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Missouri Valley College to celebrate 2007 Homecoming

Marshall, Mo. (October 09, 2007)—The Missouri Valley College 2007 Homecoming festivities begin as the first team of MVC athletes kick off the 38th annual torch run when they leave from Olathe, Kan., at 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11 headed for Marshall. This year's festivities include the homecoming parade, bon fire, alumni banquet, and a schedule of Viking athletics.

The college will host an alumni banquet from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 in the R. Wilson Brown Room of the Ferguson Center. In addition to recognizing the anniversary classes of 1967, 1977, 1987, and 1997, the class of 1957 will also be inducted into the MVC 50-Plus Club. The alumni that will be honored this year include Outstanding Alumni Award winner Keith Maxey '70 of Grain Valley, Mo., and Outstanding Young Alumni Award winner Bobby Lashley '99 of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The MVC Athletic Hall of Fame inductees include the 1997 MVC NAIA National wrestling championship team; Al Lamura '79 of Bricktown, N.J.; Jim Roskelly '72 of Havana, Ill.; Sam Kornhauser '71 of East Setauket, N.Y.; Dr. Ronald Wilds '73 of Blue Springs, Mo.; and Bill Schuchardt '72 of Salem, Mo. The ceremony will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, October 13 in the MVC cafeteria.

38th ANNUAL TORCH RUN

Traditionally, the annual torch run begins at the town of the college that the Vikings will take on at Saturday's football game. This year, the Vikings face Mid-America Nazarene University so the first of the MVC athletes/torch runners will begin in Olathe, Kan., and will travel 116 miles carrying the torch in a relay fashion. There will be over 100 runners, consisting of 6 teams from campus organizations. The 16.5 hour event is scheduled to arrive in Marshall at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12.

The first Valley Torch Run was held during the 1958 season for Homecoming and later that same season the Vikings were invited to play in the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Fla.—1,285 miles. A group of 58 Valley students ran the torch 1,285 miles from Marshall to Orlando. One of the students who helped organize and was a major participant in the 1958 torch run is now a faculty member—Professor Ed Leslie. Leslie also organized the 364-mile torch run, which was held in August 1999 when the Vikings played in the Wheat Bowl in Ellinwood, Kansas. Leslie still serves as the torch run coordinator.

MVC PARADE

The MVC Homecoming parade will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 13 beginning at North Odell (and North Street). The parade will begin forming at 9 a.m. on North Street between Brunswick and Odell. Parade entries should enter from the north.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. and will proceed west on North Street to Lafayette; south on Lafayette to Arrow; east on Arrow to Odell; south on Odell to College; and east on College to Conway; and south on Conway to disband before reaching Morrow.

This year's parade will feature local high school bands, classic cars, and numerous campus and community floats.

For late parade entries, contact Cari Eck at (660) 831-4238 or eckc@moval.edu.

For the safety of the public, no candy or items of any kind are allowed to be thrown from parade floats or entries. Participants wishing to hand out candy or other items may walk along the parade route and hand out items at the street curb line.

ATV's are not allowed on the streets of Marshall during the parade except for authorized parade officials, who must possess a valid MO driver's license.

MVC ALUMS TO BE HONORED (photos available upon request)

KEITH MAXEY, *Outstanding Alumni Award* recipient

Principal, Blue Springs South High School

Keith Maxey found his way to Missouri Valley College in 1966 from Westport High School in Kansas City, Missouri. After graduating in 1970, he worked as a computer draftsman for the Missouri Department of Transportation for two years. Keith taught and coached (basketball and football) for 13 years at the former Blue Springs Junior High. In 1985 he was hired as an administrator, serving in various positions as the district was growing and reconfiguring. He currently is serving his tenth year as the principal of Blue Springs South High School.

Keith earned his master's degree in Education and Education Specialist from University of Central Missouri. He continued with doctoral work at the University of Missouri at Columbia and is currently ABD (all but dissertation). In 2002, he was the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals' selection for the Missouri High School Principal of the Year. This honor included a trip to Washington D.C. with his wife to meet and conference with the 49 other state principals, complete with black tie award dinner with national dignitaries (sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and MetLife).

He has been a part in bringing the "Smaller Learning Communities" concept to the secondary level in Blue Springs. In 2002-03 Keith represented the Blue Springs District by attending multiple sessions of the Missouri Partnership for Educational Renewal with DESE. Keith has also been a part of a high school task force working with Joan Soloman and DESE on ways to improve Missouri high schools by focusing on state assessment.

Along these same lines, Keith in 2005-2006 attended multiple sessions as a member of a committee with the Department of Education in Washington D.C. to determine methods to get better participation in the use of the NAEP (National Assessment of Education) exam. This led to a pilot program at Blue Springs South High School. This also provided tremendous exposure to the diversity of problems principals face in the different regions of the United States.

Keith has also been a part of a grass roots movement in the work of "Stand Up Blue Springs". This group meets to explore and determine community issues and discuss solutions that would better promote what is good in this community.

He has been married to his wife Lona, a 1970 MVC alumnus, for 36 years. The couple has one daughter, Eastin. Keith coached several of his daughter's teams and was an avid fan of her other activities through the years. Through his work in the school district and membership and mission work at the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, he continually comes in contact with Valley alumni and their children. It has been a positive experience watching the Blue Springs-Grain Valley area grow from a mostly rural town to the suburban area it is today.

BOBBY LASHLEY, *Outstanding Young Alumni* recipient

World Wrestling Entertainment Raw Superstar

His picture is used on countless games, books, stickers, and more; he has his own action figure; he was Donald Trump's favorite; he's been in hundreds of magazines, papers and television shows; and Bobby Lashley is a proud graduate of Missouri Valley College.

Hard-hitting and soft-spoken, Lashley has made his mark on the entertainment industry as one of the most recognizable superstars of the WWE. Lashley attended Missouri Valley College, where he won three national amateur wrestling championships between 1996 and 1998, placing fourth in 1995. Throughout 1997 and 1998 he was the NAIA National Wrestling Champion, competing at the weight of 177 pounds. Lashley later joined the United States Army, where he continued to wrestle. In November 2003, Lashley moved to professional wrestling and signed a developmental contract with World Wrestling Entertainment. He was assigned to its farm federation, Ohio Valley Wrestling, where he was known as Blaster Lashley, and was a member of the Bolin Services stable along with Mike Mondo, and Ken Doane. In

mid-2005 Lashley appeared at four live events, wrestling in dark matches for both the RAW and SmackDown! brands.

On September 23, 2005, Lashley made his televised WWE debut on SmackDown! under the name Bobby Lashley. Lashley was introduced as a three-time National NAIA Wrestling Champion, four-time All-American, a two-time Armed Forces Champion and a 2002 Silver Medalist at the Military World Championship. In his first match, he squashed Simon Dean then, in his pay-per-view debut at No Mercy 2005, defeated Dean once again. Lashley went on to defeat numerous superstars both on Velocity and SmackDown!

Lashley graduated in 1999 from MVC with a bachelor's degree in human service agency management and recreation administration. He has a daughter, Kyra, 2, and resides in Colorado Springs, Colo, where he owns a health smoothie shop.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONOREES (biographies available)

1997 MVC NAIA National wrestling championship team

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MVC HOMECOMING ATHLETIC SCHEDULE (for a more detailed schedule visit

<http://www.moval.edu/alumni/homecoming.asp>)

2 p.m. Varsity Football v. MidAmerica Nazarene University

7:00 p.m. Men's Wrestling – Alumni Dual

ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers 27 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 12 sports and 20 varsity teams. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660) 831-4000 or visit www.moval.edu.

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