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New President Dr. Donna Oliver now leads MVSU

By Crystal Foster
Staff Writer

Dr. Donna Oliver was named the sixth president of Mississippi Valley State University after participating in open interviews on campus with various university and constituency groups. She will begin her presidency in January 2009.

During the open interviews, individuals were given the opportunity to provide feedback for the Board of Trustees to consider their impressions of Dr. Oliver. Faculty, staff, students, and alumni were present at all of these events and also had the chance to ask Dr. Oliver serious questions concerning her qualifications, the school, and its state of affairs.

Oliver, who seemed very warm-hearted and enthusiastic about Valley, said she would focus on some major points for the university. "I plan to focus on four points 1. I plan to build under the schools rich history and advance it forward with purpose. 2. Build internal relationships and partnerships in the community and form a positive image for the school and take away the negative image. 3. Work on the academic programs, enhance it so it can be an academic program of excellence and 4. Commit and work toward award winning athletic programs."

Before any changes can be made for the university, strategic planning

has to be put in action. Although these changes will not happen overnight, Oliver desires the help of everyone to be involved. "We must work as a team"

A Valley student from the audience stood up to question Dr. Oliver's qualifications for the presidency position. Oliver, who is very well-rounded, has been involved in various programs throughout her entire career. She was a Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Edwards College; once had a career as a K-12 public school biology and chemistry teacher; and as a college professor and a K-16 administrator that spanned 30 years.

Oliver completed her undergraduate studies at Elon College and received her degree in biology and education. Then continued to receive her Master's of education degree in biology and curriculum and instruction from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. After she began her career as a College Teacher Educator, she went back to the University of North Carolina in Greensboro to receive her Ph.D in curriculum and teaching. Dr. Donna Oliver has high hopes for Mississippi Valley State University. Indeed, this is the year of change and that is what she hopes to bring to the table. "I believe in the Valley and believe the institution will become a distinction of the Valley of Scholars.



Oliver

Baracking the Vote Barack Obama wins Historic Election

By Toni Hill
Staff Writer



Obama

On November 4, 2008 Democratic nominee Barack Obama made history winning the title of the first black man to win presidency and is the United State 44th president. Republican candidate and Obama's opponent, John McCain lost in pro-

jected electoral votes 349 to 147. Obama won Virginia, though it had not elected a Democratic president in over 40 years. Obama had gotten 78 of the minimum vote needed to win just an hour and a half after the polls had closed. There were a number election parties being held on campus, including "Pajama for Obama" jam in Edna Horton hall, hosted by Resident Assistant Kiara Williams, a sophomore education major from Greenwood. "I have been voting since I turned 18, but aside from the candidates, I was very excited to see a lot more people actually voting in this election".

Says Colandra Brown a graduate student here at Valley. The students all came together "on the yard" with a parade around campus Tuesday evening to share their excitement about the historic election. "It was the first time I have seen Valley come together as one for some other than a basketball game, there was no drama, everyone just put all that aside, we were so happy." Says Candace Young a junior Communication major. Barack Obama's Inauguration will be held January 20, 2009 in Washinton DC, I'm sure it will be just as exciting as the election!

Second Devilettes SWAC Title in Four Years

By Jeffrey Squier
Staff Writer

After starting the season 0-10, the Devilette soccer team had no where to go and nothing else to do but to turn their season around and simply, just win. "The 0-10 record didn't really show who were. The whole time we were learning how to play as a team. Playing bigger schools early in the year prepared us for conference play," said senior captain and SWAC tournament MVP, Kate Johnston. The Devilettes did indeed turn their season around and ended the regular season undefeated in conference play and headed into the SWAC tournament with a 12 game winning streak.

Playing in their third conference championship in four years, the Devilettes had one last obstacle in their way from completing a fairy tale ending to such



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DOES ANYBODY KNOW ANYTHING??!!

By **O'keffe Hudson**

Staff Writer

With the new 2008 school year, the security situation on the campus of MVSU has taken a turn for the worst. "I have never heard about this many robberies in my three years being here" said senior William Wilson. There has been reports of grand theft auto, dorm room robberies, and even people held up at gunpoint, and even worse, there has been a report of a murder in Itta, Bena. It seems like everything is getting out of control when it comes to students and their possessions. However, the talk of the campus happened about a few weeks ago during the women's volleyball practice.

While getting ready for the next game, a person we can't identify went into the girls locker room and took everything that he could get his hands on in that time period. There were objects stolen such as clothes, ipods, jewelry and many more expensive possessions. Players from the team say that they

approached the person who they were told stole their things but he just denied it. Some students of the team decided that they would rather not discuss it because of the way it happened, fear of retribution and the frustration that makes them not want to deal with it. This can be very understandable when going through a tough situation and wanting to handle it in their own way. "This campus is not what it used to be, everybody used to feel safe and be cool with each other but now I don't know what to say about this" said Senior student Amos Taylor. A player who wish remain anonymous said that they have an idea who the person is and they decided to drop the charges against the thief as long as the items stolen are returned. No charges have been filed so we think they have. The person described as the volleyball thief is the same person that others think may have taken part in some other robberies on campus. No one really knows for sure and the people who know decides not to give up any names. The reason behind all

the secrets is mainly the fear of what would happen if the wrong name or information is given out, plus fear of reprisal. One thing is for sure whoever it is, is still on the loose and they are not the only ones out there and there are still robberies and other types of campus crimes going on to this day. Jason Gill, a sophomore student of MVSU, states that "It sort of makes it look bad on the campus security because it seems as if they are just here to get a check. When crime happens on this campus, there should be at least some type of progress made by our police force but the people that are suspected of being involved in these acts are still walking around as if nothing has happened". It seems as if like there is much to be said about what goes on around MVSU but most of the people with the true information would rather not talk about and stay to themselves. With attitudes like this there is no telling what other crimes students or anybody can get away with at the valley.

SECURITY ON CAMPUS

By **O'keffe Hudson**

Staff Writer

With lack of security on Mississippi Valley State University's campus, numerous robberies and a sexual assault have taken place leading the students to a scared and critical life.

Everyday students get tickets for parking in the wrong parking spot or fined in the dormitories for little things; but are they really crimes. Yes, it's inappropriate to disobey those rules, but safety should be the first and foremost priority. Instead of taxing people for tickets, the so called police officers (robo cops) need to make sure the campus is safe; that's their job. Late at night anyone could come on the campus with or without a car decal with the school's logo on it. All one

has to do is smile and wave his or her hand and up the gate goes.

Almost every night a crime is committed on campus. People's radios, laptops, and jewelry have been stolen. There has even been a car theft, athletic locker room burglary, and credit card fraud, all of which have been looked into but nothing concrete done about it. One should not have to be scared or discouraged wondering if they are the next victim. If a college campus is not safe, where else could one go to get an education in a safe environment.

In order to make the campus safe, the security department should work together as a team. They should have security procedure sessions showing students how to deal with and report crime or violence in case something

tragic really happens. They ride around looking for places to give out tickets; they should ride late at night patrolling the dormitories making sure it's safe. The campus police should not let anyone on campus without a school tag, unless they have a visitor's permit. The dormitories should have curfew, if not curfew they should upgrade and have security doors that let students slide their cards to get in.

Many things need to be done to make this campus safe for everyone, and it needs to start with better law enforcement officers. If the students do not trust the campus police, the people who are supposed to serve and protect them, who else could they trust? No one will ever know.

B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center

Restoring the Blues and Bringing Holiday Cheer

By **T. Clarice Norton**

Staff Writer

The B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center is a cultural facility dedicated to the life of Mississippi's very own B.B. King and the history of blues music as we know it. Located in downtown Indianola, MS, it tells the beautiful story of Mississippi's heritage and the evolution of American music. The journey begins with an introductory theatrical film about B.B.'s life and accomplishments, followed by an intriguing transition into the sights and sounds of the Mississippi Delta. The museum consists of a hands-on touch of the early years of his life to his development into an international icon.

The museum has worked effectively to incorporate not only the community, but also blues lovers around the globe to play a part in the growing

outreach to restore the blues in many variations. Many projects and events are in place to expose the richness of Delta life and its importance to the world. Immerse yourself in the events prepared for the holiday season.

A Holiday Teachers Reception will be held Tuesday December 16, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. To express their gratitude, the Museum wishes to host a holiday party to celebrate the greatness and inspiration provided by our local teachers and school administrators. Refreshments will be served and holidays treats will be given to the entire school staff.

Bringin' in the Spirit – An Acoustic Gospel Showcase, will be held Tuesday December 16, 2008, in conjunction with the "Holiday Teacher's Reception," from 6:00 -9:00 p.m. Every choir from Indianola is invited to attend. Performance times will run approximately 10 minutes and

are designated on a first come first served basis. To reserve your place on the schedule, please contact the Community Outreach department directly, at the number below.

Delta Memories: Children's Storytelling, an afternoon of great stories from the Delta, will be held on Saturday December 20, 2008 at 2:00 pm. Student interns working with the Museum have gathered Oral Histories from family, friends, neighbors and other community members to create a culturally rich spoken word experience.

Stories will be shared by teachers, ministers, children and their families. The B.B. King Museum would love for you to also share your stories—to learn more about how to sign up for the program, please call the Community Outreach department before December 12, 2008.

For details or to schedule time for any of the following events please visit or stop by the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center at 400 Second Street - Indianola, MS 38751, or call 662-887-9539.

www.BBKINGMUSEUM.org

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The Day in the Life of a Fulltime Student, Division 1 Athlete and Broadcasting Intern.

By **Jeffery Squier**

Staff Writer

6:00 a.m. Alarm goes off! 6:30 Early hitting with Coach Greene! 7:30 8:00 (Tuesday-Thursday) Pump iron and head over to "Advanced/Investigative reporting. 9:00, Protein shake, shower, and breakfast (4 eggs, 4 bacon strips, toast, and cereal) Get ready for the rest of the day. 9:30 Head to WABG's station in Greenwood for internship. Check email for any news worthy stories that might have been sent in. Start making the daily calls around the community to find stories. 9:45 Begin with interviews and shooting stories for the 5, 6, and 10 o'clock news. 11:00, Head back to the TV station, edit film and write the actual stories. (Trying to meet the deadline of 12:30 pm each day) 12:30 P.M. Lunch! (banana, peanut butter jelly, 2 tuna fish sandwiches, and a glass of milk) 1:00, Make it just in time for Ms. Gosa's 1 o'clock Television Practicum class. 2:00, Record the radio show "Can You Dig It" (A once a week program, requires multiple recording and editing sessions, I am one of three people in charge of producing) 2:45 Make it out to the Baseball practice that originally started at 1:30. 3:00, Throw about 75 pitches in the bullpen (Listen to Coach Shanks make fun of me) Head straight to the outfield for drills. Next, head to the infield to take ground balls at

third, shortstop, and second. (Listen to Coach Shanks make fun of me) Then, back to being a pitcher and do pitcher fielding practice.

Back to being a position player and run the bases. (Listen to Coach Shanks make fun of me) Finally, hit 3 or 4 rounds in the batting cages. 5:30, Clean up the field. Team meeting and huddle. (One last chance to listen to Coach Shanks make fun of me) 6:00 Shower. Dinner. (Banana, fettuccine alfredo, and a glass of milk) 8:00 Walk to North Greenwood Baptist Church for college youth group. 10:30 Walk home from youth group. 11:00, Protein shake. Finally, fall asleep, rest up to do it all again. Gazette Advisor note. It's not unusual for students that don't have athletic scholarship and team duties to have very busy schedules. This average "Day in the Life" does not take into account so many of the other important, demanding activities; Study time, family time and student life requirements, each successful student must include. For those students who have these athletic team responsibilities, (We have several on our staff) every single demand on their time, means more time has to be taken from some other worthy area. Still those students that practice and achieve this "Body, Mind, Spirit" balance go a long way to prepare themselves, not just for careers, but also for life! EHM.

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The Future of Coach Totten

By Cory McMiller
Reporter



In the past couple of years, the sports programs, in all categories at Mississippi Valley State University have been looking pretty promising except for one particular category; football. Football is one of America's most beloved sports and the interest in this sport grows constantly and get bigger each year. Week after week, especially during home games, fans tailgate and fill the stands at Rice-Totten Stadium in Itta Bena, Mississippi with their school spirit and pride at the highest but have been left to celebrate only four home victories in the past two years.

Coach Willie Totten, who has been the head coach at MVSU since 2002, has both the fans and student body disappointed with the horrible SWAC Conference record that the football team holds which is 1-6. Totten has been at Valley for seven years now, his coaching record is now 28 wins

higher over all performance from the football coach and the team, yet, we have seen almost no signs of progress at all. Valley hasn't recorded a winning season in the SWAC conference since 1996 when Coach Larry Dorsey led MVSU to a 7-4 finishing record overall with a 6-4 conference finish. During this seven year period, we have only come close to similar success twice which were in both 2005 and 2006 when Valley held a 6-5 overall record both years. "Could it be the players?" is what most people ask when they see the blowout margins on television or in the newspapers. Most come to the conclusion that it couldn't possibly be the players for a seven year period of time. New players come in each year along with new secondary coaches, shouldn't Valley maybe try some one new at the head coach position? Who should we blame for not having a winning season in the SWAC conference for the past seven years, the record speaks for itself.

along with 49 losses, and no ties. Now for the 2008 SWAC Football year, MVSU completed the season with a 3-8 record finishing third to last place in the SWAC. With the season now complete, this year was beginning to look like a similar year to last year as Valley held the record of a 2-7 conference season for 2007. There is no question that Valley has a legendary coach for his marvelous playing skills back in the day, but his results in coaching are completely different. For seven years now, the University has been waiting patiently on a more progressive program and

YOUNG AMERICA WANTS CHANGE OPINION EDITORIAL

By Denise Williams
Staff Writer

On November 4, 2008, young America made history. Senator Barack Obama won the Presidential election against Senator John McCain becoming the first African American President of the United States of America, bringing hope and determination to so many for CHANGE.

As a young, female, African American, I got an emotional feeling when Senator Obama was elected President. I've learned by this from him, winning the elec-

tion was not a racial issue after all. Young America made a statement. We want a change, and senator Obama was the best candidate for that change. Senator Obama has restored our faith in the electoral process. He has restored the belief that it does not matter where someone is from, anybody can be anything they want to be, including President of the United States of America. Obama also won the election because of his intelligence. He did not have as much experience as John McCain on many issues, but with his intelligence combined with

his knowledge, he has all he needs to succeed. Knowledge is POWER, and we need power in the White House now more than ever.

Growing up in a single-parent home is difficult, as many African Americans can attest, yet Obama managed to overcome this and all other obstacles to become America's 44th President. Many are expecting, some even hope that Barack Obama will fail, as patriotic Americans we should all be patient and give him a chance. If we want change, it comes from within, it starts with US.

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ARTICLE IN GREENWOOD COMMONWEALTH FRUSTRATES THREE VISITING FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

By Brittany Franklin
Reporter

Chunmei Pan, Imen Mzoughi, and Ekaterina Lukyanova, three Fulbright Scholars from China, North Africa and Russia respectively have learned a valuable lesson about press in America during their first trip here. On October 12, 2008 Charlie Smith and the Greenwood Commonwealth published an article titled "Teaching at Valley Frustrates 3 Visiting Fulbright Scholars." In the article the women believe that Smith was "taking things out of context," did not "let the tone be biased" and "relied on provocative sentences to grab attention" said Mzoughi. Upon reading the article, faculty and students of MVSU had mixed emotions about how the Fulbright scholars portrayed valley and its students. While Lukyanova said that she has "not been treated any different" students such as this junior biology major believe that "their comments were unfair and made valley look bad." Others too have voiced their concerns with the quotes of the three women, but it is now the chance of the three Fulbright Scholars to voice their own concerns about their quotes in the article.

After the initial article was published on October 12 there have been two other articles published in relation to the first. One based around the interview with the women's supervisor and the other a piece written by Lukyanova on behalf of all three women, published as an editorial, each one trying to dissolve any misunderstandings from the first article. Mzoughi says that "instead of the title for the article [in the Commonwealth] 'Teaching at Valley Frustrates Three Visiting Fulbright Scholars' it should be 'Article Frustrates Three Visiting Fulbright Scholars.'" Each of the scholars were under the impression that Smith worked for Valley's school newspaper instead of the Commonwealth and felt at least one of their quotes had been misinterpreted in the article.

In the original article Lukyanova was quoted as saying that is was "'an accident, a natural disaster' that brought them to valley." She states now that she was referring to the entire process of becoming a Fulbright scholar and getting assigned to your school as a hurricane or natural disaster. "You can't control any of it [the process of being assigned to a school], it is like a hurricane" says Lukyanova. She believes Smith had taken that from the questions he asked about the Fulbright process and wrote it to make it seem like Lukyanova was speaking specifically of valley. Mzoughi also felt mis-quoted when Smith wrote "'this is 'Heart of Darkness,'" Mzoughi said, referring to Joseph Conrad's classic novel about horrifying confusion in an unknown place." Mzoughi says she was referring to the weather and how everything is new and mysterious for her. She explains that "I am a literature major and I use many metaphors to express my feelings," but that she never made the comparison to say it was horrifying but rather to say it was confusing.

So were the women confused in the rights of American press? In comparing the system of American press versus the press in their hometowns, the women say that both are similar. They say there are interviews and similar rights for both the interviewer and interviewee. However as Lukyanova explains, "[at home] we are fully aware of the significance of every word we use, here we don't realize what we say sometimes." Despite the scholars' negative experience with Smith, all three say they would do the interview again, but this time not to be "emotional or be yourself, we should say the facts and that's all" says Mzoughi. Since the articles were published the women have continued to teach their language courses while taking two courses from Valley, which is one of their entitlements through the Fulbright program. As Pan has said "I just think we should get over this."

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Second Devilettes SWAC Title in Four Years Continue



a rough start. However, that last obstacle just happened to be their archrival Jackson State Lady Tigers. The first half of play between the two bitter rivals was very intense and very physical. Both teams had scoring chances but neither of them seemed to be able to capitalize early on. The game was held scoreless until the Devilette's Senior Ashley Bailey headed a ball off the free kick of Alicia Taw that hit off the crossbar and was then kicked in on a heads up play by Christina Viscardi. The momentum would only stay on the Devilettes side for a short period of time because Jackson State answered back quickly to tie the score at 1-1 heading into the second half.

Just about quick as the blink of an eye, Junior Mikael Mendez scored the second goal of the game to open of the second half. That goal gave the Devilettes breathing room and all the confidence in the world to finish out the game. Not only did that goal represent the game winning goal, it also meant that the Devilettes would be crowned SWAC champions for the second time in school history. Johnston said of winning her second ring in four years, "my freshman year I didn't fully understand what it meant, but after putting four years of hard work and dedication into this program, this time around was more satisfactory. Going out on top was a perfect way to end my career here at Valley."

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Faces and Voices

**SHOULD FOOTBALL COACH WILLIE TOTTEN BE REPLACED?
SHOULD MVSU MASCOT BE CHANGED?**



Freshman Business Administration Major Dionta Davis;
No, not the Devil Mascot, but all of us together student body, administration and Alumni should decide!



Freshman Social Work Major Johnetta Ross;
The Devils Mascot should be replaced but he Alumni should make the final decision since they were here first.



Freshman Business Administration Major Ricky Green;
*Yes Coach Totten needs to be replaced!
No, not the Devil Mascot.*



Senior John Wright;
Yes, Willie Totten should be replaced because over the past three years we have not had a winning season, and I feel that if they put a new coach in place maybe the team will be better. Mascot, no response



Freshman Jemera Lloyd;
No, I don't think the coach should be replaced because they are just having a bad season and if you look at it from the field he's really good! No, I think we should stay the Delta Devils because this is where we stay.



Junior -Social Work Maurice L. Fondren;
I was taught that when you don't have anything good to say then DON'T say anything at all. That's how I feel about Valley coach, Mascot and Staff.



Junior Art Major Willie C. Johnson;
*Coach Totten replaced? YESSSSSSS!
Devil Mascot replaced? YESSSSSSS! But everybody should decide!*



Junior HPER Major Cassie Todd;
Coach Totten needs to be replaced, the Devils Mascot should be replaced but the students should be the ones who decide!



Junior HPER Major Clay Morgan;
*Coach Totten needs to be replaced? "Yes, I mean. Hell Yes!"
Don't replace the Devils Mascot!*

HOMECOMING CONCERT

By Denise Williams
Staff Writer

Homecoming week was filled with many wonderful festivities, but the one students enjoyed most, was the homecoming concert.

On October 17, 2008, the annual homecoming concert sponsored by the Student Government Association was held in the H.G. Carpenter Auditorium at 8p.m. Senior Roger Hudson, the concert host, had the crowd amped with his comical jokes. Talent show winner Timothy Wilks had the privilege to open up the show. R&B artist Pleasure P and rap phenomenon Lil Boosie had the crowd booming with their performances.

With hits like Rockbottom, Did you Wrong, and Love Like Honey, former Pretty Ricky singer Marcus Cooper, who went solo, hypnotized the ladies with his high falsetto. "It was good to see people unite without violence,"

said Cooper. Cooper who annually performs at Black colleges was excited to perform in Mississippi for the first time. "I felt a lot of energy from the crowd, and the students were beautiful and seemed determined," stated Cooper. Pleasure's next album, Intro to Marcus Cooper, will be released on January 9, 2009. "I really enjoyed Pleasure," said sophomore Samantha Martin. "It was a good show."

Rap artist Torence "Lil Boosie" Hatch closed out the show with his hits: Don't I Act a Donkey, Wipe Me Down, and Let Me Ease Your Mind. "Lil Boosie was off the chain," stated junior Christopher Rome. "He was the perfect person to close out the show." Hatch seconded the motion by stating, "It was just what I expected, the vibe was hype, and I didn't want to get off the stage." Hatch's next album, Super Bad, will be released on January 27, 2009. "Hip-hop is not dead," stated Boosie. "Vote or Die Valley State, make History."



HOMECOMING TALENT SHOW

By Crystal Foster
Staff Writer

Comedian and actor Gary Owens hosted the Student Talent show for one of the events during homecoming week. Students had the opportunity to showcase their talents and compete for winning prizes. Many students auditioned for their chance to shine, but only a few were selected. The contestants were competing for the top three winning positions which were; first place \$500, Singer songwriter Timothy Wilks, second place \$300, Augusta Robinson and third place \$150 which went to the dance troop

of the MVSU Varsity Cheerleading Squad. These contestants were very good and very lucky that night.

The auditorium was packed with students, faculty, and staff. Every seat was filled from the bottom section to the top. Owens, who said a few jokes in between the contestant's acts, rocked the house that night. Each student that performed had a unique talent and had the audience excited and pumped for more. Some students sang, danced, and played instruments. One student in particular recited an original poem while playing the keyboard.

