

## Student Affairs announces new assignments

A 22-year veteran of the Division of Student Affairs assumes new duties Aug. 1, pending approval by the state Board of Trustees, Institutions of Higher Learning.

Dr. Jimmy W. Abraham will become assistant vice president, moving from his position as director of enrollment services. Roy Ruby, Student Affairs vice president, said Abraham will fill the position vacated by Gene Tice, who is leaving to become student affairs and administration vice president at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

John R. Dickerson, associate director of enrollment services, will assume the duties of director, Ruby added.

"Jimmy Abraham has built the Mississippi State student recruiting and orientation programs into nationally recognized models," Ruby said. "He has established a reputation for hard work and for his commitment to this institution, and he will

bring extensive knowledge to his responsibilities."

In his new capacity, Abraham will focus particularly on areas related to student enrollment, Ruby said, including enrollment services, admissions, financial aid, and international student services.

"Mississippi State has tremendous momentum and tremendous opportunities ahead," Abraham said. "I look forward to this new role and to helping the university achieve its goals in the student affairs area."

Abraham received bachelor's and master's from Mississippi State in 1975 and 1977, respectively, and a doctorate from the University of Mississippi in 1985. A university employee since 1977, he has had major responsibility

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## Correro to lead regional group

John V. Correro, executive director of the Mississippi State University Alumni Association, is the new president of a regional group of alumni chief executive officers.

He heads the Association of Alumni Directors of the Southeastern Conference for 2000-01. Mississippi State is a charter member of the organization that includes alumni association leaders at SEC-member universities.

The group promotes information, policies, programs, and technology to enhance alumni administration, higher education and professional development.

Correro's 31-year career at Mississippi

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*In recent ceremonies, Joe Ann Ward of Jackson formally committed \$1.25 million to fund the College of Veterinary Medicine's first endowed professorship. MSU President Malcolm Portera (c) and Dean John U. Thomson help unveil a portrait of Ward's husband, in whose memory the Hugh G. Ward Chair in Small Animal Medicine is being established.*

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since 1985 for coordinating and implementing the recruiting goals of the state's largest university.

Ruby also expressed high praise for the work of associate director Dickerson.

"John has established highly respected credentials in his capacity as liaison with community colleges," Ruby said. "Under his leadership, the university's enrollment from two-year institutions has dramatically increased, and we look forward to his continued success in his expanded duties."

Dickerson holds a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College and a master's from MSU.

In addition to changes affecting Abraham and Dickerson, Ruby announced an expansion of duties for Bill Broyles, associate director of Longest Student Health Center. While continuing to hold his health center position, Broyles also will become assistant to the vice president for student affairs.

"Bill will be responsible for fiscal affairs management in the student affairs area," Ruby said. "He is a certified public accountant who has extensive experience and knowledge of the division. His skills will ensure that we manage our resources effectively and efficiently."

Broyles completed both bachelor's and master's degrees at MSU.

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State has focused entirely on alumni relations. He joined the association staff in 1969 as field secretary, was named associate director in 1975, and became executive director in 1994. That same year he was recognized by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education for 25 years of service to the advancement field.

The Greenwood native holds a bachelor's degree in physical education and social studies education and a master's in educational administration and counseling, all from MSU.

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# **New promotions, tenure announced**

The following faculty members have been promoted for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

## **Academic Affairs**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences:** Barry J. Barnett, from assistant professor to associate professor, Agricultural Economics; Lisa O. House, from assistant professor to associate professor, Agricultural Economics; Douglas L. Marshall, from associate food scientist and associate professor to food scientist and professor, Food Science and Technology; and Christopher D. McDaniel, from assistant professor to associate professor, Poultry Science.

**College of Arts and Sciences:** Michael Y. Li, from assistant professor to associate professor, Mathematics and Statistics; Wenchao Ma, from associate professor to professor, Physics and Astronomy; David L. Monts, from associate professor to professor, Physics and Astronomy; Darrel W. Schmitz, from associate professor to professor, Geosciences; Christopher M. Taylor, from assistant professor to associate professor, Biological Sciences; and Xiangsheng Xu, from associate professor to professor, Mathematics and Statistics.

**College of Business and Industry:** Benjamin F. Blair, from assistant professor to associate professor, Finance and Economics; Brian T. Engelland, from assistant professor to associate professor, Marketing, Quantitative Analysis and Business Law; and Debbie T. LeClair, from assistant professor to associate professor, Marketing, Quantitative Analysis and Business Law.

**College of Education:** Carlen Henington, from assistant professor to associate professor, Counselor Education and Educational Psychology.

**College of Engineering:** John M. Usher, from associate professor to professor, Industrial Engineering.

**College of Forest Resources:** Stephen C. Grado, from assistant professor to associate professor, Forestry; Scott D. Roberts, from assistant professor to associate professor, Forestry; and Stephen H. Schoenholtz, from associate professor to professor, Forestry.

**College of Veterinary Medicine:** Andrew J. Mackin, from assistant professor to associate professor, Veterinary Medicine; Phillip D. Nelson, from associate professor to professor, Veterinary Medicine; and John W. Tyler, from assistant professor to associate professor, Veterinary Medicine.

**Library:** David G. Nowak, from assistant professor to associate professor, Library.

## **Division of Research**

**Centers and Institutes:** Danny L. Sumrall, Center for Safety and Health, safety consultant II to senior safety consultant.

**College of Education:** Kelly Schaefer, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision (RRTC), training associate to training associate I.

**College of Engineering:** Hansheng Zhang, DIAL, research scientist to research scientist I; Purushotham V. Bangalore, Engineering Research Center (ERC), research assistant I to research assistant II; and William Breckenridge III, Engineering Research Center (ERC), computer specialist to research assistant II (computer specialist II).

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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>>.

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of State; Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Office of Europe, NIS, and Training

**ITEM:** Notice seeking proposals under the International Demand Reduction (IDR) Program, which has been modified to include the participation of non-federal agencies (e.g., universities, non-profit organizations) in the development of national, regional, and international networks of public/private sector organizations to strengthen international cooperation and actions against the drug trade.

**ACTION:** Proposals are due by July 28, 2000.

**CONTACT:** Linda Gower, 202/776-8774. Fax: 202/776-8775. Thom Browne, 202/736-4662. Fax: 202/647-6962.

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

**ITEM:** Notice seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies that will reduce energy consumption, enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce environmental impacts of the Steel Industry. The research is to address research priorities identified by the Steel Industry in Chapters 2, 3, and 4 of the Steel Industry Technology Roadmap.

**ACTION:** The deadline for receipt of applications is September 14, 2000. See also, <http://www.id.doe.gov/doesid/psd/proc-div.html> for electronic access to information.

**CONTACT:** Carol Van Lente, via e-mail, at [vanlenc1@id.doe.gov](mailto:vanlenc1@id.doe.gov).

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

**ITEM:** Notice seeking proposals under a program designed to enhance universities' capabilities to perform basic science and engineering research and related education in science and engineering areas critical to national defense. The CIP/SW Program will support university team efforts to accelerate research progress in areas particularly suited to this approach and to hasten the transition of basic research findings to practical applications. The

DOD expects the CIP/SW program will promote basic science and engineering research to protect the nation's critical infrastructures, primarily for defense but also for civilian applications.

**ACTION:** White papers are due by August 17, 2000, and proposals are due by November 30, 2000. See also, <http://www.onr.navy.mil/> for electronic access to information.

**CONTACT:** Vera Duberry, 703/696-2610. E-mail: [duberrv@onr.navy.mil](mailto:duberrv@onr.navy.mil). Clifford Lau, 703/696-0431. E-mail: [lauc@onr.navy.mil](mailto:lauc@onr.navy.mil).

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

**TITLE:** Air Vehicles Technology Integration Program (AVTIP)

**SOL:** PRDA-00-01-VAK

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

**ITEM:** Notice seeking research proposals for the Air Vehicles Technology Integration Program (AVTIP). The objective of AVTIP is to conduct research to develop, demonstrate and transition to Air Force and DOD systems new technologies that will provide affordable, revolutionary capabilities to the warfighter.

**ACTION:** Responses are due by July 31, 2000. See also, <http://www.eps.gov> for access to electronic information.

**CONTACT:** Stewart Genet, 937/656-9026. Fax: 937/255-4255. E-mail: [Genet.Stewart@wpafb.af.mil](mailto:Genet.Stewart@wpafb.af.mil).

**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

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Justice; Office of Justice Programs; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

**ITEM:** Notice requesting applications for training and technical assistance for national innovations to reduce Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) under the Deborah Ann Wysinger Memorial Program. The purpose of the training and technical assistance is to assist states as they plan, implement, and monitor their DMC initiatives.

**ACTION:** Applications must be received by August 7, 2000. The OJJDP Application Kit can be obtained by calling the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse, at 800/638-8736, or by sending an e-mail message to [puborder@ncjrs.org](mailto:puborder@ncjrs.org). Go to <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/about.html#kit> for electronic access to the application kit.

**CONTACT:** Gail Olezene, 202/305-9234.

**TITLE:** GPS Ground Receivers

**SOL:** Reference-Number-CBD-Notice-32C

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

**ITEM:** Notice of interest in receiving proposals on the research and development for the Global Positioning System (GPS) Joint Program Office (JPO).

**ACTION:** Proposals are due by August 7, 2000. See also, <http://farsite.hill.af.mil> and <http://www.wrs.af.mil/contract/> for electronic access to information.

**CONTACT:** Arthur Trader, 310/363-0092. E-mail: [arthur.trader@losangeles.af.mil](mailto:arthur.trader@losangeles.af.mil). Lisa Schleder-Kirkpatrick, 310/363-2925. E-mail:

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#### The following faculty members have been awarded tenure for fiscal year 2000-2001.

Kevin J. Armstrong, Department of Psychology; Barry J. Barnett, Department of Agricultural Economics; Benjamin F. Blair, Department of Finance and Economics; Carolyn R. Boyle, College of Veterinary Medicine; Joel D. Bumgardner, Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering; Brian T. Engelland, Department of Marketing, Quantitative Analysis and Business Law; Andrew P. Fabel, Department of Mathematics and Statistics; Harriet L. Glossoff, Department of Counselor Education and Educational Psychology; Stephen C. Grado, Department of Forestry; Allen G. Greenwood, Department of Industrial Engineering;

Regina Halpin, Department of Curriculum and Instruction; Richard L. Harkess, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences; Lisa O. House, Department of Agricultural Economics; Debbie T. LeClair, Department of Marketing, Quantitative Analysis and Business Law; John E. Lee Jr., Department of Agricultural Economics; Michael Y. Li, Department of Mathematics and Statistics; Christopher D. McDaniel, Department of Poultry Science; Phillip D. Nelson, College of Veterinary Medicine; David G. Nowak, Library; Daniel B. Paulsen, College of Veterinary Medicine; Scott D. Roberts, Department of Forestry; Christopher M. Taylor, Department of Biological Sciences; John U. Thomson, College of Veterinary Medicine; John W. Tyler, College of Veterinary Medicine; and Godfrey N. Uzoigwe, Department of History.



## 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!

### July 22

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

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Fabulous Falcons: falcons trained by Camp Tiak ranger Michael Musgrave, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune. Members \$3; non-members \$5. (601) 799-2311, extension 21.

### August 2

Summer classes end.

### 3, 4

Final exams.

### 5

Commencement.

### 16

New student orientation.

### 17, 18

Final registration.



## 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.

## Continuing ed to offer OSHA courses

Mississippi State soon will offer the first OSHA "train the trainer" safety course of its kind in the state.

In the past, Mississippi employees needing this specialized federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration instruction had to travel to Atlanta or Dallas. Through a cooperative agreement with Texas A&M University—a leader in OSHA-based training—MSU's Division of Continuing Education now will be a local provider for the course.

OSHA 501 is an intensive, five-day class focusing on the skills to recognize and correct safety hazards and to perform safety audits. More broadly, the class provides an overview of the regulations governing most workplaces.

Plans are under way for a class session in October, either on the Gulf Coast or in the Memphis, Tenn., area. There are no

prerequisites for enrolling.

Persons completing the certification will hold the title of General Industry Outreach Program Trainer and be qualified to teach OSHA's 10- or 30-hour general safety and health outreach courses.

Ben Rosenkrans, MSU continuing education's manager of environmental and safety programs, said persons completing the OSHA 501 safety course "are qualified in a manner that is recognized nationwide."

"MSU has been teaching a class on OSHA standards for 10 years, but to my knowledge, this is the first such approved outreach course of its kind taught in the state," he added.

For complete details on the course, telephone Amy Vickery at 325-0705 or Rosenkrans at 325-2650.

## Godwin, Olivieri acting TV center directors

Two veteran staff members of the University Television Center are assuming responsibility for day-to-day operations of the full-service media operation.

Operations manager Ralph Olivieri and chief engineer Mike Godwin are acting directors, respectively, of operations and engineering, said Dennis A. Prescott, vice president for external affairs.



Ralph Olivieri (l) and Mike Godwin

They assume duties filled until recently by David Hutto, who left to become dean of technology and development at Blue Ridge Community College in Flat Rock, N.C.

Olivieri, a 19-year MSU staff member, is director of all television center field, studio and editing facilities. He also coordinates staff productions and serves as a senior producer.

Among features he directs is the award-winning "Farmweek," a 30-minute program airing statewide on Mississippi Educational Television.

Godwin, who has an extensive background in television and radio broadcast services, became the center's chief engineer in 1995. Previously, he worked for more than 13 years in similar positions at television and radio stations in Jackson and Meridian.

"Each of these professionals brings outstanding experience to the job, and I have great confidence in their ability to provide leadership for the television center," Prescott said.

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