

to the faculty and staff of Mississippi State University

## Be sure to be counted in Census 2000

In March, Census 2000 questionnaires will be delivered to every known residence in the United States, including university and college residence halls.

To provide local assistance for the once-a-decade national headcount, Mississippi State's Census 2000 Committee is working to increase campus awareness and participation.

College and university students will be counted where they are residing on April 1. This includes residence halls, sorority and fraternity houses, and off-campus apartments.

International students also are to be included in the process.

The majority of citizens will receive a short questionnaire that may be answered via the Internet. A longer version delivered to some residences cannot be answered online.

The short form, which is being sent to roughly 85 percent of U.S. residences, asks for information on age, sex, race, national origin, household relationship, and whether the housing unit is owned or rented. The long form seeks more detailed socio-economic information.

Census information is confidential

and—by law—may not be made available to the Internal Revenue Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service, financial aid offices, landlords, welfare agencies, courts, police, or the military.

After it has been collected, the data will be processed for use primarily for planning by federal, state and local governments, businesses, school districts, health-care and transportation providers, and the like.

"In the last census, 2.5 million people were counted in Mississippi," said committee member Karyn Brown of the communication department. "It is estimated, however, that at least 54,000 people were missed, including some 35,000 children.

"This undercount caused the state to lose federal aid monies," she added. "A more complete census count will allow Mississippi to receive its share of federal aid for support programs and education. In addition, it will provide more complete demographic information."

Brown said another undercount also could cost Mississippi a congressional seat when districts are apportioned according to census population totals. By participating in Census 2000, residents can do their part to help the state maintain five seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, she emphasized.

For more information on the census, access the following web sites: <[mississippi.counts.com](http://mississippi.counts.com)> and <[www.census.gov/](http://www.census.gov/)>.



*While renovations are not yet complete on the lobby of Sessums residence hall, students have been able to move into newly refurbished rooms. Students Jessica Huguley (l), a sophomore from Jackson, and Alissa Hinton (r), a sophomore from Utica, show off their new digs to Chris Charlton, area coordinator for the Office of Housing and Residence Life. The renovation is part of a \$6.5 million facelift of Sessums, Hamlin and McKee residence halls.*

# De la Cruz to lead state environmental group

Biological sciences professor Armando A. de la Cruz was named president of the Mississippi Environmental Education Alliance during its fourth annual conference in October.

De la Cruz, one of the organizers of MEEA, has actively advocated the inclusion or integration of ecology and environmental education in the K-16 curricula. Shortly after he joined MSU, he was appointed to the university's Environmental Committee to explore its role and responsibility to environmental education.

For more than two decades, de la Cruz has participated in various study committees, developmental programs and attempts to form a statewide environmental education group.

As president, de la Cruz plans to enhance MEEA's youth group through Project CARE and develop an advisory council with active participation from the state's superintendent of schools, junior and community colleges, and College Board.

MEEA actively encourages and supports education, philosophy and ethics of environmental awareness and literacy for Mississippi. It promotes environmental education and supports the work of environmental educators in the state. In addition, MEEA encourages the adoption of earth-friendly lifestyles leading to the sustainability of natural and cultural resources.

The organization is headquartered in Gulfport.



*de la Cruz*

## **University policeman is top graduate**

A Mississippi State police officer is the top graduate of a recent class at the North Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Center.

John W. "Wes" Cumberland received four of the five achievement honors given at the Tupelo center's late October graduation ceremony. In addition to being named platoon leader of his 12-person class, he was recognized with awards for physical fitness, academic achievement and overall achievement.

Cumberland, formerly of Jackson, has been a full-time member of the campus law enforcement department since August.

When off-duty, the Hillcrest Christian School and Hinds Community College graduate is pursuing a bachelor's degree at MSU in the corrections option of the sociology major. He is a junior this year.

The North Mississippi training center is one of four certified regional law enforcement academies in Mississippi.

## **Cooperative education program one of first to be accredited by new board**

Mississippi State's cooperative education program is one of the first eight gaining accreditation by a newly created national review board.

The university is a charter member of the Accreditation Council for Cooperative Education, which was formed last year.

Now in its fourth decade, MSU's cooperative education program is open to all academic disciplines. Participants alternate semesters between campus study and salaried employment in their field of study.

With nearly 900 students currently enrolled and more than 400 applying for future participation, Mississippi State's

co-op program is the 12th largest in the nation. Students currently work in 38 states with more than 300 companies and government agencies.

ACCE accreditation is awarded by an independent review board of institutional members. Inclusion in the organization requires a comprehensive self-study completed by the university and a favorable report based on a review team's visit to campus.

Accredited programs also are required to have established missions and goals, written criteria for student eligibility and a formal plan for alternating a student's academic studies with work experience.

## **3 marketing faculty members honored**

Three faculty members in the College of Business and Industry were honored at a national marketing organization meeting.

Drs. Debbie LeClair and Brian Engelland took home teaching awards from the Atlanta meeting of the Society for Marketing. Dr. Bruce Alford won two awards for research papers.

All three are assistant professors in the

Department of Marketing, Quantitative Analysis and Business Law.

LeClair won for innovative teaching; Engelland for outstanding teaching; and Alford for best theoretical paper, as well as best paper in a track.

The society annually presents awards for both teaching and research and MSU won both teaching awards out of some 35 entries.



## Funding Opportunities

Below are funding opportunities received from various sources such as the Grants Resource Center. 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>>.

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy; Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

**ITEM:** Notice announcing the release of a competitive solicitation for applications for grants and cooperative agreements for information dissemination, public outreach, training and technical assistance activities involving renewable energy and energy efficiency. Areas of interest under renewable energy include wind, photovoltaic, hydrogen, and bioenergy technologies, and areas of interest under energy efficiency include transportation, buildings and the industrial sector.

**ACTION:** Application due dates will be staggered throughout January of 2000. Prospective applicants under one program area will be encouraged to submit a pre-application by December 10, 1999. See also, <http://www.pr.doe.gov/solicit.html> or <http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov> for electronic application information, or go to <http://www.eren.doe.gov/ee.html> for additional information on other programs administered through the office.

**CONTACT:** Nickolas Demer, 800/683-0751. E-mail: [eere.grants@pr.doe.gov](mailto:eere.grants@pr.doe.gov).

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy; Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

**ITEM:** Notice requesting applications for research and development projects under a broad-based solicitation in support of the Department of Energy Hydrogen Program for FY 2000.

**ACTION:** Applications are due by December 15, 1999. See also, <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html> for additional information.

**CONTACT:** Doug Hooker or Beth Peterman, 303/275-4780. Fax: 303/275-4788. E-mail: [doug\\_hooker@nrel.gov](mailto:doug_hooker@nrel.gov), or [beth\\_peterman@nrel.gov](mailto:beth_peterman@nrel.gov). To request hard copies of the solicitation, contact Amy Castelli, 303/275-4716. Fax: 303/275-4788.

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-

tion (NOAA)

**ITEM:** Notice announcing the due date for applications under the National Sea Grant College Program, a collaborative program administered through the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the National Sea Grant College Program Office, to help NMFS manage, conserve, and protect the nation's living marine resources within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone and to provide the sound scientific information and analyses needed for those purposes.

**ACTION:** Applications are due by February 15, 2000.

**CONTACT:** Emory Anderson, 301/713-2435, ext. 144. Fax: 301/713-0799. E-mail: [emory.anderson@noaa.gov](mailto:emory.anderson@noaa.gov). See this notice for a list of Sea Grant Programs and for a list of NMFS facilities and contact information.

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

**ITEM:** Notice requesting proposals under the National Fisheries Habitat Program, a part of the National Sea Grant College Program, for innovative research, education, and outreach projects that address critical and high priority problems related to fisheries habitat in U.S. coastal and Great Lakes waters.

**ACTION:** Preliminary proposals are due by December 1, 1999, and full proposals are due by February 15, 2000.

See also, <http://www.nsgo.seagrant.org/SGDirectors.html> for a list of Sea Grant program directors.

**CONTACT:** Emory Anderson, 301/713-2435, ext. 144. Fax: 301/713-0799. E-mail: [emory.anderson@noaa.gov](mailto:emory.anderson@noaa.gov).

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

**ITEM:** Notice requesting FY 2000 proposals for the application of marine biotechnology to assess the health of coastal ecosystems under a program being administered as part of the National Sea Grant College Program.

**ACTION:** Preliminary proposals are due by December 1, 1999, and full proposals are due by February 15, 2000.

See also, <http://www.nsgo.seagrant.org/SGDirectors.html> for a list of Sea Grant program directors.

**CONTACT:** Linda Kupfer, 301/713-2435. Fax: 301/713-0799. E-mail: [linda.kupfer@noaa.gov](mailto:linda.kupfer@noaa.gov).

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy; Federal Energy Technology Center

**ITEM:** Notice of intent to conduct a competitive program and to award financial assistance grants to U.S. colleges and universi-

ties under the Advanced Coal Research at Colleges and Universities Program.

**ACTION:** Proposals are due by December 13, 1999. See also, <http://fetc-ip.fetc.doe.gov/business/solicit/2000sol.html> for electronic access to the solicitation, which was due for release on October 25, 1999.

**CONTACT:** Debra Duncan, 412/386-5700. Fax: 412/386-6137. E-mail: [duncan@fetc.doe.gov](mailto:duncan@fetc.doe.gov).

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Defense; Department of the Air Force; Air Force Research Laboratory

**ITEM:** Notice seeking white papers, in advance of full proposals under DEER, to develop innovative approaches for determining the susceptibility and vulnerability of U.S. and foreign systems to high-power microwave environments.

**ACTION:** White papers received after the initial due date(s) will be evaluated depending upon the availability of funds, and the bulk of awards will most likely be made as a result of initial submissions of offers. However, the announcement will remain open for three years after the date of publication to take advantage of innovative proposals received after the initial cut-off dates. Only one white paper will be accepted every six months, and the semi-annual submission cut-off dates will be the last day in January and July. Proposals will be requested as a result of favorable review of white papers. See also, <http://www.eps.gov> for electronic posting of the announcement.

**CONTACT:** Michael Harrison, 505/846-5776. Fax: 505/846-0566. E-mail: [harrison@plk.af.mil](mailto:harrison@plk.af.mil).

**ADDRESS:** Phillips Laboratory, Directorate of Contracting, 2251 Maxwell Avenue, SE, Kirtland AFB, NM 87117-5773

**TITLE:** R&D of Tactical Data Link Dynamic Networking Technology

**SOL:** N66001-00-X-6001

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Defense; Department of the Navy; Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center

**EM:** Notice requesting proposals for research and development of tactical data link dynamic networking technology for potential application of the Link-16 environment.

**ACTION:** This BAA will close on December 1, 1999, or 30 days after the date of this publication. See also, <http://e-commerce.spawar.navy.mil> for access to electronic information.

**CONTACT:** Maureen Battern, 619/553-4489. E-mail: [battern@spawar.navy.mil](mailto:battern@spawar.navy.mil).

**ADDRESS:** Bid Office, SPAWARSCEN, Code D21B, 53570 Silvergate Avenue, Building A33, Room 0061, San Diego, CA 92152-5112



# Calendar of Events

## Send your calendar items to

Kay Fike Jones, 102 George Hall; Mail Stop 9512; FAX 325-7455; e-mail <jonesk@ur.msstate.edu> at least **TWO WEEKS** in advance. For updates, check <www.msstate.edu> and click on "News" for msu.NOW!

## November

### 15

Jazz Ensemble Concert, Lee Hall auditorium, 7:30 p.m. 325-3070.

"Advanced Access 97," Continuing Education, 107 Dorman, 1-5 p.m., \$85 before Nov. 9. 325-8876.

"Microsoft FrontPage 98," Computer Lab A, McArthur Hall, 1:30-5 p.m., User Services, no charge. 325-0631.

### 16

"Introduction to PowerPoint 97," Computer Lab A, McArthur Hall, 8:30 a.m.-noon, User Services, no charge. 325-0631.

### 17

"Groupwise 5.5," Computer Lab A, McArthur Hall, 1:30-5 p.m., User Services, no charge. 325-0631.

### 18

Wind Ensemble Concert, Lee Hall auditorium, 7:30 p.m. 325-3070.

"Adobe Acrobat 4.0," Computer Lab A, McArthur Hall, 8:30 a.m.-noon, User Services, no charge. 325-0631.

"Pagemill 4.0," Computer Lab A, McArthur Hall, 1:30-5 p.m., User Services, no charge. 325-0631.

"PowerPoint 97--Beyond the Basics," Continuing Education, 107 Dorman, 8 a.m.-noon, \$85 before Nov. 11. 325-8876.

Chalk Talk with assistant football coach Glenn Davis, Colvard Union lobby, 12:30 p.m. 325-2930.

*Mississippi State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status.*

### 20

MSU vs. Alabama A&M, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

"Endangered Species Puppets," Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, 10-11:30 a.m. Members' children, \$2; non-members, \$3. (601) 799-2311, extension 21.

### 22

MSU vs. Louisiana Tech, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

"Adobe Pagemaker," Computer Lab A, McArthur Hall, 1:30-5 p.m., User Services, no charge. 325-0631.

### 23

MSU vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Chalk Talk with football defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn, Colvard Union lobby, 12:30 p.m. 325-2930.

"Advanced Access," Computer Lab A, McArthur Hall, 8:30 a.m.-noon, User Services, no charge. 325-0631.

### 24

MSU vs. Alabama A&M, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

### 25

MSU vs. Mississippi, football, Scott Field, 5 p.m.

### 25, 26

University closed for Thanksgiving holidays.

### 29

Holiday Bazaar, Colvard Union, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. 325-2930.

"Introduction to Excel 97," Computer Lab A, McArthur Hall, 1:30-5 p.m. User Services, no charge. 325-0631.

### 30

MSU vs. Memphis, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

"JavaScript," Computer Lab A, McArthur Hall, 8:30 a.m.-noon. User Services, no charge. 325-0631.

Holiday Bazaar, Colvard Union, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 325-2930.

## December

### 1

MSU vs. Southwestern Louisiana, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

### 2

MSU vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

### 3

MSU Women's Club: bridge, 9:30 a.m., Colvard Union faculty lounge; Last Christmas of the Millennium Luncheon, ballroom, noon. 325-3573.

Holiday Open House, Crosby Arboretum/MSU, Picayune, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission. (601) 799-2311, extension 21.

### 4

MSU vs. Western Kentucky, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 4 p.m.

Holiday Bull Bash, sponsored by Calvary Rodeo Co., MSU AgriCenter, 716 Poorhouse Road East. Chad Kelly, (601) 233-2076.

Holiday Decorations from Nature (for kids), Crosby Arboretum/MSU, Picayune, 10-11:30 a.m. Members' children, \$3; non-members, \$5. Free admission. (601) 799-2311, extension 21.

### 5

MSU vs. Southern Mississippi, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 2 p.m.

### 6

Madrigal Dinner, Colvard Union ballroom. 325-3070.

Last day for all new students to apply for 2000 spring semester admission.

### 7

MSU vs. South Carolina State, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

### 8

Faculty and Professional Women's Association holiday party: Cary Sutphin and Dr. Charlotte Oakley, "Christmas Flavors of 20th Century Mississippi," A.B. McKay Enology Lab, North Farm, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 325-8643.

### 11

MSU vs. Centenary, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 2 p.m.

### 17

Commencement.