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**FORMER MVC COACH HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY WITH NAMING OF GYMNASIUM**

*Dedication ceremony to take place Jan. 14 during Viking's basketball game*

**Marshall, Mo.** (January 8, 2010) — Missouri Valley College has announced the naming of the gymnasium in the Burns Athletic Complex as the Grover C. Redford Gymnasium. The official dedication ceremony is Thursday, Jan. 14 between the women's and men's basketball games (about 7 p.m.).

Coach Redford coached the Viking men's basketball team for 15 seasons from 1956-1971. In the 1960-61 season Redford's team played in the NAIA National Tournament. Redford coached over 300 games for the Viking's before retiring as head coach.

Redford graduated from MVC in 1943 where he earned 13 athletic letters through participation in four sports as a student. Following graduation Redford entered the United States Marine Corps for three years of service. Grover went on to teach and coach in Independence, Mo. before returning to Missouri Valley College in 1956 to become the head basketball coach and a professor of physical education.

"Coach Redford was an incredible coach, teacher, and alumnus to the institution," said Athletic Director Tom Fifer. "His loyalty and devotion to the college and his players remain part of his legacy. This is a very honorable way of recognizing him for his dedication to Viking athletics."

In 1976 Redford was inducted into the Missouri Valley College Hall of Fame. He passed away in 1995.

Jean Redford, Coach Redford's wife and 1962 MVC alumna, other members of the Redford family, and former players will be in attendance at the dedication ceremony.

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