The student newspaper hasn’t had to cut back on the print product, except in the rare loss of pages when ad sales are down, but the Web site is still somewhat a work in progress.

“We have broadcast and blogged a number of events live,” Lee said. “As far as increasing the content with the current Web site, we have done almost everything we can within our bounds. Next year I hope we’ll be able to do much more with the Web site.”

For smaller, regional universities like MVSU, changes in journalism education and the mechanics of student newspapers may be an advantage, McClary said. Due to limited resources in a small department, putting out printed copies of The Delta Devils Gazette, the student newspaper at MVSU, has always been a challenge.

“We’re doing everything we can to get out two solid issues a semester,” said McClary, faculty advisor to The Gazette. “Moving to an online product could give our students more opportunities to report, write and layout copy, which will better prepare them for the future.”

Lee agreed. “We’re able to cover some events, like the recent inauguration, as they happen instead of waiting until the next day or later in the week,” she said.

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“J.R. also expanded the university’s radio station and music library,” Fisher said.

“Being at a HBCU, being able to experience the ‘one man band,’ added Lee, a double major in journalism and Spanish. “It’s hard to be an expert at everything but I feel like I am going to be better prepared to enter a newsroom because of my training here,” she said. “Some people still pick up a newspaper and some read the articles we write on their iPhones; it’s all about reaching a broader audience.”

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Ole Miss ASB plans town hall meetings

Virginia Burke didn’t tout specific platform points when she started campaigning for the Student Association (SA) presidency as a sophomore at the University of Mississippi last year.

Instead, she was holding town hall meetings, she let her fellow students shape her agenda.

"It was formed around a Student Voice for a Student Vision," said Burke, referring to ASB’s slogan. "We have the opportunity through student government to give students a forum to share their ideas; it’s very important to me that we do the very best we can to engage as many people as possible.

Burke, 21, took of- fice at the beginning of April. During the 2009-10 year, she served as chair of the Senate Academic Affairs Committee and as a member of her campus’ District Committee.

Senior Artair Rogers, who was inaugurated last week.

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to let the Legislature know how campuses will be affected.

Outgoing Student Association (SA) presi- dent Blake Jeter, who coordinated similar lobbying efforts in his term, said Sellers “brings a really good vision to the job.”

One of his main objectives is to give students a greater voice on the local, state and federal levels,” Jeter said. “At a time when we’re fighting for every penny we can get, that’s a good vision to have.”

Sellers knows that tight budgets will challenge some of his other goals, which include reinsurance of MSU’s yearbook. The Reville folded along with several other universities around the nation. “It’s one of those things that don’t go away until it’s gone,” Sellers said. “Now students are starting to realize that they’re graduating and losing access to the MSU history they can take with them.”

“When we have student involvement, we can put a structure in place so that in years to come, (The Reville) would be in place,” he added.

Besides leading MSU’s Student Asso- ciation, new involvement in university Greek life and helps cost orientation ses- sions for incoming freshmen.

His one-year term ends next March, and he says that he’ll voice in “what students’ voices are heard across campus.”

“I really want to make sure the overall experience of MSU students is increased in every possible way, whether getting students involved in campus or just supporting traditions and history here at MSU,” Sellers said.

“I think he will do a very good job of em- powering the students and also increasing the overall leadership that SGA does,” said Barnes, MUW’s outgoing SGA president.

Newscow said he wasn’t nearly as involved in activities and leadership roles while in high school, but he points out that MUW’s smaller campus makes it easier for him and other students to get engaged.

"I saw this as a new frontier for me to actively get engaged and do the things I’ve always wanted to do in high school," he said. “It’s been a wonderful experience.

This is the type of place that if you get involved, if you engaged and whatever. You can’t get involved, you can’t be moti- vated to do so.”

Newmeer wants his campus to achieve anything they desire, as easy as possible. "We need students to participate, so that we have students to achieve anything they desire, as easy as possible.

But that we are successful,” he said.

Envisioning the new student president has deep ties to the Valley

Mississippi Valley State University has always been a part of Jamaries Moore’s family—his father and mother worked at the school as he grew up in Itta Bena.

“As a child, I fell in love with Valley and the Valley family,” said Moore. “MVSU’s new student body president. Now Moore is work- ing to strengthen the current Valley family as tight-knit as his own. Retaining cur- rent students and recruit- ing more to campus are two main goals for his tenure.

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