

to the faculty and staff of Mississippi State University

T.J. Lucious (l) and Frank Jones of campus landscape work to corral some of the late falling leaves near Harned Hall. They were part of a university effort to spruce up the grounds prior to the beginning of spring semester classes Jan. 10.



Fitness instructor program accredited

Mississippi State joins only one other university--Florida State--in having its fitness instructor training program recognized by the International Fitness Professionals Association.

IFPA offers both "personal fitness instructor" and "advanced personal trainer" certifications. Those who complete—and pass—MSU's instructor training program are qualified to receive both certifications.

All staff working in the strength and aerobic conditioning area at the Joe Frank Sanderson Center must complete a three-day training seminar and pass an 11-page essay exam. Those who want to go on and become certified through IFPA have only to pay a discounted fee of \$200.

Recreational Sports assistant director for fitness Greg Altorfer, who modeled MSU's program on Florida State's, explained that IFPA has its own tests for certification, but

recognizes both university programs.

"If people pass our tests, they're certified the same as if they had passed IFPA tests." He added, "Certification gives us something special, a reason for students to intern at Mississippi State."

For more information on fitness activities available at the Sanderson Center, access the Recreational Sports web site at www.msstate.edu/dept/recsports.



MSU to again host MLK Day breakfast

For the second consecutive year, Mississippi State is hosting the community's Martin Luther King Day Breakfast.

To be held Jan. 17, the 7:30 a.m. event at the Bost Extension Center auditorium is free and open to the public. Among the activities will be a forum on the future of race relations in Starkville and Oktibbeha County.

Co-sponsors of the annual breakfast are the Oktibbeha County Chapter of the NAACP and the Starkville Area Chamber of Commerce Race Relations Team. The theme of this year's event is "Living the Dream: Where Do We Go From Here?"

A series of speakers including President Malcolm Portera and Student Association President Matt Allen will comment on their organizations' goals for improved race relations in the year ahead.

Other speakers will represent the City of Starkville, Oktibbeha County, the chamber of commerce, the NAACP, and local ministerial associations.

"Mississippi State is pleased to be able to host again this important community gathering," Portera said. "I am particularly pleased that several of our students have taken the initiative to become involved in this year's event, and we look forward to good participation by the university community."

Other community events in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day include a Sunday evening community-wide church service at Starkville's St. Joseph Catholic Church and a Monday afternoon march on Main Street.

New furniture research facility planned

A planned Mississippi State furniture research facility will provide added technical and other supports for one of the state's leading industries.

To be housed in a 25,000 square-foot building at the university's Forest Products Laboratory, the Furniture Research Unit will continue to focus on the development of a variety of new

programs to further advance furniture manufacturing and the competitiveness of the furniture industry in Mississippi.

Currently, more than 50,000 Mississippi workers are producing about 70 percent of the nation's upholstered furniture.

"During the 1999 session, the Mississippi Legislature enacted a bill providing \$3 million for the construction of this much-needed building," said forest products department head Cynthia West. "An additional \$750,000 is being sought through a capital campaign to fully fund the facility."

West said the new building would contain office space, a research laboratory and storage areas, as well as classrooms and an auditorium for industrial training and conferences.

"Since its creation by the Legislature in 1987, the Forest Products Laboratory's Furniture Research Unit has assisted the

industry in building a strong technological base," West said. "Current estimates indicate that research conducted here saves Mississippi manufacturers more than \$3 million annually."

Staff Appreciation Day meeting set

An organization meeting for Staff Appreciation Day 2000 is scheduled for Jan. 19.

Anyone wishing to volunteer their time and effort for the spring gala should report to the Lewis Summer Suite of Memorial Hall at 10 a.m.

The event is sponsored annually by the Professional and Support Staff Advisory Council.

For more information, telephone Lorie White at 325-2307 or Kay Holland at 325-0664.

Horse care workshop set for AgriCenter

Horse fans across the state will gather Jan. 22 at the Mississippi State AgriCenter for the MSU Equine Focus 2000 to learn how to better care for horses.

Sponsored by MSU and Cargill Nutrena Feeds, the event is free to the public and will take place 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

"This event gives people an opportunity to mingle and visit with other horseowners," said Dr. Brett Scott, 4-H horse specialist with the Department of Animal and Dairy Science. "We hope to draw people from all over Mississippi and surrounding states."

Divided into general lectures and hands-on activities, MSU Equine Focus 2000 is designed to educate horseowners about management practices and health issues that relate to horses. In addition, special morning and afternoon sessions for youth will be offered.

Dr. Pete Gibbs, extension equine specialist from Texas A&M University, will be the featured speaker. Session topics include estimating the horse's weight and body condition, a discussion of today's prevalent equine diseases, tips on first aid for horseowners, equine riding programs at MSU, implanting as a form of permanent identification, and horse diets.

For more information, contact Scott at 325-3515. Pre-registration forms and a detailed schedule are available online at <www.msstate.edu/dept/ads>.

PCSW seeks outstanding women

The President's Commission on the Status of Women is accepting nominations through Feb. 1 to recognize accomplishments of women on campus, in the community and in the state.

The organization annually makes awards that include the Outstanding Mississippi Woman and Outstanding Community Woman. Awards also recognize those in each MSU employment category and an outstanding undergraduate and graduate student. Winners will be honored in a March 29 awards luncheon.

Among MSU employment categories are executive/administrative; faculty; professional; non-faculty; technical/paraprofessional; secretarial/clerical; skilled crafts; and service/maintenance.

Candidates are evaluated on service, professional and community activities. Last year's recipients included Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Lenore Prather, named Outstanding Mississippi Woman.

A letter from the PCSW detailing nomination procedures is being mailed this week to university employees. Nomination forms also are available at the Starkville Chamber of Commerce at

322 University Drive, or at any location of luncheon co-sponsor AmSouth Bank, operating as Deposit Guaranty.

Those nominating someone will fill out a form and attach two letters of recommendation. PCSW also will ask nominees whose packets are submitted to complete an information form.

The awards ceremony coincides with a campus Women's Month also sponsored by PCSW. Themed "Women Living Well," this year's March events will include workshops and sessions on topics dealing with emotional, physical and mental health issues, said PCSW president Ginger Cater.

The commission was created in the 1970s to advise the university president on issues affecting the status and role of women on campus. In more than two decades, it has continued to provide informational and educational programs to address concerns of women at the university.

For more information about the Outstanding Woman's Awards, contact Cater by telephone at 325-1008 or by e-mail at <gcater@pres.msstate.edu>; or contact Shay McDonnall at 325-3359 or by e-mail at <shay@saffairs.msstate.edu>.



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>>.

Program: Research, Training and Professorship Grants Agency: American Cancer Society
Next Deadline: Mar 01, 2000

The Society has 20 grant programs. Research grants support beginning investigators; targeted research; psychosocial and behavioral sciences; health services; health policy; and epidemiological, clinical and cancer control research. Health Professional Training Grants support training in clinical oncology for health professionals to develop clinical expertise. The Society also offers a Clinical Research Professorship, Institutional Grants, International Fellowships, and Targeted Research Grants. Most deadlines are March 1 or October 1. See http://www.cancer.org/index_4up.html.

CFDA Number: N/A

Contact: Annette Jordan, Grant Specialist, Grants Office

1599 Clifton Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30329

404/329-7546

Program: Occupational Safety and Health Small Grants

Agency: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Next Deadline: Mar 01, 2000

Supports pilot studies to design or test new methods, or to analyze previously collected data, in the area of occupational safety and health. Awards go to beginning investigators or graduate students. Priority areas include: irritant dermatitis; asthma; reproductive abnormalities; hearing loss; infectious diseases; low back disorders; work environment; and traumatic injuries. See PA-99-144, or <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/PA-99-144.htm> for more details.

CFDA Number: 93.262

Contact: Roy M. Fleming, Research Grants Program, Nat. Inst. for Occupa. Safety and Health

Building 1, Room 3053, MS-D30

Atlanta, GA 30333
404/639-3343

Program: Career Development Awards: Child Abuse and Neglect Research
Agency: National Institutes of Health
Next Deadline: Feb 01, 2000

NICHD, along with NIMH, NINDS, NIDA and NIAAA support this career development program for investigators who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on child abuse and neglect through research career enhancement in order to conduct high quality, multi-disciplinary, clinically-relevant research on basic biological, behavioral, and social aspects of child and adolescent abuse and neglect. The following NIH mechanisms will be used: K01, K02, K08, K23, and K24. For more details, see PA-99-133, or <http://www.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-99-133.html>.

Contact: G. Reid Lyon, Chief, Child Development and Behavior Branch

Nat. Inst. Of Child Health/Human Devel.

Building 6100, Room 4B05
Bethesda, MD 20892-7510
301/496-9849

Program: Grant Program

Agency: Fats and Proteins Research Foundation, Inc.

Next Deadline: Mar 15, 2000

Supports research concerning the utilization of animal by-products processed by the rendering industry, such as blood meal, meat and bone meal, tallow, hydrolyzed hair, and feathermeals. Recently funded projects include studies on ecological aspects of the rendering process, and chemical, microbiological and nutritional studies. See <http://www.fprf.org> for application materials. After viewing the Web site, call Dr. Gary G. Pearl for further information.

CFDA Number: N/A

Contact: Gary G. Pearl, Director

Technical Services
Rural Route 2, Box 298
Bloomington, IL 61704
309/829-7744

Program: Grants Program

Agency: Hudson River Foundation

Next Deadline: Mar 06, 2000

Supports research and dissemination projects relating to scientific, ecological, and public policy issues relevant to the Hudson River, with emphasis on mitigating fishery impacts caused by power plants. Research Grants usually range in size from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and require preproposals, which are due September 15. Invited full proposals will be due approximately two months later. Proposals for Graduate

Fellowships (up to \$15,000 for masters and doctoral students) and Tibor T. Polgar Fellowships (summer program for undergraduate and graduate students) are due March 6. Travel Grants applications can be submitted anytime. See <http://www.hudsonriver.org/>.

CFDA Number: N/A

Contact: Helene Audreyko, Office Manager
40 West 20th Street
9th Floor
New York, NY 10011
212/924-8290

Program: Biocomplexity: Special Competition 2000

Agency: National Science Foundation
Next Deadline: Jan 31, 2000

Provides support under a special competition for integrated research to understand and model complexity among biological, physical and social systems. Biocomplexity will be a multi-year effort to enhance understanding of the nature and dynamics of biocomplexity and the environment. See NSF 00-22 (<http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf0022>) for cross-NSF contact information. A strongly encouraged "message of intent" to apply is due by January 31, 2000 with full proposals due by March 1. Also, proposals for "incubation activities" to provide seed money for newly formed collaborative are due 3/1.

CFDA Number: N/A

Contact: Ted Elliott, Program Officer, Biological Sciences

Directorate for Biosciences
National Science Foundation
Arlington, VA 22230
703/306-1479

Program: Geoscience Education

Agency: National Science Foundation

Next Deadline: Mar 09, 2000

Supports projects under two categories: Awards to Facilitate Geoscience Education (AFGE) and Application of Digital Libraries to Undergraduate Earth Systems Education. AFGE ran its first competition in FY 98 and this announcement continues and expands the program's scope. A report on recommendations leading to the program's creation and information on past awards are located at <http://www.geo.nsf.gov>. Up to \$2 million was available in FY 99 to make about 25 awards. A new program announcement should be available in December of 1999.

CFDA Number: N/A

Contact: Michael Mayhew, Program Director
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4201 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22230
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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!

January

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Spring semester classes begin.

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Faculty and Professional Women's Association panel discussion, Colvard Union faculty lounge, brown bag, noon. 325-8643.

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"Teaching at a Distance: An Introduction to Interactive Video," User Services, 255 Allen, 1:30-5 p.m. 325-0631.

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

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Orientation and bus tour for International Services Office extended orientation, Rogers Auditorium, McCool Hall, 3-5 p.m. 325-8929.

Women's Club meeting with Penny Sanford, "Nature's Angels," Colvard Union ballroom, noon. 325-3573.

Weekly Information Technology Series: "Connecting to the Internet," 301-302 Colvard Union, noon-12:50 p.m. No registration required. <www.its.msstate.edu/us/training> or 325-8800.

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MSU vs. Auburn, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 12:30 p.m.

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

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2 educators honored by health group

Two Mississippi State educators are being recognized by the Mississippi Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Drs. Andy Gillentine and Barry P. Hunt are associate professors in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport.

Gillentine recently received the alliance's 1999 Pride in Teaching Award in recognition of innovative teaching and leadership in professional organizations. He directs the department's sport administration graduate program.

Hunt received the Health Educator of the Year Award for being a role model in health and fitness and for demonstrated commitment to curriculum development and professional growth. He directs the graduate program in health education and health promotion.

The Mississippi Alliance is the state chapter of the country's largest organization for professionals in education and specialties relating to healthy lifestyles.

Gillentine serves on the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness and

Sports and the executive board of directors of the Sports Management Review Council. He received a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University, a master's from Northeastern University and a doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Hunt is 1999 editor of the Mississippi Alliance's journal. He also serves as project director for the Oktibbeha County chapter of Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi, a school/community youth tobacco prevention program. He received a bachelor's from Troy State University and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Alabama.

Several of Gillentine and Hunt's departmental colleagues currently hold leadership positions in the state alliance. Lecturer Deborah W. Funderburk is vice president for dance; assistant professor Jeffrey W. Schulz, vice president for health; lecturer Holley G. Wiley, vice president-elect for health; and assistant professor Clayton L. Daughtrey and instructor Daniel Webb, council members.

Stennis flights scheduled for 2000

The Office of Research has scheduled this year's flights to the Stennis Space Center on the Gulf Coast via Aircraft Operations.

Seats are available for MSU faculty and staff with official business with agencies located at the Stennis facility.

To schedule and coordinate meetings during the visit, telephone Dr. Roy Crochet, director of the MSU Science and Technology Research Center at Stennis, (228) 688-3227.

Morning flights depart Starkville at 7:30, arriving at Stennis International Airport in Bay St. Louis at 8:30. Return flights leave at 8:45 a.m., arriving in Starkville one hour later. Afternoon flights leave Starkville at 4, arriving in Bay St. Louis at 5. They depart the coast at 5:15 p.m., arriving in Starkville at 6:15 p.m.

Dates include:

Jan. 12 and 25; Feb. 7 and 23; March 8 and 23; April 11 and 26; May 9 and 24; June 13 and 28; July 13 and 26; Aug. 8 and 23; Sept. 7 and 20; Oct. 10 and 25;

Nov. 8 and 21; and Dec. 6 and 19.

For more information or for reservations, telephone Joan Pritchett, coordinator of administrative support for centers and institutes, at 325-3571, or via e-mail at <joan@research.msstate.edu>.

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