New President Dr. Donna Oliver now leads MVSU

By Crystal Foster
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Dr. Donna Oliver was named the sixth president of Mississippi Valley State University after participating in an open interview process with various universities and community groups. She will begin her presidency in January 2009.

During the open interviews, individuals were given the opportunity to provide feedback for the Board of Trustees to consider their impressions of Dr. Oliver, faculty, staff, students, and alumni involvement in different events and also had the chance to ask Dr. Oliver questions concerning her qualifications, the school, and its future.

Oliver, who seemed very warm, friendly, and comfortable about Valley, said she would focus on some major points to the university. The focus is on four points: 1. Plan to build on the school’s rich history and advance it so it can be an academic program of excellence and a center for academic education and research. 2. Build internal relationships and partnerships in the community and form a positive image for the school and take away the negative connotations about the school. 3. Work on the academic program, enhance it so it can be an academic program of excellence and 4. Commit and work toward award winning athletic programs.

Before any changes can be made for the university, strategic planning has to be put in motion. Although these changes will not happen overnight, it is a process that will take time and patience.

Barack the Vote

Barack Obama wins Historic Election

By Tae Hill

On November 4, 2008, Democratic nominee Barack Obama was named the 44th president of the United States.

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Says Colandra Brown a graduate student here at Valley. “The students all gathered together on the yard with a parade around campus Tuesday evening to celebrate their excitement about the historic election. “It was the first time I have seen Valley come together like one for some other than a basketball game, there was no drama, everyone just put all their selves, we were so happy.” Says Candice Young a junior Commu- nication major. Barack Obama will be inaugurated on January 20, 2009 in Washington DC, I’m sure it will be just as exciting as the election!”

Second Devilettes SWAC Title in Four Years

By Jeffrey Squier

The Devilettes had a successful season of 5-10, the Devilette soccer team had no where to go and nothing else to do but turn their season around and simply, just win. The 0-10 record didn’t truly show who were. “It was the 0-10 record that everyone was taking into the match with a 3-1 win against Gulf Coast State College,” said Devilette Head Coach Rhonda Moore. “It was the first time our Devilettes have met a team that has the same record as us.” The Devilettes have three games left in the season and are determined to turn their season around and end the regular season undefeated in conference play. They are also looking forward to the SWAC tournament which will be held in Wichita Kansas. Playing in their third conference championship in four years, the Devilettes have one last opportunity to continue their tradition of winning.

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Do ANYBODY KNOW ANYTHING??!

By Staff Writers

With luck and security, every student at Mississippi Valley University can avoid unnecessary stress and worry associated with carrying and using a personal identification card. The security department has received several reports of people losing their IDs recently and are urging students to be cautious when using their identification cards.

The security department is encouraging students to act wisely and responsibly when it comes to finances and the economy. They have received reports of students who have lost their identification cards and are requesting that they be more careful when handling personal information.

The security department would like to remind everyone to be aware of their surroundings and to keep their personal belongings secure. If you have lost your identification card, please contact the security department immediately.

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