

to the faculty and staff of Mississippi State University

## \$10 million gift to aid downtown Meridian

A \$10 million commitment from the Riley Foundation is helping pave the way for a proposed education and conference center that would occupy historic buildings in downtown Meridian.

Plans outlined recently call for converting the 1890 Grand Opera House and the adjacent 1889 Marks-Rothenberg Building into a center that would spur economic development and downtown revitalization. A 500-car drive-up parking garage would be built nearby.

President Malcolm Portera announced the project, which is being coordinated by the university. Riley Foundation representatives and officials of Meridian and Lauderdale County joined him for a Feb. 3 press conference on the MSU-Meridian campus. Also taking part were state Rep.

Charles Young of Meridian and 3rd District Congressman Chip Pickering.

"I have never seen an opportunity that rivals this one for the potential it has to transform the heart of a community," said Portera, who guided economic development projects in several states before becoming MSU president.

The \$10 million gift from the Riley Foundation is the first component of what supporters hope will be a \$26 million fund for renovation and construction needed to create the Riley Education and Performing Arts Center. The remaining funds are being sought from city, county and federal sources.

"Bringing back the character of downtown Meridian is a dream I have had for some time," Pickering said. "Securing local, state and private support for this endeavor will make it easier to obtain federal funding. I will continue working to pursue federal and

private funding opportunities to help restore these historic buildings that will spur growth in the downtown area."

Plans for the Riley Center also call for annual operating appropriations from the state Legislature and an additional \$5 million endowment raised from private gifts to help permanently fund operation and maintenance.

"This is a first step, but it is a very important and generous first step," Portera said of the Riley gift. "It reflects the level of vitality in this community and the commitment to create here a quality of life unsurpassed anywhere in the state."

The Meridian-based Riley Foundation, chartered in 1998, was established with proceeds from the sale of Riley Memorial Hospital, which was founded in Meridian in 1930 by Dr. Franklin Gail Riley. His sons, Dr. Richard Riley and Dr. William

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### **Ed leadership is accredited**

An administrative policy board is recognizing Mississippi State's educational leadership program for meeting strict curriculum guidelines and professional standards.

The National Policy Board for Educational Administration recently accredited MSU's educational leadership program in the College of Education. Headquartered at the University of Missouri, the NPBEA is an arm of the Washington, D.C.-based National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

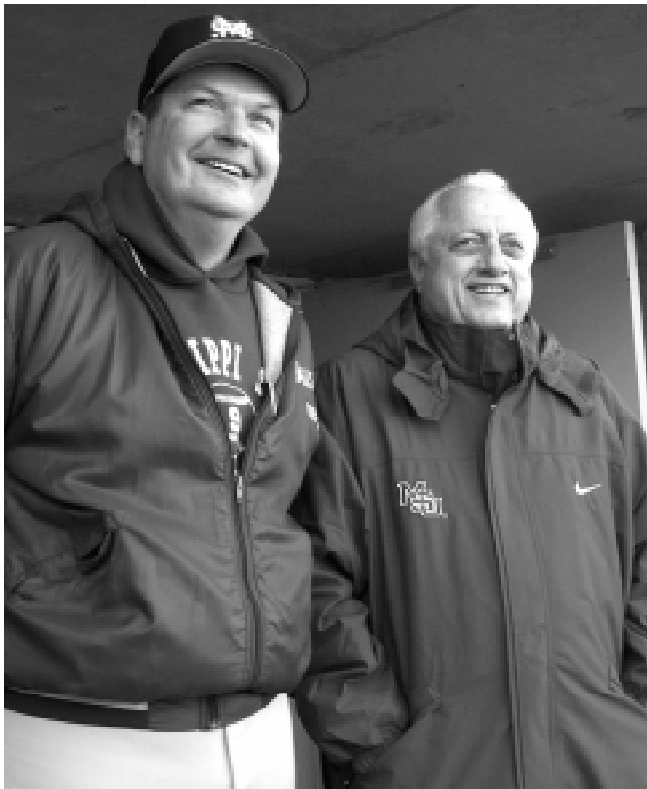
The achievement follows a recent state review that also gave the department high marks for its revised master's degree curriculum.

The only one of its kind in the

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*Foreign languages professor Benjamin Blaney (l) is the Outstanding Academic Adviser for 2000 at Mississippi State. Seth Oppenheimer (c), associate professor of mathematics and statistics, and John Obringer, professor of special education, received certificates of merit for their efforts in guiding students through the completion of their majors. For receiving the top award, Blaney will be MSU's entry in national advising competition. The Academic Advising Center is program coordinator.*



*Former Los Angeles Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda (r) visits with Bulldog baseball coach Pat McMahon during a recent visit to campus. Lasorda was the featured speaker for the third annual MSU Dugout Club First Pitch/Meet the Team Banquet. MSU opens its 110th season of baseball Feb. 19 when it meets the University of Alabama at Birmingham Blazers in Mobile.*

## Symphony concert slated for Feb. 27

The Starkville-MSU Symphony Orchestra will present a concert Feb. 27 at Starkville High School.

The performance begins at 3 p.m. in the new auditorium.

Program highlights include Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 3, Haydn's Symphony No. 45, also known as the "Farewell Symphony," and "Movement for Small Orchestra," written by Mississippi University for Women professor Richard Montalto.

"I am excited about the concert and our players," said conductor Denise Rowan. "We have Mississippi State students and Starkville High School string students joining us, community members from Columbus and Starkville, as well as faculty from both MUW and MSU who will be performing."

For more information, telephone Elizabeth Hawkins, symphony association president, at 325-8507.

## Workshop to probe school building redesign

A Feb. 29 workshop at Mississippi State will provide historical and practical insights into redesigning and renovating aging school buildings.

The 8 a.m.-4 p.m. limited attendance program will take place in the Mitchell Memorial Library conference room. The university's Educational Design Institute, a partnership between the College of Education and School of Architecture, is sponsor.

The EDI was created in 1998 to promote the development of safe, accessible, learner-centered environments. It works in collaboration with students, parents, teachers, administrators, school boards, and communities.

"This workshop will provide design professionals and others with specific strategies for replanning, redesigning and renovating older structures," said EDI project director John Poros.

The federal General Accounting Office has estimated that "approximately 25,000 American schools need extensive repair or replacement," he added.

Other sponsors include the Tennessee Valley Authority, Electric Power Research Institute of Palo Alto, Calif., Carothers

Construction Co. of Water Valley, and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Workshop topics and speakers include:

- The relationship between educational programs and school design, including planning for new educational needs in older schools, led by EDI director Jeff Lackney;
- Architectural guidelines and permit-

ting processes involving structures on the Mississippi Landmark Buildings list, led by MDAH's Thomas Blackwell;

—Replacing or retrofitting existing energy systems, led by Bruce Lindsay of EPRI; and

—Ways redesign professionals can work best with contractors and construction managers, led by Carothers' Stephen Hartsuff.

### March 1, 2

## Future technologies conference set

A March 1 and 2 conference jointly sponsored by the state Board of Trustees, Institutions of Higher Learning and the State Board for Community Colleges will introduce faculty members to the latest multimedia technologies for classroom instruction.

The workshop at the Gold Strike Hotel and Casino in Tunica will feature sessions dealing with legal issues in information technology, using online technology in the traditional classroom, new video applications on campus networks, and Internet2, among others.

Among presenters is Bruce Chaloux, head of the Southern Regional Education Board's Electronic Campus. Mississippi State will provide presentations on its use of streaming video and the Cooperative Extension Service computer network.

More than 350 faculty members from around the state attended last year's conference.

Faculty members interested in learning more or registering for the 2000 event can access <[www.ihl.state.ms.us/](http://www.ihl.state.ms.us/)> for more information.

## CBT Center offers computerized tests

MSU's Computer-Based Testing Center is offering computerized versions of standardized exams at its 54 Magruder St. location.

The computer-adaptive tests include Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), Graduate Record Exam (GRE), GRE Writing Assessment, Academic Skills Assessment of Reading, Writing and Math (PRAXIS I), and Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

CBT, part of Counseling and Testing Services, was awarded the first institutional contract to offer the tests in Mississippi through Princeton, N.J.-based Educational Testing Service.

"Due to increased demand, the CBT

Center expanded last August from its original four testing stations to eight," said Dr. Linda Cox, director of counseling and testing services.

Even with the new stations, the center stays booked-up some two weeks in advance and patrons are urged to make appointments early.

The CBT Center offers the GRE, PRAXIS I and TOEFL every day of the month and the GMAT the last three weeks of each month. Appointments may be made by telephone or by visiting the center.

For more information, telephone Cox at the Counseling Center, 325-2091, or test administrator Becky Davis at 325-6610.

## Advising seminar is scheduled

The Advising Task Force is presenting a Feb. 16 seminar entitled "Using Banner and CAPP for Advising."

CAPP is Banner's Curriculum Advising and Program Planning component, a tool that can help advisers monitor a student's progress toward a degree.

The program begins at 1 p.m. in the Colvard Union small auditorium. Presenters are Sharon Nobles and Sara Valentine of the Registrar's Office.

For more information, telephone Rachel Singleton at 325-2624.

## National Shakespeare Co. to perform fey comedy

The nation's oldest professional touring company of actors brings one of William Shakespeare's most popular comedies to MSU Feb. 22.

The National Shakespeare Co. will perform "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in Lee Hall auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens (by request) and \$3 for children 3-12.

Individual tickets are available only at the door. MSU students and season ticket holders have priority seating until 7:10 p.m.

Shakespeare's comedy brings together the worlds of mortals and the fairies and introduces the timeless sprite, Puck, whose matchmaking mischief creates confusion among both worlds.

Audiences can enjoy the timelessness of the story, said director Ron Rashford.

"If I had to choose a play for someone seeing Shakespeare for the first time, it would definitely be "A Midsummer Night's Dream," he said. "You don't need a background in history or politics of the times to understand the story."

"The play has everything for an audience to enjoy," he continued. "First, we can all relate to falling in love for the first time; and second, the world of the fairies and magic is greatly entertaining."

A goal of the National Shakespeare Co. is to make its productions accessible to modern audiences. One way it does this is through its national touring program where performers log more than 35,000 miles each year with some 100 performances in 37 states.

Another way the company reaches out to the public is with its educational program "Shakespeare to the Quick" which promotes literacy and language skills at more than 70 schools in the New York City area.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is sponsored by the university's Lyceum Series. The next Lyceum performance is March 14 when the percussion ensemble NEXUS takes the stage. The 1999-2000 series ends April 4 with a performance by the Martha Graham Dance Ensemble.

For more information, telephone 325-4201 or visit the Lyceum web site at <[www.msstate.edu/dept.lyceum](http://www.msstate.edu/dept.lyceum)>.



*The cast of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."*



*Celeste Brignac (r), senior computing consultant with Information Technology Services, demonstrates Adobe PhotoShop software to Lemond Irvin of the Research and Curriculum Unit and Amy Cade of geosciences. Brignac's recent workshop was part of a semester-long series offered by ITS for faculty, staff and students. For more information on ITS programs, telephone 325-0631 or access its web site at <[www.its.msstate.edu](http://www.its.msstate.edu)>.*

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Riley, are Meridian physicians and members of the foundation's board of directors.

The Grand Opera House opened in 1890. For years during the pre-motion picture Vaudeville era it was the venue of such stars as George Gershwin, Will Rogers, Sara Bernhardt, and Helen Hayes. The historic building has been unused for decades and is in serious disrepair. The adjacent Marks-Rothenberg Building was a department store until 1990 and now is vacant.

The non-profit Grand Opera House of Mississippi Inc. currently owns both buildings and supports the proposal. Ownership of the property likely will be transferred to Mississippi State, Portera said.

The opera house, which once could seat up to 1,500 spectators, is an architectural and historic "diamond in the rough" that is unique in Mississippi and surrounding states, Portera said. The building can be restored to its original grandeur to accommodate theatrical and musical performances, including Broadway-style shows, he said.

The 38,000-square-foot Marks-Rothenberg Building would become an education and conference center including interactive classrooms and teleconfer-

encing facilities. Visual and performing arts would be among the academic programs supported by such a center, said MSU-Meridian Dean Bev Norment.

One of the first academic programs to use the conference center could be MSU's School of Architecture, which already uses the opera house as the basis for studies in historic preservation and restoration. Portera said the proposed conference center would be a logical site for a national conference series on the subject.

Meridian-born actress Sela Ward is a longtime proponent of reviving the opera house and has agreed to assist with fund raising and other efforts related to the project, Portera said.

The next steps in bringing the project to reality, Portera said, are to secure funding commitments of \$7 million from the City of Meridian, \$3 million from Lauderdale County and \$6 million from federal and other sources, along with raising \$5 million from private sources to fund an operating endowment.

The Legislature will be asked to provide \$750,000 a year in ongoing support for programming and operating expenses.

City, county and legislative leaders have expressed support for the project.

**Everest veteran to speak here**

The man who organized a 1991 climb of the world's highest mountain will relive the adventure in a Feb. 14 public program at Mississippi State.

Rick Wilcox will discuss the New England Everest Expedition at a 7 p.m. free public program in the Simrall Hall auditorium. His remarks will be accompanied by a slide presentation.

From a base camp in Nepal, Wilcox and three other team members reached the summit of the 29,028 foot Himalayan peak in May of that year. His eight-person group was the first Everest expedition to be organized in the Eastern United States.

The president of North Conway, N.H.-based Mountain Rescue Service Inc., Wilcox currently is preparing for a March climb in the Himalayas of the world's sixth-highest mountain. His target, Cho-yu, is located on the Nepal-Tibet border.

The state Board of Trustees, Institutions of Higher Learning will be asked to approve the project at its meeting this month. If all goes according to plan, architects could be at work on the project this summer, Portera said.

"This is a Mississippi State and a community project," Portera said. "We're the facilitators. We're asking the city and county up front for help in completing the project and we're asking the Legislature for continuing support.

"If people in the Meridian community treat this as the impetus to a different future, it can be the most important thing to come along in a long time," Portera said.

He noted that private investors are considering plans for additional hotel space and restaurants in proximity to the proposed conference center.

**— Census Note —**

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with the Internal Revenue Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Welfare, Immigration—or any other government agency. No court of law, not even the president of the United States, can find out your answers.



# Employment Opportunities

*The following vacancies are subject to change on a daily basis.*

*Mississippi State University is an Equal 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
- 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, 2

positions)

- 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
- 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
- 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 (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 (2 positions)
- 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

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## 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>>.

**TITLE:** Research on the Development of Interventions for Youth Violence

**DOC#:** OD-00-005

**INSTITUTE:** NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research; National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; National Institute on Drug Abuse; National Institute of Mental Health

**ITEM:** Notice requesting applications for research aimed at the development of behavioral interventions for youth violence, to encourage innovative research for the purpose of youth violence prevention, treatment, service delivery and maintenance of behavior change.

**ACTION:** Letters of intent are due by March 1, 2000, and applications are due by April 14, 2000. Application forms are available from the Division of Extramural Outreach and Information Resources, 301/435-0714. E-mail: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov). See also, <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/funding.htm> for electronic access to application forms.

**TITLE:** Enhancing Adherence to Diabetes Self-management Behaviors

**DOC#:** PA-00-049

**INSTITUTE:** National Institute of Nursing Research; National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; National Institute on Aging; National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

**ITEM:** Notice requesting applications under a program supporting investigator-initiated research related to sociocultural, environmental and behavioral mechanisms and biological/technological factors that contribute to successful and ongoing self-management in diabetes.

**ACTION:** Applications are due by June 1, and October 1, of each year. Application forms are available from the Division of Extramural Outreach and Information Resources, 301/435-0714. E-mail: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov). See also, <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm> for

access to electronic information.

**TITLE:** Testing Interventions to Improve Adherence to Pharmacological Treatment Regimens

**DOC#:** OD-00-006

**INSTITUTE:** NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research; National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; National Institute on Drug Abuse; National Institute of Mental Health; National Cancer Institute; National Human Genome Research Institute; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; National Institute on Aging; National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease; National Institute of Nursing Research

**ITEM:** Notice seeking research project grant applications under a program whose purpose is to encourage behavioral and social research on the effectiveness of interventions to improve adherence to therapeutic regimens in various settings.

**ACTION:** Letters of intent are due by March 6, 2000, and applications are due by April 6, 2000. Application forms are available from the Division of Extramural Outreach and Information Resources, 301/435-0714. E-mail: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov). See also, <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/funding.htm> for electronic access to application forms.

**TITLE:** Neurobiological and Behavioral Research on Nicotine and Tobacco Components

**DOC#:** PA-00-045

**INSTITUTE:** National Institute on Drug Abuse

**ITEM:** Notice seeking applications under a program announcement whose purpose is to increase knowledge of the behavioral and neural mechanisms involved in addictive processes, with respect to nicotine and associated tobacco chemicals, as part of continuing efforts to explain and prevent their use and to develop effective treatments for nicotine addiction.

**ACTION:** Applications are due by February 1, June 1, and October 1, of each year. Application forms are available from the Division of Extramural Outreach and Information Resources, 301/435-0714. E-mail: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov). See also, <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/funding.htm> for electronic access to application forms.

**CONTACT:** Thomas Aigner, 301/443-6975. Fax: 301/594-6043. E-mail: [ta17r@nih.gov](mailto:ta17r@nih.gov). Jaylan Turkkkan, 301/443-1263. Fax: 301/594-6043. E-mail: [jt58t@nih.gov](mailto:jt58t@nih.gov).

**AGENCY:** U.S. Institute of Peace; Office of Administration

**ITEM:** Notice announcing the upcoming spring Unsolicited Grant Program deadline for applications. The program supports research, education and training, and dissemination of information on international peace and conflict resolution.

**ACTION:** Applications are due by March 1, 2000. See also, <http://www.usip.org> for access to electronic information.

**CONTACT:** The Grant Program, 202/429-3842. Fax: 202/429-6063. E-mail: [grant\\_program@usip.org](mailto:grant_program@usip.org).

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy; Chicago Operations Office; Office of Industrial Technologies

**ITEM:** Notice announcing the availability of funds and interest in receiving applications for cost shared research and development projects for technologies that will enhance economic competitiveness, reduce energy consumption, and reduce environmental impacts of the U.S. glass industry.

**ACTION:** Applications are due by April 3, 2000, and the application package will be released by February 15, 2000. Go to <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> for electronic access to the application package.

**CONTACT:** David Ramirez, 630/252-2133. Fax: 630/252-5045. E-mail: [david.ramirez@ch.doe.gov](mailto:david.ramirez@ch.doe.gov).

**TITLE:** Advanced Communications and Information Technologies Initiative

**SOL:** 00-007

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Defense; Department of the Navy; Office of Naval Research

**ITEM:** Notice seeking proposals under a program whose purpose is to accelerate, within the university community, certain research activities affecting advanced communications and information technologies in the areas of wireless secure communication, visualization, human computer interface and collaboration technologies, computer networking, and real-time interoperability.

**ACTION:** Proposals from institutions of higher education are due by February 29, 2000. See also, <http://www.onr.navy.mil/02/certifications.htm> for access to the grant certification package.

**CONTACT:** Paul Quinn, 703/696-5753. Fax: 703/696-2611. E-mail: [quinnp@onr.navy.mil](mailto:quinnp@onr.navy.mil).

**ADDRESS:** Office of Naval Research, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660

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- Meridian Campus, Assistant Professor of History
- Meridian Campus, Lecturers (Part Time, Temporary)
- Social Science Research Center, Biloxi, MS, Assistant Instructor

### Other Professional

- Agricultural Communications, Chief Illustrator
- Athletics, Assistant Women's Soccer Coach
- Athletics, Assistant Women's Softball Coach
- Athletics, Football Administrative Assistant
- 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
- Forest and Wildlife Research Center (FWRC), Financial/Budget Manager (Internal Position)
- Forestry, Research Assistant I (Time Limited, 2 positions)
- General Counsel, Legal 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 (1 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
- Technology and Education, Projects Coordinator
- Technology and Education, Projects Director
- User Services, Computing Consultant
- University Television Center, Video Writer/Reporter
- Vet Medicine, Intern, (2 positions)
- 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 (Full Time, Time Limited)
- MAFES/Delta Research and Extension Center, Research Assistant I (Part Time, Time Limited)
- MAFES/Pontotoc Experiment Station (Pontotoc, MS), Research Assistant I
- 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.



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



## Kudos

**Jack White**, director of the University Honors Program, was invited to read selections from Mississippi writers Eudora Welty and Willie Morris at the gubernatorial inauguration in January.

**F.Y. Yueh, J.P. Singh and H. Zhang**, DIAL, wrote "Elemental Analysis with Laser-induced Breakdown Spectroscopy" for the Encyclopedia of Analytical Chemistry: Instrumentation and Application published by John Wiley & Sons.

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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.

Virtual reality artwork "Liquid Meditation" will be shown through Feb. 24 at the CAVE in the NSF Engineering Research Center (Room 27), Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. 325-8679.

### February

#### 14

Mountain climber Rick Wilcox to speak, Simrall Hall auditorium, 7 p.m. (see story on page 4)

#### 15

Symphonic Band Concert, Lee Hall, 7:30 p.m. 325-3070.

Arbor Day Tree and Shrub Sale, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune. Members only: 9-10 a.m.; public: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (601) 799-2311, extension 21.

#### 16

"Forestry Investment and Analysis," agents-in-training, MSU AgriCenter. Stephen Dicke, (662) 857-2284.

"Using Banner and CAPP for Advising" seminar, Colvard Union small auditorium, 1 p.m. 325-2624. (see story on page 3)

#### 17

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

MSU vs. UAB, men's tennis, Pitts Tennis Centre, 2 p.m.

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#### 18

Spring semester "Discovery: MSU," opening assembly, Lee Hall auditorium, 9:30 a.m. 325-3076.

"The INS and You," International Student Required Extended Orientation, Rogers Auditorium, McCool Hall, 3-5 p.m. 325-8929.

MSU vs. Middle Tennessee, women's tennis, Pitts Tennis Centre, 2:30 p.m.

MSU vs. Northwest, 2:30 p.m.; vs. Winthrop, 4:30 p.m., softball, MSU Softball Field.

#### 19

MSU vs. Chattanooga, 1 p.m.; vs. Belmont, 3:30 p.m., softball, MSU Softball Field.

#### 20

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

MSU vs. Austin Peay, softball, MSU Softball Field, 2 p.m.

MSU vs. Alabama, women's tennis, Pitts Tennis Centre, 1 p.m.

#### 22

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," Lee Hall auditorium, 7:30 p.m. 325-4201. (see story on page 3)

MSU vs. Southeastern Louisiana, baseball,

### Disney applications are available from HRM

Applications for the Disney Magic Kingdom Club 2000 now are available at the Department of Human Resources Management.

Faculty or staff planning to travel to a Disney location may receive discounts on park entrance fees, dining, lodging, and select merchandise by completing the new Magic Kingdom Club application. Other benefits include special offers on Disney Cruise Line vacations, car rentals and a one-year membership in Travel America at Half Price.

Persons completing a new application should receive a personalized membership card and guide two or three weeks after the Disney club gets the application.

Applications may be picked up in the lobby of McArthur Hall. Those traveling to a Disney location during spring break may want to speed the process along by telephoning HRM at 325-3713.

Dudy Noble Field, 3 p.m.

#### 23

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

MSU vs. Southeastern Louisiana, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 3 p.m.

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state receiving both state and national accolades for its efforts to better prepare future school leaders, the new program is offered at both the Starkville and Meridian campuses of MSU.

Gary P. Johnson, professor of educational leadership, said the department underwent a rigorous reviewing process to become recognized.

"We really reworked this program from the ground up," he said. "Mississippi is in the forefront of leadership education in the nation, and we are proud to be among the leaders in the state in these accomplishments."

Designed in large measure by Mississippi principals and superintendents, the graduate program focuses on the preparation of students for public school administrative positions, including assistant principal and principal positions.

"The reforms came at the perfect time because, according to some state officials and many superintendents, there seems to be a growing shortage of qualified people to fill school administrative positions," Johnson said.

"We are proud to report that every MSU student completing the program so far has passed the Mississippi Administrative Licensure Test, a legal requirement to become a school administrator in the state," he added.

Among features of the revised program are requirements for pre-entry applicant screening and a letter of recommendation from a practicing administrator. The new curriculum also stresses the development of skills necessary to solve "real world" administrative problems.

Additionally, participants must complete:

—Field-based projects and problem-solving activities tied directly to the curriculum and course work, and

—A 500-hour administrative internship in a school under the supervision of a practicing administrator and a university adviser.