

## Memorial gardens, arboretum test-marketed by university

The university is test marketing a proposal to establish the Mississippi State University Memorial Gardens and Arboretum as a final resting place for alumni and friends. The test-marketing phase will continue until mid-October, when a decision is due on whether to proceed.

The proposed site overlooks the main campus from the north and is across U.S. Highway 82 from what will become the main university entrance. It will be landscaped with trees, flowers, and shrubs, including native plants. The site is surrounded on three sides by the Plant Science Research Center of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station and by the Mississippi Research and Technology Park.

The arboretum will provide teaching and research opportunities for students and faculty outside the classroom and may

eventually expand to encompass other parts of the campus.

The number of space reservations during the evaluation period will help determine the future of the project, said Dr. Billy Ward, vice president for institutional advancement.

Sales during the test-marketing period are contingent on a decision to proceed with the project.

Introductory prices have been established for standard burial sites, and pricing for special opportunities such as

memorials, family gardens, and other features will be developed later. A major portion of the cost will be tax deductible.

The introductory price of an individual site is \$3,000, payable over five years, with \$2,500 of that amount to be tax deductible. Additional sites are \$2,000 and \$1,500 is deductible.

For more information or to reserve a site, contact Charles Weatherly at 325-3410. Information also is available on the web site at <http://msuinfo.ur.msstate.edu/memorial/>.

## University benefits from MBA project

Twenty-one graduate students in business are beneficiaries of a hands-on summer experience that also provided valuable assistance to the university.

As part of a strategy field study class, the master of business administration candidates usually consult with area business firms when the course is offered in spring and fall.

"The shorter semesters and daily class schedules make it difficult for students to handle field projects in the summer," explained teacher Barbara A. Spencer. "Driving to sites in Houston or even Columbus can be pretty tough given our tight schedule."

So, the management professor decided to have the students work with departments on campus and "provide a service to the university while learning."

Divided into five teams, four teams of students were assigned to work with different departments in the Division of

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*Looking over plans for a database of Mississippi's African-American authors are (standing, from left), Gail Peyton and Lynne Mueller of Mitchell Memorial Library, and (seated) Dr. Melvin Ray, vice president for research, and Frances Coleman, dean of libraries.*

## Web site to list state's African-American authors

The first comprehensive listing of Mississippi's African-American authors soon will be available on the Internet.

Reference librarians at Mitchell Memorial Library are developing a web site of the state's well known and lesser

known African-American writers.

"With support from the Office of Research, we're trying to develop and enhance the African-American collection at Mississippi State," said Dean of Libraries

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## Pilot technology courses launched

High schools in Jackson, West Point, Winona, and Senatobia, as well as several community colleges, are among those testing a pilot technology program introduced by the state Department of Education.

Developed by the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State, the courses focus on current and emerging technology in the physical and biological sciences.

The research unit, a joint program of the DOE and the university, also developed the state's Tech-Prep initiative to help prepare Mississippi students for an increasingly technological workplace. High school students will test a two-year course in technology applications.

Community college students are testing a new course in science and technology.

Courses will include segments on computer-aided design, computer-integrated manufacturing, microcomputer assembly, laser and fiber optics, and biotechnology.

Once fine-tuned, the programs will be expanded throughout the state.

Test sites for the high school program are the secondary school at Hinds Community College's Rankin Center, West Point Vocational Complex, Winona Vocational Complex, Senatobia-Tate County Regional Vocational Center, Choctaw County Vocational Complex, and the secondary school at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Long Beach Center.

## Maxson honored with regional recognition

John Maxson, training director for the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision, recently was recognized for outstanding service.

Maxson received the Roy Kumpe Award at the 1997 Annual Conference of the South Central Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The award recognizes outstanding career achievements in the profession of services to persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Test sites for the community college program include Holmes Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College, Pearl River Community College, and East Central Community College.

## Butler takes four state CPRAM awards

Linda D. Butler, who directs university relations for the Meridian Campus, recently was honored with four public relations awards.

Butler received awards by the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi for her work with the campus' 1997 spring registration advertisement, the 1996 fall registration advertisement, the 1996 spring semester artwork and theme, and the 1997 spring registration billboard and theme.

Selections were made from more than 600 entries from Mississippi colleges and universities and were rated by a panel of out-of-state judges.

Butler also was a winner in last year's competition for Meridian Campus' student recruitment materials.

## State Supreme Court justice to speak Aug. 26

Supreme Court Justice Michael P. Mills will be guest speaker Aug. 26 for the School of Accountancy fall convocation.

Mills, who joined the state's highest court in 1995 after 12 years in the Legislature, will provide an overview of Mississippi's legal system. The hour-long public program will begin at 4:45 p.m. in the Rogers Auditorium of McCool Hall.

In the House of Representatives, he was chairman of the Judiciary "A" and Judiciary En Banc committees. He authored the White Collar Crime Act, the Statewide Grand Jury Act and the 1994 Court Reform Act, the last of which created the Intermediate Court of Appeals and updated circuit and chancery court procedures.

An Itawamba County native, Mills is a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law.

For additional information on the program, telephone 325-3710.

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Business Affairs. The remaining team worked with Southwire, a local Starkville company, where they gathered information to promote a new type of wire product.

Business affairs is involved in the "Support Through Service Plus" program to improve the quality of its services and the students were able to provide assistance and benefit from the experience within the academic time frame.

The students' efforts were focused in four offices:

**Information Systems and User Support.** The division will open an information desk this fall, so the MBA team surveyed students to determine which computer services and technologies they prefer.

**Dining Services.** Discussion was held with all Dining Services employees to gain insights on how the area can improve its operations.

**Comptroller and Treasurer.** Students studied the range of services offered and put together a questionnaire for the department to use in measuring customer satisfaction.

**Procurement and Contracts.** The students helped develop a process to implement a bar code system for tracking inventory that will result in major changes for the office's operations.

Feedback from both students and university employees has been so promising that future classes will most likely conduct their field studies at the university instead of "on the road."

As one student participant explained, "The project helps to integrate all the skills learned in the MBA program and put them to use in the real world."

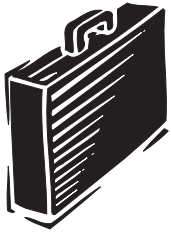
University personnel echo the student's satisfaction. Assistant Vice President for Business Affairs Wayne Reed praised the students' "enthusiasm for the project." Comptroller Wayne Bland went even further: "I'd like to hire all four of the students who worked here."

Spencer said any campus offices wishing to utilize her class may contact her at 325-1961.

## Cafeteria still in union

Perry Cafeteria has opened—once again—in the Colvard Union ballroom.

The cafeteria was slated to reopen in its newly renovated facility Aug. 18, but is returning to the union while the project is completed.



# Employment Opportunities

The following vacancies are subject to change on a daily basis. Mississippi State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

## EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE and MANAGERIAL

- Chemistry, Department Head
- Forest Products, Department Head
- Internal Audit, Director
- Mathematics and Statistics, Department Head
- Research, Vice President

## FACULTY

- Aerospace Engineering, Lecturer (Time Limited, Part Time) (Pool)
- Animal and Dairy Science, Assistant/Associate Professor/Assistant Animal Scientist
- Art, Assistant Professor - Animator
- Art, Assistant Professor - Animator
- Business and Industry, Lecturers (Part Time, Time Limited)
- Chemical Engineering, Professor (Hunter W. Henry Chair)
- Computer Science, Assistant/Associate Professor
- Curriculum and Instruction, Assistant Professor
- Diagnostic Instrumentation and Analysis Lab, Research Scientist/Engineer I or II or Senior Research Scientist/Engineer (4 positions)
- Education, College of, Lecturer (Part-Time)
- Engineering, College of, Lecturers (Part Time, Time Limited)
- Forestry, Assistant/Associate Professor
- Forestry, Assistant/Associate/Full Professor
- MCES, Wood Products Specialist, Food and Fiber Center
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Assistant/Associate Professor
- Technology and Education, Assistant Professor (5 positions)
- Vet Medicine, Assistant Clinical Professor
- Vet Medicine, Assistant/Associate Professor, Anatomy
- Vet Medicine, Assistant/Associate Professor, Food Safety Research and Service
- Vet Medicine, Asst Professor, Small Animal Surgery

- Vet Medicine, Assistant/Associate Professor, Swine Production Medicine
- Education, Meridian Campus, Assistant/Associate Professor
- Engineering Research Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH and Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, Research Engineer I or II CTA Specialist -Computational Fluid Dynamics (2 pos.)
- MAFES, Crystal Springs, Assistant/Associate Horticulturist
- MASEP, Assistant Instructor Pool
- MASEP, Instructor Pool
- Meridian Campus, Lecturers (Part Time, Temporary)
- North MS Research and Extension Center, Verona, Instructor
- Social Science Research Center, Biloxi, MS, Assistant Instructor
- Division of Technology, Meridian Campus, Instructor/Assistant Professor

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL

- Agricultural Communications, Graphic Designer/Illustrator
- Agricultural Communications, TV/Video Producer (Time Limited)
- Animal and Dairy Sciences, Research Assistant I
- Animal and Dairy Sciences, Swine Herder
- Art, Instructional Support Coordinator
- Athletics, Assistant Compliance Officer
- Athletics, Assistant Track Coach
- College and School Relations, Associate Director
- Colvard Student Union, Assistant Director for Operations
- Colvard Student Union, Assistant Director for Programs
- Comptroller and Treasurer, Accounts Receivable Accountant
- Comptroller and Treasurer, Disbursements Accountant
- Comptroller and Treasurer, Student Account Services Assistant Manager
- Diagnostic Instrumentation and Analysis Lab, Research Assistant I, II, or III (4 positions)
- Engineering Research Center, Research Assistant I
- Forest and Wildlife Research Center, Computer Operations Assistant I
- Forest and Wildlife Research Center, Forester
- Forestry, Graduate Research Assistantship (2 positions)
- Forestry, Research Assistant I
- Information Systems and User Support, Computer Programmer
- Information Systems and User Support, Computing Consultant
- Information Systems and User Support, Programmer Analyst
- Information Systems and User Support, Systems Analyst (2 positions)
- Library, Computer Services Assistant
- MCES, Bright Futures Project Coordinator
- MCES, Extension Rural Health Policy Coordinator
- MCES (Community Resource Development), Geographic Info Systems Manager
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Research Assistant I (Time Limited)
- Research and Curriculum Unit, Senior Research Assistant (Trade and Industry Relation Specialist)
- Research Support Units, Research Assistant I
- RRTC on Blindness and Low Vision, Research Director (Search Extended)
- Social Science Research Center, Research Assistant I Pool (Time Limited)
- Sponsored Programs Administration, Sponsored Programs Administrator
- Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, Asst. Computer Info Resources Coord.
- Student Health Center, Staff Physician
- Student Support Services, Counselor
- Student Support Services, Deaf Services Coordinator
- Student Support Services, Volunteer Coordinator (Part Time)
- Systems and Networks, LAN Systems Analyst
- Systems and Networks, LAN

- Systems Programmer
- Systems and Networks, Manager of Hardware Support
- Systems and Networks Sr. LAN Systems Analyst (2 Positions)
- Systems and Networks, Sr. LAN Systems Programmer
- Systems and Networks, Sr. UNIX Systems Programmer
- University Relations, Science Writer
- University Television Center, Video Graphics Coordinator
- Veterinary Medicine, Computer Programmer II/Database Administrator
- Veterinary Medicine, Medical Technologist II/Sr.
- Center for Air Sea Tech, Stennis Space Center, Research Assistant I (6 positions)
- Center for Safety and Health, Jackson, Safety Consultant II
- Division of Education, Meridian Campus, Project Director/Innovative Support Coord.
- Division of Education, Meridian Campus, Project Manager
- MAFES, Delta Research and Extension Ctr., Stoneville, Agricultural Aide
- MAFES, Delta Research and Extension Ctr., Stoneville, Agricultural Technician
- MCES, Raymond, District Program Director/Family and Youth
- North MS Branch Exp. Station, Holly Springs, Research Assistant I, Livestock and Agronomy
- Vet Medicine, Stoneville, Research Assistant I

Applications for secretarial positions are received on an open and continuous basis.

## SECRETARIAL PAY GRADES and RANGES

- Secretary, Pay Grade 5, \$5.25 - \$6.56
- Administrative Secretary I, Pay Grade 6, \$5.50 - \$6.88
- Administrative Secretary II, Pay Grade 7, \$5.75 - \$7.19
- Executive Secretary, Pay Grade 8,



For a listing of current support staff vacancies you may call "Dial-A-Job" (325-4132). The "Dial-A-Job" service is updated each Tuesday and Friday.



## Calendar of Events

Send your calendar items to

Calendar, 102 George Hall; Campus Mail Stop 9512; FAX 325-7455; e-mail jonesk@ur.msstate.edu.

Please notify Calendar of Events at least three weeks in advance. For updates, check: [http://msuinfo.ur.msstate.edu/hot\\_news/events.htm](http://msuinfo.ur.msstate.edu/hot_news/events.htm)

### August

**29**

"The INS and You," David Ware, New Orleans attorney, International Student Modular Orientation, 13 Allen Hall, 3-5 p.m. 325-8929.

**30**

MSU vs. Memphis, football, Scott Field, 2 p.m.

Reception and book signing for "Trees of Mississippi" author George H. Dukes, 10 a.m.-noon, and MSU baseball coach Ron Polk, 11 a.m.-noon, Campus Book Mart. 323-7660.

### September

**1**

Labor Day holiday.

**5**

"Driving in America," Sgt. David Humphries, Mississippi Highway Patrol, 3-4 p.m.; "Campus Safety," University Police, 4-5 p.m., International Student Modular Orientation, 13 Allen Hall. 325-8929.

**6**

MSU vs. Kentucky, football, Scott Field, 11:30 a.m.

**8**

School of Architecture AIA Awards Presentation, Giles Hall, 7 p.m.

**12**

"How to Use Our Library," Marybeth Charters, instructional services librarian, Mitchell Memorial Library (includes library tour), 3-5 p.m., International Student Modular Orientation, 13 Allen Hall. 325-8929.

**13**

MSU vs. LSU, football, Scott Field, 8 p.m.

**18**

Department of Art Faculty Exhibition, through Oct. 14, McComas Hall.

**19**

"International Banking," Starkville bank representative Ruth De La Cruz, 3-4 p.m.; "Co-op and the International Student," Mike Mathews, 4-5 p.m., International Student Modular Orientation, 13 Allen Hall. 325-8929.

**27**

Scholars' Recognition Day.

MSU vs. South Carolina, football, Scott Field, 6 p.m.

### October

**4**

MSU at Georgia, football, time to be announced.

**11**

"Discovery Day."

MSU vs. Northeast Louisiana, football, Scott Field, 6 p.m.

**25**

Homecoming.

MSU vs. Central Florida, football, Scott Field, 1:30 p.m.

### November

**1**

MSU at Auburn, football, 1 p.m.

**15**

MSU at Alabama, football, time to be announced.

**22**

MSU at Arkansas, football, 1 p.m.

**27-28**

Thanksgiving holidays.

**29**

MSU vs. Mississippi, football, Scott Field, 1:30 p.m.

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Frances Coleman. "This will be an important resource reflecting the contributions of many writers in Mississippi."

Reference librarians Gail Peyton and Lynne Mueller have used a wide range of library resources to identify writers. They also will poll local public libraries and the libraries of the state's historically black colleges and universities to expand the list.

Published writers in fiction, poetry, journalism, and other genres will be included in the web site under development. Currently, the project has identified more than 80 Mississippi writers whose biographies and list of works will be represented.

"We don't know of another project quite like this," said Peyton. "Our goal is to make the list as complete as possible."

Peyton said that she and Mueller also will produce a printed version of the list. For more information about the project, contact Peyton at 325-7671.

### AudioNet carries 'Dogs

To listen to live Bulldog sporting events, fans can access the AudioNet site at <http://www.audionet.com> and download a version of the Real Audio Player at no charge.

Computers must have audio capabilities and at least a 14.4 kbps connection to the Internet.

In addition to live radio broadcasts, the service also provides listeners with more than 10,000 hours of archived programming, including special programs, audiobooks and the largest archive of full-length music and comedy compact discs on the Internet.

### Gootee represented in exhibition

Marita Gootee, associate professor of art, has a photograph accepted into a Texas exhibition.

The small, tintype photograph, "Adjustments," will be on display Sept. 7-Oct. 18 at the Hill Country Arts Foundation in Ingram, Texas. The photograph is part of COUNTERPOINT: The 29th Annual Printmaking, Drawing and Photography Exhibition sponsored by the foundation.

A reception and awards ceremony is scheduled for Sept. 7, 3-5 p.m., at the foundation. For more information, contact the Department of Art at 325-6900.