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Harvard Students

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MVSU President Donna H. Oliver was joined by members of the Student Government Association and executive staff in welcoming the visitors. "You're not really educated unless you are giving back," said Dr. Oliver. She also commended the group for their approach.

CDP did not come to the city with preconceived notions in place to shape the small community. Instead, they are holding several meetings with Baptist Town residents and community members within the city of Greenwood to assess the strengths and needs of the community. The group allows participants to write ideas and comments on charts provided during meetings. "We are here to form a people's plan," said Ha. This approach allows everyone to have a voice. The main focus for the graduate students would be the sustainability of projects.

Also, Sherman Freeman, field liaison for community service/service learning, met with members of the CDP. "It's a good idea and something that is greatly needed in this area," said Freeman, who once lived in Baptist Town and understands the needs and challenges facing the community.

Freeman plans to meet with Mostaghimi to discuss possible service learning projects the University can assist with in the Baptist Town community.

CDP has outlined three phases they would like to implement in the community: raise awareness and build social capital, engage the Greenwood community in planning and help the Greenwood community implement their development plan and monitor progress. The organization has a two-year commitment to fulfill their goals.

CDP is providing their services to the community at no cost. "We are here to see what worked in the past and what didn't work," said Mostaghimi. "We are looking to build from the ground up," he added.

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Diabetes Forum Hosted at The Valley



Rodgers

Health care professionals in the area can hear one of the nation's leading experts on diabetes, Dr. Griffin Rodgers this week.

On the Road to Better Health: A Health Professional Forum on Diabetes, will be held Thursday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Business Education Building auditorium on the campus of Mississippi Valley State University.

Others on the forum are Dr. Marshall Bouldin of Diabetes Care Associates, Dr. Rick Carlton of the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, and Anna Lyn Whitt of the Delta Health Alliance.

Dr. Rodgers, director of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for the National Institutes of Health, will be the featured speaker. The New Orleans native received his bachelor's, master's and medical degrees from Brown University. He graduated with a master of business administration degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in 2006. Since 1988, Dr. Rodgers has served as senior hematologist with the NIH Inter-Institute Hematology Training Program.

In addition, he is a clinical instructor with the NIH Advanced Cardiac Life Support Program. He has received numerous honors, including the American Society of Hematology Outstanding Service Award and the Science Spectrum Trailblazer Award.

Harvard Students Visit

Three students from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University visited the campus on Jan. 13. The group represents the Community Development Project (CDP), which is a consulting organization seeking to facilitate civic engagement in economic development projects in underserved communities.

The Harvard team consists of Babak Mostaghimi, Alice Abrokwa, and Morna Ha, all Master in Public Policy candidates. Each member of the team has an extensive background working in underserved areas from community organizing for Katrina survivors to mentoring underprivileged high school students.

Harvard students met with several groups on campus including, Model United Nations representatives, graduate students and the Delta Research and Cultural Institute, along with Rep. Robert Clark.

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A former Clarksdale resident, Dr. Bouldin most recently served as chief medical officer for the Delta Health Alliance. He holds degrees from the University of Mississippi, University of Oxford, England, and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. Dr. Bouldin founded and directed the Delta Diabetes Project from 2003-2008 as well as the University of Mississippi Medical Center Diabetes and Metabolism Center. He has been presented numerous awards, including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Mississippi Chapter Annual Gala Fundraiser Honoree for 2007 and the 2007 Magnolia Award by the Mississippi Dietetic Association, given to the individual most helpful in advancing the profession of nutrition in Mississippi.

Dr. Carlton is vice chairman of emergency medicine at St. Dominic Hospital and professor emeritus of emergency medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He is a councilor for the American College of Emergency Physicians and is Mississippi's associate councilor for the Southern Medical Association.

Whitt is program manager for the Delta Health Alliance where she provides oversight to seven grants totaling more than \$5 million. She is a member of the Mississippi Asthma Coalition, the American Public Health Association and the National Association of Social Workers.

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MVSU President, Dr. Donna H. Oliver provides institutional facts and a description of various resources available at MVSU to Harvard University graduate students. Seated from left to right are Iesha Jackson, Miss MVSU; Morna Ha, Babak Mostaghimi and Alice Abrokwa, all Master in Public Policy candidates.

UNIVERSITY NOTES

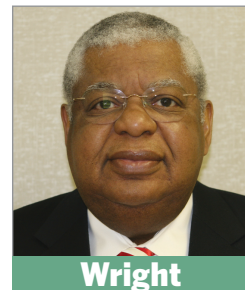
MVSU Hosts Music Industry Summit

The first MVSU Music Industry Summit is scheduled for Feb. 24-25 with a music industry panel geared toward high school students, a free concert, and a music symposium for the general public.

The event is organized through the B.B. King Recording Studio, the MVSU Department of Fine Arts in cooperation with the MVSU Lyceum Committee.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, high school juniors and seniors are invited to a 9:30 a.m. panel discussion with Greenville native Benjamin Wright who serves as music director for many outstanding vocal artists, including Gladys Knight. Others scheduled are David and Lisa Hampton, music producers; Jeff Kirk of Belmont University. Ed Sevier, who has visited the campus in the past with the Delta Research & Cultural Institute, will discuss his experiences as a professional music videographer.

Wright Appointed to Commission on Accreditation



Wright

Dr. Baxter B. Wright, professor in the Department of Social Work, has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the Commission on Accreditation.

The Commission of Accreditation confers accreditation status on schools of social work and baccalaureate social work programs. Additionally, the commission is responsible for both, formulation of accreditation

standards and policies; and determining the criteria and process for evaluating these standards.

Wright has been a social work educator and practitioner for more than 20 years and has taught social work on the graduate level for more than 10 years. He received his bachelor's degree from Livingstone College in Salisbury, N.C., a master degree in social work from the University of Michigan's School of Social Work and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Michigan's Rackham Graduate School's Center for the study of higher education.

Rounding out the panel will be a workshop demonstration where selected students will have an opportunity to make a recording.

On Tuesday evening, the MVSU Lyceum Committee and the B.B. King Recording Studio will present "A Night of Jazz with Delfeayo Marsalis and Friends." This concert is free and the general public is invited to attend.

The Wednesday music industry symposium is devoted to individuals who are exploring a career in the music industry. Those looking for entrepreneurship opportunities in the areas of recording, videoing, arranging and performing, are encouraged to attend. A question and answer session with guests from Tuesday's panel will conclude the event.

More details will be announced in the near future. For more information, 254-3680.



Mississippi Valley State University is among state universities receiving a \$10,000 donation for scholarships from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Deundria Smith, center, vice president of the Bolivar County Alumnae chapter, presents the check to MVSU Annual Fund Officer Archie Tucker, left, and Interim Vice President for University Relations Dallas Reed. The funds were generated from the sale of Delta Sigma Theta car tags.

Valley Senior Exhibition Under Way; Reception Jan. 28

The Department of Fine Arts is presenting a senior thesis exhibition by Christie Prince in the Johnston Gallery through Feb. 6. Prince is a senior level student who looks forward to graduating from MVSU in May with the bachelor of arts degree in art, an emphasis in general art, and a minor in music. Prince's reception will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 2 p. m. to 4 p.m.

The exhibition includes a selective body of works from her experiences as a student while attending the University. The works include a collage; drawings (pencil, ink, and charcoal); paintings (watercolor, acrylic, and oil); prints (etching and silkscreen); digital photographs; and ceramics (a bowl, a candle holder, a waterfall, and simulated masks). Her subjects consist of realistic portraits; still lifes; landscapes; scenes from the Bahamas (a repetition of the Greek mythical figure pegasus, an expensive hotel, birds, and fishes); organic forms; and nonrepresentational approaches.

Prince is a native and resident of Shelby where she attended Broad Street High School, graduating in 2004. She was an honor student and awarded the highest average in band performance. In August 2004, she enrolled at MVSU where she was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, awarded the Top Art Scholar, and Distinguished Scholar, and member of the University Choir.

For more information, please contact Dorothy Vaughn or Ronald Minks (Co-Directors of Johnston Gallery) at 662-254-3482.



Mississippi Valley State University Department of Fine Arts will host a reception on Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Johnston Art Gallery. The reception will honor Christie Prince, a senior art major. Her exhibition includes a collage, digital photography, paintings, drawings and ceramics.

Diabetes Forum

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The forum is held in conjunction with the National Institute of Health, the Jackson Medical Mall in collaboration with the Mississippi Institute for Improvement of Geographic Minority Health and Mississippi Valley State University.

Physicians and nurses can receive CME Credit by the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Division of Continuing Health Professional Education and School of Nursing Continuing Education Program.

Although the forum is free, attendance confirmation is requested by phoning 601-667-7298.

PEOPLE TO KNOW



WENDY WARD

Position/Title: Secretary - Financial Aid

Responsible for: Providing administrative support to the director of financial aid, scanning documents, telecommunication support and assisting students with financial aid issues.

Hometown: New Orleans, La.

Hobbies: Reading and spending time with family.

Philosophy on Life: "What God has for me; it is for me."
-Unknown

Quote to Remember: "Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY

19 – Martin Luther King Holiday Observed
20 – Martin Luther King Convocation, 10 a.m., H.G. Carpenter Auditorium.
24 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts Prairie View A&M, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Harrison
26 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts Texas Southern, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Harrison HPER

FEBRUARY

14 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts Alcorn State, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Harrison HPER
18 – Black History Convocation, 10 a.m., H.G. Carpenter Auditorium
18 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts Southern University, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Harrison HPER
21 – Softball hosts Southeastern University, 2/4 p.m.
22 – Softball hosts Lyons College, Noon/2 p.m.
28 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts

Jackson State, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Harrison HPER
28 – Baseball hosts Alabama A&M, 1/4 p.m.

MARCH

1 – Baseball hosts Alabama A&M, 1 p.m.
2 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts Grambling State, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Harrison HPER
5 – Women's/Men's basketball hosts Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Harrison HPER
26 – Honors Convocation, H.G. Carpenter Auditorium, 10:00 a.m.
27 – MVSU Women In Science and Technology Conference (WIST), Social Science Auditorium

APRIL

9-10 – MVSU 28th Social Work Conference
10-13 – Easter Break Holiday, No Classes
12 – Fifteenth Annual MVSU Piano Festival, 8 a.m., Walter Sillers Fine Arts Center
13 – MVSU International Week Film Night
14 – MVSU International Week Outdoor Luncheon
15 – MVSU International Week Convocation and Parade of 192 Flags

16 – MVSU International Week Banquet/Talent Revue, call 662-254-3092.
20 – Founder's Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. H.M. Ivy Cafeteria, Dining Hall IV, \$10
21 – Alumni Forum, 10 a.m. Business Education Building Auditorium
22 – MVSU Symphonic-Wind Band Spring Concert, 7:30 Carpenter – Administrative Professional Day, 11 a.m., Rec Center; \$10
23 – Founder's Day Convocation, 10 a.m., Carpenter

25 – Ninth Annual J.H. White Preeminence Awards and Scholarship Gala; Silent Auction, 5:30 p.m., Gala, 7 p.m., \$75, Harrison HPER
25 – Valley Fest, Noon – 4 p.m.

MAY

9 – MVSU Commencement