Welcome Aboard baker accepted to LSU VET SCHOOL



Joann Martin Lab Manager Natural Sciences and Environmental Health



Keith Scott Asst. Football Coach **Athletics**

2007 Football Schedule Announced

Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Southern*
at Alabama A&M
Jackson State#
open
at Grambling
North Dakota State
Texas Southern ^
at Prairie View
at Alcorn State
Alabama State

*MVSU may move the Southern game to Chicago.

at Savannah State

- #Valley is planning to move the JSU game to Louisville, Ky for the Louisville Football Classic.
- ^ Homecoming

Nov. 17



Deanna Baker, a senior biology major, has been accepted to the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine in Baton

Baker completed an internship through the George Washington **Deanna Baker**

Carver Project at the University of Arkansas last summer. Her primary focus was on cattle. She presented her findings at the Mississippi Academy of Sciences as well as the annual Biomedial Research

In addition, Baker has won numerous academic awards, including last year's MVSU Outstanding Junior Biology

Conference for Minority Students in Anaheim, Calif.

A native of Kentucky, Baker is a former member of the MVSU Delta Devilettes softball team.

VALLEY, ITTA BENA COLLABORATE FOR KIDS



Mississippi Valley State University's Athletics Department, in conjuction with International Programs and the City of Itta Bena, announced the establishment of the Itta Bena Soccer League Wednesday at the Brasil Center in Itta Bena. Dean Joseph, women's soccer head coach, is pic-

tured addressing those in attendance. Also pictured is Dr. Kathie Stromile-Golden, director of International Programs.

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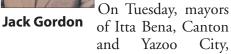
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Founder's Week 2007

the current Mississippi Senate Appropriations Committee chairman, Valley's own Concert Choir and a bevy of MVSU alumni who currently serve as mayors of Mississippi cities will highlight the annual Founder's Week celebration at MVSU during April 23-28.

Honorable Carl Jackson "Jack" Gordon Jr. will be the featured speaker at the Founder's Breakfast on Monday.



Thelma Collins, Fred Esco and McArthur Straughter, respectively, will discuss "Had It Not Been For Valley..." during the second annual alumni forum to be held in the Business Education Building auditorium. The forum will be

A former Tennessee congressman, moderated by former Laurel mayor Debra Mabry, also a Valley graduate. The MVSU Symphonic-Wind Band Concert will be presented at 8 p.m. in

the H.G. Carpenter Auditorium.

On Thursday, former Tennessee congressman Harold Ford Jr., now vice chairman of Merrill Lynch, Harold Ford, Jr. will speak at the Founder's Day



Convocation beginning at 10 a.m. in H.G. Carpenter. In addition, MVSU will honor longtime employees, Lawrence and Lee Ester Horn, now retired.

It will be a night of soulful ballads when the 8th annual James Herbert White Preeminence Awards and Scholarship Gala takes place on Friday.

The evening event, held in the R.W. Harrison Health, Physical Education

and Recreation Complex, will feature vocalist Glenn Iones and one of rhythm and blues most popular vocal The groups, Whispers.

> The men will take the stage during MVSU's biggest fundraising event of the year. A silent will auction

begin at 5:30 p.m. and feature autographed sports memorabilia, art, jewelry and other items.

During the gala, MVSU President Lester C. Newman will recognize outstanding university supporters with Preeminence Awards. The event gets under way at 7 p.m. Tickets for the black-tie affair are \$75.

For ticket information, please contact the University Cashier at (662) 254-3313, or for information, contact the Office of Public Relations at (662) 254-3578.

Honored guests include actress Loretta Devine and television executive Iohnathan Rodgers.

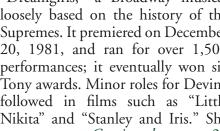


Loretta Devine

Devine is best known for her role as teacher

Marla Hendricks on the Fox drama "Boston Public." Currently, she has a recurring role as Adele Webber on the ABC medical drama "Grey's Anatomy." Devine graduated from the University of Houston in 1971 with a BA in Speech and Drama and Brandeis University in 1976 with a MFA in Theater.

Devine first captured attention in "Dreamgirls," a Broadway musical loosely based on the history of the Supremes. It premiered on December 20, 1981, and ran for over 1,500 performances; it eventually won six Tony awards. Minor roles for Devine followed in films such as "Little Nikita" and "Stanley and Iris." She Continued on page 2



has a cameo performance in the film version of "Dreamgirls."

In 1995, she landed a high-profile role as Gloria Peaches in "Waiting to Exhale." The role earned her a NAACP Image Award for best supporting actress, as did her next movie, "The Preacher's Wife." Devine won three more Image Awards for her work in "Boston Public." She also appeared in the 2005 Academy Awards Best Picture winning film "Crash." She also plays Rochelle's mother, Maxine, whose always picking on her, on the hit

Devine has been cast in "Eli Stone," a projected ABC television series for the

sitcom, "Everybody Hates Chris."

2007-2008 season. Johnathan Rodgers

is president and



of TV CEO One, the new entertainment and lifestyle cable television network targeting adult

Johnathan Rodgers Afridan-American

viewers that was launched in January 2004 by Radio One, the largest radio broadcaster primarily targeting African-American and urban listeners, and Comcast Corporation, the nation's largest cable operator.

Before joining TV One, he was president of Discovery Networks, U.S. for six years. In that position, Rodgers was responsible for all aspects of the domestic television division including programming, affiliate sales, advertising sales, marketing, research, business development and communications.

Rodgers received his undergraduate degree in journalistic studies from the University of California at Berkeley, and his masters in communications from Stanford University.

For Glenn Jones, 1998 was a resurgence of "old school" singers such as Barry White, Peabo Bryson, Regina Belle, James Ingram and a number of other solo artists. Though forgotten by many,

FOUNDER'S WEEK, Continued from page 1 that time, Jones quietly released, "It's Time." With a nice mix of solid upbeat material (such as the great cut "24/7") and ballads, Jones sounded more confident Founder's Breakfast and distinctive than ever. But it was the bluesy, soulful ballad "Baby Come Home" from that album that was a seminal career moment for Jones, touted by many as his H. M. Ivy Cafeteria, Dining Hall IV finest soul vocal performance ever.

> After 15 years of solo recordings, Glenn Jones had developed into a great vocalist who had met the promise hinted at with Alumni Forum his early gospel success. In 2002, Jones "A Mayor's Perspective: Had It Not signed with Russ Freeman's Peak Records Been For Valley..." and released "Feels Good" with moderate Business Education Building success. And in 2006, he returned on Auditorium Shanachie Records with Forever: Timeless 10 a.m. R&B Classics.

One of R&B music's most beloved and consistently popular vocal groups, The MVSU Symphonic-Wind Band Whispers, began their legendary and timeless career in 1963. They are one of only a few "old school" groups that can 7:30 p.m. boast of having more than 40 years in the industry with a worldwide fan base, maintaining their vocal dominance and original members.

The Whispers waited almost a decade Former U.S. Congressman to produce a new CD in 2006. This independent product, the first venture of their newly formed company "Satin Tie Productions," is a masterpiece titled, "For Your Ears Only."

Attention MVSU Employees:

Founder's Week tickets are still available through payroll deduction.

Tickets are \$10 for the April 23 Founder's Breakfast, and \$75 for the April 27 Awards and Scholarship Gala.

Nine and 10-month employees: two payments from April and May paychecks.

12-month and pro-rated employees: three payments from April, May and June paychecks.

Deduction forms are available at the cashier's window in Fiscal Affairs.

57th Founder's Week Observance 'The Quest for Preeminence"

Monday, April 23

The Honorable Jack Gordon Jr. Senate Appropriations Chairman Mississippi Legislature

7:30 a.m.

\$10 per person

Tuesday, April 24

Open to the public

Wednesday, April 25

Spring Concert H.G. Carpenter Auditorium

Open to the public

Thursday, April 26

Founder's Day Convocation Mr. Harold Ford Jr.

H.G. Carpenter Auditorium 10 a.m.

Open to the public

Friday, April 27

Eighth Annual James Herbert White Preeminence Awards and Scholarship

Silent Auction, 5:30 p.m.

Preeminence Awards and Scholarship Gala 7 p.m.

Robert W. Harrison HPER Complex Black-tie optional, \$75 per person Honored guests: Loretta Devine,

Johnathan Rodgers, president and CEO of TV One

Evening entertainers: The Whispers and Glenn Jones

Saturday, April 28

Valley Fest, an afternoon of fun, food and games Front Lawn

Noon to 4 p.m.



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April 20

International Banquet/Talent Revue, 7-9 p.m., Charles R. Lackey Recreation Center

April 21

Spring Open House & Transfer Day

The MVSU Choir will perform at "River to Rails" on Howard Street in downtown Greenwood, Noon, followed by MVSU students Parkisha Davis and Iesha Johnson at 12:20 p.m. Admission is free.

April 23 – 28

Founder's Week (see p. 1 for details)

April 25

Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon, 11 a.m., Lackey Recreation Center. Tickets are \$10; corsages are \$5.50. Tickets can be purchased at the Cashier's Office.

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FREE FINE WEEK ENDS SATURDAY

Saturday, April 21 is the last Free Fine Day at James Herbert White Library for students, faculty and staff to return books.

In addition, seniors may clear existing fines by bringing in a 12-oz. or taller canned good for each item that is overdue and fines will be waived.

- Canned goods that are bent and have old expiration dates are not acceptable.
- United States Government food subsidy canned goods or other non-perishable items are not acceptable.

Photographer Ralph Jones Exhibits In **Johnston Gallery**

Today is your last chance to see the Ralph D. Jones Photograph Exhibit in the Johnston Gallery. The gallery is open 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

PeOple To KnOw



Gloria Conley

Position: Enrollment Management Secretary

Responsibilities: Travel vouchers, ordering supplies, filing, answering phone, directing calls, helping students, etc.

Hometown: Itta Bena

Hobbies: Basketball games, listening to music and helping others

Philosophy: What God has for me is for me.

Quote: "We look into the mirrors, but we only see the effects of our times on us, not our affects on others."

- Pearl Bailey