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MVC AMERICAN HUMANICS STUDENTS TAKE TO THE BOXES...AGAIN

Homeless Awareness Week set for March 30-April 2

Marshall, Mo. (March 27, 2009) —The Missouri Valley College American Humanics students will attempt to promote education, action and awareness about hunger and homelessness during *Homeless Awareness Week* March 30 through April 2.

The American Humanics students have been organizing the weeklong event to best simulate the homelessness environment while keeping it safe for students. Students will live in cardboard boxes in the middle of the MVC campus quad. The students will utilize the cafeteria as a soup kitchen to simulate the limited food resources. Students will attend all classes while participating in the event, which simulates the time utilized to find employment.

“This is a great opportunity for American Humanics students to show people that homelessness is actually evident in society,” said Tiffany Hackman, MVC senior and community service chair of American Humanics. “People don’t always have a great place to live or have all the things they need for day-to-day life. We hope this makes our community more aware of that.”

This year the American Humanics students are collaborating with the religion department to simulate an actual soup kitchen onsite. The religion department will provide soup, sandwiches, cookies and beverages for dinner on April 1.

The American Humanics students are not only attempting to educate their peers and the community, but also assisting local organizations. The students will be collecting nonperishable items for the local food pantry and clothes for the Lighthouse Shelter.

The students are also hosting a “Student vs. Faculty/Staff Penny Wars” to raise money for the Missouri Valley Community Action Agency and its fight to end poverty.

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 30 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 12 sports and 20 varsity teams. The most popular majors include business and education, and the newest majors are nursing, graphic design, and hospitality and tourism management, which begin in Fall 2009. 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.