

to the faculty and staff of Mississippi State University

## Lagging revenues mean tight budget year ahead

The bills are coming due for previous state funding commitments for programs such as Medicaid and new prison beds.

Those "built-in" expenditure increases, combined with lagging state revenue collections, mean that the Legislature probably will have little new money to appropriate for the next two to four years.

That was the picture painted by Dr. Phil Pepper, assistant commissioner for economic research with the state Institutions of Higher Learning, in a presentation last week to the university's Administrative Council and Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Barring a dramatic upsurge in tax collections over the next three months, state revenue collections for the current year will be at least \$30 million less than predicted, Pepper said.

"We would have a real tight budget year coming up even without a slowdown in the economy," Pepper said. That's because the state already is committed to increas-

ing budgets for 2000-2001 by more than \$149 million to fund programs approved in prior years.

The "built-ins" to help fund the Adequate Education Act, expanded mental health services, K-12 education, and IHL programs, among others, will rise to more than \$159 million in the 2001-2002 budget year before starting to taper off, Pepper predicted.

At the same time, state tax collections are slowing. A decrease in individual income tax collections accounts for about \$25 million of the shortfall in

projected revenue. Corporate income taxes and use taxes are down by lesser amounts while sales tax collections are steady for the time being.

Lower revenue collections have a direct impact on higher education funding. A portion of each year's ending cash balance in the state budget goes into an Education Enhancement Fund that last year channeled about \$35 million to the IHL system.

Current projections are that next year's IHL share of the fund will fall to \$15 million. That drop could translate into an

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## Gift to support furniture research facility

A \$1 million gift from a state furniture executive will help Mississippi State build a new center for furniture manufacturing and management.

The gift from Hassell H. Franklin of Houston, founder, president and chief executive officer of Chickasaw County-

based Franklin Corp., will supplement \$3 million in state funding appropriated last year for the building.

Franklin Corp. is a national leader in producing reclining chairs and motion furniture. It is one of the nation's largest independently owned furniture manufacturing companies.

Hassell Franklin is a 1959 industrial management graduate and was Mississippi State's 1995 Alumnus of the Year.

"We now have a unique opportunity to create a focal point for the outstanding work being done on our campus in the field of furniture manufacturing and management," said President Malcolm Portera.

Currently, more than 50,000 Mississippi workers are producing about 70 percent of the nation's upholstered furniture. Research conducted by MSU's Furniture Research Unit is estimated to save the state's manufacturers more than \$3 million annually.

"We are very grateful for Mr. Franklin's gift that will allow us to move forward with this important and much-needed

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*The President's Commission on the Status of Women recently presented the 2000 Outstanding Woman Awards. Winners include (front, l-r) Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck, Outstanding Mississippi Woman (accepted by her mother, Mary Lou Tuck); doctoral student Janna S. Hamaker; senior Keva J. Martin; (rear, l-r) staff member Peggy Swoger; and faculty member Julia E. Hodges; staff members Sherre H. Denson, Linda K. Lee and Beverly A. Smith; Starkville Alderwoman Marie E. Lee, Outstanding Community Woman; and university administrator Raygene C. Paige.*

## Dale to headline Insurance Day

State insurance commissioner George Dale and his Alabama and South Carolina counterparts will be at Mississippi State April 19 to help open the university's 13th Annual Mississippi Insurance Day.

Each spring, the College of Business and Industry's Peter K. Lutken-Mississippi Chair of Insurance sponsors the daylong continuing education program for professionals and others in the field. Robert A. Hershberger holds the Lutken-Mississippi Chair (endowed professorship).

More than 300 are expected to be in attendance when Dale, along with David Parson of Montgomery and Ernst Csizsar of Columbia, speak in the Wise Center auditorium.

Following the opening session, five successive presentations on topics of current interest will take place in nearby classrooms.

A mock insurance trial presided over by Rankin County Court Judge Kent McDaniel will conclude the day's activities.

Six hours of continuing education credit are available for attorneys, claims adjusters, property and casualty agents, and life and health insurance agents.

## Jernigan named to new post

Paula A. Jernigan is the new Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Officer at Mississippi State.

She has served as an assistant director in the Department of Human Resources Management since 1998. Prior to that position, Jernigan was employee relations and development manager for the department.

Jernigan's appointment became effective April 3, pending formal approval of the Board of Trustees, State Institutions of Higher Learning. She replaces Dr. David A. Torres, who left the university.

A West Point native, Jernigan earned a bachelor's degree in home economics education in 1976 and a master's of business administration in 1983, both from Mississippi State.

She joined the university staff in 1976 as an admission counselor in then-College and School Relations. In 1983, she joined the College of Veterinary Medicine as program manager for Research and Diagnostic Laboratory Services. Six years later, Jernigan was the college's marketing coordinator. In 1989,



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she joined HRM as employee relations manager.

In addition to her administrative duties at the university, Jernigan is serving as president of the College and University Personnel Association of Mississippi.

## Perry honored for technology teaching

A Mississippi State professor is receiving the Mississippi Education Computing Association's Technology Teacher of the Year Award.

John F. Perry Jr. is professor of technol-

ogy and education. He is the fourth member of the department to receive the annual honor.

The award is given by the state's only organization for professionals using computer technology as a learning tool. It recognizes persons "who have fostered and promoted the effective use of technology in the classroom and have made significant positive contributions in the field."

Along with a commemorative plaque, Perry received a check for \$1,000 for the distinction.

A Winfield, Ala., native, Perry holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Alabama and a doctorate from the University of Arkansas. He joined the MSU faculty in 1972.

"I am extremely pleased for our department as much as I am for myself," Perry said. "I think it shows people across the state the value of what this department does. To me, that says we are doing our job and doing it exceptionally well."



*Chancery Judge Sebe Dale Jr. of Columbia recently was presented the 2000 Distinguished Jurist Award by MSU's Pre-Law Society. Making the award is society president Benjamin A. Needham of Laurel as the group's adviser Dr. Diane E. Wall looks on.*

# National Library Week is April 9-15

With the theme "Read! Learn! Connect@the Library!" a series of public activities April 9-15 will mark National Library Week at Mississippi State.

Among them will be a 3:30 p.m. book talk on the 12th by Jill Conner "J.C." Browne of Jackson, author of "The Sweet Potato Queens' Book of Love." Sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries, Browne's appearance in the John Grisham Room of the university's Mitchell Memorial Library will be followed by a book signing arranged by the MSU Bookstore.

Browne, who teaches YMCA weightlifting when not writing a Clarion-Ledger recreation column, created her alter ego for a 1982 capital city St. Patrick's Day parade. The Sweet Potato Queens—among them, a real estate agent, interior designer and former district attorney—and their send-up of beauty pageant winners have become parade staples and are repeated in her book.

Published last year by Three Rivers Press, "Sweet Potato Queens" offers advice on such topics as how to make the most of big hair, what to eat when tragedy strikes and the five men necessary at all times in life. Humorist Roy Blount Jr. describes the book as "even funnier than you think it's going to be."

In addition to Browne's book talk, other MSU events include:

—An April 11 Notable Books Program highlighting outstanding academic books as defined by the Association of College and Research Libraries. Subway fast-food outlets on the MSU campus and in Starkville, West Point, and Tupelo are helping publicize Notable Books through hanging banners and giveaway bookmarks. The area restaurants also are providing financial support to enable the MSU library to purchase more books.

—Performances, also on the 11th, of the University Woodwind Quartet and Flute Choir, beginning at 3 p.m. on the second floor at the Drill Field entranceway.

—A 10:30 a.m. Grisham Room awards ceremony on the 13th recognizing three campus and community library supporters.

—An April 14 performance of the Percussion Ensemble at 1 p.m. on the west library patio, followed by the Madrigal Singers at 2:15 in the second-floor lobby.

—The Fifth Annual Mitchell Memorial Library Book Sale, taking place 9 a.m.-noon on the 15th and featuring autograph signings at 10-11 by members of the nationally ranked Lady Bulldog basketball team and drawing for an autographed basketball. The bookstore also is providing Mississippi food product samples.

—A monthlong exhibit of award-winning works by several undergraduate art students in the fourth-floor atrium, and

—A second monthlong display of cutting-edge research under way at the National Science Foundation/MSU

Engineering Research Center, third floor.

April 10 will be Amnesty Day for patrons with overdue books and fines associated with them. Fine waivers will be granted only for materials received 7 a.m.-1:45 p.m., however, and will not apply to damaged or lost materials or pre-existing fines.

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the United States.

For more information, telephone Gail Peyton at 325-7671 or visit the library's web site at <<http://library.msstate.edu/reference/nlw/natlibwk.html>>.



*A series of workshops designed for school librarians taught participants about a variety of educational and web resources available for classroom use. Participants included teacher Nancy Bruce of Saltillo (seated), along with Vicksburg librarians Sandra Baggett (left) and Royece Cox (right). Workshop organizers included Kerry Smith (second from left) and Susanna Turner of the MSU Libraries.*

## Internet2 seminar scheduled April 20

An April 20 seminar on MSU's new Internet2 connection will define opportunities now available to university computer users.

The seminar is scheduled 1-3 p.m. in the Mitchell Memorial Library auditorium. In addition to background information on Internet2, the meeting will emphasize funding opportunities for the university. No registration is required.

Internet2 is a consortium led by more than 170 universities working in partnership with industry and government to develop and deploy advanced network applications and technologies, accelerating the creation of tomorrow's Internet. MSU is a charter member of the group.

Following the seminar, Dr. Louis Turcotte of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Engineering Research and Development Center in Vicksburg will discuss Internet "gadgets" 3-4 p.m. An MSU alumnus, he is the author of several books on high-performance computing.

The seminar is co-sponsored by Information Technology Services and the University Libraries in cooperation with Dr. Joe Thompson, MSU's chief information technology officer.

For more information, e-mail Kathleen Olivieri at <[kolivieri@its.msstate.edu](mailto:kolivieri@its.msstate.edu)>.



# Super Bulldog Weekend activities

Tickets for athletic events during Super Bulldog Weekend are available through the MSU Athletic Ticket Office. For more information, call 325-2600. Calendar of Events compiled and distributed by the Mississippi State University Alumni Association (325-2434).

## Thursday, April 13

- Noon-8 p.m. External Research Advisory Committee Spring Meeting, T.K. Martin Center. For more information, telephone Marc McGee at 325-3570 or e-mail <mmcgee@research.msstate.edu>.
- 7:30 p.m. Department of Communication presents "A Streetcar Named Desire," McComas Hall theater. For more information, or for tickets, call 325-7951.

## Friday, April 14

- All day College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board Meeting, Wingate Inn, 129 Brickerton St., Columbus. For more information, telephone Elizabeth Trevathan at 325-7096, or e-mail <etrevathan@develop.msstate.edu>.
- 8 a.m. Annual Pig Cooking Contest, grassy area next to Five Points. For more information, telephone Bobby Tomlinson at 325-7452.
- 8-11:30 a.m. External Research Advisory Committee Spring Meeting, T.K. Martin Center. For more information, telephone Marc McGee at 325-3570 or e-mail <mmcgee@research.msstate.edu>.
- 8:30 a.m. MSU Foundation Board Meeting, Coskrey Auditorium, Memorial Hall. For more information, telephone Donna Nickels at 325-8852 or e-mail <dnickels@develop.msstate.edu>.
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free airbrush tattoos, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, outside Colvard Union. For more information, telephone Paula Raffo at 325-2930 or e-mail <praffo@saffairs.msstate.edu>.
- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Alumni Association Class Reunion open house and registration honoring the Classes of 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, and 1950, Butler-Williams Alumni Center lobby. For more information, telephone Karen Hudson at 325-2284 or e-mail <khudson@alumni.msstate.edu>.
- 10:30 a.m. Alumni Association Executive Committee meeting, Butler-Williams Alumni Center conference room. For more information, telephone Dianne Jackson at 325-3444 or e-mail <djackson@alumni.msstate.edu>.
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Resident Assistant Association Ice Cream Giveaway, Drill Field. For more information, call John Summerlot at 325-6260.
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free Speed Pitch Competition (prizes), sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, Drill Field. For more information, telephone Paula Raffo at 325-2930 or e-mail <praffo@saffairs.msstate.edu>.
- Free Dizzy Bat Race (prizes), sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, Drill Field. For more information, telephone Paula Raffo at 325-2930 or e-mail <praffo@saffairs.msstate.edu>.
- Free Ole Miss Toss, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, Drill Field. For more information, telephone Paula Raffo at 325-2930 or e-mail <praffo@saffairs.msstate.edu>.
- Noon Free Dash for Dollars, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, Outside Colvard Union. For more information, telephone Paula Raffo at 325-2930 or e-mail <praffo@saffairs.msstate.edu>.
- Research Celebration Luncheon featuring James Flanagan, vice president for research, Rutgers University, Bost Extension Center auditorium. For more information, telephone Linda Jo Templeton, 325-8005.
- 1-5 p.m. A Celebration of Achievement and Promise in Research, Bost Extension Center theater. For more information, telephone Linda Jo Templeton, 325-8005.
- 3 p.m. MSU vs. Tennessee Women's Softball Game, MSU Softball Field.
- 4 p.m. Alumni Association National Board of Directors Meeting, Coskrey Auditorium, Memorial Hall. For more information, telephone Dianne Jackson at 325-3444 or e-mail <djackson@alumni.msstate.edu>.
- 4-7 p.m. MBA/MSBA Hospitality Tent, south lawn of Humphrey Coliseum. For more information, telephone Abe Hudson at 325-1891.
- 5-8:30 p.m. Department of Forest Products Cookout, Forest Products Laboratory, 100 Blackjack Road. For more information, telephone Martha J. Wilson at 325-3127 or e-mail <mwilson@cfr.msstate.edu>.

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6:30 p.m. Alumni Association Class Reunion Dinner and Dance (Classes of 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, and 1950), Leo Seal M-Club Center. For more information, telephone Karen Hudson at 325-2284.

6:30 p.m. MSU vs. Ole Miss Baseball Game, Dudy Noble Field/Polk-DeMent Stadium.

7:30 p.m. Department of Communication presents, "A Streetcar Named Desire," McComas Hall theater. For more information and tickets, telephone 325-7951.

### **Saturday, April 15**

8–10 a.m. Alumni Association Class Reunion Open House (Classes of 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, and 1950), Butler-Williams Alumni Center. For more information, telephone Karen Hudson at 325-2284.

8 a.m. College of Engineering Breakfast, McCain Building foyer. For more information, telephone Jane Flowers at 325-2270.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni Breakfast, Bost Extension Center auditorium. For more information, telephone June Greene at 325-8579 or e-mail <jgreene@cals.msstate.edu>.

8:30 a.m. College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board Meeting and Class Reunion Breakfast, Whittington Suite, Colvard Union. For more information, telephone Elizabeth Trevathan at 325-7096 or e-mail <etrevathan@develop.msstate.edu>.

College of Business and Industry Alumni Breakfast and Class Reunion celebration, north end of Perry Cafeteria. For more information, telephone Anne Tolar at 325-2580 or e-mail <atolar@cobilan.msstate.edu>.

9 a.m.-noon Fifth Annual MSU Libraries Book Sale, Mitchell Memorial Library. For more information, telephone Gail Peyton at 325-7671 or e-mail <gpeyton@library.msstate.edu>.

9:30 a.m. Judging of the Pig Cooking Contest, grassy area next to Five Points. For more information, telephone Bobby Tomlinson at 325-7452.

Bulldog Representatives meeting, Bryan Athletic Building. For more information, telephone the Bulldog Club at 325-3074.

10 a.m. College of Engineering dedication of Gipson Court, behind Carpenter Hall. For more information, telephone John Rush at 325-1108.

Super Saturday Fanfare, westside parking area of Scott Field with various games and activities for all.

Collegiate Bulldog Invitational Track Meet, W.O. Spencer Stadium/Carl Maddox Track. For more information, telephone Emily Wilbourne at 325-2892.

10:30 a.m. M-Club Alumni Association meeting, Leo Seal M-Club Center. For more information, telephone John Corroero at 325-8399 or e-mail <jcorroero@alumni.msstate.edu>.

11:30 a.m. Alumni Association Class Reunion Lunch (Classes of 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, and 1950), Coskrey Auditorium, Memorial Hall. For more information, telephone Karen Hudson at 325-2284.

12:30 p.m. MSU vs. Kentucky women's softball game, MSU Softball Field.

1 p.m. Spring Football Game, Scott Field.

4:30 p.m. Bulldog Representatives Hot Dog Cookout, Dudy Noble Field/ Polk-DeMent Stadium, right field. For more information, telephone the Bulldog Club at 325-3074.

5 p.m. MSU vs. Ole Miss baseball game, Dudy Noble Field/Polk-DeMent Stadium.

7:30 p.m. Department of Communication presents, "A Streetcar Named Desire," McComas Hall theater. For more information and tickets, telephone 325-7951.

### **Sunday, April 16**

1 p.m. MSU vs. Ole Miss men's tennis, A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre.

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# Rockefeller donations focus of award

A Mississippi State research scientist is one of 37 John D. Rockefeller Archive Center Scholars for 2000.

Ruth J. Haug of the Social Science Research Center travels later this year to Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., to further study John D. Rockefeller's humanitarian efforts in the Magnolia State. She is the SSRC's coordinator of administrative and research services.

The archive center is a division of Rockefeller University and Haug's scholarship is part of a program supporting researchers whose projects involve substantial time at the center.

Founder of Standard Oil and one of America's leading philanthropists, Rockefeller (1839-1927) made grants during the early 20th century to help fund public health institutions in Mississippi and other states. The International Health Board, which he established, laid the groundwork for the agency that became the Mississippi Department of Health.

Haug recently completed her doctorate at MSU, where her dissertation focused on the state health department.

Her continuing research looks both at funding provided by Rockefeller to Mississippi and a grant from the General Education Board, another of his philanthropies, specifically to MSU's Social Science Research Center.

Made 50 years ago, the latter award was instrumental to the development of SSRC's mission of analyzing economic and social issues in the state, region and nation.

Her research will contribute to a history



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being compiled on the occasion of the SSRC's golden anniversary.

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project," said Dennis Prescott, vice president for external affairs. "The university will propose to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning that the building be named the Franklin Center for Furniture Manufacturing and Management."

The center will house an interdisciplinary program that will draw on the strengths of the colleges of Business and Industry, Engineering and Forest Resources.

The planned 25,000 square-foot facility will contain a research laboratory, classrooms, an auditorium, office space, and a quality testing lab.

Franklin is a former president of the American Furniture Manufacturers Association and a past director of the Home Furnishings Manufacturers Association, Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association, Mississippi Manufacturers Association, and Mississippi Economic Council.

He is past president and currently serves on the board of directors of the Bulldog Club and is a former member of the MSU Foundation board of directors. He also serves on MSU's Furniture Advisory Board and the College of Business and Industry's Senior Executive Advisory Board.

In addition to Haug, this year's Rockefeller Archive Scholars come from throughout the United States, as well as from the United Kingdom, Croatia, Austria, India, Germany, and the Czech Republic.

Her research also is being supported at MSU by the Office of Research and the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

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actual decrease in state support for Mississippi State next year ranging from \$1.7 to \$3.5 million, President Malcolm Portera estimated.

The anticipated decline in state funding, along with increased costs in areas such as employee health insurance, legal fees and energy consumption, means that no new positions will be created next year and there will be no general salary increases, Portera said, although faculty promotions and other necessary salary adjustments will be funded.

To cope with the drop in state funds, the university likely will eliminate some projects supported by non-recurring funds and will look for flexibility in other university budgets. Fee increases to help support laboratories, technology and libraries could be considered to help close the funding gap, and the Board of Trustees may be forced to consider a tuition increase, Portera said.

"We're going to do the best we can to keep the university's momentum going and we remain very positive about the future of Mississippi State," he said. The long-term solution to state budget woes is to expand and diversify the base of the state's economy, Portera said.

Dwindling income tax collections are related to the loss of traditional manufacturing jobs, which also contribute to pockets of high unemployment around the state.

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## **Employment Opportunities**

Lists of currently posted MSU positions (executive, administrative, faculty, and staff) are available on the Human Resources Management web site <[www.hrm.msstate.edu/employment/postings.html](http://www.hrm.msstate.edu/employment/postings.html)>, or by visiting HRM Employment Services at 150 McArthur Hall. Information on open support staff positions may also be obtained by calling Dial-A-Job at 325-4132.



## Funding Opportunities

Below are funding opportunities received from various sources such as the Grants Resource Center. Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA), 325-7404, will assist you in obtaining information and applications necessary for submission to governmental or private sources. For complete listings and other opportunities, see the Sponsored Programs World Wide Web page on the MSU server: <<http://www.msstate.edu/Dept/SPA/index.html>>.

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

**ITEM:** Notice announcing the availability of FY 2000 funds for a cooperative agreement program for Information Interchange and Technical and Financial Assistance for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention. The purpose of the program is to continue supporting an information exchange program among mayors and other local and state government officials concerning HIV prevention, HIV prevention program and policy development, and the provision of technical and financial assistance to community-based organizations, local and state health departments, and others involved in health promotion and disease prevention activities.

**ACTION:** Applications are due by March 24, 2000. See also, <http://www.cdc.gov> for access to electronic information. For a copy of the application kit, call 888/472-6874 (888-GRANTS4).

**CONTACT:** David Brownell, 404/639-5200. E-mail: [dfb2@cdc.gov](mailto:dfb2@cdc.gov).

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Justice; National Institute of Corrections

**ITEM:** Notice correcting an earlier notice requesting applications for a cooperative agreement for a program entitled "Managing Long-Term Aging Offenders and Offenders With Chronic and Terminal Illnesses."

**ACTION:** The revised application deadline is April 28, 2000.

**CONTACT:** See the original notice, which appeared in the February 18, 2000, issue of the Federal Register (65 FR 8446), for additional information.

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Institutes of Health

**ITEM:** Notice of an open meeting of the Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health, the purpose of which meeting is to provide advice on appropriate research activities with respect to women's health and related studies to be undertaken by the national

research institutes, to provide recommendations regarding Office of Research on Women's Health activities, and to assist in monitoring compliance regarding the inclusion of women in clinical research.

**ACTION:** The meeting will take place on April 10, 2000, at 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31C, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

**CONTACT:** Joyce Rudick, 301/402-1770.

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy; Idaho Operations Office

**ITEM:** Notice announcing the availability and applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies that will reduce energy consumption, reduce environmental impacts, and enhance economic competitiveness of the domestic downstream (refining) sector of the Petroleum Industry. The research is to address downstream (refining) research priorities identified by the Petroleum Industry in the areas of Energy and Process Efficiency, Materials and Inspection Technology, and Environmental Performance.

**ACTION:** The deadline for receipt of full applications is May 17, 2000. Go to <http://www.oit.doe.gov/petroleum/> or <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/PSD/proc-div.html> for access to electronic information.

**CONTACT:** Carol Van Lente, 208/526-1534. Fax: 208/526-5548. E-mail: [vanlenc1@id.doe.gov](mailto:vanlenc1@id.doe.gov).

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

**ITEM:** Notice announcing the availability of funding and requesting proposals for the Coastal Ecosystem Research Project in the Northern Gulf of Mexico Program, which will support monitoring studies, particularly of the hypoxic zone, and for retrospective and modeling studies in the Northern Gulf of Mexico.

**ACTION:** The deadline for receipt of proposals is April 21, 2000. Go to <http://www.cop.noaa.gov> for additional electronic programmatic information, or <http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/ocd/necop/> and [http://www.nos.noaa.gov/Products/pubs\\_hypox.html](http://www.nos.noaa.gov/Products/pubs_hypox.html) for access to electronic background information.

**CONTACT:** Kenric Osgood, 301/713-3338, ext. 130. E-mail: [Kenric.Osgood@noaa.gov](mailto:Kenric.Osgood@noaa.gov).

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Defense; Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)

**ITEM:** Notice announcing the release of a solicitation for cooperative agreement applications to assist state and local governments and other non-profit eligible entities in establishing or maintaining procurement technical assistance centers.

**ACTION:** Applications are due by May 5, 2000. See also, <http://www.dla.mil/scaa> for electronic access to information. This solicitation makes changes to the previous solicitation, issued on March 17, 1999 (64 FR 13176), governs the submission of applications for calendar years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and applies to all applications from all eligible entities.

**CONTACT:** Diana Maykowskyj, 703/767-1656.

**TITLE:** Chandra X-ray Observatory (CXO) General Observer Program Cycle 2

**SOL:** NRA-00-OSS-04

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Office of Space Science

**ITEM:** Notice seeking basic research proposals for participation in the NASA program for the conduct of space science investigations and subsequent analysis of the scientific data from the Chandra X-ray Observatory. Participation is open to all categories of organizations.

**ACTION:** Proposals are due by June 1, 2000. See also, <http://spacescience.nasa.gov> for access to electronic information.

**CONTACT:** Donald Kniffen, 202/358-0351. Fax: 202/358-3097. E-mail: [Donald.Kniffen@hq.nasa.gov](mailto:Donald.Kniffen@hq.nasa.gov).

**ADDRESS:** NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, NASA Headquarters Acquisition Branch, Code 210.H, Greenbelt, MD 20771

**TITLE:** Partnerships for Food Industry Development Program

**SOL:** RFA G/EGAD/AFS-00-002

**AGENCY:** U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); Office of Agriculture and Food Security; Economic Growth and Agriculture Development Center; Bureau for Global Affairs

**ITEM:** Notice announcing the release of an RFP for a program whose purpose is to contribute to economic growth of USAID client countries by mobilizing private and public sector expertise to add value, as well as meet safety and quality standards, in the production of food products for domestic and international markets.

**ACTION:** Go to <http://www.info.usaid.gov> for access to electronic information.

**CONTACT:** Vicki Booker, 202/712-4939. Fax: 202-216-3579. E-mail: [vbooker@usaid.gov](mailto:vbooker@usaid.gov).

**ADDRESS:** U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Growth and Agriculture Development Center, Bureau for Global Affairs (G/EGAD/AFS), RRB, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 2.11-082, Washington, DC 20523-710



# 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!

## April Through 15th

National Library Week. (see story on page 3)

### 11-13

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

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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.

Weekly Information Technology Series: "Using Images in Documents," ITS course, 301-302 Colvard Union, 12:30-1:30 p.m. 325-0631.

### 12

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.

### 13-15

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

### 14-16

Super Bulldog Weekend. (see pages 4 and 5)

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

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

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

### 15

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

MSU vs. Mississippi, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 5 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.

Children's program: Paint a Garden Pot, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, 1 p.m. Members \$4, non-members \$6. Kim Johnson, 601-799-2311.

### 16

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

MSU vs. Mississippi, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 1:30 p.m.

Concert: Black Voices Choir, Lee Hall auditorium, 5 p.m.

### 17

MSU Percussion Ensemble concert, McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m. 325-3070. (see story below)

### 18, 19

MSU Insurance Day. 325-7475. (see story on page 2)

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Weekly Information Technology Series: "File

## Percussion Ensemble to perform April 17

MSU's Percussion Ensemble will present a free performance April 17.

The ensemble, led by music education professor Robert Damm, performs at 7:30 p.m. in the McComas Hall theater. The group will be assisted in a medley of folk songs by Ellen Boles' third-grade music class at Sudduth Elementary School in Starkville.

For more information, telephone Damm at 325-3070.

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1:30 p.m. MSU vs. Ole Miss baseball game, Dudy Noble Field/Polk-DeMent Stadium.

5 p.m. Black Voices Choir Spring Concert, Lee Hall auditorium. For more information, telephone 325-6295.

**Ticket offices will open two hours before game time for each athletic event requiring tickets.**

Management and Media Storage," ITS course, 301-302 Colvard Union, 12:30-1:30 p.m. 325-0631.

MSU vs. New Orleans, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 6:30 p.m.

### 19

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

MSU vs. New Orleans, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 3 p.m.

### 20

Internet2 Seminar, Mitchell Memorial Library auditorium, 1-3 p.m. <kolivieri@its.msstate.edu>. (see story on page 3)

Choral Concert, McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m. 325-3070.

### 21

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

Royal Hanneford Circus, MSU AgriCenter, 716 Poorhouse Road East, showtimes at 4 and 7:30 p.m. 325-9350.

### 22

MSU vs. Alabama, softball, MSU Softball Field, 2 p.m.

### 25

MSU vs. Samford, softball, MSU Softball Field, 6 p.m.

Weekly Information Technology Series: "Introduction to Linux," ITS course, 301-302 Colvard Union, 12:30-1:30 p.m. 325-0631.

## 662 is mandatory May 1

Following a yearlong phasing-in period, Mississippi's new 662 area code becomes mandatory on May 1.

On that date, area code 601 will no longer work for the northern part of the state. A recorded message will alert telephone users to redial using 662.