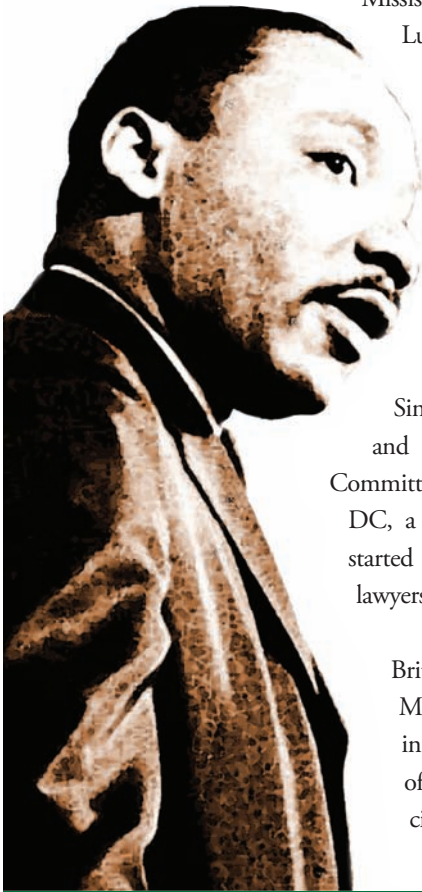




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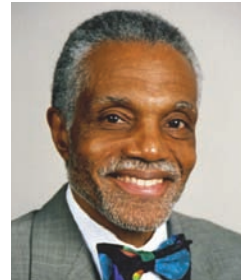


Mississippi Valley State University held its Martin Luther King Convocation.. The convocation featured John C. Brittain, Esq., a professor of law at the University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law.

The Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation pays tribute to Dr. King for his work in the areas of social justice and human rights.

Since 2005, Brittain had been the Chief Counsel and Senior Deputy Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, DC, a 45-year old public interest legal organization started by President John F. Kennedy to enlist private lawyers to take pro bono cases in civil rights.

Brittain is a former law school dean at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston, veteran law professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law and public interest civil rights lawyer with a career spanning 40 years



BRITTAIN

with residences in Mississippi (1969-73), California (1973-77), Connecticut (1977-99), Texas (1999-2005) and northern Virginia (2005-present).

He earned a Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate from Howard University. He is admitted to practice in Connecticut,

Mississippi, California and associated federal courts.

He is a school desegregation specialist and one of the original counsel in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, a landmark case decided by the Connecticut Supreme Court in 1996. He was frequently mentioned in the book, "The Children in Room E4: American Education on Trial," by Susan Eaton, an excellent chronicle of the *Sheff* case. In addition, Brittain was a part of a legal team that filed a friend of the court brief on behalf of the NAACP in the *People Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District* and *Meredith v. Jefferson County Board of Education* (Louisville) school cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court (2007) concerning voluntary race-conscious

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MVSU BEGINS "BIGGEST LOSER" COMPETITION



The MVSU Fitness and Wellness Center has launched a four – month weight loss competition for faculty and staff. The teams are comprised of various departments on campus. Each team will weigh in every two weeks in the fitness center.

Participants will be given free body assessments at the beginning and end of the competitions to measure their achievement. Prizes will be awarded to the "Biggest Loser" and the department with the greatest weight percentage loss. This contest will set the participants on a path to a healthier and happier lifestyle.

Body Assessment Dates are Tuesday, January 18 and Wednesday, January 19. If you have any questions, contact fitness center coordinator, Clyde Jefferson at (662)254-3553

GREEN & WHITE DAY SET FOR FEBRUARY 2

A full day of history, entertainment and special events will make this once in a lifetime celebration memorable for a large crowd of Valley supporters and other visitors who will attend to commemorate the 61st anniversary of Mississippi Valley State University. Green & White Day is in its second year at the state's capitol. This year's event will be on Wednesday, February 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The schedule of events will include something for every member of the family.

"We are asking all alumni, students, faculty and community supporters to visit the legislature that day in support of MVSU," said Dr. A. Zachary Faison, special assistant to the president. "The University will

be acknowledged by the leadership on the floor in both the House and Senate and we need as many

Valley supporters seated in the chamber galley on that day as possible." Valley supporters from around the state will have the opportunity to visit their local legislative representatives and senators on that day to solicit support for increased funding to MVSU in the form of state allocations and the state bond allocation for repair/renovations and capital projects.

"MVSU administrators, faculty, students and staff will be present and more than anything we just need a presence of Valley supporters decked out in Green and White throughout the day in the capitol," said Faison.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY OPENS REMODELED LAUNDRY FACILITY



Billy Benson (l) along with President Oliver (c) and Jamaris Moore (r) are all smiles as the ribbon is cut for the newly remodeled laundromat.

The newly remodeled laundromat will be operated using a "clean cash" laundry card. No coins will be needed to operate the machines. Registered dorm students will be issued cards with \$75 credit or 60 wash/dry cycles. The dorm students will be charged a \$60 fee on their account for the \$75 card. If additional cycles are needed in the semester more money can be added to the card at the Laundry Card Add Value Center located in Annex 1 at the Police Station.

"These cards are like pre-paid credit cards or gift cards. If they are lost the amount of credit is lost," said Suzanne Williams, director of laundry services. "There are signs in the Laundromat with instructions on how to use the card. Registered dorm students can bring their I.D. and pick up their "clean cash" card at the MVSU Laundry/Dry Cleaners across the street from the Laundromat and next to the cafeteria Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.."

In addition to the "clean cash" card and the new Laundromat, the residential students are able to get their bed linens, four pants or skirts or shorts, four shirts or blouses laundered each week at the dry cleaners. These items should be brought into the dry cleaners on Monday or Tuesday of each week. The clothes left on Monday are guaranteed to be ready on Thursday and the clothes left on Tuesday are guaranteed to be ready on Friday.

"Once a student moves off campus they forfeit their laundry services," said Williams. "If the student withdraws they must turn in the laundry card and it will be prorated along with other fees on their account. If the card is not turned in there will be a penalty charged for the card."

The Laundromat will be open Monday-Sunday 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you have any questions about laundry services, contact Suzanne Williams at 254-3626 or come by the Laundry/Dry Cleaners.

EVENT CALENDAR

January

22 – Scholastic Aptitude Test, 7:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Social Science Auditorium

23 – The Student Government Association will sponsor a Pre-ESPNU Pep Rally Kicker at 7 p.m. in the Robert Harrison Complex.

27 – NSEH Joint Monthly Seminar, 11 a.m., Science & Technology Auditorium

28 – Writing Proficiency Test, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Social Science Auditorium

February

5 – No Child Left Behind Luncheon, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m., Dining Hall IV

7 – National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union

8 – Spring Career Fair, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union

8 – Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Business Ed. Conference

12 – ACT Test, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Social Science Auditorium

23 – MVSU Blood Drive, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union

24 – NSEH Joint Monthly Seminar, 11 a.m., Science & Technology Auditorium

24 – Black History Month Convocation 11 a.m., H.G. Carpenter Auditorium

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student assignment plans. Further, he filed a friend of the court brief in the Connecticut adequacy finance lawsuit styled, Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding (CCJEF) v. Rell (pending in the Connecticut Supreme Court 2009). In one other related area, Brittain has concentrated on the intersection between housing and school segregation, and the policies that contribute to the condition of structural poverty in low income and neighborhoods of color.

He has traveled extensively throughout the world on international human rights investigations in Africa, Central America, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean, and further to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

CHAID THOMAS



Position/Title: Admissions Counselor/
Recruiter

Responsible for: marketing the university, provide enrollment research, recruit and counsel students and serve as a campus tour guide

Hometown: Greenwood

Hobbies: traveling, exercising, studying and meeting new people.

Philosophy on Life: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Quote to Remember: Treat everyday like it's your last.



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25 – Honors Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Dining Hall IV

26 – Transfer Day (Valley View Day), 8 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Social Science Auditorium

March

8 – Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Business Ed. Conference

10 – Counselors' Workshop, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Business Education Bldg.
*Lunch in Dining Hall IV immediately following workshop

25 – Women in Science and Technology Conference, 8 a.m. – 2p.m., Sutton Administration Bldg.

25 – High School Day, 9 a.m. – 1p.m., R.W. Harrison Complex

April

7 – Sexual Assault Awareness Month, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union

9 – MVSU Hall of Fame Induction, 6 p.m. -8:30 p.m., Lackey Rec. Center

12 - Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Business Ed. Conference

12 – Spring Theater Production, 6:30 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union – Royal Room

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14 – Alcohol Awareness Month, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union

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21 – National Stress Awareness Month, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union

21 - NSEH Joint Monthly Seminar, 11 a.m., Science & Technology Auditorium

27 – Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., H.G. Carpenter Auditorium



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