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## **MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE NAMES ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

**Marshall, Mo. (January 25, 2010)**—Missouri Valley College President Dr. Bonnie Humphrey has announced Mike Machholz will serve as MVC's associate athletic director. Machholz will take a more active role in the day-to-day operations of athletics at Missouri Valley College.

"Mike has demonstrated extraordinary leadership qualities in his 20 plus years at Missouri Valley College," said Tom Fifer, athletic director and vice president of operations. "I am confident in his ability in advancing the Viking athletic program and assisting in the recruitment of coaches, trainers, and student-athletes."

Machholz, who is a Marshall, Mo. native, began his MVC tenure in 1989 when he served as director of housing before moving to the admissions and financial aid department. In 1994 he became the head men's wrestling coach while still fulfilling his duties in the admissions office. Machholz served as the assistant admissions director from 1998 to 2007 when he was named assistant athletic director of Missouri Valley College in addition to retaining his position as head men's wrestling coach.

"Working for my alma mater is enriching and rewarding," Machholz said. "It allows me to give back to something that has always been a part of my family's life. After almost 40 years of association with MVC athletics; as an aspiring athlete watching the legends of Valley coach and play, to my present day coaching, I find myself in a new expanded role for the athletic department."

Machholz and his wife, Janine, are both MVC alumni.

"This is an exciting challenge and time in my career at MVC and I am pleased that our administration has confidence in me to help continue our growth as an athletic department and institution," Machholz said. "I look forward to working with our Athletic Director and coaches to continue the Valley traditions."