In the winter, they pass out blankets, doing everything they can to minister to the people. Lester and Lisa also started a chaplain's program at the Cherokee Indian Hospital, and plan to begin an Alcoholics Anonymous group soon.



"Together Again!" Homecoming 2003, November 13-16

www.mvnu.edu/homecoming

Mount Vernon Nazarene University celebrates a return to home and friends at this year's Homecoming. Be a part of this special weekend with opportunities to reunite, reminisce and rediscover MVNU!



Some activities planned (many of them brand new!) include:

- ARTalum exhibit and silent auction
- "A Christmas Carol" (matinee and evening performances)
- Alumni basketball games
- Departmental and affinity group reunions
- Homecoming chapel service with Medallion Award presentations
- Afternoon Music Department concert
- Ladies' and men's Cougar basketball games
- Class reunions for '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98 and 2003
- Dinner with friends in the Dining Commons
- Cougar Carnival, Saturday morning (grades 1-6)

You should have received a brochure in the mail with event details and a ticket order form. If you have questions, please contact Special Events at 1-800-367-9294 or events@mvnu.edu. Information is also online at www.mvnu.edu/homecoming.

The Grape Vine

1970s

RON BILLOW ('70) was recently appointed by Ohio's Governor Bob Taft to Ohio's Terra State Community College board of trustees for a five-year term. He also serves on the MVNU alumni council.

LINDA (DAWS '79) KERN is living in Winchester, Ky., where she is a critical care respiratory therapist at University of Kentucky and works in the neuro-intensive care unit. She has two boys, Michael (18) and Troy (15). The family attends Lafayette Church of the Nazarene.

DENISE (PITTMAN '79) MCPHERON is the administrative secretary for Christian Academy Schools in Sidney, Ohio. Her husband, **BRUCE ('79)**, is a lab technician for Copeland Corporation. They have three children: Randi (22), a student at Edison Community College, Zachary (18), a student at ITT Technical School in Dayton and Christina (17), a senior at Sidney High School planning to attend MVNU in 2004. They are members of the Sidney First Church of the Nazarene.

The physical and material needs are obvious among the Cherokee, but the greatest needs are spiritual. Alcohol and drug abuse are rampant, and there is much poverty. "Our greatest challenge is overcoming the Native Americans' strong resistance to the gospel. Many atrocities have been committed against them by whites in the name of Christianity. It takes a long time before they are willing to accept Christ," stated Lester.

The Hardestys live in a small apartment above the ministry center. Lester drives the same car he drove as a student at MVNU and works nights at a local hotel to make ends meet. But there is no complaining. Lisa said, "I don't feel like it is a sacrifice. I don't feel like I'm missing anything in my life." Lester added, "Our ministry is fulfilling because we see the lives of children and their parents touched."

The MVNU motto, "To seek to learn is to seek to serve" has never been more evident in lives of our alumni as it is in the ministry of Lester and Lisa Hardesty. The first ever Alumni Association sponsored Work and Witness trip will be to work with the Hardestys in Cherokee, N.C., in summer of 2004.

Dear Alumni,

Our first ever Alumni Association sponsored Work and Witness trip will be from June 25-July 3, 2004! We will travel to work at the Cherokee, N.C., Church of the Nazarene and Compassionate Ministries Center where the Hardestys currently minister. Details will be available soon. Reserve these dates on your calendar and plan to be a part of this inaugural event! Also, if you'd like to receive information about our alumni gatherings in cities throughout the country, please contact us at alumni@mvnu.edu or visit www.mvnu.edu/alumni/activities.html

Mike Cheek
Director of Alumni Relations and University Fund



Attention all art alumni:

MVNU will hold an ARTalum exhibit and silent auction during Homecoming 2003! The goal of the auction is to establish an endowment for art student scholarships. The exhibit will begin Thursday, Nov. 13, and will conclude with an artist's reception on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 3-5 p.m., in the R.R. Hodges Chapel Art Gallery. Invite your friends!

If you have artwork you'd like to donate or would consider creating a special piece for the show, please e-mail gallery curator Lori Wilkes at lwilkes@mvnu.edu or contact (740) 392-6868, ext. 3042.

1980s

After a lengthy struggle with multiple sclerosis, **DOUG KINNISON ('85)** went to be with his Savior on January 8, 2003. Doug is survived by his wife, **STACEY (ALLEN '02)**, daughter Dani (13), son Brad (12), brother **KEVIN ('87)** and sister-in-law **MELISSA (COLEMAN '88)**, and parents John and Veda Kinnison.

DAVID KING ('87) and his wife **FAITH (MCGUIRE '90)** reside in Grove City, Ohio. David has worked for the past 10 years as a manager for Goodwill Columbus. Faith has been home schooling their four sons: Ori (11), Abraham (9), Elijah (4) and Kes (2).

SANDY (RICHARDS '88) KROESE and her husband Joel have been blessed with two adopted children: Thomas (3) and Kimberly (1). They recently moved to Powder Springs, Ga., where Sandy is a Tastefully Simple independent consultant.

GREG ('88) and **CHERYL (KING '90)** announce the arrival of their fourth son, Nathan Gregory, on May 20, 2003. Nathan joins Nicholas (8), Jacob (6) and Eric (3). Greg is the youth pastor at Coshocton Church of the Nazarene and Cheryl is the music minister at the church and full-time mom.

1990s

ELIZABETH (RITTERBACH '91) FANSLER and her husband Kevin welcomed daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on July 16, 2003. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. and was 18 inches long. Kevin is a secretary for the State of Ohio and Elizabeth is a service and support administrator for Pickaway County MRDD. The family resides in Columbus, Ohio, and they attend Reynoldsburg Church of the Nazarene.

BOB HUNTER ('91) is pastoring Springwater Church of the Nazarene in Gresham, Ore. He and his wife Cambria have three children: Grant (5), Brianna (3) and Tanner (1).

AARON CONRAD ('92) and his wife Heather welcomed their second child on May 15. Emma Lynne weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and was 20 inches long. She joined brother Austin (2). The family resides in Hilliard, Ohio, where Aaron is an outside sales representative and Heather is a teacher at the Ohio School for the Deaf.

DENNIS ('92) and **JENNIFER (BAILEY '93) MARTIN** announce the birth of their first child, Benjamin, on April 7, 2003. Ben weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz. and was 22 inches long. Dennis and Jennifer are both employed by MVNU. Dennis is a carpenter and Jennifer is the director of Special Events.

ANDREA (BADGER '92) YOUGH recently graduated from Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey, Calif., with a master of arts degree in

translation. She also received a certificate in nonproliferation studies. Andrea spent five years studying in Japan after receiving her B.A. from MVNU with a major in Spanish. She resides in Monterey with her husband **MIKE ('92)**.

STACEY EDWARDS ('92) married Bryan Nolen on April 26, 2003. **MICHELLE (COMBS '91) EDWARDS** was in the wedding along with Bryan's two sons, Beau (11) and Jesse (6). The family resides in Mansfield, Ohio, where Stacey is a social worker for the Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department.

DAVE ('93) and **DANA (DUNCAN '92) HICKS** reside in Mason, Ohio, where Dave is in his ninth year as youth pastor at West Chester Church of the Nazarene, serves as Southwest Ohio district NYI president and coaches SAY soccer. Dana is self-employed and a stay-at-home mom with their son, Caleb David (7).

Williams named new director of Church Relations



Mount Vernon Nazarene University recently announced Rev. Michael Williams as the new director of Church Relations.

As a 1977 graduate of MVNU and an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, Williams is familiar with the University and the surrounding Nazarene churches and districts. He has served as a pastor of rural and urban churches in Florida, Ohio and Illinois, and his experience includes church planting and leadership in multiple staff settings. Williams brings strong leadership skills and initiative to his new position.

He has most recently served as a full-time Church Health consultant where he assisted local pastors with seminars, conferences and specialized training. He also worked with Outreach, Inc. of San Diego, Calif., to provide training and was a certified trainer with Achieve Global which provides leadership development for Honda of America suppliers.

For more information about Church Relations, contact 1-888-470-0050 or visit www.mvnu.edu/churchrelations.

Alumni Opportunities

Mount Vernon Nazarene University has partnered with College Central Network to offer a new job search service for students and alumni. To register your resume and search for jobs go to www.collegecentral.com/mvnu. Resumes will be approved online by Career Services and then posted on the web site for employers to view. If you have any questions, please contact Career Services at career@mvnu.edu or (740) 392-6868, ext. 4610.

MVNU will co-host a new event to be held at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. To assist students and alumni in making connections with key agencies, the Government and Public Service Career Expo will be held on Wed., Oct. 22. If any alumni work in a governmental job and are interested in attending as an employer, please contact Ardyth Stull, MVNU director of Career Services, at astull@mvnu.edu or (740) 392-6868, ext. 4612. If you are interested in attending to seek employment or an internship, please contact our office at career@mvnu.edu or (740) 392-6868, ext. 4610.

CHARLES "CHUCK" CASE ('94) graduated on May 25 with a master of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. He is pastoring Chillicothe, Ohio, First United Methodist.

MATT ('94) McCLOSKEY and his wife Erin announce the birth of their daughter Avery Breighann, born on July 8, 2003. She was 9.1 lbs. and 21 inches long. Avery joins big brother Braydon (3).

TIMOTHY SALO ('94) recently graduated from Drew University with his second degree since leaving MVNU. He continues to work on his dissertation as a Ph.D. candidate. Timothy has been teaching at Nyack College in Nyack, N.Y., while at Drew.

AMY (HORD '95) EDLER and her husband Johnny announce the birth of Samantha Jo on March 22, 2003. She was 19 inches long and weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. She joins big sister Brooke (3). Amy is currently a stay-at-home mom.

WADE ('96) and MONICA (HAMILTON '97) GRAY announce the birth of Timothy Stephen on May 21, 2003. He weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. and was 20 inches long. Timothy joins big brother Wesley.

COURTNEY (ZOLMAN '96) WALTERS and her husband Brent were blessed with a baby boy, Zane Tucker, on May 18, 2003. Courtney works part time as an attorney at Shaw, Zolman & Associates in Columbus, Ohio, and Brent is a juvenile prosecutor for the Cabell County prosecutor's office in Huntington, W.Va. The family resides in Chillicothe, Ohio.

MICAH WRIGHT ('96) has been accepted into the priest formation program for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. He will be attending Ave Maria University in Naples, Fla., as a theology student.

HOLLY (MYERS '97) FOLK and her husband Jason welcomed their first child Jonathan Robert on April 2, 2003. They reside in Chillicothe, Ohio,

where they are both outpatient therapists for Adena Regional Medical Center.

CINDY WILES ('97) and MARK DAYE ('90) were married on June 7, 2003, at Wooster Church of the Nazarene. Mark is a systems analyst for Ontario Systems and Cindy is an office assistant at Ken Miller Supply. They reside in Wooster, Ohio.

MIKE ('98) and SARAH (LEWIS '98) BEAN announce the birth of Conner Michael on June 13, 2003. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. and was 21 inches long. Conner joins big brother Curtis (3). The family resides in Vandalia, Ohio.

WILLIAM GEE ('98) graduated with an master's degree in biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary in May 2002. His wife **TASHA (PICKENPAUGH '98)** graduated with a master's degree in reading from Texas A&M-Commerce in August 2002. They recently returned to Newark, Ohio, where they are both teaching in Newark City Schools. They

also welcomed Joshua Carter to their family on June 13, 2003. Joshua weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 inches long.

CLINT ('98) and KENDRA (SINIFT '98) KUNTZ announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Ainsley, on May 7. Mia weighed 5 lbs., 3 oz. and was 19 inches long. She joins big brother Elijah (2). Clint is a systems analyst for Miba Bearings in McConnelsville, Ohio, and Kendra teaches fifth grade for Morgan Local Schools. The family resides in Malta, Ohio.

CHASE ('99) and RACHEL (SMITHISLER '00) JOHNSON were married on Jan. 27, 2001. They welcomed Jessica Riley Nicole to their family on Sept. 9, 2001. The family lives in New Mexico where Rachel is a teacher and Chase builds computers.

MVNU receives \$100,000 estate gift for student scholarships

Mrs. Bea Meyer was a faithful member of Cincinnati Springdale Church of the Nazarene for many years. She and her husband Norman loved to see the difference MVNU made in the lives of the Springdale students as they returned home each summer. Upon Norman's death, Bea decided she wanted to find a way to help young people from Springdale and the Southwest Ohio district attend MVNU. With the help of her Springdale church family, she set aside funds in her estate plan for that purpose. After Mrs. Meyer passed away, those funds were transferred to MVNU, and the first recipients of the Norman and Beatrice Meyer Scholarship will be announced soon. We are so grateful for faithful supporters like the Meyers.

Do you feel the same way as Mrs. Meyer? Have you considered setting aside funds for MVNU in your

estate? Endowed scholarships will assist future generations as well as the students of today. Please contact Austin Swallow for information or assistance at 1-800-367-9294.



Mrs. Bea Meyer (photo submitted)

CSA Scholarship Golf Tournament



The winning foursome: in order L-R: Bryan Helwig ('90), Ed Nagy, Jamey Keys ('90) and Joe White ('90).

This year's tournament, held in May, continued the success of the past few years. New this year, a silent auction of golf memorabilia plus donated local goods and services brought many

compliments. Our thanks go to Ray Montgomery of Sports Images International who provided the items.

The highlight of this year's tournament was the testimony of senior golfer, Chad Gress, who spoke about how his teammates and coaches had won him into God's kingdom with love and understanding. The father/son teams of Ethan and Jim Hendrickx and Gary and Brian Webb gave the winning team of Bryan Helwig, Ed Nagy, Joe White and Jamey Keys from Westerville, Ohio, a real "race to the wire" before falling one stroke back and settling for second place. Over \$5,500 was added to the CSA Endowed Scholarship this year. We are grateful to all who participated and look forward to even more success next year. Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 1, 2004!

2000s

CORBIN CASAREZ ('00) and **SUSAN CARMAN ('01)** were married on October 6, 2001. They live in Baltimore, Md., where Corbin is teaching 6-12th grades at Glen Burnie Nazarene Christian Academy and Susan is a security rover with Securities (formerly Pinkerton & Barnes).

CAREY (CLAGG '00) EASH recently earned a master's degree in social welfare from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). Carey and her husband, **BEN ('97)**, live in Los Angeles, where they do urban ministry with homeless children and youth. Carey is the senior children's social worker with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.

DAVID ('00) and **DONNA (GILL '01) ANGLE** announce the birth of their

son Nathaniel James on June 26, 2003. He weighed 5 lbs., 10 oz. and was 19 inches long. David is teaching instrumental music at West Muskingum Schools and Donna is children's pastor at Zanesville First Church of the Nazarene.

SARA GRUVER ('01) had her book, "Reading Skills Mini-Lessons," published in May by Teacher Created Materials. Prepared for intermediate grades, it includes complete lesson plans, reproducible activity pages, practice suggestions and more. This fall, Gruver will teach 6th grade at Central Intermediate School in Newark, Ohio.

MATTHEW JONES ('01) was named the Student of the Year for the first year class at Wright State Medical School, which had a class size of around 130 people.

JASON ('01) and **ERIN (CONNOR '00) MOORMAN** announce the birth of their first child. Grace Elliot was born on July 10, 2003, weighing 7lbs.,

2 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Jason is on course to complete his master's of divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary by May 2004, after which Erin will begin working toward her M.A.

DAVID BAKER ('02) and **STACEY CLARK ('03)** were wed on May 31, 2003, in Wooster, Ohio. David is working as the curriculum specialist for Excell at MVNU. Stacey is a first grade teacher for Mount Vernon City Schools at Wiggin Street Elementary. The couple resides in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

JON WISECUP ('02) had the paper he wrote for the AFP Scholars award published in the May/June issue of "AFP Exchange" as a co-authored article. "AFP Exchange" is the official publication of the Association for Financial Professionals, which has a membership of about 10,000 cash managers, treasurers and bankers.

JARED HITCHCOCK ('03) married **MARIA KEISTER ('03)** on Dec. 29, 2002. The

couple resides in Columbus, Ohio, where Jared is pursuing a job with Worthington Schools and Maria is employed as an RN at Columbus Children's Hospital.



Entries with a camera icon (📷) have a photo available online.

To view these photos, visit www.mvnu.edu/alumni/grapevine/grapevine.html

Please feel free to submit photos of weddings, babies, etc. to Mount Vernon NOW, 800 Martinsburg Rd., Mount Vernon, OH 43050, or by e-mail to alumni@mvnu.edu, or online at www.mvnu.edu/alumni/grapevine/grapevine.html.

Freshman from Hawaii begins her adventure



Incoming freshman Joy Sever (pictured) has chosen to boldly step out and travel nearly 5,000 miles to attend Mount Vernon Nazarene University. As a Christian, she knows this is a place she can explore, grow and develop into the person she was created to be.

My name is Joy Puanalani Sever. I was born in Hawaii and lived there for nine years before moving to Gahanna, Ohio. After living there for three years, my family then moved to the Woodbridge, Virginia, area for four years before returning to Hawaii. In 1999 my brother, Kawika, decided that Mount Vernon Nazarene University was the place where he would continue his education after high school. I had visited Mount Vernon's lovely campus several times, and was struck with its friendliness and sense of community, as well as the students' desire to serve the Lord.

That same year I promised my best friend, Valerie Frantz, whom I had met in 7th grade through our local church, that I would room with her at MVNU as soon as we graduated. At first, those were the only reasons I had chosen MVNU, but as I grew I noticed that my spiritual life required much more effort than it did when I was a child. Because of this, I knew that I needed to attend a Christian school in order to help me in my walk with Christ. It's a good thing I already had my heart set on Mount Vernon. I don't know what I want to major in yet, but I know I am not alone in this. My first goal while I'm here is to do well in the classes that I take.

I know it may not seem like an incredibly lofty goal to most, but it is a start for me.

The thing I am looking forward to the most is choir. I haven't been involved in choir since the tenth grade, living in Virginia. The past two years I have lived in Hilo, Hawaii, where Waiakea High School does not have a choral program, so I have not been able to participate in the one thing I really, truly enjoy. I hope to become active in all aspects of life at MVNU.

I'm looking forward to meeting each and every one of you. **Aloha!**

Periodical
Postage
PAID
Mount Vernon OH
43050

Fun, new electronic greeting cards are now available from MVNU's web site at www.mvnu.edu/alumni/ecards. They are a great way to keep in touch or to send a special message to your friends and family.



Mount Vernon NOW

Mount Vernon Nazarene University
800 Martinsburg Road
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Address Service Requested