

Senior Artists Collect and Create

By Abby Almodovar

The Buchwald Center for Art and Design glowed with vivid showcases of each student's individual displays as crowds of viewers listened to them present.

"Align," this year's senior exhibition, serves as the capstone and culmination of the departing students' time at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The first gallery talk took place on April 11, featuring Macy Varner, Andrea Hoagland and Anna Dudgeon, with the second on April 12 highlighting Jessica Rummel, Lexi Gray, Emma Brown and Rachel Root.

During her gallery talk, Emma Brown expressed her ultimate mission in creating—"My goal is to connect with others who have had similar experiences and to show that they are not alone."

Brown shared that her pieces, such as My bedroom, often underline difficult and vulnerable topics with the aim of encouraging others to speak up about their own experiences.

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Brown's use of materials and unconventional methods of collecting them emphasize this theme. She described breaking down the items she finds "to show the rawness of the material and what it was before it was created into this beautiful thing. Like an office chair—it was fine when I found it in the dumpster, and then I completely ripped it apart to have the single form."

Collecting and transforming is also part of the process for Lexi Gray, who enjoys "taking things that are usually just thrown away and repurposing them."



In fact, 327 tennis ball halves were used for one of her pieces, the idea for which evolved out of simple curiosity to see what the inside of one looked like. Gray explained that this project involves "discovering newfound beauty," in that each tennis ball works together to create a cohesive whole.

Gray has just been named the senior recipient for the Esther Buchwald Award. She related, "It's encouraging to get recognized for your art and know that you don't have to be spending a lot of money on paints and canvases. You can use the materials others give you or whatever you may collect to make art."

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Baseball Senior Spotlight

By: Nathan Sharpes

Baseball season has been in full swing here at MVNU! The team is currently .500, standing at 21-21 on the season. A few seniors from the team shared their perspectives on the season and reflected on their careers.

Senior Casey Kalman shared what inspired his decision to come to MVNU. “I wanted to go somewhere that I knew was keen on growing people of faith and not just something to say,” said Kalman, who instantly fell in love with the program. “I had a sense of peace as soon as I stepped on campus during a visit and knew this was home. It was a bonus that the team was also pretty successful, too!”

Senior Hogan Heck shared about the community within the team and how they help each other grow. “The community amongst our team is strong; it extends way beyond the field. We get to know each other and support each other outside of the game,” he said, adding how coach Veale has helped them all in their growth.

“Coach Veale does a great job in creating an environment in which kids can learn and develop character and faith. That’s something that translates beyond the game, and I’m grateful to have been a part of that.”

Finally, senior Cruz McFadden shared his experience here at MVNU. McFadden recently set the NAIA record for career saves, currently sitting at 45 career saves in their last game against Goshen. “Setting the NAIA record for career saves has been a dream of mine for the last few years. It is incredibly fulfilling and a humbling experience.”

He shared about the countless nights of hard work it took to get there, but he wanted to thank those who helped him achieve this accomplishment. “The thing is, I can’t take all the credit — my coaches, my family, my friends, and God’s plan have played a big part in getting me to where I am today. The sacrifices they have all taken to let me achieve this dream of mine are very pleasing, and I would do anything to repay them.”



Zombie Attack!

By: Zach Baur

On April 20, around 50 people gathered near the Eternal Flame for a “Zombie Attack” event. Many of the event’s attendees were adorned with elaborate costumes, makeup, and even gore prosthetics.

This event was organized as part of a “Zombie Seminar” course offered to Honors students that discussed zombie media, survival tactics, and themes. One of the said Honors students is Abby Almodovar. “I personally loved this class because it was a mix of literary discussion and hands-on learning of survival skills. We learned how to make fire and tie knots. We also studied apocalyptic literature and film, which encouraged us all to ask the question of how we would survive under extreme situations.”

David Wilkes gathered the two factions together, explaining the event’s setup and rules. The event was divided into multiple rounds. In the first round, zombies were required to lumber around slowly. In the following round, zombies were granted the ability to sprint after survivors.

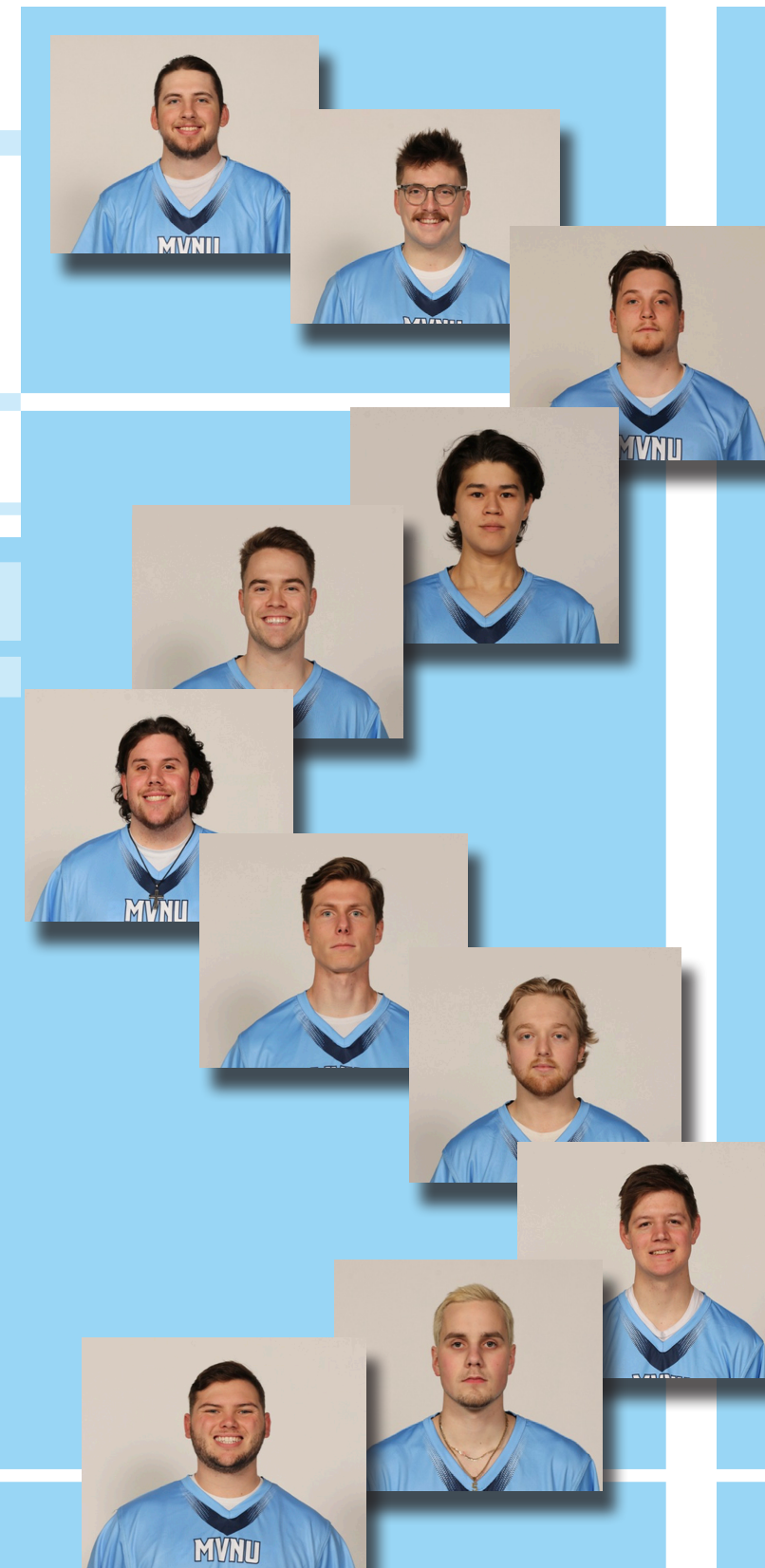
Survivors were to scavenge for supplies such as food and antibiotics while the zombies hunted them down. Zombies and survivors wore belts with flags attached with the color denoting what faction they belonged to.

“The zombie reenactment was a way for us all to test our theories by actually living the scenario,” said Almodovar. “At the end of the day, my fight or flight kicked in, and I ended up running away from the danger and hiding most of the time.”

For the event, most lights in the building were turned off, adding to the tense and macabre atmosphere.

The humans slowly and stealthily crept around the rooms, looking for supplies and avoiding the zombies, which were slowly advancing and lurking around.

The zombie seminar course showed how more unconventional courses can provide a unique and beneficial experience for students. Saturday’s event showed how community and creativity can be built and expressed through campus events that are both educational and entertaining.



Men’s Lacrosse Senior Spotlight

By: Dylan Elliott

The MVNU men’s lacrosse season is quickly coming to an end, and for many, their careers are coming to an end. For seniors Matt Quire, Brett Townsend, Joshua Jerome, Dakotah Marshall, Luke Modesto, Preston Barnes, Aaron Woods, Zach Wigton, Cayden Coffman, Micah Rex and Kaelin Tran, the sport that they have loved so dearly is coming to a close.

Joshua Jerome, a criminal justice major who is getting his master’s degree in organizational leadership, mentioned how this has been one of his favorite teams that he’s ever played on. “This is my favorite team because of the connection we have made throughout the years,” said Jerome. “We have had each other’s back through the good, the bad, and the ugly. These guys have helped me as a man, a brother, a leader, and an athlete. I wouldn’t trade this team for anything.”

Zach Wigton, a biology major with a focus on becoming a veterinarian, talked about some of his favorite memories that he has made throughout the

years, “A lot of people think the long away trips are awful, but they tend to be pretty fun,” said Wigton. “The bus rides are fun, and the hotel rooms are fun because we are such a close group of guys.”

Finally, Cayden Coffman, an exercise science major with a minor in psychology, talked about why he decided to come to MVNU. “I picked Mount Vernon first because it’s close to home,” said Coffman. “I live in Coshocton, so it is only about 45 minutes away.” Coffman also mentioned how he didn’t originally come here to play lacrosse. “I actually came here to play reserve soccer,” said Coffman. “My high school didn’t have lacrosse, so I came here to play soccer.” He also mentioned how one of his teammates influenced him to switch to lacrosse. “Matthew Quire, a fellow senior, was on my floor, and he said, ‘Why don’t you come play lacrosse?’ I said, ‘sure, why not.’”

Even though their careers are coming to an end, the impact that they have made on the program will be felt for many years to come!