

to the faculty and staff of Mississippi State University

## CVM receives record-setting donation

A \$1.25 million gift from a Jackson widow is the first endowed professorship in veterinary medicine at Mississippi State University.

The gift from Joe Ann Ward is the largest private donation in the College of Veterinary Medicine's 23-year history. It honors her late husband, Dr. Hugh G. Ward, the Briarwood Animal Hospital and Millcreek Animal Clinic founder who died in 1998.

The Ward Chair will focus on small animal medicine.

"This generous gift reflects the confidence Mrs. Ward has in the college," said Dean John U. Thomson. "The person

filling this position will assist our teaching hospital in the continuing pursuit of excellence."

He said the chair will enable the college to recruit a leader in small animal medicine to teach, guide and counsel students in professional and graduate programs, as well as to conduct research and serve as a mentor to faculty members.

Hugh Ward was a member of the advisory committee during the college's formation in 1977. He also was one of the first practicing professionals to serve as a preceptor and mentor to students. The Jackson clinics Ward established

continue to provide training and mentoring for Mississippi State students, Thomson said.

"Because of his love of veterinary medicine, he was determined to have an outstanding vet college in Mississippi to educate high-quality veterinarians for our state," Mrs. Ward said.

"Top-quality professors are vital for continued growth of the school, as well as training the best veterinarians possible," she added. "For that reason, I consider it a privilege to establish the Hugh G. Ward Chair for Small Animal Practice."

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## Ag division unveils future

A recent agriculture summit convened in Jackson is helping set directions for the university's agriculture and forestry division.

MSU President Malcolm Portera and Charles Lee, vice president for agriculture, forestry and veterinary medicine, outlined goals to improve the state's future by linking the university with Mississippi's economy.

Hosted by the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine, the summit brought together about 400 government officials, industry leaders, policymakers, and university personnel.

The process began three years ago when MSU and its stakeholders identified key areas in the state that need improvement. Task forces were formed to study these areas and recommend a strategy for improvement. The summit offered a plan of action.

Lee outlined focus areas for the agricul-

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*Construction crews recently removed pavement from Alumni Drive in preparation for the Davis Wade Stadium expansion of Scott Field. When completed during the 2001 football season, the \$21 million expansion will add 50 skyboxes and 2,000 club-level seats to the east side of the field.*

## Software discounts are available

Several computer software products widely used by MSU faculty, staff and students are being offered at a discount by a state agency.

Microsoft and Corel products are available through the state Department of Information Technology Services Express Products List at <[www.its.state.ms.us/](http://www.its.state.ms.us/)>. Discounts also are available on several Adobe products.

For more information on these discounts and others, e-mail Peggy Childers, campus software coordinator, MSU Information Technology Services, at <[pdcl1@its.msstate.edu](mailto:pdcl1@its.msstate.edu)>, or telephone her at 325-3793.

## Correction

In the June 12 issue of MSU Memo, a College of Forest Resources award winner was identified incorrectly. Francisco J. Vilella, who won an outstanding achievement award for research, is assistant unit leader and an assistant professor of wildlife in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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## Book looks at old art form

A new book by a Mississippi State music education faculty member examines the way American Indian music is presented in Oklahoma's elementary schools.

In "Repertoire, Authenticity and Instruction," assistant professor Robert J. Damm provides a wealth of updated information on the instruction of American Indian music. He also describes the effect of demographic variables of teachers and students on instructional content and practice.

The book recently was released by Garland Publishing of Bristol, Pa., as part of its "Native American Interdisciplinary Perspective" series. The scholastic collection is designed to serve as a national resource on issues of concern to Native Americans.

Oklahoma is home to nine major American Indian tribes—more than any other state, according to published figures. With more than 252,000, it correspondingly leads in the number of Native American residents.

Damm, who joined the faculty in 1995 and directs the MSU Percussion Ensemble, said he long has had an interest in American Indian culture. "This has been heightened after attending pow-wows, tribal fairs and rituals in Arizona, Oklahoma, Texas, and here in Mississippi," he added.



*Damm*

Damm said he is "committed to the importance of multicultural music education" and works to feature world music in percussion ensemble concerts and in his faculty artist recitals.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Quincy (Ill.) University, a master's from the University of Illinois and a doctorate from the University of North Texas.

He is active in the Percussive Arts Society and has served as president of the Mississippi Chapter.

## V.P. Lee to assume additional role as dean

The university's vice president for agriculture, forestry and veterinary medicine will assume the additional duties of dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Dr. J. Charles Lee will become dean of the college effective July 1.

The change is intended to improve coordination within the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine and among the division and rest of the university, said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs David Cole. It also will create stronger ties between the college's teaching program and the research and service activities of the division.

As vice president, Lee's authority and

responsibility for the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine and its separately budgeted units will not change. As dean, he will report to the provost, as do other academic deans.

"The Division of Agriculture, which includes the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station and the Mississippi State University Extension Service, plays a very significant role in supporting Mississippi agriculture and rural development.

"This change in assignments will strengthen the ability of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to contribute to the support of this critical sector of our state's economy," Cole said.



## 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 Education; Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

**ITEM:** Notice seeking applications for new awards for FY 2000 under the Migrant Education Even Start Program, which is designed to help break the cycle of poverty and improve the literacy of participating migrant families by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education (including English language training, as appropriate), and parenting education into a unified family literacy program.

**ACTION:** Applications are due by July 14, 2000. For electronic access to this document, go to <http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg.htm> or to <http://www.ed.gov/news.html>.

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**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy; Office of Science; Office of Fusion Energy Sciences

**ITEM:** Notice of interest in receiving grant applications for theoretical research in magnetic fusion energy sciences. The specific areas of interest are as follows: Magnetohydrodynamics and Stability; Confinement and Transport; Edge and Divertor Physics; Plasma Heating and Non-inductive Current Drive; Innovative Confinement Concepts; and Atomic and Molecular Processes in Plasmas.

**ACTION:** Applications are due by July 20, 2000. Applicants are requested to submit a letter-of-intent by June 15, 2000. See also, <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html> for electronic access to the solicitation. Go to <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/Colab.html> for electronic access to information on preparation of collaborative applications.

**CONTACT:** For Magnetohydrodynamics and Stability, Rostom Dagazian, 301/903-4926. E-mail: [Rostom.dagazian@science.doe.gov](mailto:Rostom.dagazian@science.doe.gov). For Confinement and Transport, Curt Bolton, 301/903-4914. E-mail: [curt.bolton@science.doe.gov](mailto:curt.bolton@science.doe.gov). For Edge and

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**TITLE:** Materials and Processes for Integrated High Payoff Rocket Propulsion Technology

**SOL:** PRDA-00-08-MLK

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Defense (DOD); Department of the Air Force; Air Force Materiel Command

**ITEM:** Notice seeking research proposals for Materials and Processes for Integrated High Payoff Rocket Propulsion Technology (IHRPT). The purpose of this acquisition is to develop materials and processes to meet the Phase II and Phase III goals established in the IHRPT program. A collaborative DOD, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and propulsion industry steering committee has set forth goals for, Liquid Rocket Engine Boost and Orbit Transfer, Solid Rocket Motors for Boost and Orbit Transfer and Tactical Applications, and Spacecraft Propulsion.

**ACTION:** Proposals are due by August 30, 2000. See also, <http://www.eps.gov/> for electronic access to information.

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**ADDRESS:** Department of the Air Force, Air Force Materiel Command, AFRL—Wright Research Site, Det 1 AFRL/PK, Building 167, Area B, 2310 8th Street, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7801

**TITLE:** Research on Depression Comorbid with Externalizing Problems in Children

**DOC#:** MH-01-002

**INSTITUTE:** National Institute of Mental Health; National Institute on Drug Abuse

**ITEM:** Notice seeking research grant applications from qualified applicants for research on early identification of depression (Dysthymic Disorder and/or Major Depressive Disorder) comorbid with disruptive behavior problems or disorders (persistent antisocial behavior, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, oppositional-defiant disorder, and conduct disorder) in children under 12 years of age in pre-school, school, pediatric care, and other settings- and for intervention research designed to treat or prevent these comorbid conditions.

**ACTION:** Letters of intent are due by August 18, 2000, and applications are due by September 18, 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). Go to <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html> for electronic access to application forms.

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**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education; Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

**ITEM:** Notice requesting applications for new awards for FY 2000 under the Special Demonstration Programs, which provide financial assistance to support projects or programs that expand and improve the provision of rehabilitation and other services for individuals with disabilities, including technical assistance that meets the needs of underserved populations.

**ACTION:** Applications are due by August 1, 2000. For electronic access to this document, go to <http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg.html> or to <http://www.ed.gov/news.html>. For copies of the application package, contact the Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), 877/433-7827. Fax: 301/470-1244. E-mail: [edpubs@inet.ed.gov](mailto:edpubs@inet.ed.gov). Go to <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html> for electronic access to application materials.

**CONTACT:** Thomas Finch, 202/205-8292.

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Commerce; International Trade Administration (ITA)

**ITEM:** Notice announcing the availability of funds for the Special American Business Internship Training Program (SABIT), for training business executives and scientists (also referred to as "interns") from the New Independent States (NIS). Under the SABIT program, qualified U.S. firms will receive funds through a cooperative agreement with ITA to help defray the cost of hosting interns. The training must take place in the U.S.

**ACTION:** The closing date for receipt of applications is July 31, 2000. Interns may be from any of the following Independent States: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

**CONTACT:** Liesel Duhon, 202/482-0073. Fax: 202/482-2443. E-mail: [SABITApply@ita.doc.gov](mailto:SABITApply@ita.doc.gov).



## 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!

### June 28, 29

Final exams.

### 30

Final registration for second summer term.

Summer school orientation.

### July 1

Landscape Architecture Scout Badge Class, 9-10 a.m., Crosby Arboretum, Picayune. (601) 799-2311.

### 3, 4

University closed for holidays.

### 5

Second semester classes begin.

### 8

Ginger Lecture and Plant Sale. Lecture, 1 p.m.; plant sale, 2-4 p.m., Crosby Arboretum, Picayune. (601) 799-2311.

### 22

Summer Volunteer Training Workshop, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Crosby Arboretum, Picayune. (601) 799-2311, extension 21.

### August

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Summer classes end.

### 3, 4

Final exams.

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ture division.

Specifically, he called for the division to exploit the life sciences revolution; develop ways to enhance product value; focus research and education on multidisciplinary system approaches to crop, animal and forest production; identify and help develop alternative enterprises; increase the focus on the sustainability of the state's forests, land, water and air; and support youth, families and communities with research-based educational programs.

"We all need to be aware of the sense of urgency we face to address the economy of this state," Portera said. "I firmly believe there is no institution in this country that is more important to the state in which it is located than Mississippi State is to Mississippi."

## DIAL presentation made at Capitol

Mississippi State research in cutting-edge technologies is something the university constantly works to introduce to new audiences.

Recently, a visual presentation of the MSU Diagnostic Instrumentation and Analysis Laboratory was featured at the nation's Capitol. It was among four university research programs included in the United States Department of Energy's "Strength Through Science" exhibit for members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Our presentation spotlighted Mississippi State's role in cleanup efforts at the Hanford site in Washington state," said DIAL director John Plodinec.

Hanford is a 560 square-mile area along the Columbia River established by the federal government in 1943 to produce plutonium for nuclear weapons.

Plodinec said DIAL research scientist Jeff Linder and Rebecca Toghiani, an associate professor of chemical engineering, currently are providing guidance on the safe retrieval and transfer of high-level nuclear waste in tanks stored at the site.

The DIAL exhibit in Washington, D.C., also included DrumThunker, a patented technology for determining the pressure inside waste drums.

## Retirement reception set

Information Technology Services is hosting a retirement reception for Jefferson C. Wilson on June 29.

Festivities are scheduled 2-4 p.m. in the Colvard Union third-floor art lounge.

## MSU channel changes

MSU programming on Northland Cable is now airing on channel 7, leaving The Learning Channel full time on channel 30. Previously, MSU and TLC split time on channel 30.

The summer schedule for MSTV, cable channel 7, is as follows:

June 19-Aug. 11, Monday-Friday—3 p.m., On-Air (MSU talk); 3:15 p.m., Bullyboard; 3:30 p.m., music videos; 4 p.m., On-Air; 4:15 p.m., Bullyboard; 4:30 p.m., music videos; 5 p.m., network programming. All day Saturdays-network programming.

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One of 27 fully accredited veterinary medicine colleges in the nation, MSU's program has gained national recognition for its use of problem-based learning. Through the teaching technique, students are involved in an active learning process that uses actual clinical problems.



## 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>, 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.