

Paw Perks

By Jack Moore

With homecoming right around the corner, one app takes the biggest prize by being the best to use at all the MVNU sporting events. How, may you ask? When it gives you the biggest prize by just showing up.

Paw Perks remains the app to get on your phone when getting ready for a sporting event on campus. For those who are late to the game, Paw Perks is the official app of Mount Vernon Nazarene University athletics. The app contains a simple design, flexing its ability for user-friendliness.

To use it, you must download it on your smart device and make an account. After that, it is game on—going to the games on campus results in the points you can collect on the app. When certain point thresholds are met, go over to the Prize Page in the app. If the correct amount of points is supplied, the page acts as a catalog of the available prizes ready for you to select.

It is as easy as that! With prizes ranging from a coupon for free fries from McDonald's to a two-night stay at Cassidy's Cabin at Hocking Hills, the app has something for every kind of Cougar athletics fan. What are you waiting for? Get on your phone and download the Paw Perks app today to start racking up the points the next time you are at a Cougar athletics event.

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Setting the Stage for New Talent

By: Abby Almodovar

The upcoming fall play at Mount Vernon Nazarene University will have recognizable moments for kids in the audience and for adults who remember the whimsical tales of their childhood. “Bedtime Stories (As Told By Our Dad) (Who Messed Them Up)” By Ed Monk features scenes from classic fairy tales with some reimagined twists. While the stories they portray are familiar, many new faces will appear on stage as part of this year’s theatrical ensemble.

Not only have there been several additions to the MVNU theater program from the student body, but Sydney Moon is also enjoying her first year as director. She said, “This cast has welcomed me graciously, teaching me some of the MVNU theater traditions, while also allowing me to kickstart some of my own methods and traditions for the program. This position is a dream come true for me!”

Destiny Fullerton, a junior who has been involved with previous shows, commented on the “give and take” of these changes, saying, “It has been difficult to watch people leave and try to build new communities, but I think this is a good opportunity for the theater department to grow.”

She continued, “Theater has always been a place where there’s a strong sense of belonging for anyone that wants to join, and I think that’s an important aspect that we’ve tried to carry on with even as we’ve expanded.” The community fostered among a group of people who enjoy the same creative outlet is a worthy purpose that the program can continue to undertake going into the new year.

The play will enliven the stage of Thorne Performance Hall for a homecoming showing on November 9th as well as throughout the weekend of November 14th, 15th, and 16th.

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Homecoming Concert Reunites Past and Current Musicians

By: Morgan Mills

Homecoming is a time when Mount Vernon Nazarene University comes together to celebrate students currently enrolled and those who have graduated. The music department at MVNU has a yearly concert to honor the tradition of this weekend.

The music department will feature performances from the symphonic wind ensemble, jazz band, Treble Singers women’s choir, Una Voce chamber choir, string ensemble, flute choir and Collegians Chorale choir. One highlight from the jazz band is the return of previous and current directors. Dr. Jeremy Smith will play trombone, Mr. Rick Brunetto will play drums, and Dr. Issac Winland will play the trumpet.

Dr. John Packard, who is the music department chair and the director of the symphonic wind ensemble and pep band, is excited to bring the musical ensembles together for a night of harmony between the groups. Packard’s main goal for the homecoming concert is for the audience to enjoy the musical stylings of

this year’s ensembles. “We want the audience to experience our students and how they are sharing their musical talents,” said Packard. “We want them to be uplifted by the music and the messages. We hope that they have a joyful experience.”

The finale of the concert is a closing act that combines the choirs and wind ensemble with eight different male alumni to perform the lyrics of “I Then Shall Live.” The lyrics were written by Gloria Gaither and the instrumental is set to the tune of Finlandia, the national anthem of Finland. Packard, in particular, moved by both the meaning and overall feel of the piece, added, “The words are really powerful. It’s a powerful piece.”

The homecoming concert is free and open to the public at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 9th in the R.R. Hodges Chapel Auditorium