Mass Communication Department, 2009-2010:

In the summer of 2009, David Roberts served as a speaker about “The History of Political Cartoons” for presentations at Murrell Memorial Library for students of Marshall schools.

Stan Silvey, with 22 years of television experience, joined the Mass Communication department for the TV broadcast area in Fall 2009.

New equipment and furnishings were added including cabinets at the radio station, a new anchor desk, telepromptor and a TriCaster production unit at the TV studio, computers in the TV production lab, new video cameras, new digital cameras.

Students in TV classes toured the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the University of Missouri and media facilities at KOMU TV in Columbia.

Guest speakers for Mass Communication classes included ESPN founder Bill Rasmussen, Marshall Democrat-News reporter Kathy Fairchild, textbook author Jean Gaddy Wilson, alum and radio journalist Lee Peek, and KOMU TV Creative Services Director Shelly Silvey.

Harry Carrell, a military veteran, helped with the organization and presentation of the Veterans Day ceremony on campus.

Stan Silvey assisted with the media/anthropology presentation of the film “Nanook of the North” in October.

Mass Comm students operated cameras for production work for the CollegeFanz.com webcast of the MVC/Mid-America Nazarene football game in November 2009.

The Delta went completely electronic (completely paperless) for the first time in its history, as two of its editions were online-only. The first all-digital issue was in December 2009 and was probably the largest Delta issue ever, numbering 26 pages. The April online-only issue numbered 20 pages.

The Delta newspaper continued to have an online presence on the MVC website. An archives of editions is there.

Harry Carrell served on the MVC Curriculum Committee as well as a committee that will make recommendations about MVC’s core classes, Ken Kujawa served on an MVC marketing and public relations committee, and David Roberts served on the Faculty Senate.

Mass Comm department faculty and students helped with the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual TV auction.

Harry Carrell served as president of the Missouri Broadcast Educators Association and the MBEA convention was held at the MVC campus in March 2010. More than 80 students and instructors from 11 Missouri colleges and universities attended the conference.

MVC Mass Comm students in the Broadcast areas of radio and TV attained five awards with the MBEA contest.
Advanced Radio Production students conducted a live on-location broadcast in front of the cafeteria, as they do each spring.

In April, MVC alum Jasmine Grimm was one of several speakers at the Maastricht Entrepreneurship Institute who represented the media industry.

Mass Comm senior Katie Kimble and Public Relations senior Rachel Henke were honored as outstanding seniors at the annual Academic Scholars Banquet. Henke was also the recipient of one of the special student awards at the Commencement ceremony. Mass Comm faculty attended the Academic Scholars Banquet, Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies, and MVC academic and athletic events throughout the year.

Delta students attained 12 awards at the Missouri Collegiate Media Association contest. Three students and a faculty member attended the convention in Lee’s Summit in April.

The yearbook project added a video DVD for the first time, joining some hard-copy pages and a still-photo DVD.

The first “Zoom” photojournalism special edition was produced by the Photojournalism class and placed online in April.

Mass Communication student Katie Kimble produced a photo collage from the Photojournalism class that was turned into a poster for a Mass Comm fund-raising effort.

Mass Comm students in the Digital Film class participated in a Documentary Festival that included animation work by Art students.

Ken Kujawa managed eight student DJ’s last year for the KMVC-FM 91.7 radio station on campus.

Stan Silvey directed students into producing 12 KMVC-TV News shows in the fall semester and seven Viking Views TV shows in the spring semester.

Ken Kujawa served as the “Voice of the Vikings” for sports game coverage. The Viking Sports Network, under Ken Kujawa’s direction, broadcasted and webcasted all football games. It also broadcasted and/or webcasted the annual rodeo, the MVC Hall-of-Fame luncheon, most basketball games, and some soccer, volleyball, softball, and baseball games. Each year, that work involves more than 150 events.

Three Mass Comm seniors presented their work as part of the Senior Portfolio class.

An extra 23 online pages were added to regular Delta editions throughout the year. Also with the addition of the 46 pages of the two online-only Delta issues, the printing cost savings for online-only pages was more than $1,275.

Mass Comm students worked as TV camera operators or Delta photographers for many MVC events throughout the year, including almost a week of video filming for the Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship presentations.
In May, two Mass Comm faculty members, Harry Carrell and David Roberts, were among the six MVC faculty who received SGA Awards for Excellence in Teaching, as voted upon by the student body.

Mass Comm students experienced internships with In Columbia magazine in Columbia, a radio station in St. Louis, the Marshall Democrat-News newspaper, KRCG TV station in Jefferson City, and other places.


Stan Silvey was involved with the production of The Show-Me State Games Opening Ceremonies in July 2010 as a production coordinator, and is working with University Athletic programs as a video consultant.

In the summer of 2010, David Roberts proof-read and edited the sixth edition of the Wyoming Almanac, a publication he co-authors with his brothers. The 680-page book will be available in August.

Loren Gruber appears as “The Muskie Professor” on KMMO radio’s “In the Outdoors with Brad and Brian” on many Sundays at 7 p.m.

A collection of a novella and short stories titled “The Wolves and Short Stories” by David Roberts was accepted by Amazon.com in August 2010 as a digital book offering for Kindle readers.