

to the faculty and staff of Mississippi State University

## Fund eases reallocation in academic units

Almost \$136,000 already had been returned directly to academic departments by Oct. 1 to help reduce the impact of budget reallocations during the current year, and more than \$364,000 remained in a fund administered by the provost to help departments meet other needs that arise during the remainder of 1999-2000.

About 35 academic units were notified by Provost David Cole in late September that part--or in some cases all--of the funds reallocated from current year budgets had been restored.

Departments receiving the reallocation refunds for this year primarily are those that have the least opportunity to generate external funds, Cole said.

Of the \$500,000 set aside to deal with reallocation-related problems in the academic units, \$200,000 was allocated by the president from royalties generated by the university licensing program and \$300,000 was provided by the Office of Academic Affairs.

As of Oct. 1, the College of Arts and Sciences had received \$45,672 to

partially restore reallocated funds. Business and Industry got back \$30,848; Agriculture and Life Sciences, \$26,753; Education, \$12,602; Architecture, \$11,825; and Engineering, \$8,000.

Although the restored reallocation funds

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## Espy to donate papers to MSU

Mississippi's first African-American congressman since Reconstruction is donating his official papers to Mississippi State.

Mike Espy, who served from 1987-93 as representative from Mississippi's 2nd District, will present papers from his congressional career, as well as those touching on his service as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. The university's Mitchell Memorial Library will formally accept the papers in a ceremony later this fall.

Espy had never held public office before his 1986 election to Congress. During his tenure, he served as the national vice chair of the Democratic Leadership Council and as vice chair of the Democratic Caucus.

"This is a significant addition to Mississippi State University's congressional collection, and we are honored to have Mr. Espy's papers," said President Malcolm Portera. "They will enhance the outstanding scholarly resources available at Mitchell Memorial Library."

Espy said he hopes the papers will inspire students across the state.

"I am humbled and honored that Mississippi State has asked to storehouse and exhibit my papers. My political career has had both peaks and valleys. Perhaps students can draw inspiration from

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*Phyllis Bell Miller (l) and Wanda Cheek examine a piece of clothing from the Mitchell Memorial Library exhibit.*

## Fashion exhibit highlights different eras

An exhibit at Mitchell Memorial Library illustrates how, from women's rights to the exercise craze, fashion reacts to the world around it.

Organized by two Mississippi State classes and titled "Living in a Material World: How Fashion Fits In," the presentation runs through mid-October.

Students in a visual merchandising course taught by Phyllis Bell Miller and Wanda Cheek's historic costume course collaborated on the exhibit, which highlights different eras, influences and fashion results. Miller and Cheek are assistant professors in the School of Human Sciences.

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# Sanderson Center opens to alumni

Mississippi State's new Joe Frank Sanderson Center is opening its membership to all active university alumni.

Originally available only to faculty, staff and students, facilities and services of the 150,000-square-foot center that opened last year may now be used by MSU graduates with a current alumni association identification card. The cards must be presented for admittance.

The Office of Recreational Sports began selling the annual memberships Oct. 1. Director Laura Walling said alumni are eligible to participate in all activities except intramural sports.

Available programs include aerobics, racquetball, swimming, strength training, cardiovascular training, jogging, basketball, volleyball, and rock climbing.

Annual alumni memberships are \$450 for the first person and \$400 for each additional member. A special one-month trial membership is available for \$20.

"Alumni also may wish to participate in our weekend family swim program," said Walling. "On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, members can bring non-member children to the pool between the hours of 2 and 6."



*Joe Frank Sanderson Center*

To help cover the cost of an expanded constituency, Walling said memberships for university faculty and staff members will increase slightly.

To remain in compliance with Internal Revenue Service guidelines, the center is adding a benefits tax to campus memberships. This means the \$225 annual faculty and staff memberships--which are

half the alumni cost--will include an extra average charge of around \$20 on their W2 forms.

"Because we are starting the program late in the year, faculty and staff members should only see a \$3-4 tax for 1999," she added.

For more information on center membership, telephone 325-7529.

## **Advising seminar set**

All faculty and staff advisers are encouraged to attend an Oct. 21 seminar hosted by the University Academic Advising Center.

The Adviser Development Seminar is 1-2 p.m. in the Mitchell Memorial Library small auditorium. Sign-up and informal discussions begin at 12:50 p.m.

Ruth Prescott, assistant to the provost, will address the expectations of advisers working with students petitioning for exceptions to any of the university's academic operating policies.

In addition, Debbie Bowen, student information systems specialist in the Registrar's Office, will discuss problems associated with late course additions earlier in the semester.

For more information, telephone the advising center at 325-4052.

## **Wood Magic Science Fair Oct. 11-15**

Activities and exhibits illustrating everything from planks to plywood to pulp and papermaking are part of the fifth annual Wood Magic Science Fair.

The Oct. 11-15 event at Mississippi State is expected to attract nearly 8,000 third and fourth graders and their teachers. The Forest Products Laboratory/Forest and Wildlife Research Center sponsors the program with support from wood products industries.

Designed to illustrate the importance and uses of an abundant natural resource, Wood Magic was born of a third-grade field trip to the Forest Products Lab some half-dozen years ago. Providing hands-on educational activities to about 60 classes of students each day, presentations continue to introduce children to the impact of the forest industry in their state.

Major activities include:

—A portable sawmill that turns rough logs into lumber and helps introduce such terms as heartwood, sapwood and residues.

—"Wood sandwiches" to illustrate how plywood is made.

—Furniture testing, including computerized evaluations of cushions and frames.

—Talking computers that both "speak" with visitors and provide instructions for a router to cut designs.

—"Bubbling bazookas" that transform small oak billets into bubble blowers and illustrate the density, hardness and permeability of wood.

—Papermaking.

For more information, contact Dan Seale or Amy Garrard at 325-8453.

# Archaeology week programs in place

A celebration of the state's prehistory and early history as revealed through the study of cultural artifacts is being observed through Oct. 16.

Mississippi Archaeology Week will include a variety of programs and special events, including several in East Mississippi coordinated with the assistance of MSU's Cobb Institute of Archaeology. Some include:

—Oct. 16, Starkville, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Display of artifacts and tours of an on-going archaeological excavation at the Cork Site off Old West Point Road being conducted by MSU professor Janet Rafferty for the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

—Oct. 11-15, MSU campus, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Various Cobb Institute museum displays.

—Oct. 12, Columbus, 7 p.m. Program at the Plymouth Bluff Center by Jack D. Elliott Jr. of the state Department of Archives and History on "The Mystery of Plymouth Fort."

—Oct. 12, Macon, 7 p.m. MSU professor Paul Jacobs will be at city hall to give a program titled "From Soil to Screen: Archaeology and the Internet in Mississippi and Israel."

—Oct. 12, MSU campus, 12:30 p.m. MSU assistant professor Evan Peacock speaks in 13 Allen Hall on "Archaeology as a Tool for Managing Endangered

Animal Species in the Eastern United States."

—Oct. 12, West Point, 7 p.m. MSU associate professor S. Homes Hogue speaks at the Bryan Public Library on "Gone into the Country of Souls: Bioarchaeology in Northeast Mississippi."

—Oct. 14, Louisville, 7 p.m. MSU assistant professor Evan Peacock speaks at the Chamber of Commerce Building on "Stinking Water: Archaeology at a Prehistoric Village on the Noxubee River."

—Oct. 16, Noxubee Wildlife Refuge at the border of Noxubee and Oktibbeha counties, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Rick Kanaski of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service discusses an artifact display and controlled surface collection at Bluff Lake.

In addition to the Cobb Institute and state archives and history department, Archaeology Week is being sponsored by the Mississippi Archaeological Association, Mississippi Association of Professional Archaeologists, Brockington and Associates Inc., Coastal Environments Inc., Cottonlandia Museum, Earth Search Inc., Geo-Marine Inc., Panamerican Consultants Inc., Goodwin and Associates Inc., and TRC Garrow Associates Inc.

For complete information on regional events, contact Janet Rafferty at telephone 325-3826, e-mail

<rafferty@anthro.msstate.edu>; or Evan Peacock at 325-1663, e-mail <peacock@anthro.msstate.edu >.

## Anthropologist to deliver two public lectures

Modern lessons offered by ancient cultures will be examined during two public lectures Oct. 11.

Anthropologist and archaeologist Mark Nathan Cohen will lead the program. Holder of the Distinguished Teaching Professorship in Anthropology at the State University of New York/Plattsburgh, he is the author of two influential books on health and population pressure in history, "The Food Crisis in Prehistory" (1977) and "Health and the Rise of Civilization" (1989).

Both books are published by Yale University Press, as is his most recent work, "Culture of Intolerance" (1998).

"Applying Archaeology to Modern Problems" is the title of his first MSU program at 2 p.m. in 201 Cobb Institute of Archaeology. A reception follows at 3:30.

At 7 p.m. in the Colvard Union small auditorium, he will examine race and American society. Titled "Americans Don't Understand Freedom: Property or Progress or Profit or Efficiency (and Our Ignorance is Killing Us)," the lecture will examine some closely held cultural beliefs.

Cohen's campus visit is sponsored by the Cobb Institute and the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work as part of the Oct. 9-16 observation of Mississippi Archaeology Week.

For more information, telephone 325-7521.

## Food is focus of Oct. 15 program

To focus attention on food and food security issues, Mississippi State is sponsoring an Oct. 15 public program involving groups from around the world and the Golden Triangle.

Titled "Tomorrow's Farmers--An Uncertain Future," the 10:30-2:30 p.m. event at the Bost Extension Center includes an international teleconference, panel discussions, a special presentation by MSU President Emeritus Donald Zacharias, and a noon luncheon.

The School of Human Sciences, MSU Extension Service and the Starkville Sustainable Future Roundtable are local WFD sponsors. Continuing education credit is available for clergy, registered dietitians, dietetic technicians, home economists, and social workers.

"The goal is to highlight struggles of

the family farm both around the world and in the community," said Wanda Dodson, professor of human sciences and an event organizer.

An 11 a.m. teleconference will examine farming prospects in Third World countries. Originating at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., the broadcast includes a panel moderated by Ray Suarez, host of National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation."

During a modest lunch prepared by student dietetic interns, Zacharias will share recollections from farm life during his Indiana youth.

He will be followed by a panel examining the present and future of Oktibbeha County farming. Moderated by county extension agent Ed Williams, the panel-

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# DataBasics

By Kerry Smith  
MSU Libraries

Mitchell Memorial Library invites you to explore one of your newest databases: CAB Abstracts.

CAB Abstracts covers the significant research and development literature in the fields of agriculture, forestry, aspects of human health, human nutrition, animal health, and the management and conservation of natural resources. The database contains more than 3.5 million records from some 11,000 journals, books, conferences, reports, and other kinds of literature published internationally. More than 160,000 records are added annually.

Coverage is from 1973 to the present, with abstracts in English prepared from papers originally published in more than 75 different languages.

Specific subjects covered by CAB Abstracts are as follows:

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| Agronomy             | Forestry and Forest Products |
| Animal Science       | Horticulture                 |
| Biology              | Natural Resources            |
| Botany               | Pesticides                   |
| Crop Management      | Plant Genetics               |
| Dairy Science        | Rural Development            |
| Environment          | Soil Science                 |
| Fertilizers          | Veterinary Sciences          |
| Food and Agriculture | Water                        |

Crop production accounts for about 30 percent of the records on the database, followed by veterinary sciences and human health at 24 percent, the animal sciences at 13 percent, and crop protection, also at 13 percent. Other areas make up the remaining 20 percent.

Individuals affiliated with Mississippi State can access CAB Abstracts from Mitchell Memorial Library's web site at <nt.library.msstate.edu>. Remote users will be validated online. Difficulties should be reported to the MSU Libraries Systems Department at 325-2842, or by e-mail at <systems@library.msstate.edu>.

## Nov. 5 deadline

### Advising award nominations open

Nominations now are being accepted for the MSU 1999 Outstanding Academic Adviser Award.

The winner will be honored with a \$1,000 award at the spring faculty convocation or meeting. In addition, he or she automatically will be nominated by the university for the National Academic Advising Award presented by the National Academic Advising Association.

All faculty members whose primary role is something other than direct delivery of advising services to students are eligible with the endorsement of his or her dean. Previous winners of the award are ineligible for renomination for 10 years, although former certificate of merit winners remain eligible.

Nomination information has been sent to academic deans and department heads. Faculty members who haven't received any information by Oct. 12 should contact the University Academic Advising Center at 325-4052 to receive criteria and nominating procedures. Copies of winning nomination packets from previous years are on file at the UAAC for review.

The deadline for applications is Nov. 5.

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the high moments and learn lessons from the low ones. I'm happy to add whatever value I can to Mississippi State's already fine archives."

Among papers housed in the library's congressional collection are those of former Sen. John C. Stennis, former Reps. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, David Bowen, and Charles Griffin, and current Rep. Chip Pickering. The collection also includes papers from Wiley Carter, former administrative assistant to Sen. Thad Cochran, and from Wayne Weidie, chief of staff to Rep. Gene Taylor.

Espy is a graduate of Howard University and the University of Santa Clara School of Law. He began his career as an attorney representing the indigent through Central Mississippi Legal Services.

He was Mississippi's assistant Secretary of State 1980-84 and he served as the state's assistant Attorney General for a year before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1986. He served in that office until President Bill Clinton named him Secretary of Agriculture in 1993.

As the 25th agriculture secretary, Espy is credited with reorganizing a \$65 billion-dollar agency, negotiating multilateral trade treaties to give greater access to foreign markets for U.S. agricultural products, and establishing the groundwork for changes in the 1995 farm law.

He is now an attorney with Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, the state's largest law firm. Espy also serves as senior adviser for the Advisory Board for the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy and as director of Feed the Children. He continues to serve as a consultant to food charities and as an adviser to foreign heads of state on food, commodity, trade, nutrition, rural development, and related issues.

His daughter, Jamilla, is a junior at Mississippi State.

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# Employment Opportunities

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Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.*

[www.msstate.edu/dept/business\\_affairs/hrm/employment/postings.html](http://www.msstate.edu/dept/business_affairs/hrm/employment/postings.html)

## **Executive, Administrative and Managerial**

- Curriculum and Instruction, Department Head/Professor
- Dean of Students, Assistant Dean
- Dining Services, Director
- Education/Music Education, Department Head/Professor
- Human Resources Management, Director
- Mathematics and Statistics, Department Head/Professor
- Office of the President, Vice President for Agriculture, Forestry, and Vet Medicine/Professor
- Office of the Provost, Dean/Director/Professor - College of Forest Resources and Forest and Wildlife Res. Ctr.
- Registrars Office, University Registrar
- Remote Sensing Technologies Center
- School of Accountancy, Director/Professor
- Technology and Education, Department Head/Professor
- Wildlife and Fisheries, Department Head
- Meridian Campus, Associate Dean/Assistant/Associate/Professor
- Meridian Campus, Division of Arts and Sciences Chair/Associate Professor

## **Faculty**

- Aerospace Engineering, Assistant/Associate Professor (2 positions)
- Aerospace Engineering, Lecturer (Pool)
- Agricultural Economics, Assistant Professor/Assistant Economist
- Agricultural Economics, Assistant Specialist/Assistant Professor
- Agricultural Information Science and Education, Assistant/Associate Professor
- Animal and Dairy Sciences, Equine Science

- Art, Assistant/Associate Professor (Foundation)
- Art, Assistant/Associate Professor (Graphic Design)
- Biological Sciences, Assistant Professor/Microbial Geneticist
- Biological Sciences, Assistant Professor/Plant Ecologist
- Computer Science, Assistant/Associate Professor (2 positions)
- Computer Science, Lecturer Pool (Part Time, Time Limited)
- Counselor Ed. and Ed. Psychology/RRTC, Assistant/Associate Professor and RRTC Research Director
- Electrical and Computer Engineering, Assistant/Associate/Professor (5 positions)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering, Lecturers (3 positions, Part-time)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering, Professor/Robert Guyton Chair of Teaching Excellence
- Electrical and Computer Engineering, Visiting Instructors (3 positions)
- Engineering - Dean of, Technical Communication Coordinator and Instructor
- Engineering - Dean of, Technical Writing Instructor (2 positions)
- English, Assistant Professor
- Forestry, Assistant Professor/Area Specialist, Forestry Extension
- Health, P.E., Recreation and Sport, Assistant Professor (2 positions)
- History, Assistant Professor
- Human Sciences, Assistant/Associate Professor (2 positions)
- Library, Assistant Professor/Librarian and Information Specialist
- Library, Assistant Professor/Reference Services Librarian
- Library, Instructor and Cataloger
- Library, Instructor/Serials Cataloger
- MCES/Economic and Community Resource Development/Agriculture and Natural Re-

- sources, Geospatial Extension Specialist
- Management and Information Systems, Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Information Systems
- Math and Statistics, Associate Professor
- Mechanical Engineering, Assistant/Associate/Full Professor
- Music Education, Assistant/Associate Professor/Director of Choral Activities
- Physics and Astronomy, Assistant/Associate Professor (2 positions)
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Assistant/Associate Professor/Environmental Pesticide
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Assistant/Associate Professor (4 positions)
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Assistant Forage Specialist/Assistant Agronomist
- Poultry Science, Research Poultry Scientist
- Psychology, Assistant Professor (3 positions)
- Psychology, Visiting Assistant Professor/Lecturer
- Social Science Research Center (SSRC), Assistant Instructor Applicant Pool
- Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, Assistant Professor (4 positions)
- Technology and Education, Assistant Professor (2 positions)
- Vet Medicine, Assistant/Associate Professor Aquatic Pathobiologist
- Vet Medicine, Assistant/Associate Professor Beef Cattle Production Medicine
- Vet Medicine, Assistant/Associate Professor Diagnostic Imaging, Small and Large Animals
- Vet Medicine, Assistant/Associate Professor Fish Pathobiologist
- Vet Medicine, Assistant/Associate Professor in Small Animal Surgery (2 positions, Extended, Modified Advertisement)
- Vet Medicine, Assistant/Associate Professor of Veterinary Anesthesiology
- Vet Medicine, Branch Librarian/Assistant/Associate Professor (Modified Advertisement)
- MAFES/Central MS Research and Extension Center, Raymond, MS, Assistant Entomology

- Specialist/Scientist (50% Extension/50% Research)
- MAFES/Central MS Research and Extension Center, Assistant Specialist/Assistant Plant Pathologist
- MAFES/Central MS Research and Extension Center, Superintendent/Horticulturist
- MAFES/Delta Research and Extension Center, Stoneville, MS, Assistant/Associate Agronomist
- MASEP, Instructor/Assistant, Instructor Pool
- MSU-ES/Delta R&E Center, Stoneville, MS, Assistant/Associate Extension Soybean Specialist/Assistant/Associate Weed Scientist
- MSU-Meridian Campus, Business and Industry, College of, Assistant/Associate Professor of Finance
- MSU-Meridian Campus, Business and Industry, College of, Assistant/Associate Professor of Management
- Meridian Campus, Assistant/Associate Professor of Counselor Education (2 positions)
- Meridian Campus, Assistant/Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction
- Meridian Campus, Lecturers (Part Time, Temporary)
- Social Science Research Center, Biloxi, MS, Assistant Instructor

## **Other Professional**

- Agricultural and Biological Engineering (4 positions, Time Limited)
- Aircraft Operations, Co-Pilot II
- Aircraft Operations, Pilot - Captain I
- Athletics, Coordinator of Spirit Groups
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Research Assistant I (2 positions)
- Biological Sciences, Research Assistant I (Time Limited)
- Computer Application and Services, Network Project Assistant
- Computer Science, Assistant Systems and Network Manager (Part Time)
- Continuing Education, Coordinator of Environmental and Safety Programs
- Continuing Education, Coordinator of Web Based Activities

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## Funding Opportunities

Below are funding opportunities received from various sources such as the Office of Federal Programs. Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA), 325-7404, will assist you in obtaining information and applications necessary for submission to governmental or private sources. For complete listings and other opportunities, see the Sponsored Programs World Wide Web page on the MSU server: <<http://www.msstate.edu/Dept/SPA/index.html>>.

**TITLE:** The Action Agenda for Engineering Curriculum Innovation ("Action Agenda") Program Announcement and Guidelines  
**DOC#:** NSF 99-169

**DIVISION:** Division of Engineering Education and Centers; Directorate for Engineering

**ITEM:** Notice seeking innovative proposals, for which there is strong institutional commitment, which address one or more of the following issues: Major Technology Tracks; Curricula for Emerging Areas of Engineering; and Structured Early Career Support.

**ACTION:** Proposals are due by January 31, 2000, and use of NSF FastLane is required. For an electronic copy of this program announcement, go to <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf99169> and click on the choice of format desired.

**CONTACT:** Ernest Smerdon, 703/306-1380. E-mail: [esmerdon@nsf.gov](mailto:esmerdon@nsf.gov).

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Administration for Children and Families; Office of Community Services

**ITEM:** Notice requesting applications under the Community Food and Nutrition Program for FY 2000.

**ACTION:** Applications are due by December 6, 1999. See also, <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/kits1.htm> for an application kit.

**CONTACT:** Catherine Rivers or Deloris Horton, 202/401-5252, or 202/401-9363, respectively. Fax: 202/401-4687.

**AGENCY:** National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities; National Endowment for the Arts

**ITEM:** Notice requesting proposals leading to the award of a cooperative agreement to communicate information to targeted areas of the country and communities that have historically been underrepresented as recipients of grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. The work will involve devising and implementing strategies to help inform organizations about, and provide guidance for, a

new program, Challenge America Small Grants.

**ACTION:** The program solicitation will be available on October 25, 1999, with proposals due by November 29, 1999.

**CONTACT:** William Hummel, 202/682-5482.

**TITLE:** Information Technology Research (ITR)

**DOC#:** NSF 99-167

**DIVISION:** Directorates for Biological Sciences (BIO), Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE), Education and Human Resources (EHR), Engineering (ENG), Geosciences (GEO), Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS), and Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE), Office of Polar Programs (OPP), and Division of International Programs (INT)

**ITEM:** Notice releasing a program announcement seeking proposals for fundamental research in information technology (IT), encouraging, in particular, research spanning IT and scientific applications, and in the areas of social, ethical, and workforce issues. Pending the availability of funds, NSF will issue a separate program announcement for a terascale computer facility for high-end science and engineering.

**ACTION:** Letters of intent for proposals with budgets over \$500,000 are due by November 15, 1999. Pre-proposals are due by January 5, 2000, and full proposals are due by April 17, 2000. Letters of intent for proposals with budgets under \$500,000 are due by January 5, 2000, and full proposals are due by February 14, 2000. For an electronic copy of this program announcement, go to <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf99167> and click on the choice of format desired.

**CONTACT:** William Bainbridge, SBE, 703/306-1741. E-mail: [wbainbri@nsf.gov](mailto:wbainbri@nsf.gov); John Cherniavsky, EHR, 703/306-1650. E-mail: [jchernia@nsf.gov](mailto:jchernia@nsf.gov); Alan Gaines, GEO, 703/306-1517. E-mail: [againes@nsf.gov](mailto:againes@nsf.gov); Michael Lesk, CISE, 703/306-1930. E-mail: [mlesk@nsf.gov](mailto:mlesk@nsf.gov); Dennis Peacock, OPP, 703/306-1033; E-mail: [dpeacock@nsf.gov](mailto:dpeacock@nsf.gov); Arthur Sanderson, ENG, 703/306-1339. E-mail: [asanders@nsf.gov](mailto:asanders@nsf.gov); Barry Schneider, MPS, 703/306-1808. E-mail: [bschneid@nsf.gov](mailto:bschneid@nsf.gov); Gerald Selzer, BIO, 703/306-1469. E-mail: [gselzer@nsf.gov](mailto:gselzer@nsf.gov). Mark Suskin, INT, 703/306-1702. E-mail: [msuskin@nsf.gov](mailto:msuskin@nsf.gov).

**TITLE:** Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program

**DOC#:** NSF 99-168

**DIVISION:** Office of Integrative Activities; Office of the Director

**ITEM:** Notice requesting proposals under a program designed to increase access to science and engineering equipment for research and research training in the nation's academic

institutions. MRI seeks to improve the quality and expand the scope of research and research training in science and engineering, and to foster the integration of research and education by providing instrumentation for research-intensive learning environments.

**ACTION:** Proposals are due by January 18, 2000, and use of NSF FastLane is required. For an electronic copy of this program announcement, go to <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf99168> and click on the choice of format desired.

**CONTACT:** Office of Integrative Activities, 703/306-1040. E-mail: [mri@nsf.gov](mailto:mri@nsf.gov).

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**CONTACT:** Office of Integrative Activities, 703/306-1040. E-mail: [mri@nsf.gov](mailto:mri@nsf.gov).

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education; Office of Educational Research and Improvement

**ITEM:** Notice announcing three public meetings to discuss issues relating to the FY 2000 Regional Educational Laboratory competition.

**ACTION:** The meetings will take place on October 6, 1999, at the Tampa Convention Center, in Tampa, Florida, on November 8, 1999, at the Salt Palace Convention Center, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and on December 15, 1999, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel, in Chicago, Illinois. For additional conference information, go to <http://www.ncbe.gwu.edu/lasconferences> and proceedings from the meetings will be posted on the department's web site. In addition, go to [http://www.ed.gov/prog\\_info/Labs/](http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/Labs/) for additional information about the laboratory competition. Electronic access to this document is available at <http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg.htm> or at <http://www.ed.gov/news.html>.

**CONTACT:** Jennifer Rinehart, 202/219-2193.

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- Continuing Education, Distance Program Specialist
- Curriculum and Instruction, Research Assistant I (Time Limited 50%)
- Diagnostic Instrumentation and Analysis Laboratory (DIAL), Post-Doctoral Research Associate (Time-Limited)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering, Research Engineer/Research Engineer I
- Engineering Research Center (ERC), Accountant
- Engineering Research Center (ERC), Research Assistant I (2 positions)
- Engineering Research Center (ERC), Research Assistant I, II, or Senior (3 positions)
- Engineering Research Center (ERC), Research Engineer I
- Entomology and Plant Pathology, Research Assistant I (3 positions)
- Entomology and Plant Pathology, Research Assistant I (Time Limited)
- Entomology and Plant Pathology, Research Assistant II (Time Limited)
- Forestry, Research Assistant I (Time Limited)
- General Counsel, Legal Assistant
- Human Sciences, Teacher, Child Development Center (2 positions)
- Information Systems, Computer Programmer
- Information Systems, Database Programmer
- Information Systems, Programmer Analyst
- Information Systems, Senior Programmer Analyst
- Library, Computer Services Office Manager
- Library, Instructional Media Center Assistant
- Library, MSU Library Web Site Manager
- MSU Laundry, Manager, Laundry and Dry Cleaners
- Mississippi State Chemical Lab, Research Assistant I
- Mississippi State University Cooperative Extension Service/Geographic Information Systems, GIS Operator
- Mississippi State University Cooperative Extension Service/Geographic Information Systems, Business Manager (Time Limited)
- Mississippi Writing/Thinking, Assessment Coordinator (Part Time)
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Research Assistant (2 positions)
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Research Assistant I (2 positions)
- Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision, RRTC Research Director
- Social Science Research Center, Research Assistant I Applicant Pool
- Student Support Services, Counselor (Time Limited)
- Technology and Education, Project Coordinator
- University Relations, Associate Director for Publications
- User Services, Senior Computing Consultant

- Vet Medicine, Chief Biostatistician
- Vet Medicine, Medical Technologist II
- Vet Medicine, Research Assistant I (2 positions)
- Vet Medicine, Research Assistant I/II (2 positions)
- Vet Medicine, Resident (Time Limited)
- Wildlife and Fisheries, Animal Care Coordinator
- Wildlife and Fisheries, Extension Assistant (Fisheries)
- Coastal Research and Extension Center, Research Assistant I
- Delta Research and Extension Center (Stoneville, MS), Extension Production Economist/Farm Management
- MAFES/Delta Research and Extension Center, Research Assistant I
- MAFES/Delta Research and Extension Center, Research Assistant I (Part Time, Time Limited)
- MAFES/Northeast Branch, Research Assistant II
- MAFES/Prairie Research Unit, Research Assistant
- Meridian Campus, Electronic Services Librarian
- Meridian Campus, Information Systems Manager
- Meridian Campus, Manager, Continuing Education and Distance Learning (SEARCH EXTENDED)

### Secretarial Pay Grades and Ranges

- Secretary, Pay Grade 5, \$5.55-6.94
  - Administrative Secretary I, Pay Grade 6, \$5.65-7.06
  - Administrative Secretary II, Pay Grade 7, \$5.75-7.19
  - Executive Secretary, Pay Grade 8, \$6-7.50
- \*Pay range based on qualifications and years of experience for new employees.



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## 16 faculty inducted

Sixteen faculty members are new honorary members of the leading national higher education honor society at Mississippi State, Phi Kappa Phi.

Inductees include Noel D. Addy of accounting; Jack L. Bartlett of art; Thomas G. Carskadon of psychology; Karen S. Coats of biological sciences; Edmond A. Emplaincourt of foreign languages; Anna L. Hillman of technology and education; Mark E. Kubiske of forestry; Lloyd G. Meyer of health, physical education, recreation, and sports; Philip B. Oldham of chemistry; Charles D. Palmer of counselor education/educational psychology; Rodney B. Piercey of physics and astronomy; Mohsen Razzaghi of mathematics; Emily B. Schultz of forestry; James L. West of architecture; Larry R. White of finance and economics; and Peter B. Wood of sociology and anthropology.

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"Most of our display reflects changes in the 20th century, but some go as far back as the 1860s," Cheek said. "We wanted to look at the events that had an effect on fashion."

Politics, entertainment, technology, and international relations are among influences illustrated.

"During World War II, hemlines rose and garments became simple and close-fitting due to fabric restrictions," Miller said. In contrast, "Christian Dior's 'new look' fashions introduced after the conflict used volumes of fabric in reaction to the sternness of war."

In the mid-1980s, a New York City subway strike helped the running shoe put its first popular foot forward. Miller said the strike started the trend of wearing sneakers, a trend that snowballed with the emphasis on physical fitness and today is reflected in bodysuits and leggings.

More recently, technology is having an effect on the way that the public dresses, Miller said. While the exhibit traces the impact of new introductions ranging from zippers to nylon, a current emphasis is the way that computer-aided design is used by the fashion industry.



## Calendar of Events

### Send your calendar items to

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### Ongoing Events, Activities

"Living in a Material World" costume exhibit, second and third floors, Mitchell Memorial Library, through mid-October. Wanda Cheek or Phyllis Miller, 325-2950.

"The Photography of Leonard Farley," through Oct. 22, Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall. Opening reception, Oct. 8, 7 p.m. 325-2947.

### October

#### 11

"Intro to Microsoft Access 97," Continuing Education, 107 Dorman Hall, 1-5 p.m., \$95 after Oct. 5. 325-8876.

School of Architecture Fall 1999 Lecture Series: architect Tim Rosenbury, Springfield, Mo., Giles Hall, 4 p.m.

Anthropologist and archaeologist Mark Nathan Cohen to speak on "Applying Archaeology to Modern Problems," 201 Cobb Institute, 2 p.m. A reception follows at 3:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., Colvard Union small auditorium, he will speak on "Americans Don't Understand Freedom: Property or Progress or Profit or Efficiency (and Our Ignorance is Killing Us)." 325-7521. (see stories on page 3).

#### 11-15

Wood Magic Science Fair, Forest Products Lab. Call Amy Garrard, 325-8453.

#### 12

Faculty and Professional Women's Association brown-bag meeting. "Research Goals for MSU: How Do Women Faculty Measure Up," Dr. Robert Altenkirch, Colvard Union third-floor faculty lounge, noon-1 p.m. 325-8643.

#### 12, 13

College Bowl, third floor, Colvard Union. 325-2930.

#### 15

"Cooperative Education and Career Services--

Thinking About Employment Now and in the Future," International Student Mandatory Extended Orientation, Rogers Auditorium of McCool Hall, 3-5 p.m. 325-8929.

MSU vs. Tennessee, women's volleyball, Newell-Grissom Building, 7 p.m.

World Food Day Teleconference, "The Future of Agriculture," Bost Extension center theater and Building B, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 325-8429. (see story on page 3).

#### 15, 16

Fall Garden Days, Truck Crops Branch Experiment Station, Crystal Springs, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Vegetable/flower demonstration garden, seminars, tours, exhibits, and consultations with experts. (601) 892-3731.

#### 16

The President's Commission on the Status of Women and Starkville's Bennett Medical Center are sponsoring a symposium on "Women's Health Issues of the 21st Century," Wise Center auditorium, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free screenings include osteoporosis and diabetes. To reserve a seat, call 324-8330.

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MSU vs. Kentucky, women's volleyball, Newell-Grissom Building, 1 p.m.

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ists include Tom Breland, Webb Flowers, John McReynolds, and William Oakley.

A concluding session at 1:30 p.m. will provide an update on community resources for food security. Presenters include Brenda Wilson of Helping Hands Ministries in Columbus, the Rev. Dwight Prowell of Oktibbeha County's Helping Hands and Angela Ganann of District IV Project Homestead. The moderator is Marilyn Waldhalm, United Way executive director.

First held in 1981 and now observed in more than 150 countries, World Food Day is organized by a coalition of 450 private voluntary organizations.

For more information about the MSU program, telephone 325-8429 or 325-2950.

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### Reallocation--continued from page 1

rely on one-time transfers for the current year only, President Malcolm Portera said during the fall general faculty meeting that increasing departmental operating budgets will be given serious consideration in next year's budgeting process.

The entire Division of Academic Affairs contributed \$1,578,158 to the university-wide \$5 million reallocation implemented this fall, with almost 45 percent of the Academic Affairs transfers coming from division general funds, including the provost's office and the library.

As of Oct. 1, the college and school net total reallocations (which will be reduced by another \$364,000 as the remainder of the special needs fund is used) amounted to:

Agriculture and Life Sciences, \$61,573; Architecture, \$21,295; Arts and Sciences, \$180,642; Business and Industry, \$94,715; Education, \$90,367; Engineering, \$139,862; Forest Resources, \$18,128; the Meridian Campus, \$100,000; and Continuing Education, \$181,218.

The university-wide reallocation of current year E&G funds is designed to eliminate the long-standing dependence on using lapsed salaries to balance the budget each year, which has led to a decline in the reserve funds the university is required to maintain.

Faculty salary funds, scholarships, and tuition fee waivers were not subject to reallocation. Portera has called for a shift in the current ratio of faculty to staff that would result in more faculty members and fewer but better-paid employees in other classifications. Some staff positions that become vacant this year will not be refilled as a result of the reallocation.

In another reallocation of resources, 175 "mostly older" university vehicles were sold at auction on Oct. 2, netting approximately \$205,000. Other vehicles have been sold this fall through sealed bids, helping reduce the university's vehicle fleet by at least 200 cars and trucks from a total of about 740 last spring.

The university's strategic plan for the next five years calls for the creation of an expanded motor pool.