

Business Affairs VP search under way

A 15-member search and screening committee is at work identifying candidates for the position of vice president for business affairs.

The group met for the first time on Aug. 29 and has begun to receive applications and nominations for the chief financial officer job.

President Malcolm Portera, who is chairing the search, said the committee's goal is to identify and recruit a suitable candidate before the end of the fall semester, if possible.

Committee members include Ann Bell, director of Human Resources Management; Ron Brown, associate comptroller; Dr. Jan Chambers, College of Veterinary Medicine researcher and Giles Distinguished Professor; Danny Cheatham, projects coordinator for the Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine; William Cole, coordinator of patrol operations for the MSU Police Department; Sandra Harpole, director of the Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology and a Grisham Teaching Award winner;

Cedric Henson, cost analyst in the Office of Comptroller and Treasurer and a member of the Professional and Support Staff Advisory Council; Duncan McKenzie, associate director of athletics; Linda Pote, CVM researcher and chair of the Faculty Senate's University Resources Committee; Dennis Prescott, vice president for External Affairs; Wayne Reed, assistant vice president in Business

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Preparing for the Bulldogs' first home football game on Sept. 30 against the University of Florida, a Birmingham contractor works on adding 22 rows of temporary seating to the end zone of Scott Field. The addition will accommodate 1,500 students during a sell-out season.

Research reaches new level

Mississippi State continues to reach new heights in sponsored research contracts and grants.

For the 1999-2000 fiscal year ending June 30, the university received a record \$93.5 million in external research funding, a 30 percent increase from \$71.8 million the previous year.

Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch, vice president for research, said the funding involves more than 1,300 sponsored projects at the university. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, U.S. departments of Agriculture, Defense, Education, and Health and Human Services, along with the National Science Foundation, were among the major funding agencies.

"Our faculty members are committed to seeking funding aggressively to address the needs of our state," Altenkirch said. "These totals reflect their success in competing with researchers at universities around the nation for available funding opportunities."

As an example, he pointed to the Rural Health, Safety and Security Institute, recently established through \$2.2 million in funding from the U.S. Office of Rural Health Policy. Based in the university's Social Science Research Center, the new institute will address ways health-damaging behaviors can be improved through social

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Sexual Assault Awareness Week scheduled

More than two dozen events large and small are planned later this month as the university observes national Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

Public activities range from a 6 p.m. Sept. 24 opening program at Starkville's Trinity Presbyterian Church titled "What You Should Know" to a 6 p.m. "Take Back the Night" rally on the 29th on the Drill Field.

MSU head football coach Jackie Sherrill and counselor education associate professor Merrily S. Dunn will speak at the concluding rally. During a candle-lighting remembrance of all violence-against-women victims, professional counselors will be available to talk with any person requesting assistance.

Between the Sunday and Thursday programs will be others addressing a range of topics, among them "Substance

Abuse and Sexual Assault," "Date Rape Drugs," "For Men Only: If She is Raped," and "For Women Only: Self Defense Demonstrations for Women." Most of these presentations will take place in Colvard Union locations.

Christopher Kilmartin, an associate professor of psychology at Mary Washington College in Virginia, delivers the week's keynote address. Beginning at 7 p.m. on the 26th, his Colvard ballroom presentation titled "Crimes Against Nature" will examine "what it means to be a man in today's world."

Kilmartin, an experienced campus programmer on sexual assault issues, also will speak earlier that same day. In a 9:30 a.m. address in the union's small auditorium, his topic will be "Men 101: The Impact of Gender."

He is author of "The Masculine Self"

(Macmillan, 2nd ed., 1999) and co-author, with fellow Mary Washington psychologist John Lynch, of "The Pain Behind the Mask: Origins, Consequences and Remedies for Masculine Depression" (Haworth, 1999).

For more information on MSU Sexual Assault Awareness Week, telephone 325-2218.

MSU joins regional 'virtual' library

Mississippi State is among a dozen Southern universities collectively creating the region's largest virtual electronic library.

MSU and 11 other members of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries are cooperating on a project that will enable more than 164,000 students and 14,000 faculty members—as well as the general public—to conduct computer searches of all 23.6 million volumes jointly held by the schools. A first for the association, the project is expected to be in place by October.

Stretching from North Carolina to the Magnolia State, the expanded collection will utilize the university Internet servers of Alabama at Birmingham, Kentucky, Tennessee-Knoxville, Vanderbilt, and Virginia Commonwealth. In addition to MSU, other schools in the new computer link include Auburn, Clemson, Mississippi, Tulane, South Carolina, and Wake Forest.

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MSTV slate



MSU programming airs on Northland Cable's channel 7. The September slate of shows includes the following:

Sept. 19—6 p.m., Bullyboard; 6:30 p.m., MSU Football with Jackie Sherrill; 7 p.m., MSU Football Game Replay (BYU vs. MSU); 9:45 p.m., Bullyboard; 10 p.m., SCOLA.

Sept. 20—1 p.m., WITS Technology Instruction; 2 p.m., SCOLA; 6 p.m., Bullyboard; 6:30 p.m., MSU Football with Jackie Sherrill; 7 p.m., MSU Football Game Replay (BYU vs. MSU); 9:45 p.m., Bullyboard; 10 p.m., SCOLA.

Sept. 21—6 p.m., Underground Transmission; 6:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 7 p.m., On-Air (MSU conversation); 7:15 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 7:30 p.m., Underground Transmission; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

Sept. 22 and 23—SCOLA all day.

Sept. 24—6 p.m., The Insight (student news program); 6:30 p.m., MSU Football with Jackie Sherrill; 7 p.m., MSU Football Game Replay (MSU vs. South Carolina/Comcast); 9:45 p.m., Bullyboard; 10 p.m., SCOLA.

Sept. 25—6 p.m., The Insight; 6:30

p.m., MSU Football with Jackie Sherrill; 7 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 7:30 p.m., On-Air (MSU conversation); 7:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., Underground Transmission; 8:30 p.m., SCOLA.

Sept. 26—6 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Football with Jackie Sherrill; 7 p.m., MSU Football Game Replay (MSU vs. South Carolina/Comcast); 9:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 10 p.m., SCOLA.

Sept. 27—6 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Football with Jackie Sherrill; 7 p.m., MSU Football Game Replay (MSU vs. South Carolina/Comcast); 9:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 10 p.m., SCOLA.

Sept. 28—6 p.m., The Insight (student news program); 6:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 7 p.m., On-Air (MSU conversation); 7:15 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 7:30 p.m., Underground Transmission; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

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Faculty senate plans round tables

By a unanimous voice vote at the conclusion of its first meeting of the school year, the Holland Faculty Senate approved Chair Dan Embree's proposal to sponsor round-table discussions of "issues of importance to the university."

Senators approved the expenditure of \$600 to rent Mississippi University for Women's Plymouth Bluff Center near Columbus and provide meals for the 24 persons who are expected to participate at the daylong Nov. 4 session. A follow-up session is being planned for the spring semester

Embree said three groups will be represented at each gathering: eight from the senate, eight from the faculty at large and eight selected by President Malcolm Portera from the administration and staff.

"Most important are the rules for the

conduct of the round table: no ranks, no turf, no agendas, no limits, no repercussions," Embree wrote in his proposal.

"Because the round table differs from a committee meeting or an administrative retreat precisely in that it does not aim at any outcome other than the free-ranging exchange of idea, participants are free to explore those ideas without being unduly constrained by unit boundaries, official policy, budgets, or the chain of command," he added.

For a complete account of the senate's monthly meetings, telephone 325-8700 or e-mail faculty-senate@ra.msstate.edu. Official minutes of past meetings also are available by typing in "faculty senate" in the Topic Search box of the university web page, www.msstate.edu.

Entrepreneurship lectures on tap for fall

Some of the nation's most successful and innovative businesspersons are participating this fall in the Entrepreneurship Lecture Series at Mississippi State.

Funded through the university's Jack Hatcher Chair for Engineering Entrepreneurship, the series is part of a new College of Engineering emphasis on preparing students to develop businesses based on new technologies.

"The lecture series is one of the ways we are preparing those who someday plan to be in business for themselves," said engineering dean Wayne Bennett. "Each speaker will draw on their personal experiences in addressing an area of business start-up."

The public programs will be held on Tuesdays from 2:15-3:45 p.m. in the George Eastman Auditorium of the Swalm Chemical Engineering Building.

Scheduled speakers and their topics include:

—Sept. 19: Doug Marchant, president of EPN Corp., challenges and opportunities in a software startup company.

—Sept. 26: Tony Stovall, president of Gulf South Capital Fund, the future of starting a business in Mississippi.

—Oct. 3: Rodger Johnson, president of Knology Holding Co., the best way to organize a new business.

—Oct. 17: Bill Yates, president of Yates Construction Co., "Mistakes I've Made and Lessons I've Learned."

—Oct. 19: Franklin Myers, president of Cooper Energy Services, legal issues for the start-up company.

—Oct. 24: Fred Burke, president of Central Pharmacy Services, organizing successful teams.

—Oct. 31: Danny Windham and Jerry Moore, co-founders of Adtran, secrets of marketing.

—Nov. 7: Stan Prevost, vice president and co-founder of Phase IV, the engineering design process and making a profit.

—Nov. 14: Mickey Holliman, president of U.S. Furniture Lines, strategies of product manufacturing.

—Nov. 21: John Denson, retired president of Lockheed Martin Idaho and founder of Lockheed's Entrepreneurship Program, "How to Discover the Next Great Idea."

Earlier speakers in the series have included Gerald Thames, managing partner of Lehman Brothers, and David McMillen, president of HMC Technologies.

For additional information about series, telephone 325-7183.

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intervention strategies.

Also, a Life Sciences and Biotechnology Institute was announced by vice president Charles Lee of the agriculture, forestry and veterinary medicine division to examine ways biotechnology can improve agriculture, forestry, animal health, and environmental quality. It is being supported by a \$1.2 million grant from the Jackson-based Hearin Foundation.

Among the list of ongoing commitments, the MSU Remote Sensing Technologies Center continues work through a five-year NASA grant to apply space

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The \$93.5 million in research support is in addition to \$13.9 million in federal financial aid funds received at the university, he added.

In addition to record-level research funding, Mississippi State recently was notified of several related achievements.

Among others, they include:

—Inclusion in the 148 top tier national "doctoral/research extensive" universities as rated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching from among nearly 4,000 American higher education institutions.

—Research totaling \$26.4 million that elevated the College of Engineering to 42nd on the American Society for Engineering Education list of national engineering colleges.

—A National Science Foundation ranking of 59th among public universities for total institutional research expenditures.

A university goal is to rank among the nation's top 50 public universities. Research expenditures—which include all funds used in the operation of a research project—totaled about \$111 million in 1998-99, the most recent year reported to NSF.



Calendar of Events

Send your calendar items to

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Ongoing Events, Activities

"The Tropic of Cancer—Recent Sculpture by Rea Mingeva" exhibition, Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall, through Sept. 28. Mingeva to speak about her work on 28th, 100 Stafford Hall, 4:30 p.m. Reception to follow in the gallery, 7-9 p.m.

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ITS workshop—Introduction to Microsoft Access 97, 1:30-5 p.m., McArthur Hall. 325-0631.

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Career Day, Humphrey Coliseum, noon. 325-3344.

Entrepreneurship Seminar, Doug Marchant, president, EPN Corp., Eastman Auditorium, Swalm Building, 2:30 p.m. 325-2464. (see story on page 3)

ITS workshop—Banner: Invoice Processing, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Introduction to Microsoft Word 97, 8:30 a.m.-noon, McArthur Hall. 325-0631.

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Career Day, Humphrey Coliseum, noon. 325-3344.

WITS: Microsoft PowerPoint: Top 10 Tips, 140 Swalm, 1 p.m. 325-8800.

ITS workshop—Banner: Invoice Processing, 8:30 a.m.-noon; Introduction to groupwise, 1:30-5 p.m., McArthur Hall. 325-0631.

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ITS workshop—Introduction to SAS, 8:30 a.m.-noon; Interactive Video II, 1:30-5 p.m., McArthur Hall. 325-0631.

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"Surviving America," International Student Required Extended Orientation, The INS and You, Allen Hall, Room A-13, 3-5 p.m. 325-8929.

MSU vs. South Alabama, soccer, MSU soccer field, 4 p.m.

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Fall Plant Sale, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, 10 a.m. Kimberly D. Johnson, (601) 799-2311, extension 21.

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MSU vs. Alabama A&M, soccer, MSU soccer field, 1 p.m.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week begins. (see story on page 2)

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General faculty meeting, McComas Hall theater, 3 p.m.

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Entrepreneurship Seminar, Tony Stovall, president, Gulf South Capital Fund, Eastman Auditorium, Swalm Building, 2:30 p.m. Rick Smith, 325-2464.

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Affairs; Jenny Reeves, Student Association president; and Janice Tingle, licensing manager.

Portera told the search committee in its opening meeting that the next vice president should have a strong background in financial planning and management and understand that supporting the academic mission of the university is the top financial priority.

The position has been advertised nationally in the Chronicle of Higher Education and through publications and web sites sponsored by professional organizations for university business officers. Nominations for the position should be sent to Ann Bell in Human Resources Management.

Portera said the committee will aggressively seek out and recruit excellent candidates and plans to interview one to three individuals this fall. Applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled.

Associate Vice President for Business Affairs Gaddis Hunt has served as interim vice president since mid-August, when Leah Norman resigned the position.

ITS offers video network

The Office of Information Technology Services is offering a new service for faculty and staff members unable to travel to numerous out-of-town meeting locations.

The recently inaugurated Mississippi Interactive Video Network enables participants to meet with colleagues in Jackson, Meridian, Vicksburg, and approximately 150 other locations around the state.

Dr. Kathleen Olivieri, ITS network video consultant, said the network employs the university's "significant interactive video capability," which in addition to nine campus classrooms, include two in Meridian and one each in Verona and Vicksburg. When not in use as distance-education classrooms, the facilities may be scheduled for interactive video meetings.

"In most instances, the service is free," Olivieri added.

Interactive video meetings also may be conducted with compatible sites in other states or countries around the world. For meetings outside the Mississippi network, there will be a connection charge that varies on the basis of meeting length and remote destination.

University employees interested in replacing out-of-town treks with electronic communications may contact the ITS Help Desk at telephone 325-0631 or e-mail helpdesk@msstate.edu. In addition to taking care of details from the campus end, ITS personnel will schedule the meeting and coordinate arrangements with the remote site.

Olivieri said participants will be given the option of being trained in use of the interactive equipment or requesting ITS staff assistance for the meeting.

For more information about interactive video at MSU, visit www.its.msstate.edu/video/classrooms.html.

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.