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Health



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BAKER ACCEPTED TO LSU VET SCHOOL



Deanna Baker

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

Baker completed an internship through the George Washington 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 Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students in Anaheim, Calif.

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

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 conjunction 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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Founder's Week 2007

A former Tennessee congressman, 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.



Jack Gordon

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

On Tuesday, mayors of Itta Bena, Canton and Yazoo City, 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

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, 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.



Harold Ford, Jr.

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 Jones and one of rhythm and blues most popular vocal groups, The Whispers.

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

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 Johnathan Rodgers.



Loretta Devine

A Texas native, 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

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2007 Football Schedule Announced

Sept. 1	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Sept. 8	Southern*
Sept. 15	at Alabama A&M
Sept. 22	Jackson State#
Sept. 29	open
Oct. 6	at Grambling
Oct. 13	North Dakota State
Oct. 20	Texas Southern ^
Oct. 27	at Prairie View
Nov. 3	at Alcorn State
Nov. 10	Alabama State
Nov. 17	at Savannah State

* MVSU may move the Southern game to Chicago.

Valley is planning to move the JSU game to Louisville, Ky for the Louisville Football Classic.

^ Homecoming

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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 sitcom, "Everybody Hates Chris."

Devine has been cast in "Eli Stone," a projected ABC television series for the 2007-2008 season.



Johnathan Rodgers

Johnathan Rodgers is president and CEO of TV One, the new entertainment and lifestyle cable television network targeting adult

African-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,

at 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 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 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 his early gospel success. In 2002, Jones signed with Russ Freeman's Peak Records and released "Feels Good" with moderate success. And in 2006, he returned on Shanachie Records with Forever: Timeless R&B Classics.

One of R&B music's most beloved and consistently popular vocal groups, The Whispers, began their legendary and timeless career in 1963. They are one of only a few "old school" groups that can 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 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

Founder's Breakfast
 The Honorable Jack Gordon Jr.
 Senate Appropriations Chairman
 Mississippi Legislature
 H. M. Ivy Cafeteria, Dining Hall IV
 7:30 a.m.
 \$10 per person

Tuesday, April 24

Alumni Forum
 "A Mayor's Perspective: Had It Not Been For Valley..."
 Business Education Building
 Auditorium
 10 a.m.
 Open to the public

Wednesday, April 25

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

Thursday, April 26

Founder's Day Convocation
 Mr. Harold Ford Jr.
 Former U.S. Congressman
 H.G. Carpenter Auditorium
 10 a.m.
 Open to the public

Friday, April 27

Eighth Annual James Herbert White
 Preeminence Awards and Scholarship
 Gala
 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,
 actress
 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.



Event Calendar

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.

Staff NoTes

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