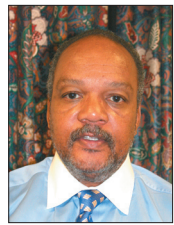


# Welcome Aboard



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“Our students have the unique opportunity to build lasting and valuable relationships, enhance their writing, diplomatic, and leadership skills, and meet with diplomatic corps and ambassadors of countries that comprise the United Nations,” Ero said of the program.

“We appreciate AT&T for recognizing the conference and its ability to give our students a better understanding of the inner workings of the United Nations as they build skills in diplomacy and compromise,” he added.

Ero said the students build lasting and valuable relationships with delegates from all over the world.

Current MVSU graduate student Corey Moore, a 2006 student delegate, agrees. “It was a unique and challenging opportunity to represent Cyprus, one of the smallest countries within the United Nations. It was clear that there were varying needs and decision-making processes for a smaller country versus that of a much larger country. One of the more exciting components was to learn more about resolutions: the drafting, modifying and voting into action process, which provided some real and practical experience,” Moore said.

“This was also a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas with other universities and students from around world. This experience expanded my knowledge base on international law and politics,” continued Moore.

MVSU has partnered with Hinds Community College for the past three years, with 10 student delegates from Valley and five from HCC. During 2008, the schools will represent Nigeria. In addition to Cyprus, the country of Angola was represented in previous years.

NCCA programs offer a diverse group of informed participants a forum for discussing global concerns in a context that closely parallels the “real world.” Students and faculty from five continents work feverishly to propose resolutions addressing regional conflicts, peacekeeping, human rights, women and children, economic and social development and the environment. The continued growth of the NMUN simulation, doubling in size in the past 10 years, has resulted in a more diverse conference reflective of the United Nations itself. In 2006, 48 percent of attendees were from outside the United States.

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## AT&T presents Valley with \$25,000 for Model United Nations Program

ITTA BENA – The Mississippi Valley State University National Model United Nations program received a significant boost for its 2008 program when AT&T officials presented a \$25,000 gift during December.

The funding will assist in sending students and their advisors to the National Model United Nations Conference and related activities, sponsored by the National Collegiate Conference Association. Incorporated in 1968 as a nonprofit, educational corporation of the United States, NCCA is also a recognized Non-Governmental Organization associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information.

“We are extremely elated for the continued partnership with AT&T as this grant will serve as a true example of commitment to excellence in education,” said Dallas Reed, assistant



AT&T presents a check for \$25,000 to Mississippi Valley State University for the Model United Nations program. From left are Michael Walker of AT&T, MVSU student Maureen Erinne, Dr. Morgan Ero, student Corey Moore, Dr. Mark Reger, Dallas Reed and Dr. Roy Hudson.

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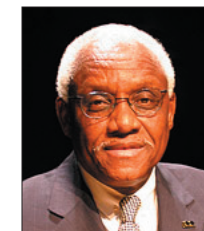
“The grant serves as an example of the progressive partnership between the community and the University to ensure that students are exposed

and enriched both in and out of the classroom,” Reed said.

Dr. Morgan Ero, associate professor of Public Administration, has served as faculty sponsor of the MVSU UN team.

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## Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation is Jan. 17



In observance of the late Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, The Valley will hold its annual convocation on Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the H.G. Carpenter Auditorium. Featured speaker will be Dr. Leslie McLemore, a professor of political science at Jackson State University and director of the Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy.

“Dr. McLemore has visited our campus before during the Aaron Henry Lecture Series in 2005,” said Dr. Roy C. Hudson, interim president. “His

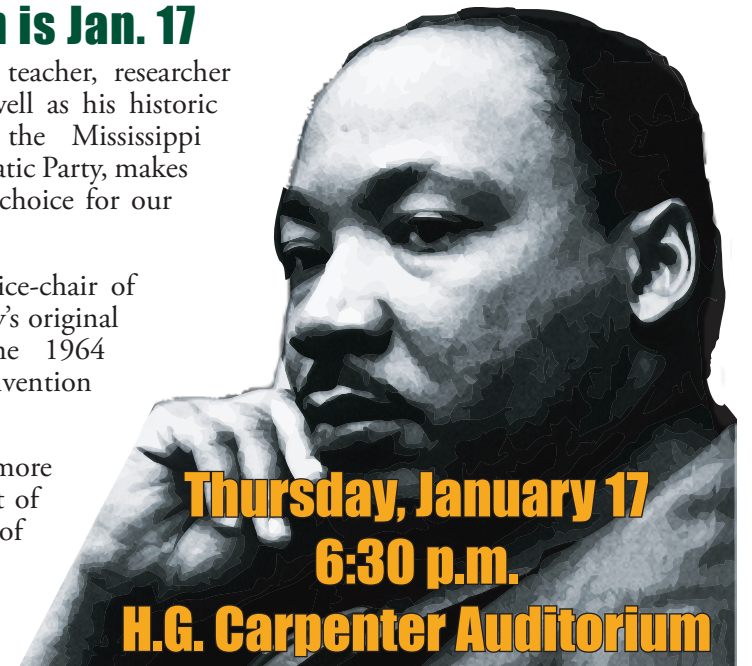
background as a teacher, researcher and lecturer, as well as his historic involvement in the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, makes him an excellent choice for our convocation.”

McLemore was vice-chair of the Freedom Party's original delegation to the 1964 Democratic Convention in Atlantic City.

Currently, McLemore serves as president of the City Council of Jackson.

A native of Walls,  
McLemore

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has a Ph.D. degree from the University of Massachusetts, a master's degree from Atlanta University and bachelor of arts degree from Rust College, and is an authority on the Southern civil rights movement and social movements in Africa. He has been a post-doctoral fellow at the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African American Research at Harvard University and The Institute for Southern History at John Hopkins University.

He also has served as acting director of the University Center in Jackson, chair of the Mississippi Humanities Council, vice-chair of the Board of the Federation of State Humanities Councils, and president of the Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools. McLemore has devoted time to working with and mentoring young people and is the immediate past president of the Jackson Chapter of the 100 Black Men of America who are mentoring African American males in 10 different public schools in Jackson.

He and his wife, Betty, have one son, Leslie II.

## ILLIAD TRAINING



The J. H. White Library staff engaged in a one-day training for the implementation of Illiad. Illiad is a model, implemented through software, of the interlibrary loan process. Dr. Annie Payton, library director, said the training will allow library staff to begin immediately lending resources through this process. Training for the borrowing side will come later this month. Most importantly, faculty and students can initiate an interlibrary request from any point of location. The Valley joins Mississippi State, Ole Miss and the University of Southern Mississippi in offering this service to its faculty and staff. For more information, call the library at ext. 3494.

## GOLDEN FEATUERD ON NPR

Dr. Kathie Stromile Golden participated in two National Public Radio conversations focusing on the back-to-back Republican and Democratic Presidential Debates held in Iowa.

NPR host Farai Chideva discussed the debates with Golden, director of MVSU's International Programs and executive director of the National Convention of Black Political Scientists, and Dr. Ron Walters of the University of Maryland-College Park.

To hear the discussion, go [www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org) and search for Kathie Stromile Golden.

# UnIverSity NoTes

## Haire Participates in Mule Train Commemoration

Dr. Marvin Haire, interim director of the Delta Research and Cultural Institute, will represent DRCI and MVSU during the Quitman County Community Prayer Breakfast on Jan. 19 at the Marks Community House.

The breakfast includes a planning session for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Mule Train Commemoration scheduled for May 17-24. Also known as the 1968 Poor People's Campaign, the weeklong celebration is in need of volunteers and activity suggestions.

Individuals interested in participating can contact Samuel McCray, 662-326-9003, or Dr. Haire at the DRCI, for more information.

## BIG READ LAUNCH SET FOR JAN. 28

The J.H. White Library and College of Education will launch the national Big Read program on Jan. 28.

The library and College of Education received a \$20,000 National Endowment for the Arts grant. The Big Read celebration includes reading one of 16 classic novels from January-June 2008.

MVSU has chosen "A Lesson Before Dying," by Louisiana native Ernest J. Gaines. "We chose this book for two reasons, the first being our locale. The second, the timeliness of the book is so prevalent of what we're living and experiencing in the Mississippi Delta, in the counties in which we are partners with, and with the current incarceration rates," Payton said.

More than 20 events will occur around the novel, including a red carpet showing of the 1999 HBO movie version of "A Lesson Before Dying." Other events include a read-a-thon, book discussions, and library and museum exhibits, all aimed at avid and lapsed or reluctant readers alike.

## Hudson Wins Writing Competition

MVSU student James Hudson won the 1st Writing Competition for Young Blues Artists in the 30th Annual Mississippi Delta Blues & Heritage Festival held in September. He was awarded a \$300 cash prize and had his winning song performed by a legendary Blues band during the festival.

Dr. John Zheng, chair of the English and Foreign Languages Department, encouraged his students in the EN102 class to write a blues song. He selected Hudson's and Camden Hearn's songs for competition.

## Zheng Is Guest Lecturer In China

Dr. John Zheng was invited to give lectures to faculty and graduate students in China. His lectures were on "How to Approach a Poem" and "How To Write Literary Analysis." During his visit, he also worked with a professor of English on the presentation on language learning that was made in the annual convention of the National Council of Teachers of English in New York in November, 2007.

Zheng visited five universities and one foreign language school and enjoyed a roundtable discussion about language teaching and learning and proficiency tests with a group of professors and high school English teachers. He also met VPAA's, deans, chairs, and directors of International Education to explore the possibilities of cooperation.

# EvEnt CaLenDar

### JANUARY

- 12 – Women's/Men's basketball at Alabama State, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Montgomery, Ala.
- 14 – Women's/Men's basketball at Alabama A&M, 6/7:30 p.m., Huntsville, Ala.
- 17 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation, 6:30 p.m., Carpenter Auditorium
- 19 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts Alcorn State, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Harrison HPER
- 21 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts Southern University, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Harrison HPER
- 26 – Women's/Men's basketball at Texas Southern, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Houston, Texas
- 28 – Women's/Men's basketball at Prairie View A&M, tba
- 29 – Lunch and Learn at the Library, 11 a.m – Noon with a repeat session from Noon to 1 p.m., J.H. White Library

### FEBRUARY

- 2 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts Jackson State, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Harrison HPER
- 4 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts Grambling State, 7:30 p.m., Harrison HPER
- 7 – Softball hosts University of Alabama-Birmingham, 2 p.m., Itta Bena
- 9 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts Alabama State, 7:30 p.m., Harrison HPER
- Softball vs. Norfolk State, Historical Black College Tourney, 2 p.m., Marietta, Ga.
- Softball vs. Hampton, Historical Black College Tourney, 4 p.m., Marietta, Ga.
- 10 – Softball vs. NC A&T, Historical Black College Tourney, 1 p.m., Marietta, Ga.
- Softball vs. S.C. State, Historical Black College Tourney, 5 p.m., Marietta, Ga.
- 11 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts Alabama A&M, 7:30 p.m., Harrison HPER
- 13 – Softball vs. MSU, 3 p.m., Starkville

## J.H. White Library: Story Time

"Goodnight Moon" and "Little Red Riding Hood" are just some of the key storybooks read to the MVSU Childcare Development Center Pre-K children. Every other Friday, Kassandra Fisher, media clerk in the J.H. White Library's Learning Resources Center, or a guest, reads stories to the children. It is more than reading, it is exposing children at an early age to books and libraries.

"If children are introduced early to reading and books, chances are they will continue on that path to becoming lifelong readers and library users," said Dr. Annie Payton, library director.

If you would like to volunteer as a reader, please contact Kassandra at 254-3501.

## Sanders Featured at Glendora Festival

Dr. Alphonso Sanders, chair of the Department of Fine Arts, was among performers at the third annual Sonny Boy Williamson II Commemoration Community Festival held Dec. 8 in the Village of Glendora.

The third annual festival was co-sponsored by the Citizens of the Village of Glendora, Glendora Economic & Community Development Corporation, the Glendora Cultural Heritage/Tourism Advisory Council, and MVSU's Delta Research and Culture Institute.

# PeOple To KnOw



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**Philosophy on Life:** Touch someone's life in a positive way as I pass them because our paths may not cross again.

**Quote to Remember:** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."