MVC President Announces Associate Academic Dean
Peter Gochis will serve as associate academic dean beginning duties on January 2. With the addition of several online courses at MVC for spring 2011, Gochis will oversee the MVC Online program. He will also oversee additional sites, and courses for business and industry and continuing education. Since 2002, Gochis has 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, Kan. His primary responsibilities at Highland were developing and implementing academic, cultural and social programming designed to assist students in becoming successful in college.

Prior to joining Highland CC, Gochis had 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 Arkansas 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.

Gochis holds an MBA from Benedictine College and a master’s degree in education, counseling, personnel services and school psychology from Wichita State University.

Master’s Program Receives Preliminary Approval
The MVC Graduate Committee completed a successful visit with representatives from the Higher Learning Commission regarding the work to establish a master’s degree in community counseling. MVC is awaiting preliminary approval to move forward.

New MVC Band Debuts
The new MVC concert band received a standing ovation at the conclusion of its first concert Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Bueker Middle School auditorium. Director Garry Anders thanked the audience for attending and the college for providing the support to develop the first MVC concert band in nearly four decades. The new addition to Marshall’s music scene currently includes some familiar faces, including members of the Marshall Municipal Band and Marshall Philharmonic Orchestra. High school students from Marshall and Pilot Grove plus MVC musicians contributed to a sound that was very mature. In the future, Anders hopes to have the band comprised of MVC students only.

Men’s Soccer Earns First National Playoff Appearance in School History
The men’s soccer team made their first-ever national appearance at the 2010 NAIA Men’s Soccer National Championship Opening Round on Saturday, Nov. 20 in Hastings, Neb. MVC entered National play ranked No. 15. They played the No. 3 ranked, undefeated, Hastings College Broncos. The Vikings lost the playoff game in a 0-3 battle finishing the season, 14-5-2. The Vikings defeated William Jewell College 1-0 in double overtime in the HAAC Tournament championship game, securing their berth to the 2010 National playoffs.

Upcoming Events
Hanging of the Greens will take place at 6 p.m. on Dec. 1 on the campus quad.

The annual Celebration of Christmas Holiday Show will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 2-3 in the Eckison-Mabee Theatre.

Finals begin Dec. 8.

Campus offices will be closed Dec. 23-24, and Dec. 31.

Alumni Association News
The Missouri Valley College Alumni Association will host its winter Kansas City-Area Social on Dec. 15 from 5:30-8 p.m. The social will be held at the EBT restaurant in Kansas City. For more information contact Jodi at (660) 831-4177 or whitej@moval.edu. Come celebrate the holidays with President Humphrey, MVC alumni and friends.