First graduate degree program to start

MVC to offer entire coursework for new grad students in Community Counseling

Matt Ellis
DElTA REPORTER

Missouri Valley College has experienced a significant amount of change within the last couple of years. There is now one more accomplishment MVC can add to its history: the first MVC graduate program.

Starting in the summer semester of 2011, the first two of 20 classes will be offered to student to earn a master’s of art degree in Community Counseling. The program can be completed in 24 months if four classes are taken most semesters. Each class is two-and-a-half hours long, one evening a week.

The admissions requirement to gain acceptance into the program is a bachelor’s degree in Psychology with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and a Graduate Record Exam score of 900.

Students who don’t satisfy all the criteria can go online to the MACC webpage and click on the “Special Inquiries” tab for more information. Applications must be turned in by April 1 for admission into the summer courses.

Physics Professor John Gault has been appointed dean of Graduate Studies. Gault has been a professor at MVC for 29 years and also earned his bachelor’s of science degree in Chemistry and Mathematics at MVC. He earned his doctorate at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Gault said the majority of the classes will be held in the Tech Center with class sizes being smaller than 20 people. “It would be a good problem to have too many students in the class,” Gault said.

Psychologist C.J. Davis, who instructs psychology classes, will be director of the master’s program. He has more than 15 years of experience in the psychology field. Davis specializes in psychological assessment and psychotherapy.

In an MVC media relations release, Davis said the MACC program uniquely presents its students with real-world experiential and clinical opportunities as they prepare to face the challenges in the behavioral health industry.

MVC President Bonnie Humphrey said she’s excited and happy about the addition of the master’s program.

“It’s a historic change for Missouri Valley. It’s been four years of hard work,” she said.

Wrestlers seize big wins on home mat

The MVC Wrestling team edged out McKendree for first place on the home mats of the MVC Invitational in late January.

Taking first in their weight divisions were Paulie Hansen, Gian Traverso, and Travis Ewart, while Charlie Gibbs, Damon Jackson, and Alex McKinney took second place. Jesse Knott, Jesse Alter, and Carl Lawrence took third place in their divisions. Wesley Dallas took fourth, and Josh Manu took fifth place.

Ten schools participated in the invitational.

College cancels classes for three days because of monster storm

With TV weatherpeople predicting more than 14 inches of snow with a “historic storm,” Missouri Valley College cancelled three days of classes and closed offices for Tuesday, Feb. 1 through Thursday, Feb. 3.

Registrar Marsha Lashley said in her 28 years of working at MVC, it was the first time the college had closed down for two days, let alone three days, in order to confront and then deal with a monster storm.

Icy pavement proved potential dangerous on Tuesday. Then blowing snow added four-foot drifts in driveways and throughout Marshall. Temperatures also dipped to below zero.

News reports noted that it was a historic storm, in terms of ice, snow depth, and range, reaching 30 states from northern Texas and Oklahoma, through Missouri and through the mid-Atlantic states to the East Coast.
Time to bring back college dating

Commentary by
Paulene-Wendy Ntsame Assoumou

Midnight. My phone vibrates, I just received a text message “Wassap. What u doin?” “Nuthin. Bout to sleep y?” “Wanna come ova…?” And there begins the oh-so-exiting and oh-so-romantic college students love affair!

Girls, no more hours spent in front of our wardrobe trying to find the perfect outfits to go to the cinema or restaurant. An outfit that would say: I am an attractive-but-not-easy type of girl. Boys, no more surfing of the Internet to find a great place that would show your generosity but also avoid bankruptcy. All this is over.

I have been observing, debating, discussing with both genders about it. And the sad truth appeared to me: College students do not date anymore. But why on earth is dating not even an option anymore for college students?

The first possible reason might be practical. Marshall is a little town where there is nothing to do and nowhere to go, some students say. It is true that Wal-Mart would be to Marshall what Disneyland resort is to Paris.

But all that does not really matter. The first date or at least the first few hours of a date is about talking and learning about each other. The dating concept should not be trashed because of lack of locations. It does not matter the size of the town because it is possible to talk everywhere.

The second murderer of the dating concept is money. College students are expected to be broke. Whether parents pay tuition fees or not, brokenness is THE college student trend mark!

But empty pockets can be filled by imagination and romanticism. One of my memorable date at Moval was with a young man who did not want to come empty-handed, so he brought my favorite kind of pretzels and, because I am from France, some very cheap wine sparkling water! Girls are not goldiggers who despise little attention. How romantic it would be for a midnight stroll in the snow with a dollar hot chocolate that you would have bought…or even taken from the cafeteria for the really, really broke people!

The third major reason that makes college boys more and more date-aphobic is the fear of being tied down. According to some of them, most of the girls want a “serious relationship.” Because of the fear of that, some guys may try not to be too nice or too gentlemanly to guard against the girls falling in love with them and wanting to marry them and having tons of babies with them!

Do college boys really think that to buy flowers or to pay compliments make them magically irresistible to girls? There is no magical behavior that would make girls go crazy about you, like the story lines in the Axe deodorant commercials.

News flash, boys, females are more sophisticated and smarter than that. No secret deodorant will help you fulfill the chemistry needed to start and keep relationship alive.

And yes, women have others plan in life than find a perfect husband. Most of the women already in serious relationship since high school do not see themselves married after being settled, with a diploma and a job. I also asked these same girls about having some children. The answer was “somewhat.”

Some guys do not want to break a girl’s heart and want to have fun. And some girls want to feel a little special while they have fun.

Someone told me one day that imagination occupied 90 percent of the human-kind spirit. This should be more than enough to overcome any kind of obstacles.

So, men, do not worry about our feelings. We are grown enough to handle the hurt. Let’s just have some imaginative, original fun together. Let’s enjoy dating before mating.

Smithsonian exhibit, photo contest planned

The Smithsonian is coming to MVC. Through a special exhibition, that is.

“Journey Stories” is the title of the historical display for March 1-31 at the Murrell Memorial Library.

It is a Museum on the Street project, organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the Missouri Humanities Council, with congressional funding.

As part of the exhibition, the library is holding a photography contest, said Brian Hampton, library Special Events coordinator.

One 5x7 photograph per person will be accepted. The image of the photo must relate to the subjects of coming to America, travelers, mobility, hope and desire for freedom, gold fever, adventure or transportation. New or old photos are welcome as long as the person entering the contest took the photo.

The deadline for the photo contest is Monday, Feb. 28.

The winner of the contest will receive a digital photo frame and the winning photograph will be displayed at the library. For more information, call Hampton at (660) 815-3931, or send the photo to MVC Murrell Library, attn: Brian Hampton, 500 E. College St., Marshall, MO 65340.

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Ballet company performs in MVC theater

Eckilson Mabee Theatre drew an excited crowd on the night of Friday, January 14, as the Missouri Contemporary Ballet graced the stage, performing several dance routines including a piece titled, “Falling.”

Students, faculty and many of the Marshall community were able to experience an amazing show.

Missouri Contemporary Ballet is a ballet company based out of Columbia, Missouri. MCB’s main goal is to be entertaining through the art of ballet. They strive to make live dance fun for audiences of any age.

Janie Morgan, MVC’s Dance assistant professor, watched the Missouri Contemporary Ballet perform in Columbia last year. “I thought it would be a great opportunity to have them perform for my students,” Morgan said.

MVC Art Assistant Professor Valerie Wedel, designed the set for “Falling.”

Not only did the ballet company perform on Friday night, they also instructed a class on Thursday, January 13, for the dance students. The students were very excited to have Shannon West, the company’s Ballet Mistress, instruct the class. According to Morgan, they were excited and nervous to be with the company during class.

“They hear me every day, so having someone else instruct them for a class was a nice change,” Morgan said.

Morgan wanted her dance students to be exposed to some of what is happening outside of MVC, and hoped to get them networking.

Missouri Valley’s dance majors don’t have a specific type of dance as their major, but they are all required to take a ballet class, so the students who would like to pursue ballet had a great opportunity meeting Missouri Contemporary Ballet dancers.

With the performance of “Falling,” Morgan said she would like to start a performing art series that occurs every year, with someone new each year. She said she also plans to bring back the Missouri Contemporary Ballet company eventually.

Morgan said she’d like to get a large variety of types of dance so students can be exposed to many different things.

If you saw the Missouri Contemporary Ballet perform, or even if you missed it, and would like to see who will be brought in to perform next year, keep a look out for information from Janie Morgan. You can also catch one of MCB’s performances in Columbia. Their schedule can be found at www.missouricontemporaryballet.com.

The artistic/executive director of the Missouri Contemporary Ballet is Karen Marek Grundy. Shannon Lee West is rehearsal director and ballet mistress. The company dancers are Genene McGrath, Caroline Millkin, Elise Mosbacher, Fernando Rodriguez, Cassondra Roloff, and Jason Stotz. Trainees are Jena Ferrigno, Catherine Ferguson, and Alex Gordon. Valerie Wedel is installation artist and Kiesha Lalama-White served as guest choreographer.
Basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, wrestling, track and sports are in full swing or practice mode as the spring semester begins.

Photos, top from left: Hannah Young scores for the Lady Vikings; cheerleaders keep the spirits high; and the men’s varsity defeats CMU. Far left: Will McCracken prepares to slam a volleyball serve. Left: Jacob Coleman delivers the basketball for the Viking JV team. (See upcoming online Delta for more photos.)

The Missouri Valley College 4x200 meter relay teams set new school records for both the men and women at the Principia Relays in Elash, Ill. in mid-January, according to MVC Sports Information.

On the women’s side, the 4x200 team made up of Carneka Burnett, Rhiannon Kendrick, Shelby Thompson, and Sydney Holloway ran a time of 1:55.27 beating the school record of 1:57.18 set by Kenyatta Rolle, Shantelle Reynolds, Jackie Tarr, and LaQuinta Curry in 2004.

For the men’s 4x200 competition, Keith O’Neil, Tyler Brackett, Aursland Seymour, and Dwayne Williams ran a 1:36.72 beating the previous school record of 1:40.24 set by Ralph Volcin, Kenneth Apane, Buddy Mayfield, and Sadrac Remy in 2003.
Students move into new campus apartments

Students began living in the new Viking Village apartments at the first of the semester. Under construction since the summer of 2010, the apartments were finished just in time for spring semester. The Viking Village consists of four apartment buildings, with four apartments in each building. Each apartment has four students living in it, with a total of 64 students.

Finding the students to live in these new buildings meant there had to be certain qualifications. When applying, students needed to have a 3.5 grade point average, no disciplinary record, and had to be an upperclassman. Not all of the students have a GPA higher than a 3.5, but all do not have a disciplinary record.

The Viking Village houses two resident assistants, one of which is Ashalyn Ellis, a Mass Communication senior. Ellis was offered the position by the Student Affairs office, which she accepted. The students living in Viking Village have to pay an extra fee each semester, with the exception of the RA’s. Ellis said her favorite aspect about her new apartment is the fact that she’s got her own room. Since the rules for students are the same in every on campus dorm room or apartment, the RA’s didn’t have to learn anything new when they moved into the brand new Viking Village.

One feature that has really been a problem is students locking themselves out of their rooms. The locks are a bit tricky, according to Ellis. When the door is unlocked with the key, it doesn’t completely unlock the door. Unless the door is unlocked manually after entering the room, the door will remain locked, thus the problems occur with students locking themselves out of their rooms.

The only other problem students seem to be having is with the Internet. With so many students online, the Internet lags a bit, which can make doing homework difficult if assignments require using the web.

“I’d have to say the best thing about Viking Village is having your own room with a full bed to yourself, which gives you plenty of privacy and a bed to get some great snoozing in,” said Ian Gray, a Mass Communication senior living in Viking Village. The rest of the beds on campus are twin-sized beds, so having a full-sized bed is something that students like in the new apartments. Another feature the students have to look forward to is having a washer and dryer in every apartment, though they haven’t come in yet. That means no more sharing of a washer and dryer with everyone else on campus.

Another great feature about the apartments is that the bathrooms are sectioned off differently, so while someone may be taking a shower, the rest of the students can get to the sinks and mirror and don’t have to wait in line to get ready.

Along with the new apartment buildings, MVC added a small parking lot to accommodate the students living in Viking Village. The only problem with the parking lot is there are no lines marking spots and, even if there were, the snow makes it difficult for students to park, so there are cars parking in random spots throughout the lot, Ellis said.

Associates academic dean focuses on building new online program

Will Claggett
Delta reporter

As of the start of this spring semester, online learning is responsible for 14 students being brought into the MVC educational system. These students are taking courses online and are new to the college.

With a program that is similar to other online accredited schools such as the University of Phoenix and Devry University, Missouri Valley College recently introduced the concept of “online learning.” Just like the commercials show for the other schools, Valley’s program allows both traditional and non-traditional students to earn college credit, completely online.

Pete Gochis, the new MVC associate academic dean, said he sees online learning as a great way for students who want a college education but who can’t make it to campus to get the college credit.

Education courses are just a few of the many courses that Valley now offers completely online. As para-professionals, who hope to become teachers, and are limited on time, due to their schedule, “They actually have the opportunity to weave in their pursuit of getting a bachelor’s degree in teaching, while still being able to maintain a full-time job,” said Gochis, concerning the positives that could come from online learning.

Many may ask if online learning is what Missouri Valley is turning to, rather than the traditional face-to-face classroom experience that is currently in place. “Online provides...”
Missouri Valley College alum Amy Adametz, who graduated in 2010, is teaching in the European country of Moldova as part of Peace Corps service. By email, the Delta interviewed Amy.

DELTA: What are you currently doing, as part of the Peace Corps program?

AMY ADAMETZ: The program that I was assigned to is English Education (EE). I was assigned to a small village of about 4,000 people in the Northwest of Moldova. As an English teacher, I am required to teach 18 hours per week. I teach grades 5, 6, 7 and 9 for English as a first foreign language and 7, 10, 11, and 12 for English as a second foreign language. That means that the English-as-a-second-foreign-language students have already learned French and have chosen to learn English as well. Along with teaching English, our jobs here are to develop the communities however we can. This means that we must work closely with all members of our communities and not just the school community.

DELTA: In what town do you work and where is it located?

AMY ADAMETZ: I work in a small village called Sărătă Veche (sah-rah-tah vey-kee) in the (region) of Fălești (fah-leesh-tee). It is about 2 ½ hours northwest of the capital.

DELTA: Moldova is east of Romania and west of the Ukraine, a former part of the Soviet Union before it broke up. What should we know or learn about Moldova?

AMY ADAMETZ: Moldova is a very small country about the size of Maryland. They have been chewed up and spit out by almost every force that has come through Europe or Asia. Moldova’s history is not a very happy one so it is not difficult to see why they are having a difficult time joining the rest of the world in terms of economics and government. Moldovans have historically been occupied by someone else who controlled their government and economics so when they gained their independence in 1991, they weren’t really sure what to do. They have a lot of issues with corruption of government right now and they cannot decide on a president for the country or whether they want to be communist or democratic. A good website to learn more about current issues in Moldova is http://www.moldova.md/. There is a way to change the language to English in the right hand corner. Moldova has a lot of new technologies but it is not uncommon to see a car passing a horse-drawn wagon on the road. The major industry is farming, yet they have very archaic methods.

There is little large scale farming and they still milk cows by hand. My host father’s brother owns one of the bigger farms in our village and he was bragging that they milked 30 cows, but he had about 10 people milking them by hand. The countryside looks very similar to Marshall with rolling hills and farmland, but there are a lot less trees here. Moldova has a lot of issues but so does every country and with time and a lot work Moldova will become a stronger country.

DELTA: What did you know about Moldova before you got into the Peace Corps? How did the Peace Corps program prepare you to become a teacher there?

AMY ADAMETZ: When I got my invitation from Peace Corps I was so excited but when I read that I was going to Moldova, I thought where the heck is that? I had never heard of Moldova, so I did a little research on it before I went and since I have been here Peace Corps, my partners and my host family have taught me a lot about the country.

As I said before the first three months of my service were PST. In the morning we had language training and in the afternoon we had technical training. Our technical training helped us to learn how to teach in Moldova and what to expect. Some of the people in the EE group had no teaching background so it also taught them how to teach in general. These trainings discussed how to teach English and what the requirements are of the Ministry of Education in Moldova.

DELTA: You are a 2010 graduate from Missouri Valley College. Tell a little about your life at MVC.

AMY ADAMETZ: I joined the Peace Corps because I wanted to accomplish something for other people. I wanted to be able to help someone else who really needed it. Also it sounded like a really great adventure. I was attracted to the Peace Corps because it is a very well-run program. The people working for the Peace Corps are very helpful and friendly. They were ready to answer any questions that I had. Each person that I talked to, in the beginning of the application process to the end, seemed very excited to answer my questions making me feel like they really enjoyed their experience and couldn’t wait for me to enjoy mine.

The advantages to Peace Corps are 1). It is a job where you actually get paid. You don’t get paid very much but it is enough to cover any expense in the country that you need. 2). Peace Corps looks really good on a resume. 3). Peace Corps is so unique in the fact that not only are you working abroad but part of your job is to become a member of the community. You are actually encouraged to go to all of the celebrations, cultural events, family events and spend time outside of the office (classroom) to get to know the people in your community. 4). I have the ability to help an entire community. The Peace Corps supports just about every project we have so the possibilities are endless for what could be accomplished.

The obstacles are pretty big also, but, in the end, I believe that they are worth it. The biggest obstacle that I face daily is the language barrier. It is so frustrating to want to say something and not be able to get the point across or end up offending someone. Another obstacle is being away from my family and friends for two years. It helps to be able to talk to them but it is still hard to not be with them. However, as much as I miss the people at home, I have an amazing host family here that is welcoming and helpful. I was very lucky to be placed with such great people and I actually don’t even want to think about the day that I will have to leave them permanently.

I would definitely recommend the Peace Corps to anyone who feels they can handle it. But as a caution, the Peace Corps is not for everyone. If someone was thinking about joining, I would advise them to research everything they can and ask as many questions as possible. This is a big commitment and it will challenge you in ways you have never imagined.

(More of Amy’s interview will be presented in the extra pages of the Delta’s online edition.)
New book club expands efforts for diversity

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DELTA REPORTER

It was in the e-mails of MVC students, faculty and staff last week. “Murrell Library is pleased to announce the new LGBT Book Club.” Missouri Valley College continues to forge ahead with social progress.

Brian Hampton, the library’s special events coordinator, will be the group leader of the new book club, which joins other book clubs in offering discussion time about books for recreational readers.

“Numerous students and patrons have recently approached me requesting an LGBT-related book club,” Hampton said. “I gave it careful thought and consideration.”

The LGBT Book Club will be held every third Saturday of each month starting February 19 at 2 p.m. in John Ashford Room in the college library.

“We will explore gay and lesbian culture, familiarize ourselves with LGBT issues, and read some new and interesting books,” Hampton said.

LGBT stands for “lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender” and is commonly associated with groups and events at most universities and colleges.

While it is a first for the book clubs program at the library, it isn’t a first for Missouri Valley College which already brought LGBT issues to campus through movies during the Movie Night events.

For instance, the award-winner “Philadelphia” directed by Jonathan Deeme, with Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington, was shown. The movie increases AIDS awareness and examines the discrimination that gay people can go through.

More recently, the movie “Easy A” with Emma Stone, Penn Badgley and Amanda Bynes, deals with a gay teenager and peer pressure.

Besides the new LGBT Book Club, which will read the book “A Boy Named Phylis, A Suburban Memoir” by Frank DeCaro, there are six other book clubs already in progress or soon to be organized.

The other clubs include the Christian Urban Book Club, which will read “Til Debt Do Us Part” by Michelle Larks; the Non-Fiction Book Club, which will read “The People’s Tycoon: Henry Ford and the American Century” by Steven Watts, a University of Missouri history professor; the Manga Book Club, which will read “Wild Ones, Vol. 1” by Kiyo Fujitwara; the Graphic Novel Book Club, which will read “Rice Boy” by Evan Dahn; the “Dealer’s Choice” Book Club, which will read “Dead or Alive” by Tom Clancy; and the “Never Judge A Book by Its Movie” Book Club, which will read “The Accidental Billionaires: The Founding of Facebook, A Tale of Sex, Money, Genius, and Betrayal” by Ben Mezrich.

While the LGBT Book Club focuses on gay issues, it’s also important to keep in mind that this club is open to all individuals, Hampton said.

LGBT Book Club members can be of any orientation, there to be supportive of friends who are gay, or may just want to become more informed about current social issues.

“We are not trying to be offensive. We are trying to be inclusive,” Norine Gaskill, the library’s Book Clubs director, said. Gaskill, a graduate of Missouri Valley College, is also the group leader for the “Never Judge a Book by Its Movie” Book Club.

Something new like a LGBT book club can sometimes spark moments of controversy. The library did receive an e-mail from a student who opposed the idea of the new book club and then didn’t want to receive further library e-mails. A few other emails also voiced discontent.

The mission goal of the college involves intellectual integrity and diversity, Gaskill said. She said people who are against a book club can use their freedom of speech to object, but she also said that she won’t censor a club.

Missouri Valley is no different from anywhere else and there always will be some controversy, Hampton said.

But the majority of feedback has been positive and encouraging. The LGBT Book Club is a way of getting another group of students to enjoy reading. Everyone is welcome to join and to download, for those who have Kindles, the first book for discussion. For those who may be interested in joining the new club, bring your thoughts, a couple of friends, and some tolerance and respect.

More about Online learning experience comes to MVC

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access to students that maybe can’t have the traditional four-year experience, that need to work for whatever reasons,” said Gochis. The hope is that online learning will give more and more potential students the ability to get a degree, but not even have to set foot on the campus.

Valley students may confuse the offering of online classes with correspondence classes. While they sound a lot alike, they are far different. Correspondence classes are classes where you get a packet of class assignments at the beginning of a semester and work independently on those, then send them back at the end of the semester or when assignments are due.

Valley has already been putting some focus on online education, with the partnership of Moodle. Moodle is an online study tool which instructors use to display class study guides such as Power Point presentations, syllabi, and the class schedules.

The development of online learning also allows for students to take classes even when they live in international countries or perhaps in military service.

Likewise, an instructor also would never have to be on campus in order to teach their respective classes. The instructors are also able to set up a time for their students to contact them, through online-chat, and to display Power Points for the class. The students also would be able to pause the Power Point, and go their own pace.

According to an MVC press release, since 2002, new Associate Academic Dean Peter Gochis served as risk management coordinator and instructor, director/intervention specialist for Title III, and assistant director/counselor for Title IV at Highland Community College in Highland, Kansas.

Prior to joining Highland CC, Gochis served as director of the Adventure Learning and Conference Retreat Centers for YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wis.; director, coordinator, and lead counselor for TRIO programs at Cowley College in Kansas City, Kan.; instructor and advisor at Butler County Community College; training and development specialist and corrections counselor for the State of Kansas Department of Corrections; and vocational rehabilitation counselor for State of Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, according to the press release.

Gochis holds an MBA from Benedictine College and a master’s degree in Education, Counseling, Personnel Services and School Psychology from Wichita State University.
Most students are surprised to find a video game business in Marshall, let alone one run by a fellow student.

Joe Bottini, a senior and an education major from St. Louis, runs the Viking Video Game Experience, which is located very close to the MVC campus at 1060 S. Odell, Suite 102.

A friend of Joe’s started the business but hated video games, so Joe took over and can now offer gamers better prices as well as being knowledgeable about video games. Bottini offers a 10 percent discount for Valley students on anything in his store, which includes Wii, Xbox 360, and Playstation 3 games to original Nintendo games as well as video game consoles and DVD and Blu-Ray movies.

Bottini said that most challenging thing about being a student while running a business was just trying to make it back from student teaching in time to open up the shop. He said one of the best aspects of running the store is that he’s doing something he likes to do and it provides a sense of pride in running his own business.

Bottini also said that the store is preparing him for life after college because he has experienced working with people and has learned to manage finances and organize a business.

The goal of this festival is to surprise, provoke questions, and entertain viewers. It certainly is achieving its goal, as students are able to appreciate some of their favorite movies through their own interpreting eyes.
Viking basketball

Scenes of Vikings in action...Right: Matt Baker; far right: Chris Hortman; below right: Toray Henry makes the shot; below middle: Anthony Jackson; below: Viking basketball player Tristan Hill.
Campus police provide alert

An incident involving an unknown man on campus on Jan. 20 resulted in campus warnings from Karen Chevalier, director of Campus Police.

According to police e-mail, a man was reported as knocking on the door of a Young hall resident. When the resident opened the door to his room, the man presented himself as being there to repair the furnace. The man entered the room, told the resident to close and lock the door, and then suggested that the occupant of the room engage in sexual acts with him. The incident occurred at about 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 20.

The suspect was described as a white male 30-35 years old, clean shaven with brown hair. Witnesses described the man as being about 5’8” with a medium to husky build wearing a grey t-shirt, blue jeans and a thin black jacket, according to the e-mail alert from Chevalier.

According to the alert, at about 7:30 p.m. on the same day, a woman walking unaccompanied in the parking lot of the Burns Athletic center reported a man, matching the exact description of the suspect, waving her over to talk to him near the back stairway of the building. The woman said the man made her feel uncomfortable so she walked to the front entrance and contacted security personnel.

Chevalier advised students to make sure their doors are locked, which is good advice for all times. She also noted in the e-mail that any maintenance or repair personnel are able to provide identification. For information about this case, people can contact the Missouri Valley College Public Safety by telephone at (660) 815-0111 or (660) 831-4228; in person at Ferguson Center; or, if they prefer, anonymously through “Campus Incident Reports” at http://www.moval.edu/quick_links/index.php.

No additional incidents involving similar activities have occurred since Jan. 20.

The math doesn’t work...

Following the monster storm of in the first days of February, the MVC Ferguson parking lot showed some signs of disorder on Friday, Feb. 4, as people parked their vehicles three- and sometimes four-vehicles across, trapping cars in the center rows. Above: Judy Dillon, a junior in Business Management, tries to deal with the situation of having her pickup boxed in. A commuter, Dillon also had to get to work. The Student Affairs Office notified people by e-mail that if their vehicles were blocking in others, the vehicles might be towed away.

Chamber holds TV auction

The Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual TV auction on Saturday, Feb. 5. MVC Mass Communication broadcast students and faculty as well as sororities and MVC clubs assisted. The auction aired on Marshall public access channel 3.

Above: Mass Communication students Jessica Marrs and Juliana Doyle try to persuade viewers into purchasing auction items.

Left: Mass Communication senior Megan Shepherd helps Stan Silvey, director of MVC Television, as he directs the cameras for the auction at the TV studio.

Left: Taylor Riffe, a Theta Phi Alpha sorority member, helped display some of the auction items.
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Viking Volleyball

Above left photo: Chris Carr, Nikola Kustudic, and other Vikings; above right photo: Ken Kipng’etich, Dillon Martinez, and Peterson Silva.

Viking Basketball

Left: Hannah Young of the Lady Vikings basketball team takes the basketball down the court.
Right: Rachel Harrison protects the basketball.
Below: Sami Jackson runs for a shot.
MVC results for Saturday wrestling...

The MVC Open wrestling matches were held on Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Burns Complex.

Taking second place in their weight divisions were MVC Vikings Paulie Hansen, Damon Jackson, Jesse Alter, and Charlie Gibbs.

Other Vikings taking weight division spots were Shay Shive and Carl Lawrence (4th place); Gian Traverso, Brandon Perkins, and James Alter (5th); and Wesley Dallas and Jesse Knott (6th).

Junior Varsity Basketball

Viking photos...Below: Kalim Mullings controls the basketball; right: Matt Fercho heads for the basket; middle below: Kerry Bonnett reaches to take the basketball.

Below: Viking Levi Roberts scores for the team with a lay-up shot.
Invitational wrestling matches in January

Vikings in purple...
Left: Travis Ewart; far left: Jesse Alter.

Photos above... top left: Carl Lawrence; top right: Damon Jackson; middle left: Joshua Manu; middle right: Paulie Hansen.
The following questions are additional to the ones that appeared in the regular Delta (page 6). Missouri Valley College alum Amy Adametz, who graduated in 2010, is teaching in Moldova as part of Peace Corps service.

DELTA: What are the children like there?
AMY ADAMETZ: I was surprised by the children here because I thought they would be more excited to learn than the students I taught in America. However, many of the students are very unmotivated to learn anything because they do not see how an education can help them in the future. It has been a big challenge to discipline the students when I don’t speak their language very well. The students have varying levels of English abilities. The more motivated students speak English well enough to hold short conversations with me and to understand the general idea of what I am saying in English. The unmotivated and usually misbehaving students have very poor English skills. I have learned Romanian since the first day I arrived in Moldova. The first three months of our service here (called Pre-Service Training or PST) we had intensive language training. We learned Romanian for four hours each morning for three months and lived with Moldovans so we were forced to learn the language.

The official language of Moldova is called Moldovaneste, so it is not exactly Romanian. It is a sort of messy Romanian mixed with a lot of Russian words, so it is very difficult to pick up what my host family is saying sometimes because they use different words than what I learned. The students’ strengths are that they are very helpful to one another. Another strength of the students is that they are extremely artistically talented. They can draw and paint breathtaking pictures and if they cannot draw or paint they can sing or write very well. The students need motivation more than anything. They need to be told and believe that they are extremely artistically talented. They cannot draw or paint they can sing or write

any other horse events in Moldova, to my knowledge. I have heard a rumor that there is a riding school in the capital but so far I have been unsuccessful at finding it. I really miss riding horses but their horses here are used for pulling wagons and working. One day I was out for a run when I came upon a horse grazing by itself, so I went over to pet it. It had apparently just gotten done working for the day because it came charging after me ready to trample me in the ground. After that, I decided to leave the horses alone.

DELTA: What has been the most interesting event or moment for you so far in Moldova? What has been the most interesting place you have visited in Moldova?
AMY ADAMETZ: I cannot pinpoint one moment that has been the most interesting. The whole experience has been pretty interesting. Also with the cultural differences I cannot pinpoint just one and some of the differences I don’t even notice anymore so it is difficult for me to say. The most interesting place I have visited is a monastery called Saharna. It is located near the Dniestr River and it is gorgeous. Moldovans take a lot of pride in their monasteries and they are also the major tourism sites. The place I want to visit the most is Milești Mici. It is a winery that holds the world’s largest subterranean wine collection, but every time I try to go there it is closed. Eventually I will see it and hopefully sample it.

DELTA: Were you nervous about traveling so far away from home? How have you coped with the distance from family and friends?
AMY ADAMETZ: I was very nervous about leaving home, because going to Moldova was the first time I had been out of the U.S. I was sad about leaving all of my family and friends. It is still really difficult to cope with, especially when my friends get married or have kids and I can’t be there with them. I talk to my parents on Skype once a week and I try to talk to my sisters but the time difference makes it difficult. I try to keep myself busy so that I don’t have time to miss my family.

DELTA: Have you been able to see other countries in Europe or Asia so far? Do you plan to?
AMY ADAMETZ: During the Christmas break, I visited Germany with two other volunteers. This was the first time I had an opportunity for a vacation. I would love to visit all of Europe and Asia, but time and money won’t allow that. This summer my parents are coming to visit and we will be touring the Czech Republic and Germany. I plan to visit Israel sometime this year or next spring.

DELTA: How long are you in Moldova? What are your plans after your Peace Corps service?
AMY ADAMETZ: My service ends in August of 2012. At that time I have the opportunity to leave the Peace Corps entirely, or I can extend my service in Moldova or I can extend my service in a similar program in a different country. I will see when the time comes if I am ready to come home or not. As for my plans after Peace Corps, I had wanted to go to graduate school, but for now I plan on not starting to plan anything until the end of the year. I want to focus my attention on doing what I can in Moldova while I am here.

DELTA: There was a mention about your teaching in Moldova in e-mails to the MVC community this past semester. Have you receive school items sent to help your classes?
AMY ADAMETZ: I have received several packages from MVC and the Marshall community. I want to thank you all again so much for your generosity. My students have been checking out the books from our English library so they can improve their language individually. They love the stickers, even the older students.

DELTA: What do people in Moldova want to know about America?
AMY ADAMETZ: The first thing all Moldovans ask me is why the hell I left America for Moldova. They think America is kind of like the “Promised Land.” People are always asking me to compare America and Moldova. They also have a great interest in the diversity of America, because almost all of Moldova is white, Orthodox Christians. My host brother, who is 21, always asks me about the “discos” in America and if they are as great as he sees in movies. The students also ask me if life in America is what they see on TV. They don’t visit America or anywhere for that matter. Moldovans have to get a special passport that takes a long time and a lot of money to acquire, in order to leave the country. Moldova has been trying to become part of the EU so that it is easier for them to travel but that isn’t looking promising without a president. All of my students and most people in Moldova would love to visit America but it is very, very difficult.

DELTA: Had you ever met anyone from Moldova, before you got there?
AMY ADAMETZ: I had never met anyone from Moldova before coming here.

(If anyone would like to ask more questions or correspond with Amy, she said they are welcome to e-mail her at amyadametz@gmail.com.)