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He is married to the former Gayle Long of Tupelo. They have three children: Margaret and son-in-law Manning McPhillips; Caroline and son-in-law Kirk Sims; and McDaniel.

As executive vice president of Delta Council, Chip Morgan is guiding the organization founded in 1935 by farmers, businessmen and educators who were committed to three principles: future development of agricultural productivity through research; highway improvements; and flood control. Since becoming executive vice president, Morgan has expanded the leadership role of the Delta Council to include improvement of access to health care; funding for higher education; adult literacy; confronting critical teacher shortages in the Delta; and forging a plan for higher education curriculum to train high school administrators in the Delta.

In addition, Morgan has served in a coordinating role and developed strategies for the organization's input into national farm policy, major four-lane highway legislation for the State of Mississippi, and the successful completion of important

flood control projects which have brought 100-year flood protection to communities such as Greenville, Greenwood, Cleveland, Belzoni and many other smaller communities for the first time in history.

The Oxford native attended Oxford public schools and graduated from the University of Mississippi with a degree in public administration. Prior to his current appointment in 1982, Morgan served as director of the Industrial and Community Development Department of Delta Council beginning in 1975.

He is married to the former Connie Rodgers of Belzoni. They have two children and one grandchild. He attends Leland United Methodist Church.

Following the Founder's Day Breakfast, the memorial service at the gravesite of President White and Mrs. Augusta Charter White, will be held.

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SENATOR WICKER, DELTA COUNCIL VP CHIP MORGAN HEADLINE MVSU FOUNDER'S BREAKFAST



Wicker

U.S. Senator Roger Wicker and Delta Council Executive Vice President Chip Morgan will be the keynote speakers at the 10th annual Mississippi Valley State University Founder's Day Breakfast on Monday, April 20.

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. in Dining Hall IV of the H.M. Ivy Cafeteria on the Itta Bena campus. Tickets are \$15. Presiding over the program will be Bill Crump, director of governmental affairs for the Viking Corporation.

The breakfast is part of the annual Founder's Week which celebrates the University's history since its inception in 1950 under the direction of its founding president, James Herbert White.

Senator Wicker was elected to the United States Senate on Nov. 4, 2008, having served in the Senate for 10 months after an appointment by Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour on Dec. 31, 2007.

Prior to serving in the Senate, Wicker represented Mississippi's First Congressional District, having been first elected in 1994. He was re-elected to a seventh term in November 2006. Before going to Congress, Wicker was elected to two terms in the Mississippi State Senate, serving from 1987-1994.

He serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee.

As a member of the House of Representatives, Wicker served on the leadership team as deputy whip. In 2001, he was elected to the Republican Policy Committee. He was re-elected to that position in 2007.

Wicker has been a strong supporter of health care research activities. His efforts to fight heart disease were recognized by the American Heart Association which presented the congressman with its 1998 National Public Service Award. He was honored for developing an initiative to fund new, state-based disease prevention strategies and information activities. His work is helping educate more Americans about heart disease risk factors and how to reduce those risks.

Wicker has also been active in support of cancer research programs at the National Cancer Institute, diabetes research, and he has been recognized twice as a "champion" of polio eradication for his work on efforts to wipe out polio worldwide. He has also been instrumental in bringing more research funding to Mississippi universities to conduct studies on a wide range of health-related projects to fight disease and improve the quality of life.

Wicker has been involved in activities to spur economic development and bring jobs to Mississippi. His advocacy for programs such as the Appalachian Regional Commission and Economic Development Administration has led to hundreds of millions of dollars in private investment in predominately rural areas.

A native of Pontotoc, Wicker is the son of former Circuit Judge Fred Wicker and the late Mrs. Wordna Wicker. He was educated in Pontotoc public schools and received his B.A. and law degrees from the University of Mississippi. While at Ole Miss, Wicker served as the Associated Student Body President and was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

59th FOUNDER'S WEEK

OBSERVANCE

APRIL 20 - 24
*Changing to Meet the Needs
of the 21st Century*

Monday, April 20

Founder's Breakfast
U.S. Senator Roger Wicker and Delta Council Executive Vice President Chip Morgan
H. M. Ivy Cafeteria, Dining Hall IV
7:30 a.m., \$15 per person

Tuesday, April 21

Valley Family Forum
MVSU Pioneers
Business Education Building Auditorium
10 a.m.
Open to the public

Wednesday, April 22

MVSU Symphonic-Wind Band Spring Concert
H. G. Carpenter Auditorium
7:30 p.m.
Open to the public

Thursday, April 23

Founder's Day Convocation
Mr. Abe Hudson
Author
H. G. Carpenter Auditorium
10 a.m.
Open to the public

Friday, April 24

Silent Auction, 5:30 p.m.
Tenth Annual James Herbert White Preeminence Awards and Scholarship Gala
7 p.m.
Robert W. Harrison HPER Complex
Black-tie optional, \$75 per person
Evening entertainer: The Manhattans

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MSW STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Mississippi Valley State University student Tuesday Benson of Washington County was awarded the Claire Nowlin Graduate Social Work Student of the Year and Graduate Social Work Student of the Year by the Mississippi chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. She serves as the NASW Delta Program chair and is in her final semester of the master of social work program. Benson is the daughter of Billy and Gloria Benson. The award was presented at the association's recent conference in Natchez. Benson was recognized Thursday on the campus of MVSU during its annual Social Work Conference.

Eliminating Health Disparities Conference Set for April 28

Mississippi Valley State University Department of Natural Sciences and Environmental Health is sponsoring a free health forum, "Eliminating Health Disparities in the Mississippi Delta," on Tuesday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program opening at 9 a.m. Following a welcome by MVSU President Donna H. Oliver, the conference begins with remarks by Dr. Joseph Wahome, chair of the Department of Natural Sciences & Environmental Health.

Among speakers scheduled to present and their respective topics:

- Dr. LoVetta Brown, medical director of the Office of Health Disparities Elimination;

- Dr. Ademola Omishakin, director of MVSU Sponsored Research (HIV and AIDS);
- Dr. Sean Abram, director of Reserach for the Mississippi Institute for Improvement of Geographic Minortiry Health (Obesity);
- Dr. Donna Antoine-LaVigne, coordinator of the Community Partnership with the Jackson Heart Study (Heart Disease);
- Jerry Singleton, Leflore County Extension Agent with Mississippi State University Extension Service (Pesticide in the Mississippi Delta);
- Dr. Alfio Rausa, district medical director of the Mississippi State Department of Health
- Mike Beiser of the Department of Environmental Quality (Fish consumption in the Delta);
- DeJonnette Grantham-King, senior principal with Advanced Environmental Consultants; and
- Anthony Lowe, manager of program development with the MSU Academic Outreach and Continuing Education.

The conference is free. Professors are encouraged to bring their students to all or portions of the conference.

For more information regarding the conference, contact the Office of Sponsored Research at 662-254-3019 or 254-3392.

MVSU College Of Education 2nd Annual Professional Development Conference Set For April 18

The MVSU College of Education is holding its second annual Professional Development Conference, "Our Challenge: Improving Student Achievement," on Saturday, April 18 beginning at 8:15 on the MVSU campus.

Topics include differentiated instruction, Webb's Depth of Knowledge, reading aloud in the classroom, teacher motivation, using data to improve instruction, classroom management and using You Tube as an educational tool.

Registration is from 8:15 to 8:45 with opening session beginning at 8:45 a.m. Concurrent sessions are from 9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m., 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m., 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

The conference luncheon begins at noon with wrap-up sessions from 1:20 to 2 p.m.

The registration fee is \$75; for continuing education units, there is a \$20 fee.

For more information, contact Jordan Goins at 662-254-3719 or Dr. Patricia Brooks, 662-254-3136.

Students Raise Funds For St. Jude's Hospital

MVSU students are asking the community to join in their St. Jude's grand finale, Up 'til Dawn, on Thursday, April 23 in the Charles R. Lackey Recreation Center gymnasium.

The event will be held from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. and admission is \$5. Students who participated in the letter writing campaign will receive free admission.

MVSU students are in their first year of Up 'til Dawn, and according to Executive Director Brandy Brown, "in the past seven months, we've grown from interested participants to an organization capable of transforming our community.

"We are the only Historically Black College and University in the state of Mississippi participating in Up 'til Dawn with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to support research efforts. We are proud to represent not only our University, but the entire state in this great endeavor," Brown said.

The Up 'til Dawn program raises funds to help save the lives of the children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in Memphis. The hospital turns no child away due to inability to pay. There are no expenses to the family for treatment, travel or accommodations.

"As you can imagine, the cost of the treatment and research is extremely high – nearly \$1.4 million to run the hospital for a day," said Brown.

"This month we are conducting a fund-raising event on campus to not only raise revenue, but also increase awareness of the great work of the doctors, nurses, and researchers at St. Jude," said Brown.

The Valley has set a goal of \$5,000 to cover one in-patient treatment. Businesses and individuals who support the event will have their names placed on a banner in the MVSU Student Union as well as on materials distributed throughout the campus. Logos also will be added to the organization's T-shirts.

For more information, contact Brown at 662-719-7449, via e-mail at sga@mvsu.edu or the MVSU Student Union at 662-254-3527.



Dr. Heinhorst Lectures Seminar Classes

Dr. Sabine Heinhorst, professor of biochemistry at the University of Southern Mississippi provided a presentation on "Carboxysomes: Bacterial Organelles that Enhance CO2 Fixation" to the Department of Natural Sciences and Environmental Health seminars. Pictured from left to right are Dr. Abigail Newsome, professor of bioinformatics and Dr. Heinhorst.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

SAMANTHA V. CLARK



Position/Title: Job Developer

Responsible for: Maintaining and developing effective relationships with employers and coordinating recruiting programs and activities.

Home-town: Itta Bena

Hobbies: Spending time with family, traveling and collecting cookbooks.

Philosophy on Life: "I strive to treat others the way I want to be treated."

Quote to Remember: Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally.

-David Frost

EVENT CALENDAR

APRIL

- 17 – MVSU International Week Banquet/Talent Revue, call 662-254-3092.
- 18 – Second annual Education Professional Development Conference, 8:15 a.m., College of Education.
- 18 – Admissions & Recruitment Spring Open House, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 20 – Founder's Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. H.M. Ivy Cafeteria, Dining Hall IV, \$15

- 21 – Valley Family Forum, 10 a.m. Business Education Building Auditorium
- 21 – Department of Natural Science & Environmental Health Annual Awards Banquet, 11 a.m., Royal Room.
- 21 – MVSU Research Roundtable, 4 p.m. – 5:15 p.m., Faculty Development Center conference room, Social Science Building.
- 22 – Go Green Sustainability Kick-off, 10:30 a.m., outside of Lackey Rec Center.

- 22 – Administrative Professionals Day, 11 a.m., Lackey Rec Center; \$10.
- 22 – MVSU Fine Arts Senior Exhibit and Reception, 2-4 p.m., Johnston Gallery.
- 22 – MVSU Symphonic-Wind Band Spring Concert, 7:30 Carpenter.
- 23 – Founder's Day Convocation, 10 a.m., Carpenter.
- 24 – Tenth 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.
- 27 – MVSU Athletic Banquet, 6 p.m., Lackey Rec Center.
- 28 – MVSU Department of Natural Sciences & Environmental Health, Sponsored Research and Office of Sponsored Programs Conference: "Eliminating Health Disparities and Promoting Environmental Health in the Mississippi Delta, 9 a.m., Business Education Building auditorium.

MAY

- 1 – MVSU 2nd annual Black Males Conference, Social Science Building Auditorium, 8:30 p.m. , all high school black males, 9-12th grade invited.
- 9 – MVSU Commencement; speaker: The Hon. Percy Watson, chairman of the Mississippi Legislature House Ways & Means Committee, 10 a.m., R.W. Harrison HPER Complex.

For more calendar events, check out This Week @ The Valley on www.mvsu.edu.