

to the faculty and staff of Mississippi State University

Expansion to improve cooling, heating

A \$3 million upgrade of the university's main heating and cooling plant now under way will allow several additional buildings to be connected to the centralized system and reduce utility costs.

Work at the central power plant located behind Patterson Engineering Building was to begin April 3 and will require approximately a year to complete.

During construction, the short connector street between Hardy Street and Lee Boulevard will be closed from the Band Hall to the foot of the hill behind Roberts Laundry. The day student and staff parking lot across the street from the power plant and north of Herbert Hall also will be closed during the construction period.

New cooling towers to be installed at the power plant will more than double the capacity of the existing system, said Physical Plant director Don Mott. The expansion will allow the new Swalm Chemical Engineering Building, Perry

MPA formally gives official records to library archives

The official records of the Mississippi Press Association formally were opened March 24 during an afternoon program at Mitchell Memorial Library.

The press association—the sixth oldest of its kind in the nation and one of Mississippi's oldest professional bodies—first began sending its papers to Mississippi State in 1993. Since then, more than 40 cubic feet of material have been added to the library's special collections department, including photographs, correspondence, contest and awards materials, historic issues, and other memorabilia.

MPA President Lisa Denley McNeese of

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Cafeteria, Montgomery Hall, and other buildings to be connected to the central utility loop, eliminating reliance on aging, stand-alone heating and cooling units at those locations. The project is funded by a state bond issue.

The power plant expansion and the exterior renovation of Lee Hall that began recently are among a series of new construction and renovation projects that will be in progress by this summer, said Gaddis Hunt, associate vice president for business affairs.

Renovations are planned for McCain Engineering Building and Montgomery Hall, while construction of a new landscape architecture building will begin near Stone Boulevard, north of Thompson Hall.

Construction also is planned for summer on the north entrance road that will connect the central campus with Highway 82 at the entrance to the

Mississippi Research and Technology Park, and on a bicycle and pedestrian path that will parallel Barr Avenue on campus, connecting the central campus and University Drive.

Repairs will be made this summer on the clock tower at the Chapel of Memories, where moisture penetration has caused masonry deterioration.

Major projects now nearing completion are the construction of Swalm Chemical Engineering Building, to be occupied this summer, and the renovation of Hilbun Hall, which will be finished in time to accommodate fall semester classes.

The next wave of construction, still in the design stage, will include widening and other improvements on Blackjack Road, the extension of Hardy Street to Blackjack Road, renovations of Bowen Hall and the YMCA Building, and interior renovations at Lee Hall.



A foal was born recently to a mixed quarter horse mare on the South Farm. The youngster is the first new addition this year to the university's horse herd.

Ann Bell new HRM head

Ann L. Bell is the new director of human resources management at Mississippi State.

Assistant director since 1994, she will lead a campus-wide service department that includes the offices of affirmative action/equal employment opportunity, employment compensation, employee benefits and accounting services, employee relations and development, and human resources systems.

Bell's appointment becomes effective April 1, pending formal approval of the Board of Trustees, State Institutions of Higher Learning. She replaces the late Milburn Gardner III, who died in March of 1998. MSU General Counsel Charles L. Guest has served as interim director.

A Moss Point native, Bell is a 1976 Mississippi University for Women



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graduate who has completed MSU prerequisites toward a master's degree in business administration.

She joined the university staff in 1984 as a marketing specialist in the office of auxiliary services. After moving to human resources management four years later as an employment services coordinator, she held successive positions as employee benefits counselor and em-

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Presenting President Malcolm Portera with the first addition to the MPA paper collection are its president Lisa Denley McNeese (l) and executive director Carolyn Wilson.

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Bruce, National Newspaper Association President Dan Phillips of Oxford and MSU President Malcolm Portera were among officials taking part in the ceremony at the John Grisham Room.

McNeese is associate publisher of the Calhoun County Journal. Phillips, a former MPA president, is assistant publisher of the Oxford Eagle.

In connection with the opening, the library began a monthlong exhibition of materials from the MPA Collection in the building's second- and third-floor atriums.

MSU Dean of Libraries Frances Coleman said the records "best document the time period from 1970 to the present, the period of the association's greatest growth." Also included are proceedings, photographs, histories, and various documents from its early history, she added.

In national journalism circles, Mitchell Memorial Library holds a special honor. Since the 1986 opening of the papers of MSU alumnus and former New York Times executive editor Turner Catledge, it has carried a Society of Professional Journalists designation as an Historic Site in American Journalism.

Joining McNeese, Phillips and Portera on the program were Scott County Times editor and publisher Sid Salter; Gale Denley, McNeese's father and Calhoun County Journal publisher; and Marian Huttenstine, head of MSU's Communica-

tion Department. Salter and Gale Denley also are former MPA presidents.

The press association provides essential services for 111 member papers. It also has 83 associate members representing the state's mass media, advertising and public relations firms, as well as communication professionals and educators.

The MPA records are part of an extensive Mississippi journalistic collection housed at MSU. In addition to the papers of Catledge and Sid Salter, the library holds the collections of Norman and Frances Bradley, Hodding and Betty Carter, John Oliver Emmerich Sr., Charles J. Faulk, Norma Fields, Henry F. Meyer, Willie Miller, Wilson F. "Bill" Minor, Clayton Rand, Hazel Brannon Smith, Kenneth Toler, and Wayne Weidie, among others.

During the 1990s, the editorial cartoon collections of Mark Bolton and Clay Jones added a new dimension. These two will be joined later this year by the collection of Marshall Ramsey.

Other mass media collections include those of WLBT-TV in Jackson, the Howard Langfitt "Farm Family of the Week" Television Program, Godwin Advertising Co., and the papers of periodical publishers Eugene Butler and Cully Cobb.

Last year, Mitchell Memorial received the papers of Mississippi native and National Geographic magazine editor Carolyn Bennett Patterson.

Professor of the Year nominations due

Suggested nominees for the 2000 U.S. Professors of the Year Program sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and directed by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education should be submitted by April 14 to the President's Office.

CASE and the Carnegie Foundation will name national winners in four categories based on institutional type, ranging from baccalaureate colleges to research and doctoral universities. A Professor of the Year also will be named in all 50 states.

The university may nominate up to three professors. An ad hoc committee led by Faculty Senate chair Robert Cooper will recommend nominees from among those suggested.

Nominees must teach at the undergraduate level and must have taught at least one semester of the 1999-2000 academic year. They may be of any rank and may teach full time or part time.

Faculty and staff who wish to suggest a nominee should submit a one-page statement summarizing the professor's education, teaching experience, other

teaching awards, publications, service, and other significant contributions to the Professor of the Year Nominating Committee, Office of the President, Mail Stop 9720, or fax to 325-3189. Supporting documentation should focus on work with undergraduate students.

The university's nominees for the honor will be contacted by the committee and asked to provide additional supporting materials, which must be submitted to CASE by May 12. CASE will not accept self-nominations or nominations by students.

Dance ensemble to perform here

A dance troupe that carries on the legacy of its founder performs at MSU April 4.

The Martha Graham Dance Ensemble, the junior professional company of the Martha Graham Center of Contemporary Dance, closes out the 1999-2000 Lyceum Series with a 7:30 p.m. performance in Lee Hall auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens (by request) and \$6 for children 3-12. MSU students are admitted free with student identification.

The career of Martha Graham-- named by Time magazine as the "Dancer of the 20th Century"--began in 1916 when she joined the Denishawn School. After leaving the school, she began creating her own dances.

At first, Graham's choreography was influenced by the Denishawn training, but rapidly evolved into a revolutionary style of her own. In developing her technique, she experimented endlessly with basic human movement, beginning with the most elemental movements of contraction and release.

Her 70 years of innovative choreography earned Graham numerous honors and awards, including the Medal of Freedom from then-President Gerald Ford.

For more information on the MSU performance, telephone 325-4201.

Crain selected for state office

R. Bruce Crain is serving this year as president of the Mississippi Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Director of the university's Department of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, he heads a state organization of some 200 members representing public universities and community colleges, private colleges, proprietary institutions, and others in the student-loan lending field.

Crain is a 1970 Starkville High School graduate who holds MSU bachelor's degrees in accounting and business management, and a master's in higher education administration. He also is a graduate of the University of Kentucky Business Management Institute.

He was associate director of student financial aid at MSU for five years before being named director in 1997.

Prior to assuming the state association's



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top office, Crain held the offices of president-elect and newsletter editor. He earlier served two terms as an at-large member of the organization.

Among other current professional activities, Crain chairs the Mississippi American College Test Council and is a member of the Mississippi Higher Education Assistance Corp. and the Mississippi USA Group Advisory Council.

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Calendar of Events

Send your calendar items to

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Ongoing Events, Activities

MFA Thesis Exhibition in Electronic Visualization featuring works of Jeannie M. Richard and Jeffrey S. Thruston, through April 7, McComas Hall art gallery. 325-2970.

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Lyceum Series: Martha Graham Dance Ensemble, Lee Hall auditorium, 7:30 p.m. 325-4201.

MSU vs. South Alabama, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Information Technology series: Microsoft PowerPoint: Top 10 Tips to Get Started, 301-302 Colvard Union, 12:30-1:30 p.m. 325-0631.

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MSU vs. Southern Mississippi, softball, MSU Softball Field, 3 p.m.

MSU vs. South Alabama, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 3 p.m.

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All East Intercollegiate Livestock Judging and Evaluation Contest, MSU AgriCenter. Tommy Shields, 325-2802.

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College of Veterinary Medicine Open House, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Tara Puckett, 325-1167.

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MSU Women's Club: fashion show, Colvard Union ballroom, noon. 325-3573.

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

MSU vs. LSU, softball, MSU Softball Field, 5 p.m.

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MSU vs. LSU, softball, MSU Softball Field, 1 p.m.

MSU vs. Kentucky, men's tennis, Pitts Tennis Centre, 1 p.m.

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Scholarship Recognition Day, Humphrey Coliseum, 2:30 p.m. Reception to follow ceremony.

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

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Faculty and Professional Women's Association meeting: Dr. Cynthia West on "Women in Management," Colvard Union faculty lounge, noon-1 p.m. 325-8643.

11-13

School Days on the Farm, MSU AgriCenter. Byron Williams, 325-2110.

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MSU vs. Alabama, men's tennis, Pitts Tennis Centre, 4 p.m.

National Library Week: author Jill Conner Browne, "Sweet Potato Queens' Book of Love," to speak, Grisham Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3:30 p.m. Reception and book signing to follow. 325-3060.

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Communication Department presents "A Streetcar Named Desire," McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m. 325-7951/4630.

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Super Bulldog Weekend.

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MSU vs. Tennessee, softball, MSU Softball Field, 3 p.m.

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MSU vs. Kentucky, softball, MSU Softball Field, 12:30 p.m.

Friends of the Libraries' Annual Book Sale, front of Mitchell Memorial Library, 9 a.m.-noon. Autographs from the MSU women's basketball team, 10-11 a.m., drawing for autographed basketball. 325-3060.

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MSU vs. Mississippi, men's tennis, Pitts Tennis Centre, 1 p.m.

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MSU vs. Georgia Tech, softball, MSU Softball Field, 4 p.m.

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MSU vs. Alabama, softball, MSU Softball Field, 5 p.m.

Vote sought for computer classes

Information Technology Services is offering "by-request-only" computer classes this spring.

The user training and support branch of ITS is asking faculty and staff to select their favorite classes from among the 30 currently offered. The top five choices will be taught in May.

Would-be participants may vote online at <www.its.msstate.edu/workshops/vote.html>. Votes will be accepted until April 7.

Service awards April 25

The annual Service Recognition Program is April 25 at Bost Extension Center auditorium.

The program begins at 3 p.m., followed by a reception at 4.

For more information, telephone the Department of Human Resources Management, 325-3713.

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ployee benefits manager before becoming assistant director.

Prior to coming to Mississippi State, she worked for six years as a regional training coordinator for Weyerhaeuser Co. operations in Columbus.

In addition to her administrative duties at the university, Bell has chaired the state College Board's Human Resources Committee. She also is a member of the College and University Personnel Association.

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