

to the faculty and staff of Mississippi State University

August grads will have option to march in May

Qualifying students who plan to complete degree requirements in August 2000 will have the option to participate in May commencement ceremonies, since the university will not hold graduation exercises in August.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs David Cole said August graduates also have the option of participating in December ceremonies.

To qualify to participate in the spring ceremonies, students must apply for graduation by the extended deadline of Feb. 9, take no more than the standard load of six credit hours per session during the summer term, and satisfy a degree audit to determine that all graduation requirements have been fulfilled.

Students who will complete degree requirements during the summer and who take part in spring commencement will need to apply again to graduate in August, when their degree actually will be conferred.

The university announced last week that future commencement ceremonies will be held in May and December, at the

conclusion of the spring and fall semesters. Ceremonies also have been held at the end of summer session since

1996, but that event, typically the smallest of the three, is being discontinued.



Lanna Miller (second from right) and Elaine White (right) are among members of the Bulldog Mentors Program meeting with women's golf team member Christine Clausen (left), football player Mario Haggan and other Mississippi State athletes prior to a recent Humphrey Coliseum basketball game. The pre-game social is among several events athletes and their mentors take part in during the school year. The volunteer fellowship program is open to all interested faculty and staff members. To join or obtain more information on the program, telephone Miller at 325-1631, Karyn Brown at 325-7952, Clay Daughtrey at 325-0854, or Kim Walters at 325-7150.

MSU to help steer area teenagers away from cigarettes

In a statewide survey conducted last year, nearly 60 percent of teens responding said they have tried cigarettes. Now, youngsters in Clay, Oktibbeha and Lowndes counties have an ally to help lower the number.

With a grant from the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi, faculty members in Mississippi State's Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport are launching a series of awareness programs designed to steer area youth away from cigarettes.

Dr. Barry Hunt, associate professor of health education, is directing a project that invites area religious, educational and social organizations to join the antimok-

ing effort. In addition to schools and churches, cooperating agencies include local Boy's and Girl's clubs and Starkville's Project Brickfire. Other groups are being sought.

The project targets three age groups. "Using nationally tested models, we provide activities appropriate for children in grades K-3, grades 4-7 and grades 8-12," said research assistant Suleiman Alli. "We are training the students to develop skills that will let them resist peer pressure to smoke."

Hunt said the project also offers training for school and community educators in how to deliver effective anti-tobacco education programs.

A Feb. 18 leadership program in Starkville will be held for project mentors. American Cancer Society representatives will conduct the 9 a.m.-2 p.m. program at the Hayward "Bo" Phillips Activities Building located in the city's sports complex on Lynn Lane.

Surveys conducted at the beginning and end of the project will help MSU researchers measure changing attitudes and beliefs about smoking and gauge the program's effectiveness.

In addition, a major education event is being planned for March 11. Details of the all-day program are being finalized.

"Like the state project, our primary goal

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Eye- and ear-boggling media concert scheduled Feb. 8

Video, live electronics and percussion performances will envelop the senses in a Feb. 8 electronic media concert at MSU's Bettersworth Auditorium.

Mark Applebaum directs the 7:30 p.m. free performance in 188-seat Giles Hall. He is an assistant professor in the Department of Music Education, event sponsor.

The main program will be preceded by a special 7 p.m. session titled "Sonic Circuits." Sponsored by the American Composers Forum and music education, Sonic Circuits has been featured on campus for the past two years.

Concert selections include, among others, Applebaum's "Narcissus ReMix"; "Aftermath" by Christina Agamanolis; and "Long Slender Heels," by Mike Frengel. The pre-concert event features Thomas Gerwin's "Rollenspiel."

Videos include Mark Webber's "Sunayani," Iara Lee's "Enclosed Nature" and Philip Mantione and Alysse Stepanian's "The Field." Others will be "Sandscapes" by MSU Television Center director David Hutto and "Penrose Animation" by assistant art professor Anna Chupa.

Printing cites program preferences

Patrons of the Office of Printing Services are being encouraged to only use computer programs such as Freehand, PageMaker, Printer's Choice, or Quark Xpress for projects using screens or photographs.

"While WordPerfect, Microsoft Word and similar presentation programs may work fine with a client's own laser printer, they are not brochure-quality programs," said Evelyn Sebren, Printing Services' computer image specialist. "Problems arise when we print out a job composed with those programs, such as text changes and poor-quality screens and photographs."

Sebren said publications composed with Freehand, PageMaker, Printer's Choice, or Quark Xpress—all suited for high-end printing—usually are problem-free for printing purposes. Illustrator files also may be used, but Sebren said her office has limited knowledge of its capabilities.

"The audience will experience a variety of sights and sounds, including CD tracks and live performances for timpani, snare drum and amplified cactus, accompanied by electronically taped sounds," said Applebaum. "Electro-acoustic sound sculptures, modified by live electronics in accompaniment to slides of contemporary architecture, also will be featured."

Other parts of the program include:

—MSU alumnus Chapman Welch's performance of "Lazarus" for electric guitar and live electronics;

—A rendition by assistant professor Robert Damm of Lalo Davila's "Samba del 'Boro'" for snare drum and tape and Damm's collaboration with Charles John-Arnold on "John-Arnold's Afronaut" for percussion, synthesizers, sampler, beat box, and video; and

—John Beck's "Interactions for Timpani and Sound" by senior music education major Christopher Clark of Starkville.

For more information, telephone 325-3070.

Virtual art on exhibit in ERC's CAVE

In conjunction with the SIGGRAPH 99 Traveling Exhibition, a virtual reality artwork will be shown in the CAVE at the National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center.

"Liquid Meditation" will be available for viewing through Feb. 24 at the Cave Automatic Virtual Environment (Room 27), Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.

The artwork was exhibited last year in the CAVE at SIGGRAPH 99 in Los Angeles. It was conceived and developed by ERC research assistant Margaret Watson, who also provided graphics and implemented the audio.

For more information on the exhibit, telephone Watson at 325-8679.

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is to contribute to an environment that promotes healthy lifestyles among youth," Hunt said.

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- Curriculum and Instruction, Department Head/Professor
- Curriculum and Instruction, Webmaster
- Dining Services, Director
- Mathematics and Statistics, Department Head/Professor
- Music Education, Department Head, Associate/Professor (Search Extended)
- Office of the Provost, Dean/Director/Professor - College of Forest Resources and Forest and Wildlife Res. Ctr.
- Registrars Office, University Registrar
- School of Accountancy, Director/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 Economics, Assistant Specialist
- Agricultural Information Science and Education, Assistant/Associate Professor
- Animal and Dairy Sciences, Equine Science (2 positions)
- Animal and Dairy Sciences, Assistant/Associate Specialist
- Art, Assistant/Associate Professor (Foundation)
- Art, Assistant/Associate Professor (Graphic Design)
- Biological Sciences, Assistant Professor/Microbial Geneticist
- Biological Sciences, Assistant Professor/Molecular Evolutionist

- Biological Sciences, Assistant Professor/Plant Ecologist
- Communication, Assistant/Associate Professor (2 positions)
- Computer Science, Assistant/Associate Professor (3 positions)
- Computer Science, Lecturer Pool (Part Time, Time Limited)
- Counselor Ed. and Ed. Psychology/RRTC, Assistant/Associate Professor and RRTC Research Director
- Counselor Education, Assistant/Associate Professor (2 positions)
- Diagnostic Instrumentation and Analysis Laboratory (DIAL), Research Engineer II (2 positions)
- 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)
- Engineering Research Center (ERC), Research Engineer (2 positions)
- English, Assistant Professor (2 positions)
- Finance and Economics, Assistant Professor
- Food Science and Technology, Assistant/Associate 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
- Human Sciences, Assistant/Associate Specialist and Scientist
- Industrial Engineering, Assistant/Associate Professor
- Library, Assistant Professor and Database Management/Authority Control Librarian
- Library, Assistant Professor and Instruction Services Librarian (2 positions)
- Library, Assistant Professor/Librarian and Information Specialist
- Library, Assistant Professor/Librarian and Information Specialist-Jackson Center
- Library, Assistant Professor/Reference Services Librarian
- Library, Assistant Professor and Serials Cataloger
- Library, Associate Professor and Reference Services Coordinator
- Library, Instructor and Cataloger
- Library, Instructor/Serials Cataloger
- MCES/Economic and Community Resource Development/Agriculture and Natural Resources, Geospatial Extension Specialist
- Management and Information Systems, Assistant/Associate/Full Professor (Search Extended)
- Math and Statistics, Associate Professor (4 positions)
- Mechanical Engineering, Assistant/Associate/Full Professor
- Music Education, Assistant/Associate Professor/Director of Choral Activities (Search Extended)
- Physics and Astronomy, Assistant/Associate Professor
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Assistant/Associate Professor (3 positions)
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Assistant/Associate Professor/Environmental Pesticide
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Assistant/Associate Specialist
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Assistant/Associate Specialist, Agronomist, Professor
- 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 (3 positions)
- Vet Medicine, Assistant/Associate Professor Aquatic Pathobiologist (2 positions)
- 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, Assistant/Associate Professor of Veterinary Surgery
- Vet Medicine, Branch Librarian/Assistant/Associate Professor (Modified Advertisement)
- MAFES/Central MS Research and Extension Center, Superintendent/Horticulturist
- MAFES/Delta Research and Extension Center, Stoneville, MS, Assistant/Associate Agronomist
- MAFES/North MS Research and Extension Center, Pontotoc MS, Research Scientist/Agronomy
- 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, Assistant Professor of English
- Meridian Campus, Assistant Professor of History
- Meridian Campus, Lecturers (Part Time, Temporary)
- Social Science Research Center,

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Calendar of Events

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Ongoing Events, Activities

SIGGRAPH Traveling Exhibition of digital art, through Feb. 24, Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall. NEW gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sundays, 1-4 p.m. 325-2947.

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"Sonic Circuits VII," electroacoustic music and experimental video, Bettersworth Auditorium, Giles Hall. Concert, 7:30 p.m.; pre-concert sound installation, 7 p.m. 325-3070.

Faculty and Professional Women's Association meeting: Dr. John Bartkowski will discuss "The Promise Keepers," Colvard Union faculty lounge, noon-1 p.m. Brown bag. 325-8643.

MSU Bridal Fair, Colvard Union ballroom. Booths open, 5:30 p.m.; bridal show, 7 p.m. \$5. 325-2930.

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Minority Student Achievement Program, Colvard Union, 9:30 a.m. 325-3076.

"Student Safety" and "Work Opportunities," International Student Required Extended Orientation, Rogers Auditorium, McCool Hall, 3-5 p.m. 325-8929.

Risk Management 2000 agriculture statewide interactive teleconference, Dorman Hall, 9 a.m. Call toll free (877) 361-3276.

Holland Faculty Senate meeting, Coskrey Auditorium, Memorial Hall, 2 p.m. Available online at <www.msstate.edu/Org/FS/faculty_senate.html>.

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

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MSU vs. Albany University, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 2 p.m.

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Biloxi, MS, Assistant Instructor

Other Professional

- Agricultural Communications, Chief Illustrator
- Agricultural Economics, Senior LAN Systems Analyst
- Athletics, Assistant Women's Softball Coach
- Athletics, Football Administrative Assistant
- Athletics, Head Women's Soccer Coach
- Biological Sciences, Research Assistant I (Time Limited)
- Business and Industry, Budget Manager (Internal Position)
- Computer Application and Services, Network Project Assistant
- Computer Application and Services, Programmer Analyst
- Computer Science, Assistant Systems and Network Manager (Part Time)
- Continuing Education, Coordinator of Distance Education Program Development (Internal Position)
- Continuing Education, Manager of Distance Education (Internal Position)
- Curriculum and Instruction, Research Assistant I (Time Limited 50%)
- Development, Director of Development for the College of Education
- Diagnostic Instrumentation and Analysis Laboratory (DIAL), Accountant
- Diagnostic Instrumentation and Analysis Laboratory (DIAL), Post-Doctoral Research Associate (Time-Limited)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering, Budget Manager (Internal Position)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering, Research Engineer/Research Engineer I
- Engineering Research Center (ERC), Accountant
- Engineering-Dean of, Research Scientist/Engineer
- Engineering Research Center (ERC), Graphic Designer
- Engineering Research Center (ERC), Research Assistant I (4 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)
- Food Science and Technology, Accountant
- Forestry, Research Assistant I (Time Limited, 2 positions)
- General Counsel, Legal Assistant
- Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sports, Research Assistant
- Human Sciences, Research Assistant
- Human Sciences, Teacher, Child Development Center
- Industrial Engineering, Post-doctoral (2 positions)
- Information Systems, Computer Programmer (2 positions)
- Information Systems, Programmer Analyst
- Information Systems, Senior Programmer Analyst
- Library, Instructional Media Center Assistant
- Mississippi State Chemical Lab, Research Assistant I
- Mississippi State University Cooperative Extension Service/Geographic Information Systems, GIS Operator
- Mississippi Writing/Thinking, Assessment Coordinator (Part Time)
- Physical Plant, Billing and Inventory Coordinator
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Research Assistant (2 positions)
- Plant and Soil Sciences, Research Assistant I (2 positions)
- Recreational Sports, Assistant Director (Aquatics)
- Social Sciences Research Center, Research Assistant I (Time Limited)
- Registrar, Information System Coordinator
- Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision, Research Scientist
- Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision, Research Scientist I
- Social Science Research Center, Research Assistant I Applicant Pool (Time Limited)
- Student Affairs, Psychologist
- Student Health Center, Pharmacist
- Systems and Networks, LAN Systems Analyst
- University Television Center, Video Writer/Reporter
- User Services, Help Desk Consultant
- Vet Medicine, Intern, (2 positions)
- Vet Medicine, Medical Technologist I/II
- Vet Medicine, Research Assistant I/II
- Coastal Research and Extension Center, Assistant Specialist/Associate Specialist
- Coastal Research and Extension Center, Research Assistant I (2 positions)
- 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 (2 positions)
- MAFES/Delta Research and Extension Center, Research Assistant I (Part Time, Time Limited)
- Meridian Campus, Electronic Services Librarian
- Meridian Campus, Information Systems Manager
- Meridian Campus, Manager, Continuing Education and Distance Learning (SEARCH EXTENDED)