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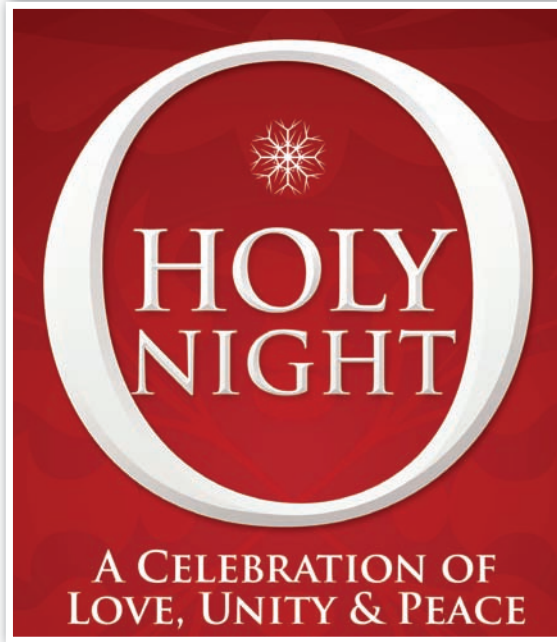
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O HOLY NIGHT: A CELEBRATION OF LOVE, UNITY & PEACE

A new tradition has begun! The MVSU Department of Fine Arts presented the 2012 Christmas Choral Concert, *Oh Holy Night: A Celebration of Love, Unity and Peace*, November 27 in the H. G. Carpenter Auditorium.

This year's concert was inspired by the need to embrace the spirit of love, unity and peace during this holiday season and featured the Valley Singers, University Choir and leaders from the campus and community. MVSU administrators, student government leaders, area church leaders, local and state government officials, prominent citizens and alumni to help the university bring the scriptural readings to life.

The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus were told in nine short scriptural readings as well as poetry by Maya Angelou and Langston



Hughes. Interspersed with the readings was Christmas music including Gregorian Chant, Renaissance motet, spirituals, gospel, tradition carols, hymns, and solos.

Oh Holy Night: A Celebration of Love, Unity and Peace will become a holiday tradition for the university, awarding an "O Holy Night" soloist each year. The event was free and opened to the community.

For information about MVSU's Department of Fine Arts, call 662-254-3348 or email, johnweiss28@gmail.com.

The evening special guests included:

Fire Chief Marcus D. Banks - Greenwood Fire Department, MVSU Class of 2007 and 2013

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VALLEY PLAYERS PRESENTED TWO FALL PRODUCTIONS "WHY TEACHERS GO NUTS" AND "YOUNG LOVE"



The MVSU Valley Players brought in the Holiday Season with laughter, love and happiness! The Department of Mass Communication presented their 2012 fall production of the Valley Players, *Young Love* and *Why Teachers Go Nuts* - two plays about relationships and classroom drama, November 27 and November 29 to a packed audience in the Royal Room, MVSU Student Union. This is an semesterly performance of the Valley Players that received positive reviews for the actors' ability to stay in character and keep the audience engaged.

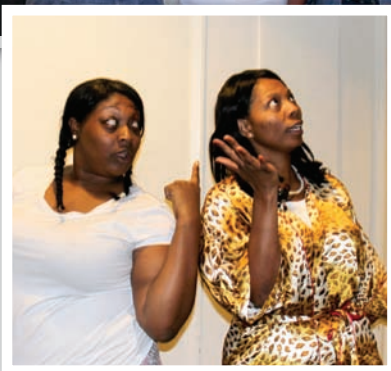
Members of the cast included:

Young Love
Tracy Hall
Jerilyn Wilson

Why Teachers Go Nuts

Kim Earl
Jerjuanna Fountain
Tara Haymore
Evonna Lucas
Mia Nolan
Keithston Page
Rodney Rice
Stephanie Rule
Mamie Watkins
Yolanda Wheatley
Cynthia Willis

The Valley Players is a unit of the Department of Mass Communication and consist of MVSU students who are communication majors or have an interest in performing arts. The Valley Players are under the direction of Barbara Baymon. For more information about the Department of Mass Communication, call 662-254-3645 or email bbaymon@mvsu.edu.



MVSU 2012-2013 ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM & SCHEDULE

Mississippi Valley State University will officially close for the holidays on Thursday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Beginning **Friday, December 21, all persons entering the University campus must produce MVSU identification** (employees and students; others must show official federal or state ID) at the front gate and sign in. All other entrances, including construction entrances, will be closed. If you reside on campus, you must contact the University Police if you are entering a building other than your residence or apartment.

If you must come to work during the holiday period, please do so during regular business hours, generally 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For security and safety reasons, it is very important that you turn off all the lights and make sure doors are locked behind you when leaving a building.

YOU MUST CONTACT THE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, 662-254-3479, BEFORE ENTERING AND LEAVING A BUILDING. THEY WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH AN ESCORT TO AND FROM YOUR OFFICE.

Further, Mississippi Valley State University will implement an energy conservation program during the winter holiday break this year; most buildings' temperatures will be lowered to 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Buildings where the temperature will not change include:

- Business Education Building, O. P. Lowe Education Building, Charles Lackey Recreation Center and Fielding Wright Science and Math Building.
- Residence Halls that will remain open are Ratcliff and Magnolia Halls.
- H. M. Ivey Cafeteria.

NOTE: All other buildings will be officially closed and temperatures in the buildings will be 50 degrees.

The program will begin the evening of December 20, 2012, and will continue until the campus resumes full operation on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

All non-essential HVAC equipment in general use, classroom, athletic and office facilities will be shut off and set to fixed temperatures by Facilities personnel. Selection of affected buildings is tailored to operating schedules of the facility and the time necessary to return the facility to normal operating temperatures for opening. Laboratories (with laboratory specimens), research areas, data centers, museum and archival space facilities are not included in the setback schedule.

Exceptions are made only through special request.

Due to the importance of maintaining stable temperatures and humidity levels, some buildings will not be included in the conservation program. Facilities HVAC Technicians will check

pumps and boilers once a week during this period. Facilities Management will work with the Residence Halls and Athletics to ensure that comfortable temperatures are maintained in those respective facilities as needed during the break.

Most of the main campus facilities are attached to the Chill Water Loop. All buildings will be set back by Facilities Management Personnel. For those buildings which are centrally controlled, Facilities Management will implement temperature setbacks appropriate for holiday, night and evening settings.

Exterior building lights, street lighting and parking lot lighting will remain on for security reasons.

All UPS, Fed Ex, DHL and Truck Line deliveries will be suspended during the break.

Faculty & Staff

Building managers (or their appointed representative) are required to disseminate the message to shut off all unused office equipment any time of the day. Turn off devices/ equipment and unplug these devices and equipment in those out of the way places and places where no one has assigned responsibilities. Check out classrooms, restrooms, storage closets, etc. to ensure that someone turns off the energy-using devices. Heating/ cooling should be addressed by the appropriate building representative. All personal and office energy-consuming equipment and devices (**lights, computers, monitors, printers, copiers, fax machines, lamps, radios, etc.**) should be turned off and unplugged by occupants before leaving for the holiday break and/ or business day. All computers should have files saved, hard drives shut down, monitors turned off and all equipment, including surge protectors, unplugged from outlets.

Building managers should ensure that all interior lights are turned off.

Individuals having items in the lounge refrigerators should remove those items as these appliances will be unplugged.

If you are using a portable space heater in your office during the break, it must meet the following specifications: 1) 1500 watts or 12.5 amps or less and 2) has a safety thermal protector and tip over switch. Please do not use an extension cord when running a space heater and do not place heaters underneath a thermostat. **All other heating devices are prohibited.**

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to help us with our energy saving program at The Valley. Your support of these conservation measures is much appreciated. Conserving energy is not only the right thing to do, but it frees up resources. **SAVING ENERGY SAVES JOBS.**

**HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

MISSISSIPPI FOREIGN LANGUAGES ASSOCIATION 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: LANGUAGES OPENING WORLDS OF OPPORTUNITIES



Foreign languages educators throughout Mississippi attended annual Mississippi Foreign Language Conference in Louisville, Miss.

(Left to right): First row: Dr. Felice Coles (University of Mississippi), Gabriela Valenciano (Tugaloo College), Dr. Sally Hatch Gray (MS State University), Dr. Aurora Varn (MVSU), Beth Pierce (Columbia HS), Lucia Lalor (Jackson Prep). Second row: Nolvía Ventura (Presbyterian Christian School), Rhonda Smith (State Department of Education), Laura Hall (Tishomingo County HS), Cheryl Maqueda (William Carey University), Yohanna Jiménez (William Carey University), Janet Bunch (Northwest MS Community College), Dr. Elizabeth Harrison (Houston HS), Jennifer Lewton Yates (Millsaps College), Hector Barbarena (Pascagoula HS), Dr. Valentina Iepuri (Ole Miss), Tracy Case Koslowski (Ole Miss).

Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) partnered with the Mississippi Foreign Languages Association for its 2012 Annual Conference: Languages Opening Worlds of Opportunities on November 9-10, at Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville, Miss. More than 120 foreign languages educators throughout Mississippi attended the faculty development event. Twenty nine sessions were held during the conference with a wide a range of topics related to the teaching and learning of world languages such as increasing cultural awareness, innovative instructional techniques, pedagogical considerations, using technology, community engagement and research in second language acquisition among other topics.

"It was exciting to exchange ideas with world languages professionals in the state of Mississippi. All of the universities and schools represented at the conference are committed to developing competitive foreign language programs for all levels of instruction," said Dr. Aurora Varn, vice president of MFLA conference program and associate professor of Spanish at MVSU.

"MFLA was honored to have Clarissa Adams Fletcher as the conference keynote speaker. Mrs. Fletcher has received numerous national teacher awards including the prestigious 2011 ACTFL National Teacher of the Year," said Varn.

Over 12 world languages and all levels of instruction from elementary to university level were represented. Faculty from seven state universities and experienced educators from six high schools and the only language immersion school in Mississippi had presentations in their areas of concentration. The MFLA conference presenters came from institutions of higher learning such as University of Mississippi, Millsaps College, William Carey University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. Six high school teachers also shared their expertise, as well as an elementary school educator from Myrtle Hall Immersion School in Clarksdale, the only bilingual immersion school in Mississippi.

"MVSU thanks Dr. Varn for her outstanding leadership and wishes her well as she takes on her new role as newly-elected MFLA President. Her energy, passion and efforts to advance foreign language education is what makes her so valuable to all students," said Dr. Donna Oliver, president of MVSU.

In March 2012, the Southern Conference on Language Teaching, an organization that includes 14 states, awarded Dr. Varn the "2012 Teacher of Excellence in Post Secondary Education." It was the first time that the state of Mississippi ever received such recognition from the regional affiliate of the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages.

EVENT CALENDAR

December

20 – Winter Term Ends

January

14 – Classes Begin for Spring Semester

24 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Convocation

February

4 – RecycleMania Tournament Begins

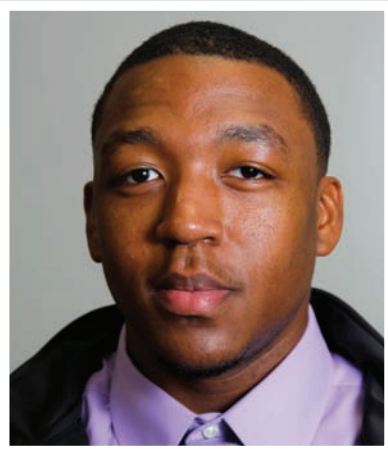
21 – Black History Convocation

March

21 – Honors Convocation



DECEMBER STAR STUDENT



MVSU Junior William Morris is Student Support Services Star Student of the Month for December 2012. He is a Business Administration major from Greenwood, Miss., who received the honor for maintaining above a 3.0 grade point average, involvement in SSS and MVSU activities, volunteerism and striving to be an exemplary scholar.

Congratulations to William Morris! For more information about Student Support Services, please call 662-254-3838. Student Support Services is under the Division of Student Affairs, Enrollment Management and Diversity and is funded by the U.S. Department of Education TRIO Programs.

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Dr. Rusty Douglas - Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood

Mr. Marvin Elder II - Student Government Association President MVSU Class of 2013

Mr. Reggie Fullwood - Senior Vice President and General Manager, Harlow's Casino Resort & Hotel, Greenville

Ms. Jaribu Hill - Executive Director, Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights Municipal Judge of Hollandale, MS

Dr. John D. Jones - Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, Research, and Strategic Planning, MVSU

The Honorable David Jordan - Mississippi State Senator, District 24 Councilmember, Greenwood City Council

Mr. Tim Kalich - Editor & Publisher, The Greenwood Commonwealth

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Send the following information by the first day of each month to be considered for upcoming issues: nominee's name, email, department, title/major, and 50 words on why they are being nominated. Include a bio and any other information about the nominee. If your nominee is selected, you will be contacted and assign a photographer to take a photo. As nominations come in, a student and a faculty member will be selected each month.

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