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Welcome Back Week

by Morgan Mills

Welcome back, Cougars! To kick off this semester, the Lakeholm Viewer sat down with Senior Student Body President Jenson Gray Thompson as well as sophomore Mia Reid, SGA's Media Chairperson, and Junior Student Body President Logan Kazelman.

Welcome Week is exactly what it sounds like, one week dedicated to welcoming our MVNU students back to another fun semester. The SGA members put their heads together to make experiences as rewarding as possible for the students who sacrifice their limited free time to attend. Some of the events included a Guac n' Roll night, bingo, roller skating at *Johnstown's* Skate N' Swim, and the final event of a Worship Night.

The connections that are made here *can* significantly boost students' success and make them well-rounded individuals. SGA strives to create a variety of different events to capture the diverse range of tastes and interests in the student body.

With students coming *from* all walks of life to honor Christ in their work, it can be challenging to pick events that are accommodating to everyone. However, the verdict is out, and SGA knocked Welcome Back Week out of the park. "There was something for everybody," Reid noted. "No matter what their interests were, who their friends were... I think everybody had something that they were interested in."

Because of the students' enthusiasm, SGA is looking forward to planning more Welcome Back Weeks in the future to combat the lull that can often afflict a spring semester. To find out more about future events, go to the daily announcements email in your MVNU email and click the link that says, "student events." Thank you, SGA, for all of your hard work!



Little Sibs Weekend Leaves Lasting Impact

by Faith West

This year, Mount Vernon Nazarene University kicked off the first weekend of the spring semester by hosting almost 100 younger siblings of current students for Little Sibs Weekend. The event ran the weekend of Jan. 13-15; and according to Associate Director of Admission Events Cheryl Sharpes, the overall goal was to expose these siblings to a college campus while also offering plenty of fun activities for everyone.

The weekend started off Friday night with a pizza party. And throughout the night, those in attendance had the chance to join the Nerf Club or even play a round of bingo. Students were also able to start their Saturday off right by attending the pancake breakfast the following morning. Finally, the weekend closed out with the men's basketball game that students and their siblings were allowed to attend for free.

When asked how Little Sibs Weekend impacted those who attended, Sharpes admitted that she is unsure of the immediate effects but stated, "My hope is that they found a very warm and friendly atmosphere on campus and that they found this to be a place that they, maybe *down* the road, could enjoy coming back to for college." Sophomore Marissa Kunes affirmed this idea when discussing the experience her sisters had while on campus. When talking specifically about her youngest sister, Kunes mentioned, "Even though she's not thinking about college right now, I think because of the fun time she had here, she would consider coming [to MVNU] in the future."

Kunes also expressed that Little Sibs Weekend gave her and her sisters the opportunity to spend *time* together one-on-one, something that doesn't often happen at home. Overall, she considers the weekend a success because it allowed her sisters to see and experience a college campus and they now "understand more about what happens in my life when I'm gone."



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Esports Intramurals Coming Soon

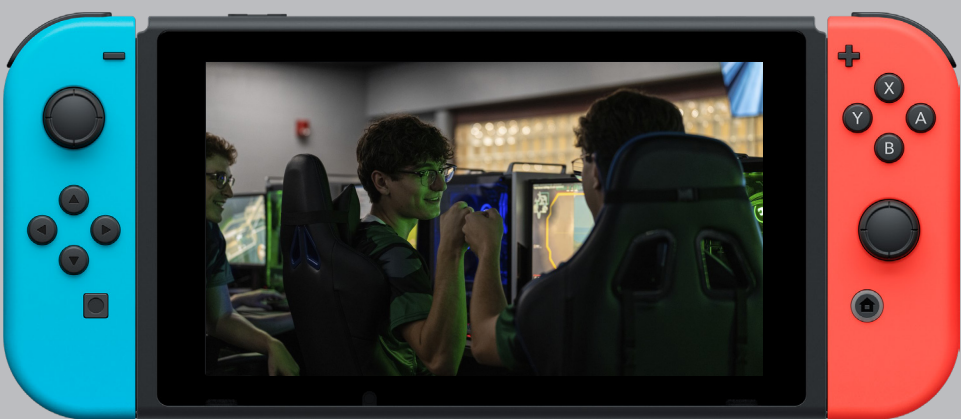
by Isaac Curtis

MVNU Esports is bringing action to all students as the program expands. Community-based intramurals for several games will be available starting this semester!

Beginning this semester, the MVNU Esports program will be hosting tournaments that **you** and your friends can **participate** in for fun. These tournaments will be an opportunity for students outside the program to enjoy themselves. Two games that will be featured in these tournaments are Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros.

The MVNU Esports program has had six teams who have competed against other colleges for four years now. However, Coach Kyler Curtis doesn't want to limit the program to just the Esports players. He said, "This opens our doors to more than just varsity-level competition. Many students on campus love video games but may be intimidated by the level of competition that our varsity-level teams play at."

Dates have not been decided yet but will be posted in advance on MVNU Esports' social media, which is under @MVNUEsports. So get ready and invite **a** friend for some friendly competition!



Another hint to unscramble the phrase:

The number under each blank line below corresponds to the number of letters (or numbers) in the word that fills the blank.

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There are 12 total words or numbers hidden in the text, so look carefully!

Want to win a \$5 Cougar Corner gift card?

Unscramble all of the words in this print that look like this

Hint: It's a phrase found somewhere on campus...

The first **5** people to DM the correct answer to @mvnuviewer on Instagram will win the prize!

Artist Talk

by Anna Dudgeon

Painting and drawing since an early age, Mille Guldbeck has never stopped exploring concepts in a visual way. Her show on January 19, featured at the Schnormeier Gallery in the Buchwald building, was entitled "Linguistic Relativity."

"I'm fascinated with how we comprehend and perceive information," Guldbeck said. "The idea of not being able to comprehend something because the word for it does not exist is so perplexing."

Throughout her body of work, which was primarily of fabrics that have been painted and manipulated, Guldbeck explores this concept of linguistic relativity.

"I read the Iliad," she explained, "[and] there is **no** reference to blue anywhere ... Homer describes the sea as being a 'wine-dark sea.' Scholars have argued back and forth about this," she continued. "But I don't believe the Greeks had a word for blue ... I think they were just trying to describe the sensation of it." The thought of trying to describe the sensation of something is a thought-provoking one, and Guldbeck created a series of pieces utilizing the color blue and exploring the concept.

Further exploring the idea of trying to describe the sensation of something and the perception of information, Guldbeck takes it a step further and explores the idea of inscribed meaning. "I find it so interesting how we choose to decorate our houses ... and organize things," she continued. She explained how we fill our homes with things of utilitarian value, but also, often with an aesthetic element. Her art pieces catalog what she sees and the information she perceives, while also incorporating her own perceptions.

"My works aren't meant to record what I see but to take information about reality and translate it ..." Guldbeck explained.

Guldbeck is currently a full-time professor of painting at Bowling Green State University and resides in both Ohio and Denmark.

