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he warm glow of candles could be seen across the Mount Vernon Nazarene College campus on Thursday, Nov. 29, as students participated in Hunger Awareness Week. The week is sponsored by Students with Concern, and is held in conjunction with the community's Food For The Hungry drive. The entire appearance of campus changed with posters hung displaying quotes, pictures, and statistics bringing attention to the needs of our society and community.

A large dumpster was placed near the cafeteria to make students aware of the amount of food wasted during one week on campus; signs on the side read, "At least we have food to complain about." Food For The Hungry boxes were in every office on campus allowing staff and faculty the opportunity to give. "We want to bring awareness of God's call to justice and his desire for people to live in right relations with each other," explains Christy Miller, MVNC senior and member of Students with Concern.

The week began with a special hunger awareness chapel. Tuesday in the cafeteria, students read stories of families that need extra help for Christmas and the upcoming winter, and also gave out information on how to help those families. On Wednesday, an evening service was held in the

chapel called, "Take a Walk in My Shoes." A candlelight vigil was held near the Eternal Flame for the Social Justice service on Thursday. At the service, Silent Parables, the mime ministry, shared a performance about caring for the homeless. Jason Bowles, an MVNC senior, led a group of students sleeping outside all week on wooden pallets on the campus lawn. On Friday night, several students joined them as part of the homeless simulation. "After not eating all day, it was exciting to see smiling people come and feed us and bring hot coffee. I realized the great value that comes from simply giving each other smiles," said student Sara Bumpus who joined those sleeping outside on Friday.

Friday and Saturday, MVNC's men's basketball team participated in the 8th annual Food For The Hungry Tournament. Admission for the games was food and/or money. As a result, the campus community raised nearly 300 boxes of cans and \$1,135 from the campus wide drive and the tournament. The donations were taken to Interchurch Social Services and The Salvation Army Saturday evening to be given to families and individuals in need this season. The entire community, as well as MVNC students, benefited from Hunger Awareness Week.

*"We want to bring awareness of God's call to justice and his desire for people to live in right relations with each other."  
- Christy Miller*

Cover photo: Senior Cristy Miller shelters a candle from wind and rain at the Social Justice Service during Hunger Awareness Week.

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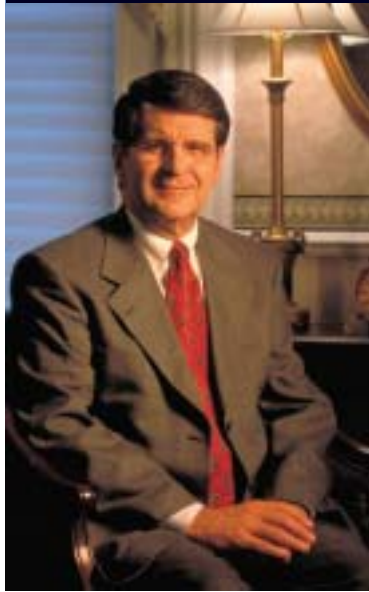
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## FROM MY CORNER



BY  
**DR. E. LEBRON FAIRBANKS**  
President

*"There is a new sense of urgency to spend quality time...in the areas of Christian spirituality, Christian leadership, and Christian community."*

## Fairbanks receives presidential renewal vote for four-year term

The Mount Vernon Nazarene College board of trustees met on November 1-2, 2001 for its annual meeting. The trustees also meet in early March each year, in addition to a Commencement meeting.

In addition to the approval of a board Standing Policies' Manual, the board renewed my contract for another four years. In recognition of twelve years as the MVNC president, and in acknowledgement of the excellent renewal vote, the board voted for me to attend the Oxford Round Table for International Educators, July 7-12, 2002, at Oxford University, Oxford, England. I am very grateful.

Rev. Bruce Oldham, executive assistant to the president, is the university transition coordinator during the current school year. He led a transition task force last summer and is now guiding a university transition team as we as an institution look forward to August 1, 2002 when MVNC becomes Mount Vernon Nazarene University!

The board received a report from the task force on a new gym/convocation center, to be located in the northeast quadrant of the recently acquired 122-acre Pinecrest Farm,

situated directly across Martinsburg Road from the main campus. Information was also shared regarding a feasibility study for a Capital Campaign. The campaign will secure funds for the new gym/convocation center, and the renovation of the present Donoho Recreation Center and intercollegiate gym into a physical fitness/wellness center and student union. A portion of the capital campaign will also focus on endowment development.

Resident students on campus this fall total 1,060, or 96% of student resident capacity! Since growth in the traditional undergraduate program is basic to our strategic plan for the decade, the board voted to build another apartment wing to the Cypress complex! And numerous other decisions were made by the board to ensure increasingly, that MVNC will be "An Academic Community of Faith, Shaping Christ-like Leaders for Lifelong Service."

Newly elected General Superintendent, Dr. Jesse Middendorf, was present for the entire board meeting. He serves as the responsible general superintendent for MVNC for the next two years.

In my response to the positive renewal vote of the board for the MVNC president, I quoted the closing words from my March 2001 Interim Report to the board. At the spring board meeting, I stated,

*"There is a new sense of urgency to spend quality time throughout the next ten years in teaching and writing, particularly in the areas of Christian spirituality, Christian leadership, and Christian community. I am increasingly committed to developing national church leadership, and strengthening local church leadership, focusing on spiritual formation, and leadership ethics."*

I shared with the board in March, and again at the close of the November meeting, that I felt those initiatives could be pursued without interfering with my leadership responsibilities at MVNC.

To the board, alumni, friends and campus community, Anne and I are grateful for your patience with us, your constant encouragement and your continuing friendship.

Hope to see you on campus soon!

- E. LeBron Fairbanks

## IN MEMORY

TEXT PROVIDED BY THE U.S. PENTAGON

### Alumna dies in Sept. 11 tragedy

Molly L. McKenzie, a budget analyst and 14-year Department of Army civilian, was a very dedicated mother who would do anything for her two daughters, Lea, 13, and Alana, 10. She enjoyed riding bikes with them, planning their birthday parties, and always hoped to spark in them the enjoyment she received from playing the piano. She prayed for them constantly.

Lea and Alana wrote this in her memory: "Our mother was very nice. She would do anything for us. She would take us places like shopping, the movies, and places to eat. She loved to draw and read books. She liked to read the Bible. She liked to run and sometimes we ran with her. If we had a problem, she would always help us. She was not only our mother, she was our friend. She loved her work, but we came first. She also loved to work in the yard outside the house. She also loved animals. She also loved to do our homework with us. We will always remember you and love you, Mommy."

In July 1999, Molly remembered spending time with her father, a World War II veteran, tilling the ground and planting seeds when she was five. Her father worked very hard to support his family, making sure there was food on the table, clothes to wear, money for college, and spiritual support. He took great joy and pride in each of his children's accomplishments. He sacrificed many things that he personally could have done for himself. Molly has also

mentioned thankfulness for her mother who leads a steadfast Christian life.

Born April 8, 1963, in Ephrata, Penn., Molly attended school in the Cocalico School District in Denver, Penn., and graduated from high school in the Mount Vernon School District in Mount Vernon, Ohio. In 1985, she earned her bachelor of science degree in business administration from Mount Vernon Nazarene College.

While a student at Cocalico, Molly played the clarinet in the school band, sang in chorus, and portrayed the lead actress in "Li'l Abner," one of her school plays. Her friends knew her as a beautiful person, not just in her remarkably good looks, but also in her heart. She had a quiet disposition and a smile that would light up a room. Her first grade teacher, Sharon Althouse, remembers her as being a quiet and bright student.

Her sister, Judy, speaks for the family when she says, "When I look back on Molly's life as I knew it, I am drawn to memories of a soft-spoken, caring, beautiful woman. Henry David Thoreau wrote, 'The question is not what you look at, but what you see.' Molly had an inner beauty;



she spoke little, but loved much. I believe if she were still with us today, she would say, 'Never lose sight of what we're really here for - serving and trusting in God, even when life doesn't make sense.' She will be deeply missed, but always remembered by our family."

She is survived by her daughters, Lea and Alana, of Dale City, Va.; her mother, Elizabeth Hornberger of Mount Vernon, Ohio; her brothers Larry and Kenny Hornberger of Denver, Penn.; her sisters, Sally Wetzel of Reading, Penn., and Judy Yake of Waldo, Ohio; and her former husband Shane McKenzie.

### MVNC alumni and friends remember Molly McKenzie

Taken from a letter written by Robin (Mayes) Stacy to her 1985 classmates:

What can we do for Molly as a class? I believe a memorial scholarship would be an honorable cause. This would allow Molly to help people for years to come. We are opening this up to alumni of all ages, MVNC faculty, staff and the local community, but I think it would be great if the first \$10,000 came from her own classmates. If you would like to contribute, send your donations to MVNC, Alumni Office. Be sure to write Molly McKenzie memorial in the check memo.

- Robin Mayes-Stacy

<http://www.mvnc.edu/news/PressReleases/2001-2001/mollyletter.html>

### Open scholarship endowments:

There are several other open scholarship endowments established in honor or in memory of individuals. Anyone interested in contributing to any of these scholarships should call the Institutional Advancement Office at 1-800-367-9294. These scholarships include:

- B. Keith Clinker
- Philip B. Petrie
- The Salvation Army
- Dorothy H. Burton
- Nicole Dickinson

## FOCUS ON ALUMNI

### Medallions honor Hartke ('84) and Myers ('89)

In granting the annual Medallion Awards, the MVNC Alumni Association honors outstanding alumni based on professional achievements and church and community service which exemplify the College's motto: "To seek to learn is to seek to serve." Medallions are awarded to one clergy member and one layperson.



**GARY HARTKE:**

Gary Hartke has served the Church of the Nazarene in numerous ways since graduating from MVNC in 1984. In October of 2000, he was elected as director of Nazarene Youth International (NYI), where he is responsible for the youth ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. This involves 138 world areas with more than 300,000 members.

Previous to his recently elected position, he served as youth pastor for the Beavercreek, Ohio, Church

of the Nazarene; youth pastor for South Portland, Maine; and youth and recreation pastor at Chicago First Church of the Nazarene in Lemont, Ill. In 1998, he became the candidate coordinator for the World Mission Division. This position involved discovering, developing and deploying missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene. "Being candidate coordinator was hugely influential in my life. I learned about needs in our world and how the Church of the Nazarene is responding to those needs. My worldview has grown and expanded to have a passion to be a part of what our church is doing in the world," said Hartke of his experience.

Hartke feels that MVNC prepared him well to face the challenges of his position, as well as to enjoy the rewards of his hard work. He said that seeing more than 20,000 Nazarenes gather in June of 2001 for the NYI service in the Indianapolis RCA Dome was very exciting.

Hartke commented, "It was during my time at MVNC that I found direction in life. I am doing what I feel God has called and prepared me to do." He advises others to listen to God and dream big dreams.

Hartke is currently enrolled in a master of church management program at Olivet Nazarene University. He resides in Olathe, Kan., with his wife Joy and their two children, Mallori (13) and Jeremy (11). They are members of Lenexa Central Church.

**SUSAN (CUMMINGS) MYERS:** Susan Myers felt called to missions at the age of 13. Currently serving as a pediatrician at the Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea, she is living out her calling and serving the Lord daily.

After graduating from MVNC with a pre-med degree in 1989, she attended The Medical College of Ohio at Toledo graduating in 1993. She, then, completed her residency at Children's Medical Center in Akron, Ohio. She also served for four years in private practice in Dover, Ohio.

One of Myers' most memorable experiences at MVNC was a January term trip to Papua New Guinea during her senior year where she worked with Dr. Jim Radcliffe. "I was more convinced than ever that I was being called to missionary service," said Myers. Today, she cares for the pediatric patients in the hospital and serves all age groups in the outpatient department and emergency room. Myers said about the challenges and rewards of her job, "It is a great challenge trying to provide the best medical care we can with limited resources. The rewards come, when in spite of a lack of high-tech instruments or medicine, a very ill patient pulls through, and you know that it is only because of God's loving, healing hands!"

Myers said she would never trade her time at MVNC for any-



thing. She built wonderful friendships, became stronger in her faith, and experienced the teaching of great professors. She commented, "In all of our lives, God has a plan and we need to take each step one-by-one and allow God to lead. Don't be bogged down with the details of what tomorrow may or may not bring. I strive to be more like him in all that I do. Any accomplishments attached to my name have come about with perseverance and God's grace and help."

Myers lives in Papua New Guinea with her husband Jeffrey and their two children, Jessica (7) and Ethan (3). Jeffrey is developing a new area of ministry in the country. He has established a core team of committed Nazarenes to produce Christian radio programming to be aired on established radio stations in Papua New Guinea. They currently attend the Emmanuel Nazarene Church in Kudjip.

## The Grapevine

### 1970s

Beverly (Hall) Williamson ('78) passed away after a yearlong battle with cancer on Nov. 4, 2001. Her husband, Kevin Williamson, and their two children Amy (16) and Andrew (13), reside in Blue Springs, Mo. Beverly graduated summa cum laude and was co-valetictorian, as well as the 1978 female recipient of the Service Above Self Award. Her brother, Larry Hall, received the male Service Above Self Award that same year. Her brothers-in-law Rick and Jeff Williamson work at MVNC. Services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2001.

Dr. Alvin Lawhead, former associate professor of religion at MVNC ('73-'81) died on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001, after a prolonged illness. Living in Shellsburg, Penn., he was actively involved in teaching Sunday school at Ryot church of the Nazarene until his illness. The funeral was held there on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001.

### 1980s

Brian and Ruth (Neil) Geyer ('81) announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Wesley Geyer on Sept. 12, 2001. He joins his older sister, Megan Brianne.

David Sullivan ('81) is currently serving as minister of music at Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Milan, Tenn., and as an investigator for the U.S. Department of Labor. His wife, Pam (Hughes '82), is also an investigator for the same agency.

Shelly (Littlefield '82) and Clifford Craine were married on Sept. 1, 2001. Now residing in Canton, Ohio, Shelly works as an office manager/accountant for the A.G. Stafford Company in Canton. Clifford works as an electronics technician for Automated Packaging Systems, Inc., of Streetsboro, Ohio.

## FROM MIKE'S DESK

BY MIKE CHEEK

### Homecoming weekend full of memories and hopes

Dear MVNC alumni and friends, what a great weekend our annual Homecoming celebration is!

The pageantry, the reunions, the basketball games, and other events all combine to make Homecoming one of the best weekends of the school year. The campus is full of activity and energy as alumni and friends invade Mount Vernon. Some routinely return, others come back after being away for decades.

The best part of the weekend for me was meeting new friends and reacquainting myself with others. Homecoming stirs memories of the powerful and lasting influence that MVNC has been in our lives. True, academic experiences in and out of the classroom stretched our intellect, but the MVNC experience is more than that, isn't it? We made significant spiritual decisions while we were here - many of us would say it was at MVNC that we really nailed down our commitment to God. The friends we made while we were here have become lifelong friends. These relationships have supported us in good times and encouraged us in bad times. Many of us met our spouses while we

were students here. What a special place Mount Vernon Nazarene College is!

As I travel and meet you in restaurants, churches, and homes, I am discovering that we have a great host of alumni who are living MVNC's motto, "To Seek to Learn is to Seek to Serve." I am so proud of you! You are impacting your homes, your churches and your communities for the kingdom of God. And every year we add another group of alumni who are ready to make a difference in the world. We now have almost 11,000 alums living in every state and 27 countries. Keep up the good work!

Homecoming calls us to look back. But we must look forward too! On August 1, 2002, MVNC will become MVNU. Mount Vernon Nazarene University sounds strange, doesn't it? I believe no matter what label this institution has, though, it will always emphasize strong academics in a holiness environment. It will always be our mission to produce alumni who have caught a vision for using their degrees, talents, and careers to serve others.

Maybe the organizational structure will be altered somewhat,

maybe there will be more and different academic programs offered. Those decisions are currently being made. However, no matter what happens, our school will continue to shape young people. In years to come many others will join us at Homecomings (some of them will be our children!) and we will still remember the wonderful years spent as students at Mount Vernon Nazarene.

Whether you attended MVNC one, ten, or 30 years ago, I want you to feel a part of what is happening here. This is your College and we are seeking ways to keep you informed and keep your relationship with MVNC current. Nostalgia is a wonderful thing, but how much greater to be involved in the life of the College today, and have it as a part of your life. I urge you to find ways to stay connected with our school. If I can help in that, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I hope to meet you, to get to know you better. You are very special people. God bless you and your family!

- Mike Cheek  
Director of Alumni Relations

Cheek has served as MVNC's director of alumni relations since September of 2000. He is a 1982 graduate of Mount Vernon and lives in Cardington, Ohio, with his wife Janis (Wright '83) and their three children, Courtney (13), Drew (12) and Tyler (10)

If you'd like to contact Mike, you can e-mail him at [mcheek@mvnc.edu](mailto:mcheek@mvnc.edu) or call 1-800-367-9294. If you'd like to post your alumni news in the Grapevine, or have questions about an alumni event, please e-mail [alumni@mvnc](mailto:alumni@mvnc) or contact the above number.



**MIKE CHEEK, ALUMNI RELATIONS**

# HOMEcoming 2001 SCRAPBOOK

## The Grapevine

Gina Freeman ('83) is working with the Rehabilitation Services Commission, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, as a vocational rehabilitation counselor. She will be covering Knox County.

Tim and Lorrie (Jackson) Murphy ('85) would like to announce the birth of their child, Liam Patrick Murphy, born on Aug. 18, 2000. Liam is welcomed by older siblings Mairead (11), Jackson (8) and Atticus (6). Tim continues to work as a decorative artist and Lorrie is a stay-at-home mom. In her spare time she is a doula (professional birthing coach). The family attends Shepherd Church of the Nazarene.

Melissa (Evans '87) Tuel is an analytical chemist at Ross Products Division of Abbott Laboratories. Melissa and five co-workers were recently recognized by Abbott for outstanding scientific innovations. The team developed Oxepa, a medical food that is administered to patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome.

Larry ('88) and Verna (Ware '88) Lain would like to announce the birth of Lauren Grace on July 2, 2001. She is adored by her siblings Karah (6), Nathan (5), Hannah (3) and Rachel (2).

Debbie ('88 Milne) Helton and her husband Larry announce the birth of Luke Thomas. Luke was born on April 17, 2001. He weighed 11 lbs., 3 oz., and was 22 inches long. He joins big sister Hannah (3).

Rick ('88) and Maria Rowlett reside in North Royalton, Ohio, with their two children Emily (3) and Max (1). Rick received his Ph.D. from Kent State University and is a Psychologist in the Northeast Ohio area. Rick is affiliated with Edwin Shaw Hospital for Rehabilitation and is a member of the adjunct faculty at Baldwin-Wallace College.

Gary ('88) and Penney ('86 Collins) Sidle and their three children, Lindsay (6), Alyssa (3) and Josiah (1), have been appointed as missionaries to Zambia, Africa. They have been serving as pastor and children's pastor in Paden City, W.Va. They will move to Lusaka, Zambia, in January 2002.



Above: Class of '91 reunion.



Above: Class of '96 reunion.



Left: Homecoming queen Kari Sutherland is embraced by her father Richard Sutherland.



Right: Former MVNC President, Dr. John A. Knight, spoke in a very special Homecoming chapel service.



Above: Class of '86 reunion.



Left: Class of '76 reunion.



Far left: Susan (VandeKemp '92) Franko, Kristi (VandeKemp '92) Lehman, and Liz (Hamman '91) Armstrong sharing photos and memories before the games.



Below: Homecoming concert with Mark Schultz.



Left: Class of '86 reunion.



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# EXCELL NEWS

By DR. RANDALL WELLS

## EXCELL to celebrate 100th BBA group



DR. RANDALL WELLS, EXCELL

Mount Vernon Nazarene College's Executive Center for Lifelong Learning (EXCELL) is planning a major celebration for the start of the 100th bachelor of business administration (BBA) group. BBA Group #100 will begin January 24, 2002, at the Polaris Campus.

EXCELL has grown significantly since its beginning in 1993. From the original offering of a BBA program, we now feature the following additions: master of arts in education; master of arts in teaching (to begin in fall 2002, pending approval); master of ministry; associate of arts in general studies; certificate of ministry preparation, certificate of ministry development, plus numerous workshops and continuing educa-

tion classes.

In 1995, two years after its inception at the Mount Vernon Campus, EXCELL expanded to the northern edge of Columbus at the Polaris Centers of Commerce. In the fall of 2000 we added two additional satellite locations in Newark and Lima, Ohio. Subsequently, EXCELL received approval from The Higher Learning Commission, Member of the North Central Association, to offer programs throughout the state of Ohio.

The mission of EXCELL clearly states the commitment, "to provide an opportunity for adults (23 years of age or over) to obtain a quality education in a learning environment emphasizing Christian values and ethical stan-

dards. Within this context, EXCELL serves as a resource for adults striving to enhance their personal and professional lives in a constantly changing world."

From the early days of the first cohort's beginnings on the Mount Vernon campus, EXCELL enrollment has consistently increased. The total number of students enrolled in EXCELL totaled 824 for the fall of this year. EXCELL has grown by over 56 percent during the past three years and currently represents 37 percent of MVNC's total student population.

"I'm continually amazed by the opportunities MVNC has to impact adult students," commented Dr. Randall Wells, associate dean of graduate and adult education. "EXCELL is spreading the mission of MVNC to a group of constituents that would otherwise be underserved. Our current potential for continued program growth and expansion is only limited by our own ability to respond to the needs of this particular segment of the population. The mission of MVNC is unique, it is vital, and it is life-changing. I am confident that EXCELL can be a catalyst to further this mission to a broader population. As new adult programs are developed by the College's outstanding faculty, and are focused to meet particular corporate and industry needs, we will have continued opportunities to impact adult students with our message."

Mount Vernon Nazarene College's  
**EXCELL**  
Executive Center for Lifelong Learning

*Celebrating*  
the 100th BBA Group Start!

*When:*  
Jan. 24, 2002  
5 - 6:30 p.m.

*Where:*  
Polaris Campus  
2000 Polaris Parkway

Come and experience  
the excitement as  
Mount Vernon  
Nazarene College  
welcomes BBA  
Group 100!

Refreshments will be  
provided. For more information,  
contact 1-800-839-2355.  
www.mvnc.edu/excell

**100**  
GROUP  
STARTS  
EXCELL BBA  
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## The Grape Vine

Brenda (Williamson '89) and Stephen Nutter ('92) announce the arrival of twin boys. Caleb Nathaniel and Derek Xavier were born on Jan. 19, 2001. They are welcomed by sister Tessa Sabina and brother Ethan Tomas. Steve is currently a physician with Tristate Occupational Medicine. Brenda is a stay-at-home mom and youth director at Walnut Hills Church of the Nazarene, where she also serves as leader of a mom's Bible study group. They reside in Huntington, W.Va.

## 1990s

Brian Dye ('90) married Anita Carter ('95) on June 9, 2001, at Grove City Church of the Nazarene. Brian works in sales with Xerox Corporation in Dublin, Ohio, and Anita is a team leader with Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Columbus. They reside in Grove City, Ohio.

Scott ('90) and Teri (Smith '90) Holder announce the birth of their first child, MacKenzie Grace. She was born on April 17, 2001. Scott is the owner/operator of a home-building, remodeling and excavating company. Teri is the director of marketing and public relations for The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College. The Holders reside in Johnstown, Ohio.

Marc Sovik ('90) and his wife Tracie announce the birth of their second child, Kennadee LeeAnne. She was born February 10, 2001. She joins older brother, Cayden (2). Marc also has two sons from a previous marriage, Nolan (8) and Jonah (7). They currently live in Portage, Mich., where Marc works for Aventis Pharmaceuticals.

## STUDENTS ABROAD

By TRISHA SHAFFER

### MVNC student experiences 9/11 Pentagon attack first-hand

Forty-one students from institutions around the country arrived in Washington, D.C., on September 3 for an unforgettable semester in the American Studies Program (ASP), one of ten student programs offered by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. What these students experienced eight days later, however, was more than any of us could have been prepared for. One of them was MVNC junior psychology major Trisha Shaffer. She wrote the following:

"I sit here and think of the past four months. I was planning to return to MVNC for fall semester, until I received a phone call from Judy Puckett of the American Studies Program. She told me that a spot had become available for me to intern in Washington, D.C. I was thrilled, even though it meant moving into a strange city with strange people, a far cry from the cornfields of Mount Vernon, Ohio. But I knew that God wanted me to go, so I stepped out in faith. Little did I know how far that step would take me.

On September 11, I went to work at the Army Public Affairs inside the Pentagon. Captain Amy Hannah had to pick me up at the metro because I did not have security clearance. As we walked to the office, she told me that a plane had

flown into the World Trade Center. By the time we reached our office, the second plane had hit in New York. We stood watching the television when there was a loud thud, the pressure in the room changed with a small gust of wind, and the walls shook like what I can only imagine an earthquake would be like. I thought an accident had happened with the renovations being made down the hall from us. Soon, an officer came running by our door, yelling, "Get out NOW!" We all evacuated the building.

The U.S. watched chaos, but that is not what I experienced. I saw two people who were mildly injured, even though the plane hit only one bay away from my office. People were generally calm performing their duties. When I returned to work a week later, Lieutenant Colonel Yantis told me that he never expected me to return to work at the Pentagon. He said he wished there were more young people with that kind of commitment to civic duty, but I knew I was only doing God's work.

If I were not in God's will, He would not have sent me here. I know that when I return to MVNC, I will have real world experience. But even more so, I have would have lived in a place consumed with fear and yet was able to overcome

it. We cannot 'stick our heads in the sand' and simply pray for Christ's return. Christians need to walk by faith and let God work out the details. He is our protection as he encourages us, like Peter, to step out of the boat."

Shaffer, like every other student involved in ASP, began to engage the world around her that day like never before. The margins of her textbook, *Human Rights and Human Wrongs*, by John Stott, are now filled with real-life illustrations that bring a new meaning to Stott's

words. Shaffer comments, "I wish the attacks hadn't happened, but I'm glad I was here for it. If I let myself go home, that means I let the terrorists win. I can't let them win when so many others lost their lives." Jerry Herbert, director of the ASP program said, "As a nation and people, we will not be the same again. We saw our students turn a corner, too. They stepped up, encouraging one another, praying for and being there for each other. I'm grateful and proud of them."



Trisha Shaffer (middle) with her mother Brenda Money and her brother Brian at last year's Parents' Weekend celebration on campus.

# MVNC SPORTS

ALL SPORTS ARTICLES WRITTEN BY DAVE PARSONS



Thad ('90) and Susan (McIntosh '90) Weghorst announce the birth of their fourth child, Eden Grace. She was born on July 30, 2001 and weighed 8 lbs. and 11 oz. She was welcomed by brothers, Forrest (7) and Silas (2), and sister Sydney (5). The Weghorsts live in Mount Vernon, where Thad is an OB/GYN with Knox Gynecological Specialists, Inc. Susan is a stay-at-home mom.

Dawn Michelle Brown ('91) recently moved to Maryland to be a school psychologist for the Montgomery County Public Schools in Rockville, Md.

Pete ('92) and Rebecca (Brisker '92) Ryder adopted Nicholas Sullivan Ryder on Dec. 22, 2000. He joins his older sister, Claire (3). The Ryders live in Junction City, Kan., where Pete is the youth pastor at Junction City Church of the Nazarene. Rebecca stays at home with the children and works as a tutor.

Jodi (Cheatwood '92) and Dan Stewart were married in 1994. They have two sons, Hunter (5) and Holden (17 months). Jodi has been employed by Roosevelt Middle School in Springfield, Ohio, as a 8th grade language arts and literature teacher since 1998. She plans to return to MVNC soon to get her master's degree.

Jill Henry ('93) was recently promoted to area sports medicine coordinator at HealthSouth in Columbus, Ohio. She has been employed as an athletic trainer at HealthSouth for seven years. She lives in Groveport, Ohio, and attends Marysville Church of the Nazarene.

Terry and Miriam Weyman ('93) and their two girls, Elizabeth (7) and Victoria (5), now reside in Grove City, Penn., where Terry is the pastor of the Nazarene church.

Matt ('94) and Sonya (Richardson '94) Price reside in the Kansas City area with their two sons, Parker (3) and Payton (1). Matt earned his Ph.D. in July 2001 from the University of Kansas. He is currently the junior high curriculum editor for Sunday School Ministries at Nazarene Headquarters. Sonya is a full-time faculty member at Missouri Western State College in the Teacher Education Department.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Home matches in bold and all capitals.

Fri.	Jan. 4	at Houghton	6 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 5	at Daemen	4 p.m.
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>JAN. 8</b>	<b>OHIO DOMINICAN</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>
Sat.	Jan. 12	at Geneva	7:30 p.m.
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>JAN. 15</b>	<b>POINT PARK</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>
Sat.	Jan. 19	at Walsh	4 p.m.
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>JAN. 22</b>	<b>URBANA</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>
Thur.	Jan. 24	at Tiffin	8 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 26	at Saint Vincent	8 p.m.
<b>THUR.</b>	<b>JAN. 31</b>	<b>MALONE</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>FEB. 2</b>	<b>ROBERTS WESLEYAN</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>FEB. 9</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>
Tue.	Feb. 12	at Urbana	7:30 p.m.
Thur.	Feb. 14	at Cedarville	7:30 p.m.
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>FEB. 16</b>	<b>SHAWNEE STATE</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>

Head Coach and Athletic Dir: Scott Flemming (740) 397-9000, ext. 3101/3100  
 Assistant Coaches: Jason Pitman, Jerry Smith, Nathan Bellman, and Matt Keller  
 Student Aide: Adam Michael (740) 397-9000, ext. 3100  
 Sports Information: Dave Parsons (740) 397-9000, ext. 3112  
 Athletic Trainer: Dean Taylor (740) 397-9000, ext. 3107

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Home matches in bold and all capitals.

Fri.	Jan. 4	at Houghton	8 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 5	at Daemen	2 p.m.
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>JAN. 8</b>	<b>OHIO DOMINICAN</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>
Sat.	Jan. 12	at Geneva	5 p.m.
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>JAN. 15</b>	<b>POINT PARK</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>
Sat.	Jan. 19	at Walsh	2 p.m.
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>JAN. 22</b>	<b>URBANA</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>
Thur.	Jan. 24	at Tiffin	6 p.m.
Tue.	Jan. 29	at Ohio Dominican	7 p.m.
<b>THUR.</b>	<b>JAN. 31</b>	<b>MALONE</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>FEB. 2</b>	<b>ROBERTS WESLEYAN</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>FEB. 5</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Fri.	Feb. 8	at Ursaline	7 p.m.
Tue.	Feb. 12	at Urbana	5 p.m.
Thur.	Feb. 14	at Cedarville	5:30 p.m.
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>FEB. 16</b>	<b>SHAWNEE STATE</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>

Head Coach: Steve Gregory (740) 397-9000, ext. 3105  
 Assistant Coach: Holly Riggle (740) 397-9000, ext. 300  
 Athletic Director: Scott Flemming (740) 397-9000, ext. 3101/3100  
 Athletic Trainer: Dean Taylor (740) 397-9000, ext. 3107  
 Sports Information Director: Dave Parsons (740) 397-9000, ext. 3112

## Lady Cougars enjoy outstanding volleyball season

MVNC's women's volleyball team posted another outstanding season in 2001 as the Lady Cougars finished the year with a 39-8 overall record, becoming the first team in conference history to claim at least a share of four straight conference titles, and being one win off from advancing to the NAIA National Tournament.

From its early success in the Messiah (Pa.) College Invitational to its eleventh straight year in the National Christian College Athletic Association National Tournament to, ultimately, claiming a share of the conference title as the team won its final 15 AMC matches to accomplish the feat, the Lady Cougars made MVNC proud.

As the top seed in the AMC and NAIA Region IX Tournaments, the Lady Cougars swept Malone's Lady Pioneers in three games to advance to the regional championship match for the third straight year where they played Walsh once again. The Lady Cavaliers evened the season series at two wins apiece as they knocked off the Lady Cougars in four games to end MVNC's season with a 39-8 record.

"Each player should feel a sense of satisfaction for their contribution to

the success and experience of this year's team," said head coach Paul Swanson. "Individually they accomplished much and I believe it was a rewarding personal experience for each player."

"To win another conference championship is amazing," Swanson added. "After being 6-2 (in the conference) at one point and then winning our remaining 15 conference matches, that was very impressive."

Individually, the team was led by the winningest senior class in school history with a 175-32 four-year record for a program-best .845 winning percentage. The four seniors (Darcee Hoberg, Amanda Triplett, Andrea Rudd, and Deanna Stayman) led the team to four straight conference titles.

Other contributors to the team's success included junior middle hitter Katie Zipf, sophomore middle hitters Carrie McClelland, Chelsea Knight, and Jessica Harding and sophomore outside hitter Jeni Vanderhoof.

Swanson will have to work hard in the off-season to replace the talented senior class that will graduate in May. However, a solid group of returning players is ready to continue the winning tradition of MVNC women's volleyball.

## Lady Cougars set soccer records in 2001 season

In only its second year as a varsity sport, MVNC's women's soccer team had a record-setting season as the Lady Cougars posted a 14-9 overall record and advanced deep into postseason play.

After opening the season with a win against Capital University, MVNC lost its next three matches to Kenyon College, then 12th ranked Tiffin University, and Urbana University by a total of five goals.

The Lady Cougars won five of their next six matches to improve to 6-4 on the season. The team also set new records for goals in a match with seven against both Geneva (Pa.) College and Ursuline College. Lisa Hinman and Bethany Seiffert equaled the single-match scoring record with three goals against Geneva and Ursuline, respectively.

MVNC lost close games to Walsh University, Seton Hill (Pa.) College, and Malone College, then ranked 15th in the NAIA and eventual American Midwest Conference champions.

The Lady Cougars closed out the regular season winning three road and one home game against Notre Dame College, Shawnee State University, Cedarville University, and Ohio Dominican College, to post a 10-6 AMC mark.

MVNC began its first-ever NAIA postseason play losing 3-2 in overtime at Houghton (N.Y.) College in the AMC Tournament quarterfinals. Houghton was the eventual NAIA Region IX champion. The Lady Cougars earned the right to host the National Christian College Athletic Association East Region championship match. Behind two goals by Catherine Hess, MVNC downed Baptist Bible (Pa.) College to claim the region crown and be awarded a seventh seed in the NCCAA National Tournament. After another hard-fought battle, the Lady Cougars fell 3-2 to Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) University.

Despite being eliminated from national title contention, MVNC defeated sixth-seeded Bryan (Tenn.) College in the consolation match as the team wrapped up the season with a school-record 14



LISA HINMAN

wins.

"I am very proud of this team and what they accomplished this season," said head coach Jonathan Meade, who has guided MVNC to a 25-17 record in the program's first two varsity years. "Coming in, the team knew this would be the season to prove that last year was not a fluke."

Four seniors (Tiffany Chappell, Krista Reynolds, Sheri Shuler, and Holly Shuler) provided leadership for the 2001 squad. Chappell and Shuler anchored the defense posting seven shutouts and allowing just 34 goals in 23 matches.

"I give the senior leadership a lot of credit for keeping everyone believing and working hard. We will miss them," Meade said.

Hinman, a sophomore forward, tied for the team lead with 13 goals and a school record-tying 10 assists. She is now the program's all-time leader in goals (33), assists (15), and total points (81).

"The season has been enjoyable due mostly to the wonderful players on this team," said Meade. "I have been blessed to be around so many quality young ladies who love the Lord and truly care about each other." Despite the loss of seniors to graduation, most of the team returns as the future looks bright for Coach Meade and the MVNC women's soccer program.

## Men's soccer team finishes successful 2001 campaign

MVNC's men's soccer team completed another successful campaign as the Cougars posted an overall record of 14-6-2 for the program's fifth straight season with 12 or more victories.

Following a season-opening 3-1 loss at NAIA 18th ranked Life (Ga.) College, MVNC knew this season would have to be hard-fought match by match.

The Cougars closed out the regular season with an impressive 5-2 win at Ohio Dominican College, the defending American Midwest Conference champions. That gave MVNC a 13-5-2 overall record and an 11-4-1 conference mark which was good enough for fifth place in the 17-team AMC race.

In the NAIA Region IX semifinals, the Cougars lost to Rio Grande's Redmen (20-0-1) to end the season. Rio Grande would go on to win the region title and advance to the semifinals of the NAIA National Tournament.

"The players can take tremendous pride in getting back into the region tournament for the second straight year and overcoming a number of obstacles," said head coach Paul Furey. "As for our seniors, they leave the program averaging almost 17 victories per season. We will miss them greatly, not just because of what they meant to the team and our success, but what they mean as quality individuals."

The team was led by the winningest senior class in school history as Preston Elifritz, Nels Radtke, and Jeremy Stabile helped post a 66-26-5 record over four years (.706 winning percentage).

Elifritz, a forward, finished the year as the leading scorer with 20 goals and a team-high nine assists. He is tied for first in school history in matches played and started (96), second in goals (54), assists (45), and total points (153).

Radtke, a midfielder, had six assists this season, starting every match. He played in 69 career games with four goals and 10 assists. Stabile, a midfielder, had two goals and five assists this year to finish with three goals and eight assists for his career.

Other contributors to the team's success were junior goalkeeper Trevor Knowles, who posted a new school record for fewest goals allowed (22) with 10 shutouts as he was helped by defenders junior Casey Swanson, sophomores Jeremy Hilen, Marc Stasiowski and Ricky Warren and freshman Jamie Hilen. Offensively, in addition to the numbers posted by Elifritz, freshman forward Nate Sommers tallied 14 goals and seven assists.

With so many talented young players, the future looks bright for the Cougars as they will look to continue a winning tradition in 2002.

For the latest sports updates, visit [www.mvnc.edu/sports](http://www.mvnc.edu/sports).

## FOCUS ON FACULTY

### Zietlow gets down to business at MVNC



DR. JOHN ZIETLOW

**D**r. John Zietlow is a man who believes in the power of God. He also believes in the power of godly business people in a world of compromise and worldliness. Now casting a strong vision for Mount Vernon Nazarene College's business division, Zietlow feels he was led here by the Lord's hand and wants to be used by Him to develop top

University of Memphis.

After working as a financial analyst for two years for Ford in Dearborn, Mich., Zietlow felt a call to work in finance for a foreign mission. His longings were soon redirected to attend seminary for one year, and then to teach. He has formed the business minds of students in numerous institu-

quality Christian business men and women of the future.

Zietlow did undergraduate work in economics at both Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., where he met Christ as his savior as a freshman, and at The Ohio State University. Upon finishing his undergraduate work, he went directly into the MBA program in finance at OSU. He later completed his doctorate at the

tions, including Bryan College, Liberty University, Ohio University, Indiana State University and Mississippi College. Zietlow made his way to MVNC in the fall of 2000 after seeing an advertisement in the Chronicle of Higher Education Online. "I was impressed of the Lord that I could make a positive contribution at MVNC from the very beginning," he said.

As professor and business division chair, Zietlow feels that his and other business faculty's responsibilities are five-fold: 1) to maintain a clear and vital spiritual focus, 2) to instill the school's motto, "To seek to learn is to seek to serve," by incorporating service learning through class projects, ministries involvement, and assisting churches and social services agencies by financial consultation and advising, 3) to continually improve by keeping active in the business community, 4) to investigate graduate offerings and launch those once resources are in place, and 5) to assist students in securing their important first jobs.

When asked what his greatest hopes for his students are, Zietlow responded, "That they know and love Jesus with all of their hearts and learn that the greatest thing in life is to wor-

ship God." He hopes students will be able to find God's place for them and that they would gladly serve and obey God in that place. Zietlow desires that students remember to use their organizational and administrative skills for the church and in charitable arenas as well, whether in full time positions or as board members or volunteers.

Zietlow provides the example for his students in the professional world, as he remains active in business organizations. He delivers training seminars for the Association for Financial Professionals on cash management. He also serves as corporate finance track chair for the Midwest Finance Association and was recently elected to the board of the Central Ohio Treasury Management Association as scholarship chair. "I believe Christians have a responsibility before God to continually upgrade their knowledge and skills, as well as be a positive influence in this world," he said. MVNC is very proud of Zietlow and the many faculty members like him who strive to uphold Christ in all they do.

Zietlow resides in Lexington, Ohio, with his wife Kathy, and their children Julie (17) and Christy (14).

## The Grape Vine

Monica (Smith) and Jeremy Johnson ('94) were married on July 14, 2001, in Bucyrus, Ohio. Monica is currently teaching 4th grade at Licking Heights Local School District. Jeremy is a sales manager with Lazarus Department Stores in Heath, Ohio. They currently reside in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Dave ('94) and Carla (Whitaker '96) Parsons announce the birth of their daughter, Ashley Renee, on Aug. 3, 2001. Ashley weighed 10 lbs., 3oz. Dave is the sports information director at MVNC, and Carla is the secretary in the Language, Literature, and Communication Department at MVNC.

Michael ('95) and Carrie (Robertson '99) Black would announce the birth of their daughter, Micayla Lauren. Micayla was born on Oct. 18, 2000, weighing 6 lbs., 3 oz. They currently reside in Charleston, W.Va. Michael is a financial planning consultant for New England Financial Corp. and Carrie is the children's pastor at Elk River Church of the Nazarene.

Beth Schwartz ('96) announces her marriage to Shaun Rainey on May 26, 2001. Shaun is a safety engineer with Kokosing Construction Company and Beth is the assistant program director with the YMCA in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Beth and Shaun reside in Mount Vernon.

Andy and Barb (Hathaway) Lauer ('97) moved to Manchester, England, in August 2001. Andy is pursuing his Ph.D. research in John Wesley studies. Barb has begun working in Manchester as a supervisor for Laura Ashley. They recently moved from Kansas City where Andy graduated from Nazarene Theological Seminary with a master's degree in divinity.

## INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

BY AUSTIN SWALLOW

### Where there's a will, there's a way

**P**astor Brad Warkentine, of the Tipp City, Ohio, Church of the Nazarene, had a vision. The Lord spoke to him about the need to support local church youth who wanted to attend MVNC. The question was how? Tipp City, like most churches, was already struggling to meet the needs of its growing congregation.

As it is often the case, when we cannot see a way, God provides one. A church member passed away and left a gift to the church. Pastor Brad used that gift to challenge his congregation to build an endowed scholarship of \$10,000 for Tipp City students attending MVNC who feel a call to fulltime Christian ministry. That scholarship became a reality this summer.

However, the Lord and Tipp City weren't done yet. Spurred on by another small bequest, the

church created and endowed a second scholarship this fall. The local youth had a car wash, the church held a bake sale, a Sunday school class made a donation and individuals gave what they could.

The vision of the pastor and the generosity of the church will be felt by future generations of students at MVNC. Pastor Brad quoted from Paul's words, "Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church," 1 Corinthians 14:12.

*If you or your church has an interest in endowing a scholarship for students attending MVNC who are called to full-time Christian service, please contact the Institutional Advancement Office at 1-800-367-9294, or e-mail Austin Swallow at [austin.swallow@mvnc.edu](mailto:austin.swallow@mvnc.edu).*

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# The Grape Vine

Steve announce the birth of their baby girl, Abigail Rose, on June 12, 2001. She and her husband have been assigned as Nazarene Missionaries to Albania. They will be leaving in January 2002.

Erinn (Dennison '99) Lawson is in her third year of teaching Spanish at Lucas High School in Richland County, Ohio.

## 2000s

Carey Clagg ('00), and Ben Eash ('97) were married on Aug. 4, 2001, in New Albany, Ohio. They live in Los Angeles, Calif., where they have both been serving in the inner city. Ben works for Bresee Institute and Carey has been working for the city of Los Angeles in the Center for Youth and Their Families. Carey began in a master's degree program this past fall at UCLA.

Mindy Downes ('00) and her husband J.P. announce the birth of their son, Brennen Mark. He was born on May 5, 2001, and weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. The family resides in Howard, Ohio.

Jason and Tricia Stine ('00) Guilliams were married on Dec. 22, 2001, at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Ben ('01) and Lisa (Hernandez '00) Huguenin now reside in Catonsville, Md. Ben is a software engineer at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory and Lisa is teaching 5th grade at Van Bokkelen Elementary School.

# UNIVERSITY UPDATE

## University transition underway



MVNC looks forward to utilizing the new land across from the College as we continue to grow as a University.

Mount Vernon Nazarene College President Dr. E. LeBron Fairbanks recently announced the beginning of the university transition process. His remarks kicked off a "Year of Preparation" for the official date the institution will become Mount Vernon Nazarene University, August 1, 2002.

The first steps toward transition were taken with the formation of a University Transition Task Force. Fifteen members with broad representation of the campus community brainstormed during the summer months about the logistical implications, external strategies, and psychosocial factors inherent in such a change. Task force members also

worked with departmental directors to compile a first draft of logistical details to set the course for the months ahead. The task force concluded its service with a report to the Administrative Cabinet in the fall.

Based on the report of the task force, Dr. Fairbanks appointed Bruce Oldham, executive assistant to the president, as University Transition Coordinator. Rev. Oldham's primary role is to serve as a catalyst for blending the work of the various departments across campus as they facilitate the numerous logistical details and processes involved in the change. The President's Office is serving as a clearinghouse for the various phases of the change, with

questions regarding timing, content, and consistency handled by Oldham.

A University Transition Team has also been appointed to work campus-wide to help ensure a smooth transition. Members of the team were selected based on how their regular assignments interact with other offices or include functions related to the university transition process. The team meets monthly to plan and process transition-related tasks and questions. Members of the team include: Carrie Crouch, Brooke Goodenberger, Jennifer Martin, Dan Mosher, Mel Severns, Alan Shaffer, and Randall Wells. Along with the work of team members, liaisons from each department have regular contact with an assigned member of the transition team. The University Transition Team is working in tandem with other groups looking at related issues, such as integrated marketing, academic and middle management structures, administrative processes.

"With the tremendous amount of detail involved, it certainly will take more than one person or group to make a smooth transition," Oldham recently reflected. "The fact that everyone will be needed is a good thing, because it's extremely important that we all have a stake in this historic change. Though it will mean some extra work, doing it together will help us all feel a greater sense of ownership and unity. I am excited about the future of MVNU!"

## Upcoming Special Events

### January

16-17 Richard Allen Farmer, singer and composer, 7:15 p.m. Wed., 10:20 a.m. Thur., Chapel

### February

11 Dr. John Fortman, "Chemistry and the Movies," 7:30 p.m., Chapel

13-14 Staley Lecturer Dr. Tony Campolo, 10:20 a.m. Wed. and Thur., 7:15 p.m. Wed., Chapel

20-21 Griffin Missions Conference, Harmon and Beverly Schmelzenbach, 10:20 a.m. Wed. and Fri., 7:15 p.m. Wed., Chapel

28 Meleton & Martin, Spanish piano duo, 7:30 p.m., Chapel

### March

7-9 Lifeline 2002, support the WNZR 90.9 FM radio ministry of MVNC

20 Resurrection Celebration, 10:20 a.m. and 7:15 p.m., Chapel

### April

8 Ernest Michel, Holocaust survivor, 7:30 p.m., Chapel

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