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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Robert Stevenson

Dear Friend,

What is effective evangelism? I don't know about you but there are times when my heart sinks when my partners in pastoral ministry put their all into evangelistic series and only one or two are convinced to give their hearts to the Lord. At a time when we know that the message of God's love and grace are sorely needed, so few are connecting with the one message that brings true eternal happiness.

This year we did the typical search for our Week of Prayer speaker. We pray every year that the right person will come and minister to the youth at Mount Vernon Academy. Every year it is our goal to save every young person on this campus for Christ. Each teacher does their best in class but we pray that the Week of Prayer speaker will be able to reap the seeds we all try to plant in the students' hearts.

At the end of the week, a call was made. As a principal, my heart is in my throat when the last meeting of a Week of Prayer comes to a close. You see for me, saving souls is what it is all about.. I don't want our students to be saved by guilt or fear of the judgement. I want them to fall in love with Jesus. The lingering question for me, is this going to be that year for someone to give their life to Him? The speaker made his appeal and God's Spirit was tangible in the room as every student stood, some with tears in their eyes.

Not every student was called to come forward just the ones who wanted to give their hearts to the Lord in baptism. As I watched and prayed, eleven students came forward and asked for their lives to be controlled by the love of Jesus. And as I watched a new group of Mount Vernon Academy students give their lives to Christ, it was clear to me again, that God is in this place and that MVA is still His school.

Please continue to pray that God's will is done at Mount Vernon Academy. Please continue to be a part of an institution that strives every day to ensure that another generation of young people is ready to meet our Savior when He comes to take us home.

Robert Stevenson
Principal

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Throughout this publication individuals that attended MVA but did not graduate have () around their graduation year.



Bruce Hastilow, Parent



David Duke, Former Parent and Joanne MARIETTA Erskine '53, Former Parent/Alumni Assn. Board Member



Jerry Miesse, Friend of MVA

Pictured: Just a few of the many volunteers that helped to make our Sabbath lunch possible.



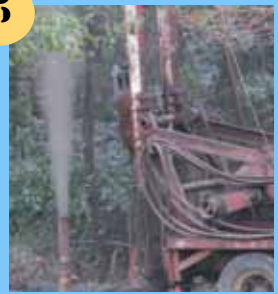
John & Ardyth Loveridge bless MVA with a gas well!

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MISSION VISION ACTION

by Margaret KOONTZ Sutton ('83), Director of Development/Alumni Relations

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Our spirits “soared like eagles”....

Wow! Driving to work on September 27th was filled with emotions like excitement, anticipation, and anxiety; the biggest was hope. This rainy Monday was the long awaited day that could bring FREE natural gas to MVA. John '47 and Ardyth UFFNER Loveridge ('39) of Newark, OH have been in a one year process of drilling a gas well to benefit Mount Vernon Academy. The well, located just beyond the woods on the football field, has definitely been a work in progress. Broken drill bits, tools that came off in the well and had to be “fished” out, inclement weather, equipment problems, licensing delays, explosive delays, and many other “drilling issues” were just in a days work or more accurately about 365 days.

Yes, the day of reckoning had finally come. Over the past year there had been many prayers in regards to this well. Please Lord don't let anyone get hurt. Please don't let this tremendously expensive project yield a “dry” well. Please bless MVA with a well that will provide the gas to run the academy for many years. Please reward the faith of John and Ardyth, please, please, please.

There were about 25 people on hand to witness the “blowing” of the well. While the spectators watched from a safe distance, the explosives expert dropped 120 lbs. of nitroglycerin, 250 gallons of water, and finally an 8' pipe of dyna-

mite down the well. It took about 4 minutes for the fuse to ignite the explosive materials. We all could hardly breathe. First, a huge boom and then a 60-70 foot spray of water, shale, mud, and yes, GAS! It was one of the most exciting things we'd ever seen. The most amazing part was the miracle the Lord gave us in the loud hissing gas that came from the earth. It was difficult to keep dry eyes. As the minutes and hours passed, it soon became obvious we did indeed have a successful natural gas well that would provide FREE energy for the academy for many years. (It will take a few weeks to determine just how much energy we'll receive and how many buildings it will run.)

Just a side note: the sound blast was felt all the way through downtown Mt. Vernon. The earth did literally

shake under our feet that blessed Monday. About 10 minutes after the explosion, we heard many fire engines and wondered if they were for us? As a matter of fact, they were! A nearby neighbor thought we'd blown ourselves up and called the fire department. When they arrived and saw the 30+ empty boxes of explosives and the active gas well, they understood immediately what had just happened. They were very excited for us and not at all upset. Hindsight is 20/20 and we should have alerted them to our “little” project in advance.

Please join all of us in sending up a prayer of thanksgiving to our Lord for His tremendous

**The earth did literally
shake under our feet
that blessed Monday.**

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew [their] strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31 KJV



blessing on this endeavor. Also, join us in saying a BIG heart-felt thank you to John and Ardyth Loveridge for bestowing Mount Vernon Academy with a gift, that will make a tremendous impact on our budget for many years to come.



John '47 and Ardyth UFFNER Loveridge ('39)



The explosive experts opening the boxes of nitroglycerin.



The fuse is lit on the pipe full of dynamite right before dropping it into the well.



The drilling rig.

The Loveridge Gas Well Scholarship Fund

In addition to supporting MVA, the Loveridges are loyal supporters of their church and elementary school in Newark, OH. Each year, a small percentage of the proceeds from the gas well will be given to Newark SDA elementary school graduates who attend Mount Vernon Academy. The Loveridge Gas Well Scholarship Fund will be a blessing to many students wanting to receive a Christian education at Mount Vernon Academy.



Blanche TUNGATE Long



Class of 1940:
Russell Behner, Ethel COLE Behner, Wayne Behner



Class of 1965: *First Row* (Left to Right): Sharon Ann BENDER Plummer, Barry White, Christine HERALD Massourd, Dale Brown, Bonnie Lee HARTLOFF Schroader, William Jarvis, Ann Hammond
Second Row: Dan Ackerman, Larry Hamilton, Donovan Freeman, David Smith, John Maguire



Class of 1960: *First Row* (Left to Right): Bonnie FORTNER Essman, Joyce RUSSELL Bush, Donna KERNNS Minkiewicz, Davita NASH Strong, Pat CHAMBERLAIN McFadden, Vera POGULJSKY Hoffer, Ginger BERES Ellison
Second Row: Sally HAMMOND Beardsley, Joyce BEAVER Marsh, Joyce HINES Wahlberg, Georgia GRUGEL VanNostrand, Marilyn NEAL Bender, Kathy HUPP Lamson, Eleanor GOTTFRIED Langford, Carol REINKE-Myers
Third Row: Dwight Shoemaker, Brenda DILLOW Shoemaker, Delbert Borntreger, Neal Puterbaugh, LeRoy Snider, David Bender, William Gottfried



Class of 1990: *First Row* (Left to Right): Emily BELL Bowden, Linda SNIDER Copeland,
Second Row: Brian Sisley, Shawna BALDWIN Campbell, Deborah Crider, Eric Lawinsky



Class of 1975: Larry Wolcott, Dawn HANNAH Taylor



Class of 1980: *First Row* (Left to Right): Tammy Young, Joy HENKE Rogers, Paula SMITH Kohles, Sherri CEROVSKI Brown, Vonda STONE Mecozzi, Lisa MARTIN Coppage, Yolanda LEICHT Coyll, Marlene ALLISON Higgs
Second Row: Carol ISRAEL Johnson, Bonnie Peden, Vicki VANNOSTRAND Erskine, Sylvia WORKS Allen, Betsy GLASS Youngberg, Tammy TEST-MAN Shankel, Sharon GIBSON McKeown
Third Row: David Harsany, Kent Millard, Michael Propst, Paul Brimmer, Richard Bailey, Mike Riley, Gerald Erskine



Class of 1950: *First Row:* Dick Faber, Donna MCHENRY Leatherwood, Jacque HUBBARD Coulter, Wanda WATKINS Lemon, Glenn A. Hill *Second Row:* Bruce Ames, Wilbur Jackson, Gene McKenzie, Bob McKenzie (Class of 1951), Ed Cerovski, Jack Clifford



Class of 1955: *First Row:* Shirley WILKINS Kucharski, Joe Borchers, Verna Lou Shultz, Dee SUMMERS Wagner, Sandra BALL Serl *Second Row:* Donna CROSS Kellogg, Vicki CEROVSKI Carlton, Doris BEHNER Goronzy, Bill Richardson, Don Pearman, Ken Facemyer *Third Row:* Sara MARTIN George, Eleanor SNEDDEN Horvath, Larry Bilbee, Dale Miller



Class of 1970: *First Row* (Left to Right): Debbie CEROVSKI Kikel, Jan DELONG Holder, Marsha GEBERT Haugh, Karen VIRDEN Carr, Gail BLAKE Lowe, Karen OPDYKE Poland, Sharon TERRILL Rowles, Stephanie KOSSICK Moore, Bob Snider *Second Row:* Kenneth Phillips, Ed Demaree, Catherine FISHER Demaree, Beth Ann Smith, Mary Jane JACKSON Heilman, Wanda GATES Ray, Eileen RAITH Fuller, Judy SMITS Dahlinghaus, Barbara MUSGRAVE Stone, Paul Kramar *Third Row:* Dave Slough, Mike Smith, Michael Simmering, Jeff Taylor, Harold Gates, Bill Reinke, Ralph Ramsden, James Schnoeblen, Michael Sivey



Class of 1995:
Dawn SHAFER Trammell,
Stephanie Crider



Class of 1945:
Wayne Walterhouse



Class of 1985: *First Row* (Left to Right): Suzanne BRUNNEY Church, Joseph Paulson, Marcia FOWLER Scorpio, Phil Ashton, Missy GREENE Weddle, Tim Tillman, Becky SHOBE Cain *Second Row:* Danny Lucht, James Davis, Robert Russell, Chris Grant, Mark Mott, Jesse Jones



Rachel Gibson, Kera BROWN Dougherty,
Jenny SHOBE Kirkhart

Pictures can be downloaded online at
www.mvacademy.org/alumni/alumnihonorcasses.html

Guy Edward Adams '55

Age 73; passed away 27 July 2010. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Rebecca BILBY Beggs '72

Passed away from a massive coronary. Survived by husband, Robert Beggs '69 and a son Christopher (Donna) Sanders att '92 Cl '93

Terry Brain

Died 20 Nov 2009 - Husband of Carol Ann SAUDER Brain '55

Miriam MYERS Clarke '38

Born in 1920. The Miriam Clarke Dispensary, which currently operates in Africa, was named in her honor.

Norman C. Coon att '51 Cl '52

Passed away on 15 Jan 2010 from cancer. He has many cousins, including MVA graduates, Glenn Coon '48, Nita COON Steffens '48 (Also in obits).

Marjorie Ruth HERDMAN

Cornor, '40 Born 08 May 1924 and passed away 02 Feb 2010.

David H. Crites '55

Age 72; Died 26 Dec 2009 after a long illness.

Barbara BURTON Penrod

Dugan '49 Born in June 1929 and passed away 02 Oct 2009.

Ginger BERES Ellison '60

Passed away on 07 Sep 2010 from ALS - Lou Gehrig's Disease. She is survived by family members including a sister, Bonnie BERES '66.

Esther Lucile BELDEN Fenn '26 & '27

Born 27 Aug 1908 and died 16 Jan 2010 at the age of 101. Graduated MVA twice.

Wilma HOLBROOK Giraldi '47

Passed away 14 Dec 2009 of COPD

Janis YODER Greenley '62

Born 26 Nov 1943. Died 10 May 2010 from cancer. Survived by family members including husband, Ray Greenley '63, brothers James (Nancy) Yoder '52, Donald (Carol) Yoder '56, and sisters Sylvia "DeeDee" YODER (Ron) Cray '53, Carol Ann YODER (Leo) Christensen '57 and brothers-in-law, Don and Roger Greenley both of '62. Preceded in death by her

brother Harold Yoder '60.

Loretta Jane STAPLETON

Gueth '46 Age 81; passed away 29 Jan 2010 from pancreatic cancer.

Peggy FRITZSCHE Hasso att

'57 Cl '59 Born 04 Feb 1941; died 25 Sep 2009 in Redlands, CA

Susan ROBERTS Hayes

Died 01 Jan 2010 from cancer. Survived by family members including husband, Tom Hayes '71, brothers-in-law, Rick (Sylvia Hayes) '69, Rob (Debbie LUCHT '74) Hayes '76, sisters-in-law, Jeanie HAYES (Ed '61) Haldeman, Kathy HAYES (William) Hammond '73, and Barbara HAYES (Steve '75) Hunt '75.

W. Delores Hines

Passed away 10 Jul 2010. Survived by daughters, Joyce HINES Wahlberg '60 and J. Susan Hines '71 and a sister Myrtle FELTER (Bob '42) Burdette '41.

Ruth Lucile Hoffer

Born 20 Nov 1917 and died 10 Feb 2010. Survived by: Alice HOFFER Sinyard '66; Sons James (Vera POGULJSKY '60) Hoffer '58, Dennis Hoffer '72, and William (Marilyn) Hoffer.

Dale M. Ingersoll '40

Died 16 June 2009 of a brain stem tumor at home in TN. Survived by wife Cheryl HOSTETLER Ingersoll '46, a brother, Herb (Dottie) Ingersoll '46. He was preceded in death by brother, Paul Deforest Ingersoll '46 and his wife, Nancy THIRWELL Ingersoll '41.

Donald E. Johnson '45

Passed away 24 Apr 2010. He is survived by family members including wife Mary Ann Johnson, sister-in-law, Carole KING Johnson att '40 Cl '42 and preceded in death by brothers Chester "Eddie" Johnson '40 and George Johnson and sister, Betty JOHNSON Chilson '38.

Joan LEWIS Lawrence '59

Age 68; passed away 31 Oct 2009 from complications following surgery. She is survived by family including sister, Joyce LEWIS Hambleton '56.

Angeline C. SZASZ Marple '45

Age 81 of Grand Terrace, CA, died 27 Jul 2009.

James L. Miller '58

Age 72; of Bucyrus, OH died on 26 Dec 2009. He is survived by his wife and family including brother-in-law William Fralick '45. He was preceded in death by his sister Ramona MILLER Fralick '50.

Irma Ruth Mowry

Died 15 July 2009. She was the wife of Pastor George Mowry '38.

Patricia Ann DAVIS Opdyke '44

Age 83; died 11 Aug 2010. Survived by husband, Eber Opdyke '42; a son Bret (Cheryl YOUNG '78) Opdyke '77, daughters, Debby OPDYKE '69, Karen OPDYKE (Bob '67) Poland '70 and many grandchildren that are Alumni of MVA.

Eleanor BROWNLEE Prutzman att '24

Age 104; died 04 June 2010. Husband William Prutzman '23. Survived by a son Harold Prutzman att '47 and grandchildren that are Alumni of MVA.

Darlene MCCULLAUGH Pyott '75

Passed away 02 Feb 2010 following a short bout with cancer. Survived by children and brother Daniel (Susan PEDEN att '78 Cl '79) McCullaugh '73 and their children also Alumni of MVA. She was preceded in death by brother Eric McCullaugh '71.

Marjorie E. LIPSCOMB

Hissong Reep Age: 85; died 18 Jan 2010 of Alzheimer's disease. Survived by husband John Reep att '41 Cl '44; sons: Jack (Rattana) Hissong '59, Terry (Pam) Hissong, and Britt (Desiree) Hissong '79.

Gordon W. Rhodes '48

Age: 87; passed away 28 Nov 2009. Gordon served in WW2 then returned to MVA to graduate in '48.

Herbert Kendrick & Maxine SMALL Rudolph

Age 90; Herbert passed away 07 Apr 2010. He served in WW2 and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Age 87; Maxine, Herbert's wife of 65 years, passed away about 2 months later on 06 June 2010. Survived by son Kendall Rudolph '64; and daughter Deanna RUDOLPH (Terry '68) McGeer '67. Daughter Carolyn L. Rudolph '76, preceded them in death in 2007.

Warren E. Schaefer '52

Age 74; died on 19 Oct 2009.

Obituaries Cont.

Coradell Etta CRANDALL

Schaff '35 Born 22 Aug 1917 and died 15 Apr 2009 in Redlands, CA

Kenneth Shultz '40

Notification received April 2010. No further information.

Ken Smith

Died 27 Feb 2010. Preceded in death by wife Charlotte HAYES Smith '37.

Nita COON Steffens '48

Born 25 Feb 1938 to Glenn (Ethel Lucille NUMBERS '18) Coon, Sr. Passed away 05 Sep 2010 from leukemia. Survived by a brother Glenn Coon, Jr. '48.

Kay DEGARMO Nichols Sylvia

'55 Age 74; passed away 15 Feb 2010. She is survived by family members including a sister, Barbara DEGARMO Ferguson '55.

Linda Gail REINKE Tucker att '76 CI '78

Age 49; passed away 09 Dec 2009 from cancer. Survived by family members including siblings, Bill (Karen) Reinke '70, Larry Reinke '63, and Carol REINKE (Gary) Myers '60.

Sonny Vance

Age 68; died 16 Apr 2010. He worked as assistant manager of City Laundry in Mt. Vernon, OH. Survived by wife Sharon ROSS Vance '68, a brother Beverly (Kayleen DETTERER '68) Vance and many other siblings and children.

Due to budget constraints, it is with deep regret that obituaries have been drastically shortened. To review obituaries in their entirety, go to www.mvacademy.org/alumni/alumninewsletters.html or write/e-mail to the contact info. located on pg. 3 to receive a hardcopy.



THE MOBILE CLASSROOM

New England History/English Tour



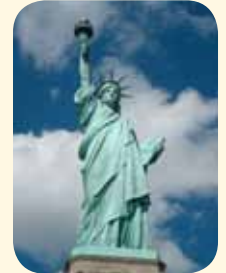
Mayflower II
Plymouth

Textbooks, lectures, and historical movies are all components used to teach history and english to our students. Still, there is a disconnect between the students and the reality of our country's history. What can we do to make our nation's people and history really come alive and "feel" real world for our students?

Answer: FIELD TRIP!

For the past several years, MVA's junior class has had the unique opportunity to visit some very special places in our nation's history. At the beginning of October, when the colors and smells were at their best, the junior class (38 students) went on a 6-day tour to some very exciting places:

- Gettysburg to tour the battle fields
- Philadelphia to see Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and Valley Forge
- New York to visit the Statue of Liberty, tour Ellis Island, and see Wall Street
- Boston to visit Lexington Green, Minuteman National Park, Old North Bridge, Old Manse, Walden Pond, and the Freedom Trail
- Plymouth to tour the Mayflower II and Plimoth Plantation
- Bus ride back to MVA - only 15 hours long!



Statue of Liberty
New York



Liberty Bell
Philadelphia

Whew! Six days of history that our students will never forget! Now, when they read about our Nation's roots, they'll "see and feel" it in their minds and hearts!



Bunker Hill
Boston



Golf Tournament - 2010



Get Ready, Get Set, GO!

The threat of rain did not ruin or alter our fun day of golf this past April at the Apple Valley Golf Course. All who played were troopers as they showed up on time and were ready to go. The owner of the golf

course remarked, "Your organization is the only one who ever starts on time!" He can't believe how organized and well mannered you all are!

As it became late morning, the black clouds started rolling in and we could see lightening approaching. If you remember, I drove around in the golf cart and urged you to come in quickly; you all ignored me. The saying "rain or shine," you golf enthusiasts live and die by that don't you? Well, I must say you were mostly right to disregard my warnings; mostly. It rained for about 5 minutes and then passed by; you didn't mind it at all. I was impressed by your dedication to your sport.

What is the definition of a golf enthusiast? One who is filled with enthusiasm; one who is ardently absorbed in an interest or pursuit. Yes, I'm counting on all of you "golf lovers" to bring your "A" game this next Alumni Golf Tournament, April 24th. If not your "A" game, then a lot of money to buy string and mulligans for a great "B" game! You know what I'm talking about; legal cheating. It's the new way to win!

In all seriousness, thank you for playing in this tournament. All proceeds went to MVA's worthy student fund to the tune of \$18,200. This includes players, sponsorships, and banners. We appreciate your awesome support!



2010 - AND The WINNERS are...



1st Place - A Flight

Leonard Gerhardt, Brandon Oswalt,
Rick Monahan, Eric Ferguson

2nd Place - A Flight



Tim Soper, Bruce Bellchambers,
Jeff Morris, Steve Morris

1st Place - B Flight



Lou Toscano, Brent Ruth,
Chris Sutton, Andy Sutton

2nd Place - B Flight



Bill Dotson, Doug Dotson, Jake
Dotson, Jesse Weber

Save the Date!

Alumni Weekend 2011

April 22, 23, 24

HONOR CLASS YEARS 1941 | 1951 | 1961 | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001

Alumni Weekend, 2011, honoring the 50 yr. Class of 1961, will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars now and prepare to attend. Rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express

(740-392-1900) under "Mount Vernon Academy" for your convenience. Dorm rooms will be available to reserve starting in February on a first serve basis; just contact the Alumni Office. (Contact info. located on pg. 3)



REUNION - RECONNECTING - REFLECTION... ALUMNI WEEKEND - 2010



This past April brought friends together and provided a lot of time for reminiscing. Everyone enjoyed the programming, food, and most of all the fellowship. It didn't take long for the stories to start flowing about the "old days." How come it's the pranks that everyone remembers?

As we, the current faculty and staff, have to endure the clever antics of our students, it helps us appreciate that these will be the favorite stores of the future. Seriously, it is heartwarming to hear how your teachers positively impacted your lives and how fondly you remember them.



MVA Development Department 2009-2010 Annual Report

Total Giving: \$929,135

Alumni & Friends
Solicited: 2,919

Number of
Donors: 646

The Annual Development Report covers the fiscal year July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. We have made every effort to recognize all who have contributed to the school.

Donor Break Down

Alumni	\$110,181	Religious Organizations:	
Parents	\$ 1,078	Ohio Subsidy Regular	\$231,228
Former Parents	\$ 13,724	Ohio Subsidy Special	\$ 81,504
Grandparents	\$ 1,300	Ohio Advance	\$ 79,481
Friends to MVA	\$ 51,257	Special Appropriation	\$ 30,000
Mission Trip	\$ 42,625	MVA Tithe Reversion	\$ 21,573
Foundations	<u>\$188,698</u>	Endowments (Interest)	<u>\$ 76,486</u>
	\$366,238		\$562,897

CHANGE A STUDENT'S LIFE

Did you attend Mount Vernon Academy? Do you remember your experience at the academy? Can you imagine where you'd be today if you had not attended?

There are many current students struggling financially. Their families are having a really tough time making ends meet. Mount Vernon Academy has promised student aid to help them through the year.

Please consider giving a gift to the Annual Student Aid Fund to help the academy fulfill the needs of these students. A gift of any size will help to "Make A Difference" for our kids! They need YOU!

Mount Vernon Academy's Alumni are the BEST!

What makes our academy the greatest? Well, YOU of course! Thank you to the many Alums that have helped make a difference in the students lives.

New Gymnasium Door

Thank you to Lorie Coston '81 for donating the funds to replace one of the wood doors in the gymnasium. One of the 4 doors that separates the gym from the annex has been broken for several years. The new door is now installed and has recently been stained.



2011 Graduation Gifts

There were two four-year seniors that were not going to be able to return and graduate from MVA because of extreme financial difficulties this year. A wonderful Alumnus '53 came to their rescue and has blessed them each with a full scholarship! Words are not enough to express their gratitude. Even though they still worry about their families back home, they are so excited to be able to enjoy their senior year with all of their friends.



During week-of-prayer, one of these students gave their life to Jesus and requested baptism. The other student has already been baptized and walks daily with Jesus!



Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, Dean Shafer we LOVE YOU!

Long ago there were beautiful rose gardens on the campus of MVA. Girls' Dean, Sheila RIDGEWAY Shafer '74, is long suffering in her work. For anyone who has girls, you know that with girls comes drama! Dean Shafer is so loved by all of her young ladies. She and her husband, Joe, work tirelessly around the clock to meet the needs of each special girl. But, that's not enough! In her limited spare time, Dean Shafer has been repairing, digging, and planting gardens of roses around campus. The beds are beautiful and the aroma amazing. Thank you for surrounding us all with beauty!

New Gas Well - Article on pg. 3

Thank you once again to John and Ardyth Loveridge. Your impact and love for MVA will be a blessing for years to come!

Bright Lights - Big Games

Just in time for the 1st Annual Bill Jarvas Invitational; illumination! Now, MVA students can use their football/soccer field during the evening hours. This project has been made possible by several special folks: thanks to AEP electric

for donating the telephone poles, Joe Shafer for digging the holes and erecting the lights, and last but definitely not least to all of the alumni that have donated funds to purchase the lights and equipment. Mount Vernon Academy hosted the Bill Jarvas Invitational, October 8-10, which included other SDA Academies participated in soccer and volleyball tournaments. This invitational was named in honor of Mr. Jarvas, a prominent supporter of competitive athletics (MVA's intramural program) in the 1960's. His dedication and involvement with the community



and the students continues to have a major impact on the quality of sportsmanship for MVA's athletes.

Literacy

Ken Asher '62 loves knowledge and wants to share his passion for history with MVA students. For the second year, he is providing a subscription of the "Smithsonian" to MVA's library. Students have the opportunity to be fascinated and intrigued by history, science, nature and art as they explore the wonders of our world in this magazine. Thanks Ken for giving our students the gift of knowledge.



Answered Prayer

Have you ever been burdened and knew, without a shadow of doubt, that there was no possible way to solve a situation on your own?

That's what happened to me this past September. I was earnestly praying for a specific need. I so desperately wanted to have faith but it looked bleak. Imagine my jubilation when the very next day my prayer was answered.

An alumnus walked unexpectedly into my office, sat down, and asked if the school had any special needs. I wanted to tell her so badly that I needed a significant amount of money to take care of some immediate needs but was reluctant to ask for such a big gift. Finally, my nerves settled down and I explained what was on my heart. To my wonder and amazement, this dear lady took out her checkbook and said, "How much do you need?" In total, she gave \$20,000 to MVA that day and simply said quietly, "I'm glad to be able to help!" How would you have responded? I cried; not too professional I know. *(This gift paid for the part-time salary of my assistant and a new school bus.)*

The Lord is so faithful to the needs of His school and to me personally. This wonderful lady allowed God to work through her and bless others in an unbelievable way. I know I'm talking in generalities because this is an anonymous gift. But, it's effects and blessings must be relayed. Thank you so very much my special friend! You have not only blessed the school but have strengthened my faith.

Margaret KOONTZ Sutton ('83), Editor

Angel Network Wish List

DROP DOWN MOTORIZED SCREEN FOR THE CHAPEL - \$5,000
MOUNTED PROJECTOR FOR THE CHAPEL - \$4,000

There are many different times during a week that a screen is needed. Chapel, Vespers, Sabbath School, and also for recreational events. Currently, we project the image onto the back wall of the stage. The piano, band equipment, props, and anything else on the stage must be moved from the viewing area each time. Having an electric screen that drops down from the ceiling along with its accompanying projector would be well used and appreciated. If interested, contact the development office. Contact information found on page 3.

Bounce 'em, hit 'em, kick 'em, throw 'em, and head butt 'em - What are they? BALLS!

Introducing the Athletic Department's: Buy a Ball!



Sports without balls is like umbrellas without rain; no fun. Whether you still participate in game play or remember fondly your glory days, consider sponsoring a ball from your favorite sport. Volleyballs, basketballs, and soccer balls are used daily by MVA students and guests. Have the assurance that you are promoting team work, exercise, strategic thinking, and/or just providing plain fun!



Ball sponsorships are just \$45.

See enclosed envelope for donating and ball designation!

Are you moving or has some of your information changed? Don't forget to update your record with the Alumni Relations Department!

Class of 1931

*Endowed Class
Class Collage Displayed In
Loving Memory of Otho Eusey*

Class of 1932

Mary Alice DONLEY Baldwin
Elizabeth PENN Mills

Class of 1933

Elva Jane GEACH Steen

Class of 1933 & 1934

Vada Gentry

Class of 1936

June BURCH Moe

Class of 1937

Pauline KLADY Mazat
Mary Grace MINTER Roller
Evelyn REES Warram

Class of 1938

*Heritage Class
Class Collage Displayed*

Stewart Bainum
Annetta BIHLMAN Casey
Christopher Heil
John C Johnson
George Mowry

Class of 1939

Owen P Hughes
Lucile VAN NOSTRAND Long
Alva Randall
Andrew Wolcott

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PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH

My First 24 Hours at M.V.A.

By Dan Roberts

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I will never forget my first twenty-four hours at Mt. Vernon Academy. I entered as a junior having previously attended only public school. Just a few weeks earlier, along with my family, I had been baptized a Seventh-day Adventist. So Adventism, especially as I experienced it at MVA, was new to me and not without its challenges. Here I was, the kid who had his own motorbike at age 14, the young teen who attended local dances on Friday nights by himself, now having to live under the ultra restrictive rules and regulations of this conservative school. Before leaving home that morning I had told my parents that I was willing to try it, but just for a year.

My parents drove me to the MVA campus on a Sunday, the day before classes started. Once settled into my room it was time for good byes - a solid handshake from my father, an engulfing embrace and kiss from my mother. After watching my parents' car disappear into the distance I turned around and faced the imposing steps of the boy's dormitory. Feeling really lost and lonely, I fought back the tears. Never had I spent any time away from home alone. So, not knowing one person in that dorm, I stood there in the cool autumn air, feeling like I had just been pitched into a deep, dark hole. Abandoned.

That first night was quite difficult for me. I had always had my own room, never sharing space with anyone. Now, because of a high student enrollment, I was sharing a tiny dorm room with two other guys. Two complete strangers. That evening I tried to relate in some meaningful way to my new roommates but it was not easy. They talked. I was

mostly silent. After "lights out" the whole dorm turned dark. I felt an uncomfortable emptiness in my stomach, so much so that I couldn't sleep. I remember listening to the unfamiliar noises of the building. To a creaky door being shut. To someone walking down the hall. To a toilet being flushed. To the sounds of my roommates breathing. It was all so strange. And I was so sad. From the heart of my fledgling faith I remember asking God to help me get through that night. "And please, God, don't let my roommates know I'm crying." In the late hours of the night, after wondering what challenges were awaiting me in the morning, I finally fell asleep.

Dan's journey of faith was only beginning. To find out what challenges he experienced that next morning and how Dan not only survived them but how he found them to be an important step in his faith life go to the MVA website to read "the rest of the story." There you will find out what brought Dan to the point of saying, "Thank you, Lord."

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