College begins honors program

Story by LeKyndra Duncan
Delta Newspaper Editor

One of the new additions to Missouri Valley College this year is the Honors Program.

The MVC Honors Program gives students the opportunity to enhance their college experience through scholarship opportunities, such as studying abroad; publishing guidance; and attending conferences across the nation.

Students will take a series of five three-credit seminars, with seminars covering different fields of study.

This will give students with higher ACT and SAT scores more challenging classes and also help the student to become the best student they can be. Valley hopes this program also will attract more graduating high school seniors.

“Valley has been thinking about this program for a while. This year, we have 12 students and I’m very pleased with this number,” said Jennifer Eimers, Honors Program director who is also assistant professor of English and chair of the Languages and Humanities Division.

To get into this program as a freshman, a student’s ACT score would need to be 24 or higher and the SAT would have to be 1090.

For a transfer student, their GPA would need to be a 3.5 or above. The applicants also will be required to write an essay stating why they are interested in the program.

The Honors Program is very beneficial for any student interested, with challenging classes and a lot of practice in improving their writing skills, Eimers said.

Students will have priority housing, hear guest speakers in their classes, and receive recognition at their graduation, Eimers said.

Students also will gain more experience in their fields of study through required contract work with instructors in their major.

Classes will start in the 2013 spring semester, with students representing all majors, such as Biology, Theatre, Psychology, Sociology, and English.

Dancing with Valley

Fun, dancing, and colorful costumes were part of the finals competition for “Dancing With Valley” on Sept. 24 as David Reinheimer (left, looking the part of Beetlejuice) won the first-place trophy after two routines with dance partners Torey Miller and Mason McCloud. (Photo by Scott Charboneau)

Coming in second was Paul Harmon with dance partner Rebeca Daolio who performed the Tango and other assistance from Sydney Bradford and Bradford Scott. Other participants were Catherine Armbruster (with dance students Kelby Lawson and Rebecca Whitsett) and Shaun Armbruster (with dance students Rachel LaGrou and Ashlen Bryant).
Daily ‘jump’ offers opportunities

Commentary by Garrett Hill

Viewing the calm water from 50 feet above the surface is quite an exhilarating feeling.

Everything seemed more peaceful when I looked down upon it. Yet, with the ability to lean over the side of a cliff and even think about jumping off, I thought it was near insanity.

However, when surrounded by friends that love me and embracing the option of trying new things, I jumped.

I took the risk and leaped off the side of the cliff, and my adrenaline rose to the maximal level. Jumping off that cliff truly changed my life. In the past two weeks, I’ve put myself out there even further. I reflect back to that Labor Day weekend at Truman Lake, and realize I made a great decision.

In life, I’ve faced numerous opportunities to expand my horizon and experience many moments that others might have turned away from. Not me, though. Every time I’m exposed to a new task or challenge, I stare it back in the face and accept it. Recently, some challenges I’ve faced include going to college, joining a fraternity, being the student government president, and attending my fraternity’s leadership academy.

I don’t understand why some people refrain from putting themselves out there to enjoy simple things life provides for us.

In my opening paragraph, I mentioned how I embraced the option of trying something new, and jumping.

I feel as though every day we take some sort of jump; whether it is meeting someone new in class, applying for a job, or just trying a new food. We are faced with these experiences daily. We just have to take the risk and jump toward them because they could be life-changing.

I jump every day.

(This article was written as part of a “What It Feels Like” assignment in Basic News Reporting class. This story and stories from other students will appear in the near future on the Delta Online website.)

Freshmen comment about new experience

Question for Freshmen: What have you found to be surprising or most interesting about college life so far?

The campus is small and it made him feel at home. It also made him feel secure. – Matthew Flores, an English major from Dallas, Texas.

“The most interesting thing to me would be the diversity from all the different cultures.” – Zach Lee, an Education major from Strafford, Mo.

“Being a grown up and taking care of things on my own is harder than I thought. Time management is very important.” – Meagan E. Claxton, a Mathematics major from Fordland, Mo.

“Classes are a lot shorter. It’s weird having different times, and not for eight hours.” – Cody W. Stevens, a Criminal Justice major from Dexter, Mo.

“Classes are different. You don’t have the same classes every day. You have to be more independent.” – Lisa M. Fellers, major undecided, from Harrisonville, Mo.

“There are many different cultures, and students from different countries.” – Sloane Weidinger, a Music major from Carrollton, Mo.

“The classes are different. You really isn’t cliques. And basically you’re your own parent.” – Jessica C. D’Amico, a Business major from Imperial, Mo.

“There really aren’t cliques. And students from different countries.” – Stephanie R. Robertson, a Nursing major from Mountain Grove, Mo.

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Students help to save lives through blood donations

Story by Jacob Coleman
Delta Reporter

MVC students, faculty, and staff came together to donate blood in the formal lounge on September 12. As the day went by, many donors came for one purpose: To save lives. Before donors went through the process, they were met by Deanna Cooper, Red Cross Donor Recruitment representative. Cooper explained the importance of donating blood. Cooper said the need for blood is as high as it has ever been and there is a constant process to supply the need for blood.

Some people may believe when blood is stored that it lasts an infinite time. But blood can only last for 42 days after leaving the human body, so this keeps blood in a tight supply. The blood that is donated at MVC’s blood drive is dispersed to recipients around the local region and is supplied to 78 Missouri hospitals. Statistically, Cooper said 37 out of 100 people in the general public are eligible to donate for various reasons, and from that 37, only 3 to 5 will actually donate.

For those who have never given blood, MVC senior Scott Charboneau said, “It’s really not that bad...if I can save lives, then it’s worth it.”

Some people have a fear of needles and blood but “Cancer and leukemia patients don’t like needles either,” Cooper said. Cancer and leukemia patients are in need the most for blood and it takes 100 people to get eight units of O negative blood. That is why the Red Cross has created a friendly competition to increase the amount of blood donated between MVC and Central Methodist University (CMU). The school that donates the most blood will get a trophy and hold the title as number one donor.

Theft

Story by LeKyndra Duncan
Delta Newspaper Editor

Coming to college to reunite with your friends, meet new people, join a sorority or fraternity, studying your major as well can be part of college life. But how safe are you with your belongings? Do you have valuables that you leave out in the open? Trust your roommate enough? Unfortunately theft happens often on the college campus. From cell phones to iPads, blankets, pillows and even your “Winnie the Pooh Bear” can become a victim of theft.

The top 10 items stolen from a college dorm are: iPads, cell phones, laptops, cash, bicycles, books, jewelry, credit and debit cards, materials used for identity theft, and televisions, according to collegestudentsafety.com. Most of these electronics are stolen from common areas where students congregate, such as dorm rooms, libraries, or carried around backpacks.

Leaving your doors unlocked for a split second can cause you to lose your belongings faster than you can help ‘Dora’ say “Swiper no Swiping!”

Karen Chevalier, director of MVC Public Safety, said, “Don’t leave your things lying around. Nothing that has been taken has come from a locked or shut door.”

Working at Valley for three years, Chevalier knows the routine of thefts. From Mondays through Thursdays, there is at least one item reported stolen. “Fridays are our worst days. Up to five items are reported stolen,” Chevalier added.

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Karen Chevalier is director of MVC Public Safety. (Photo by LeKyndra Duncan)
Survey of classes finds Obama beats Romney

President Barack Obama came out ahead of Republican challenger Mitt Romney in a September survey of 119 MVC students in four classes. In the preference poll, Obama led Romney by 63 to 38 votes.

The survey involved the four class sections of Introduction to Media and Culture and allowed all students, including international students, to respond to the question, “If the U.S. presidential election were held today and you could vote, who would you vote for?” The survey supplied the choices of Obama and Romney as well as Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson and a choice of “Other third party candidate.” The tally also noted votes for “none” or no selection. The survey also asked if students planned to vote in November, planned not to vote in November, or if they were international students and thus wouldn’t be able to vote in an actual U.S. election.

Calculating the numbers in three different ways (total count, vote count minus international student vote, and vote count minus those who didn’t plan to vote in November), Obama still beat Romney in the vote tally.

Here are the final figures:

Total preference vote count: Obama, 63; Romney, 38; Other third party candidate, 6; None, 7; and Johnson, 3.

Concerning those who made candidate selections but then indicated they didn’t plan to vote in November: Obama voters, 15; Romney voters, 9; Other third party candidate voters, 3; and Johnson voter, 1.

International student vote count: Obama, 11; Romney, 1; and Other third party candidate, 1. (Five respondents didn’t indicate a candidate preference.)

Taking away the international student vote and the votes of those who don’t plan to vote in November: Obama, 37, and Romney, 26.

Schedule of events

A second evening of the “Dance Concert in the Park,” with a performance by the Repertory Dance Ensemble, occurs tonight, Sept. 28, during sunset at Indian Foothills Skate Park.

A Kiddie Clinic, offered by the MVC Cheerleaders, for children ages 4 and over, will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Morrison gym. Registration starts at 10:45 a.m. and there is a cost of $20 per participant. Each participant will be given two tickets to the Sept. 29 football game and will perform with the cheerleaders during the half-time. Contact head coach Kristin Lyming for more information at lymingk@moval.edu.

Student Government Association applications for the positions of senators are due Sept. 30. The completed applications should be returned to the SGA Office. Students must be in good academic standing and have a minimum of 2.5 GPA to be part of the Senate. For any questions, please e-mail sga@moval.edu or call 660-831-4020. SGA meets twice a month on Sundays, and the meetings normally take about 30-45 minutes.

“Heads,” a drama by E.M. Lewis, will be presented by the Theatre students in the Morris Experimental Theatre Oct. 3-6 at 7:30 p.m. The story is set in war-torn Iraq and involves four hostages.

The Non-Fiction Book Club will begin the semester reading “The Swerve: How the World Became Modern” by Stephen Greenblatt. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 4 at 3:15 p.m. in Murrell Memorial Library’s Coffee by the Book room. Murrell Library owns a copy of the book and will purchase the title for the library Kindles as well. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome at the meetings. Other book clubs also are under way. Contact the library for clubs and times.

The Fine Arts Showcase will be held on Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Eckilson-Mabee Theater.

Homecoming, with a theme of “Viva Los Vikings,” is set for Oct. 13. As is the tradition, the Homecoming events start on Friday, Oct. 12, with the 54th Torch Run, involving Viking participants and teams running from Atchison, Kansas, to the campus bonfire that evening. On Saturday, the parade will begin at 9 a.m. on North Street to go around the Marshall downtown square and then will proceed to the campus. The Viking football team will play the team from Benedictine, starting at 2 p.m. Viking soccer teams will play against Benedictine teams later that day—the women’s soccer game will be at 6 p.m. and the men’s soccer game will be at 8 p.m.

The art show by Hannah Reeves continues at the Morris Gallery in the Tech Center through Oct. 14. From Oct. 23 to Dec. 7, the gallery will host Marjorie Schick’s “Sculpture to Wear.”

A Jazz Band Concert will be held Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Eckilson-Mabee Theater.
Football team climbs to No. 4 in poll

Story by Andrew Pulverenti
MVC Sports Information Director

The Missouri Valley College Viking football team moved up a spot, into a tie for No. 4 in the latest NAIA Coaches’ Top 25 Poll released Monday.

The Vikings are tied with Morningside (Iowa) College for the No. 4 spot, rising from a No. 5 ranking in last week’s poll.

The Vikings are coming off a 31-17 victory over then No. 9 ranked Baker University Saturday night. Meanwhile, the top three spots in the poll belonged to the same teams for another week.

The Vikings are now 4-0 on the season and 3-0 in Heart of America Athletic Conference play following Saturday’s win with Sophomore Defensive Lineman Ty Phillips (East St. Louis, Ill.) picking up the weekly HAAC Defensive Player of the Week award for his play against Baker.

The Vikings next welcome in Culver-Stockton College for a conference matchup this Saturday. Culver-Stockton sits at 0-4 on the season.

Kickoff is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at Gregg-Mitchell Field.

Other HAAC teams ranked include Benedictine College remaining at No. 6, MidAmerica Nazarene rising up two spots to No. 11, and Baker University who fell to No. 13 following their loss to MVC.

Upcoming home Viking football games:
Sept. 29 -- Culver-Stockton at 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 13 -- Homecoming game against Benedictine College, 2 p.m.

The home games are now video-streamed from the MVC website at www.moval.edu. Go to the athletics page. Away games can be heard at the same MVC site by way of radio play-by-play.

Viking men’s team takes first at rodeo

Story by Andrew Pulverenti
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The Missouri Valley College men’s rodeo team took home the team championship at the MVC Stampede Rodeo in Marshall, Mo. over the weekend.

The Viking men’s rodeo team beat out second place University of Tennessee-Martin 640 points to 530 points for the championship.

Winning the women’s side was Troy University who finished with 353 points, beating second place South Alabama University with 305 points.

Individual champions for Missouri Valley included Tim O’Connell in Bareback Riding. Senior Cody Metsker (Taylorville, Mo.) took home the individual championship in Steer Wrestling.

Also, Junior Mason Ormesher (Valentine, Neb.) won the Bull Riding competition.

For the Missouri Valley women’s team, Kaitlyn Kraus finished in second place in the Breakaway Roping competition.

The MVC rodeo teams will be in action next Oct. 4-6 in Murray, Kentucky, for the Murray State University rodeo.

Other upcoming rodeo dates include Oct. 11-13 at University of West Alabama and Oct. 25-27 at Southern Arkansas University.
Team maintains winning momentum

Story by James O’Sullivan  
Delta Sports Reporter

The Viking men’s soccer team has gotten off to a 5-2-1 start for the season and is currently ranked 13th in the nation. Some of the Vikings top performers so far has been junior defenseman Fellipe Vurraro, who leads the conference in assist with three and 0.6 per game; and sophomore forward Tiago Ferreira who leads the conference in points per game at 2.17. He has 13 points on the season. Ferreira is also tied for first in goals per game with one and has six goals on the season.

Junior goalkeeper Josh Wells leads the team with two wins. The Vikings have five home games remaining, set for October 6, 9, 13, 16, and senior night is October 27.

Left: Viking Declan Price kicks the ball down the field.

Women’s team starts strong with victories

Story by James O’Sullivan  
Delta Sports Reporter

The women’s soccer team has gotten off to a great 5-1 start and is inching its way closer to being ranked in the top 25. Junior forward Breann Kinworthy has scored eight points so far for the season and is 10th in the conference with her four goals. Junior goalkeeper Erikka Diarte is tied for fourth in the conference with her 27 saves.

Their biggest win would probably be the first one that they earned against then ninth-ranked Westmont (California).

The lady Vikings have six home games remaining October 6, 9, 13, 16, 24 and their senior night is October 27.

Viking Yessica Hernandez (front) scrambles for balance against Park University team players.

Viking Haley Ennis runs with the ball.
Student survey: Favorite class

(Here is another question with responses, as gathered by the Mass Communication Basic News Reporting class.)

Question for MVC students: What is your favorite class this semester and why?

“Organizational Behavior.” He said the professor is “real cool” and that he makes the course interesting and fun. — David R. Smith III, a Business Management senior from Fort Worth, Texas.

“Plants and People,” as he said it is the class he pays the most attention in. — Tyler E. Davis, an Exercise Science junior from Oakland, Calif.

“American Literature because I love English.” — Macey D. Embrey, an English Education sophomore from Oak Grove, Mo.

“Homicide Investigation. It is interesting learning about all the different causes of death.” — Courtney N. Wallace, a Criminal Justice junior from Willard, Mo.

“Acting class. It is easy and easy to interact with other students.” — Austin Pinkston, a Biology sophomore from Plato, Mo.


“General Theatre is one of my passions. It is a way for me to feel normal.” — Ivalea C. Wright, a Stage Management/Theatre senior from California, Mo.

“Computer Assisted Art has to be one of my favorite classes. It allows me to be free in expression.” — Trina N. Williams, a Public Relations senior from St. Louis.

“Calculus. It’s probably one of the more challenging classes I’m taking.” — Damien M. Watkins, a Computer Information and Systems junior from Camp Verde, Ariz.

Math is her favorite class this semester because it is helping her get closer to fulfilling the requirements for her major. — Megan K. Blaylock, a Nursing sophomore from Merced, Calif.

“World Cultures class.” — Ramon A. Perez, a junior majoring in Economics and Business Management from Santiago, Dominican Republic.

“English keeps me intrigued.” — Janai N. Shaw, a Kinesiology junior from Oxnard, Calif.


“Intro to Programming. I’m learning something I’m actually interested in.” — Alex Kotanone, a Computer Information and Systems junior from Philadelphia.

“World History I. Because if you want to know your future, you have got to know your past.” — Tyler F.S. Miyashiro, a Social Science Education junior from Smithton, Mo.

“Probation and Parole. It is interesting to learn about different cases and what you do on the job.” — Erica D. Jones, a Criminal Justice sophomore from Licking, Mo.

“Acting. Because it is fun and you get to meet new people. Acting makes you a lot more comfortable, in talking to people you do not know.” — Bruce Reyes, a Mathematics junior from Beaumont, Texas.

“Humanics, because of the social interaction and the fact that we get involved in the community.” — Jeanine C. Falls, a Human Services junior from Marshall.

“My favorite class thus far has been Physics because it challenges me.” — Jacob M. Peterson, an Exercise Science junior from San Jose, Calif.

“My favorite class has to be my Chemistry class. It’s fun.” — Zach S. Baunstead, a Nursing sophomore from St. Louis.

“I really like the Accounting class I’m taking.” — Dylan A. Saxner, a Business sophomore from St. Louis.

“Principles of Psychology. It’s interactive and it’s knowledge you can apply in the real world.” — Danielle P. Hernandez, a Psychology junior from Oxnard, Calif.

“Language Development for the Exceptional Child. It deals with special needs children which I am passionate about.” — Destinee B. Quinn, an Elementary Special Education senior from Izusa, Calif.

“Environmental Science. The group is nice in class. There is a good ambiance.” — Vanessa J. Urbschat, a Business Administration freshman from Cologne, Germany.

“Tap Dance. Because it’s easiest and it’s fun. I love Michael Jackson so it relates to me a lot.” — Chalcey M. Polson, a Nursing sophomore from Highlands Ranch, Colo.

“Personal Growth. All of the notes are online. I like the notes better online than writing them.” — Wesley P. Ng, a Physical Education sophomore from Ontario, Canada.

The answer to this puzzle will be published in the next Delta. (Velimir Stefanovic is an MVC student.)
Athlete group gathers for Christian fellowship

Story by LeKyndra Duncan
Delta Newspaper Editor

Every Monday at 8 p.m., the Formal Lounge of the Ferguson Center is filled with athletes interacting and sharing the word of God.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a group of Missouri Valley student athletes who may not play the same sport, but they do share their love of God. Sports that are represented are basketball, cross country, softball, soccer, and wrestling.

Playing games such as “Fish Bowl” and “Indian Chief” allows the group’s members to get warmed up to each other.

After everyone settles down from the games and enjoys some popcorn, a student presents their message to the group.

Relating to everyday struggles of being an athlete, with injuries and doubt, the FCA members use Bible verses and personal experiences to encourage one another.

“I don’t really have time to go to church. By going to FCA, I’m glad I can get a message,” said Tiffany “Tiff” Cox, a junior in Criminal Justice. Cox said she feels more comfortable going to FCA with her peers to “grow in Christ together.”

Remembering some of the students from youth attending FCA, Tom Hayob, a Missouri Valley math instructor, assistant women’s basketball coach, and adviser of FCA, said he “enjoys seeing athletes being involved and sharing a belief.”

Hayob has been the FCA adviser on the MVC campus for three years and has been involved in FCA since he was in high school.

“I love going to FCA because we athletes can relate in different ways,” said Brittany “B” Porter, a senior in Criminal Justice.

Though the students are not related, FCA is their “family” away from home.

With the high percentage of athletes on MVC campus, FCA hopes for their participating athletes or non-athletes to increase each Monday.

Check out Delta website for ongoing news, photos, features

This traditional Delta newspaper is part of a complementary project that includes the Delta Online at www.mvcdelta.com which is starting its second year.

While the traditional Delta, in hard-copy form, is published monthly, the Delta website posts news, feature stories, color photos, reviews, and other features on sometimes a daily basis. The Internet’s capacity for endless space provides the website with that benefit over the limited eight pages of newsprint editions.

So, what you are reading in these pages are just a small sample of the events and stories covered by the Delta student reporters and contributors for the website.

Here are some stories and features that are available on the website right now or soon:

—Photos of Freshmen Orientation activities on the quad at the start of the school year.

—Convocation welcomed freshmen and recognized student leaders as well as students representing different countries and states. Convocation was held Aug. 30 at the Burns gym. Dessie Stafford, associate professor of Accounting and Business Administration and recipient of the John McCallum Excellence in Teaching Award, was the main speaker. The full text of Stafford’s speech is also on the website.

—The first campus “flash mob” that broke into dance on the quad on Aug. 29. Dance students led the group of students. (A video and still photos also are on the website.)

—There’s a story about 2012 Olympic medalist Clarissa Chun’s commentary, when she was a Delta reporter in 2001-2002, concerning her college wrestling experience at MVC. Chun won a bronze medal at the Olympics in London this summer. Her comments were rather prophetic in terms of working toward her dreams and goals.

—Photos of the first round of the “Dancing With Valley” competition.

—Two recent separate and unrelated murder cases in Missouri have involved suspects with past MVC student connections. One case involved a shooting in Warrensburg in early September. A second involved a bar fight death in Maryville in mid-September.

—Other website subjects: A quick play by the Theatre History class, a visit by a Mass Communication alum in the TV industry, a SIFE project about distributing a garlic seasonings product, Purple Patch magazine students presenting their work, and an assortment of reviews and commentaries.

The Delta website homepage also carries the MVC virtual tour video.

And the Delta Online will feature an upcoming series of question-and-answer interviews of the new MVC faculty members.

The first interviews, starting in October, will feature faculty members Sierra Fultz, assistant athletic trainer and instructor; William Romine, assistant professor of Physical Sciences; Alecia Schmidt, assistant professor of Criminal Justice; and David Reinheimer, associate professor of English and coordinator of Writing Across the Curriculum.