

## MSU remains a 'best buy'

Mississippi State is among the nation's "100 best buys" in public colleges and universities, according to Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine.

The October issue lists 100 public four-year colleges and universities offering "a quality education without the Ivy League price tag." Mississippi State is 57th on the list.

With more than 1.15 million subscribers, Kiplinger's consistently is among the nation's 100 best-selling magazines. It specializes in consumer and financial advice and information.

In its "best buy" survey, schools are ranked on the basis of quality indicators, including graduation rates, number of instructional faculty members, cost considerations, and available financial aid.

Based on the magazine's calculations, the total cost for an in-state student to attend MSU is \$7,952 a year. The average cost after need-based financial aid is taken into account comes to \$4,246 a year, Kiplinger's says.

The magazine's editors say their goal is to identify schools offering a high-quality education at the lowest cost. Kiplinger's formula for determining rankings puts more emphasis on quality than on cost "because 'value' is not synonymous with 'cheap,'" they add.

Other Southeastern institutions among the top 100 include the universities of North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, and Auburn.

Complete rankings and other information about planning for college also are available online at [www.kiplinger.com/management/college](http://www.kiplinger.com/management/college).



*A new campus speaker series was inaugurated recently in honor of Dr. Morris W. "Bill" Collins (seated, left), founding director of the John C. Stennis Institute of Government. The public issues programs will reprise monthly sessions Collins began in the 1980s. Joining him at the ceremony were current institute director Dr. Marty Wiseman (seated, right); senior Ben Needham, chair of the student Stennis-Montgomery Association; and Dean of Libraries Frances Coleman. The institute, association and Mitchell Memorial Library are series sponsors.*

## MSU brings in \$3.7 million in ITR grants

Mississippi State faculty members in computer science, engineering, mathematics, and business are receiving grants totaling \$3.7 million under a new federal initiative to improve the nation's information technology capabilities.

Announced to the university in mid-September, the first-time awards from the National Science Foundation are made under the federal agency's recently launched \$90 million Information Technology Research program.

MSU's projects were selected from nearly 1,400 proposals. Nationwide, more than 100 institutions are participating in what NSF director Rita Colwell describes as "major innovations in information technology, rather than routine applications of existing technology."

Mississippi State faculty members and their projects include:

—Bharat K. Soni, Joe F. Thompson, and Edward A. Luke of the NSF/MSU Engineering Research Center, \$1.7 million to design a software production platform for compu-

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# Martin returns as men's golf coach

Greg Martin is Mississippi State's new men's head golf coach, pending the approval of the Board of Trustees, Institutions of Higher Learning.

Martin returns to the MSU campus after a two-year stint with Rice. He made the move to Texas after nearly five successful years as head coach of the Bulldogs.

While at MSU, the Abilene, Texas, native earned Southeastern Conference

Coach of the Year honors in 1996 and co-SEC Coach of the Year accolades in 1997 after leading MSU to back-to-back SEC team championships.

During his first tour as the Bulldogs' head coach, Martin helped coach Graham Davidson to an SEC individual championship and an eighth-place NCAA East Regional finish in 1996, while Alex Rocha earned second-place honors at the

conference event the following year.

Under Martin's guidance, Davidson and Michael Connell earned SEC Player of the Year status for the 1996 and 1997 seasons, respectively.

Prior to joining the Mississippi State staff, Martin coached the 1993 fall season at the University of Texas-San Antonio. He served as an assistant coach at the University of Texas-Austin from 1991-93 after caddying on the PGA tour for Bob Estes.

A three-time participant in the United States Amateur Championships, Martin holds the course record at Old Waverly Golf Course with a nine-under par 63.

Martin replaces Nicky Goetze who left MSU to become head golf coach at Florida State.



*MSU research assistant Jacobo Caceres (l) works with Chalmer Wood and Dewayne Trahan, both of Louisiana-based Greenhouse Construction, to install a new greenhouse facility on the North Farm. The Entomology and Plant Pathology Department will use the structure for cotton, soybean, wheat, and turfgrass research.*

## Marshall joins international panel

A Mississippi State scientist is joining an international panel to help assess microbiological hazards in food.

Dr. Douglas L. Marshall, professor of food science and technology, is among some 100 experts named to the Food and Agriculture Organization's Roster of Experts. The FAO is an arm of the United Nations' World Health Organization.

An expert in food microbiology and public health, he has conducted research at MSU on ways to improve the quality and safety of foods, including developing rapid methods for quality and safety evaluations. He also teaches courses in

foodborne diseases, food safety, quality assurance and control, and product development, among others.

Marshall is joining approximately 20 American colleagues on a world team that will advise the U.N. on risks posed by biological agents found in the substances humans consume for nourishment. He and other members reflect a diversity of viewpoints and geography in both developed and developing countries.

Marshall's research has been featured in such scientific publications as the journals of Food Quality, Food Safety and Food Science, as well as Food Microbiology.

## OSHA course set

An Oct. 9-13 Occupational Safety and Health Administration skills course at Mississippi State will focus on recognizing and correcting workplace hazards and performing safety audits.

Offered through the Division of Continuing Education, the intensive, weeklong program will provide an overview of regulations that govern most workplaces.

Sept. 25 is the registration deadline. Formally known as OSHA 501, the course has no enrollment prerequisites.

Through a cooperative agreement with Texas A&M University—a leader in OSHA-based training—MSU was first in the state to offer the training in June. The Starkville university now is designated as a local course provider.

Persons completing the certification will hold the title of general industry outreach program trainer and be qualified to teach OSHA's 10- and 30-hour general safety and health outreach courses.

For additional information or to enroll, telephone Amy Vickery at 325-0705 or Ben Rosenkrans at 325-2650.

### **Don't forget**

The fall semester general faculty meeting is Sept. 25 at 3 p.m. in the McComas Hall theater.

# '80s rock topic of program

Musician and popular rock and roll historian Barry Drake is making his fourth visit to Mississippi State.

“'80s Rock: Music in the Video Age” will be the topic of his free Sept. 27 presentation in the Colvard Union ballroom. Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, the multimedia program begins at 7 p.m.

Drake, a songwriter and performer with three albums to his credit, is among the most popular speakers on today's college circuit. A graduate of New York's Manhattan College, he has been named National Association of Campus Activities' lecturer of the year for five of the last six years. He also is a three-time winner of a similar honor given by the Campus Activities magazine.

Recognized as one of America's most knowledgeable sources on late 20th century popular music, Drake has developed a total of four lectures. In addition to a look at the 1980s, his other programs include “The Roots of Rock and Roll,” “'60s Rock: When the Music Mattered” and “'70s Rock: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.”

For more information on the MSU program, telephone 325-2930.

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## DataBasics

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MSU Libraries

E\*Subscribe, a new product from the ERIC Document Reproduction Service is now available at Mitchell Memorial Library.

E\*Subscribe is an online service that allows users to view and download the full text of ERIC documents going back to January 1996 at no cost. Users' computers will need to have the Adobe Acrobat Reader, available for free from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com), to view and print the documents.

E\*Subscribe also is integrated with the ERIC database, available via the library's web site at [library.msstate.edu](http://library.msstate.edu). When search results within the ERIC database include an ERIC document published during or after 1996, users can go directly to the E\*Subscribe site for document downloading.

Users should note that the service provides the full text for ERIC documents only, not for ERIC journal articles. ERIC documents are identified by “ED” in the item number (for example, ED123456); ERIC journal articles are identified with an “E.J.” Additionally, relevant search results for items published prior to 1996 will still appear, but the full text will not be available. Users are offered the option of ordering pre-1996 documents from EDRS for a fee.

The E\*Subscribe service also is available as a stand-alone product via the EDRS web site, [www.edrs.com](http://www.edrs.com). Once there, users should click on the “Access E\*Subscribe” link in the left-hand column under the “E\*Subscribe” heading. Online help is available at the web site.

Individuals affiliated with Mississippi State are permitted access to E\*Subscribe and all other library databases via the library's web site at [library.msstate.edu](http://library.msstate.edu). If access is denied, users should contact the MSU Libraries Systems Department during regular business hours at (662) 325-2842, or by e-mail at [systems@library.msstate.edu](mailto:systems@library.msstate.edu). If problems occur after hours, users should contact the Reference Department at 325-7667 or [reference@library.msstate.edu](mailto:reference@library.msstate.edu).

## New counselor ed program gets nod

The master's degree program in rehabilitation counselor education at Mississippi State is getting another official thumbs up from a national accreditation organization.

The university recently was notified that the Council on Rehabilitation Education is continuing its approval for the graduate curriculum that currently enrolls 20 students on the Starkville campus and another 20 at eight distance-learning locations around the state.

In his report to MSU President Malcolm Portera, commission president Marvin D. Kuehn said “the program is characterized by a strong curriculum with well-qualified faculty preparing students for contemporary practice in rehabilitation

counseling.”

Kuehn also said a survey conducted as part of the reaccreditation process found both current students and alumni “believe they are highly prepared in almost every content area required of rehabilitation counselors.”

Based in Rolling Meadows, Ill., CORE was founded in 1975, the same year it first awarded MSU accreditation. Its latest notification to the Starkville school comes eight years after the last announcement of approval.

MSU's 48-semester-hour graduate course of study is offered through the department of counselor education/educational psychology.

# Athletics promotes, assigns administrators

A number of changes recently took place in the administrative staff of the Department of Athletics.

Mike Nemeth, a 15-year department veteran, was promoted from assistant to associate athletic director for media and public relations. In addition to supervising the athletic media relations office, Nemeth assists in marketing the university's athletic tickets.

Chuck Beddingfield, who joined MSU in January as associate athletic director for marketing and promotions, has added the day-to-day supervision of the Bulldog Club to his duties and now will carry the title of associate athletic director for external operations. He came to MSU after a 10-year period at a pair of institutions in the Big XII Conference.

In addition, four athletic staff members have been promoted to the assistant athletic director level by Larry Templeton, athletic director.

Ticket Manager Pat Wallace is now assistant A.D. for ticket operations. Wallace is in her 17th season as director of the athletic ticket office and in her 25th year in the athletic department.

Bobby Tomlinson, former coordinator of game operations, is assistant A.D. for game operations/facilities. Tomlinson is in his 11th year with MSU athletics.

Ray Berryhill, in his second tour of duty with MSU, is assistant A.D. for academic advising. Berryhill also is in his

11th year full time at MSU.

Ann Carr is now assistant A.D. for student life. She formerly was an academic counselor. Carr will work with the personal development of student-athletes and continue in her previous assignment as academic coordinator for the football program under the direction of Berryhill. A former Lady Bulldog basketball player, Carr is in her seventh year at the university.

Bo Kerin was named coordinator of

compliance. Previously, he served as compliance officer. He is in his third year at MSU.

Gretchen Bouton is the assistant coordinator of compliance on Kerin's staff. She is in her second year at Mississippi State.

Mike Richey, former director of the Madison Fund at James Madison University, joins Mississippi State as assistant A.D. for donor relations.

## SOFEW finds new home at MSU

The Southern Forest Economics Workers organization now is located at Mississippi State.

Formerly at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, SOFEW currently has more than 600 active members around the world.

"Our organization brings together representatives of industry, private consulting firms, academia, and federal and state agencies to discuss current issues in the economics of forestry, timber markets, timberland investments, and the forest products trade," said MSU forestry professor and SOFEW chair Steve Bullard.

Bullard said the organization will hold

its annual meeting in Atlanta during the 2001 spring semester. Participants will be sharing information on such topics as the financial aspects of timber management and utilization, supply and demand, international trade, and forest policies and law, among others.

"Our meetings are open to anyone with an interest in forest economics and Southern forestry," he added. "Membership also is open to all who desire to keep current on industry issues."

For more information on the organization, telephone Bullard at 325-2781 or view SOFEW's electronic newsletter at [www.cfr.msstate.edu/sofew/](http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/sofew/).

## MSU-Florida game televised

The Mississippi State-Florida football game, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30, will be televised nationally by CBS Sports, the Southeastern Conference announced last week.

Kickoff for MSU's home opener at Scott Field will be 2:30 p.m.

The MSU-Florida contest will be the fourth-straight televised game for the Bulldogs to start the 2000 season. Earlier games with Memphis, Brigham Young and South Carolina also were telecast nationally.



*The Mississippi Mass Choir will kick off the 2000-01 Lyceum Series with an Oct. 1 appearance in Humphrey Coliseum. Tickets for the 3 p.m. performance are \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens (by request) and \$4 for children (3-12). MSU students are admitted free with student I.D. For more information, telephone 325-4201.*

# Researcher to visit Japan

Dr. Joel D. Bumgardner is receiving a National Institutes of Health international fellowship to conduct biomedical engineering research at a Japanese university.

A member of the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department since 1994, Bumgardner leaves in October for the Osaka Dental University. NIH's Fogarty International Center and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science are funding his six-week investigation of biomedical alloys.

Bumgardner's MSU research focuses on materials used in surgical and dental implants.

Fewer than 20 of the NIH fellowships are awarded annually to American researchers for collaborative projects in Japan. Awards generally are reserved for senior researchers who can develop substantive projects of interest to both countries.

In 1999, Bumgardner was among biomedical investigators at 20 U.S. universities receiving a \$141,000 Whitaker Foundation grant. That two-year award supported his study of interactions between the human body and orthopedic and dental implants.

A Raleigh, N.C., native, he holds a bachelor's degree from Florida State University and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

## Two computer labs receive upgrades

Two university computer laboratories recently were upgraded by the Office of Information Technology Services.

Computer Commons in Mitchell Memorial Library and the Butler Hall lab received new hardware and software, as well as faster Internet connections.

The library lab houses 85 Windows computers and five Macintoshes. The Butler lab contains 60 Windows computers and five Macs.

ITS upgraded network interface cards and increased the hard drive capacity on the Gateway computers at the library. A

## Have You Met...



**Berch**

**Name:** Lynn Berch

**Birthplace:** West Point

**Occupation/title:** cafeteria manager for Dining Services

**Current home:** Starkville

**The last good movie I saw was:** "My Dog Skip"

**I stay home to look:** at my lakes and trees

**Favorite pig-out food:** Mexican

**Favorite performer:** Robin Williams

**Prized possession:** my children

**The best part of my job is:** working with people

**If I wasn't in this job, I'd be:** home with my children

**How long at MSU:** three months

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tational field simulation. Part of a \$5 million effort coordinated by Cornell University, the project will develop general principles for building software systems that can adapt to such changes as hardware failure or evolving computational requirements.

—Dr. Joseph Picone of electrical and computer engineering, \$1.4 million to develop information access to spoken documents, including improvements in recognition of spontaneous speech. Director of the Institute for Signal and Information Processing, he will collaborate with the Center for Language and Speech Processing at Johns Hopkins University on the MSU-based project.

—Dr. Ioana Banicescu of computer science and Jianping Zhu of mathematics and statistics, \$425,092 for collaborative research dealing with computational approaches to quantum trajectories. In collaboration with researchers at Florida A&M University, the MSU scientists will focus primarily on developing parallel algorithms for irregular problems such as electron collisions with hydrogen atoms.

—Dr. Rayford B. Vaughn of computer science, \$136,236 for research at the new multi-institution National Center for Empirical Software Engineering Research based at the University of Maryland. The center is a collaborative effort among MSU, Maryland and the universities of

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**— NSF director Rita Colwell**

Southern California and Nebraska-Lincoln. Vaughn's work will primarily include software security.

—Drs. Kirk Arnett, Charles Litecky and Jung P. Shim of the College of Business and Industry, \$49,991 for an E-Business and Business Telecommunications Center. The grant will be used to plan the development and expansion of MSU research, training and education in electronic business and telecommunications. Collaborative research, enhanced course offerings and industry partnerships with major Mississippi-based telecommunications companies will be emphasized.



# Kudos

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Approximately 100 architecture students, architects and engineers from Mississippi State attended a recent energy seminar on indoor air quality and humidity. The seminar was sponsored by the **School of Architecture** and Mississippi Valley Gas Co.

**Dale Arner**, professor emeritus of wildlife and fisheries, was the honorary chairman of the Seventh International Symposium on Environmental Concerns in Rights-of-Way Management in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The symposium is part of a series which began at MSU in 1976. Arner also made a presentation on "A Versatile Plant for Multiple Use on Rights-of-Way."

**Phillip A. Bushby**, College of Veterinary Medicine, was awarded a 1999-2000 Fulbright senior scholar grant.

**Harry A. Cole**, civil engineering, developed a method for computing elastic losses in prestressed concrete bridge grinders that has been adopted by the American Association of Highway and Traffic Officials (AASHTO). The method will be included in the "AASHTO Bridge Design Specification," the national standard for design of highway bridges. Cole's method was published in the February 2000 American Society of Civil Engineers "Practice Periodical on Structural Design and Construction."

**Lesia Crumpton**, engineering associate dean, was selected to participate in the Women in Engineering Leadership Conference.

**Connie M. Forde**, technology and education, was the speaker at the Jones County Junior College summer commencement exercises. She graduated from JCJC in 1975.

**Robert A. Green**, engineering, is serving as president of the Mississippi Engineering Society.

**Anna Hillman**, technology and

education, represented Mississippi State at the 2000 National Leadership Conference of Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda in Long Beach, Calif.

**Hasan Jamil**, computer science, had a paper, "Declarative Semantics of Belief Queries in MLS Deductive Databases," accepted for presentation at the 14th Annual IFIP WG 11.3 Working Conference on Database Security held in Schoorl, The Netherlands.

**Tom Johnson**, police, co-authored an article, "Effects of Stress Induced by a Simulated Shooting on Recall by Police and Citizen Witnesses," that was published in the fall 2000 edition of the American Journal of Psychology. Claudia Stanny of the University of West Florida is the co-author.

**Jeanne Jones**, wildlife and fisheries, presented a speech at the Seventh International Symposium on Environmental Concerns in Rights-of-Way Management in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on "Influences of Soil Acidity Levels on Vegetative Reclamation and Wildlife Habitat on Rights-of-Ways Transecting Drastically-Disturbed Lands."

**Will McCarty**, plant and soil sciences, recently received the Mississippi Agriculture Industry Council Masters Award. The award is presented periodically and only to someone who "goes beyond the call of duty to serve the organization."

**Charles Menifield**, political science, participated in the annual reading and scoring of the College Board's Advanced Placement Examinations in government and politics.

**Bharat Soni**, aerospace engineering, is general chair for the Seventh International Conference on Numerical Grid Generation in Whistler, Canada.

**Leighton Spann**, agricultural communication, received a Silver Award in the

audio news and features class for his work, "Farmweek on PRM-Crop Report Lockup," in the 2000 Critique & Awards Program sponsored by the professional organization, Agricultural Communicators in Education.

**Sherry Swain**, Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute, recently reviewed grant applications for the Mississippi Arts Commission. She served on a panel that reviewed applications for funds to support arts organizations and projects throughout the state. Swain also attended the 2000 Southern Women in Public Service: Coming Together To Make A Difference conference in Arlington, Va. In addition, Swain, along with institute staffers **Kim Patterson** and **Linda Allsup**, attended the Fourth International Conference for Global Conversations on Language and Literacy in Utrecht, Holland.

**Donald Zacharias**, president emeritus, received the Order of Achievement award for Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. The award was presented in July during the fraternity's 48th general assembly in Atlanta.

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## E-mail lists available

Information Technology Services has established two e-mail lists to keep computer users abreast of the latest news and events.

[Alert@its.msstat.edu](mailto:Alert@its.msstat.edu) provides information of an urgent nature regarding imminent or ongoing unscheduled net outages and service interruptions, as well as virus alerts.

[Info@its.msstate.edu](mailto:Info@its.msstate.edu) furnishes general news and information about ITS services and activities.

Persons interested in the lists must subscribe. For subscription instructions, access [www.its.msstate.edu/documents/alert.pdf](http://www.its.msstate.edu/documents/alert.pdf).



## 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>>.

**TITLE:** Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI)

**DOC#:** NSF 00-144 (replaces NSF 9479 and NSF 9911)

**DIVISION:** NSF-Wide

**ITEM:** Notice calling for proposals for the Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) program. Activities under this program support research by faculty members of predominantly undergraduate institutions through the funding of (1) individual and collaborative research projects, (2) the purchase of shared-use research instrumentation, and (3) Research Opportunity Awards for work with NSF-supported investigators at other institutions. RUI proposals must include an RUI Impact Statement that describes the expected effects of the proposed research on the research and educational environment of the institution. All NSF directorates participate in the RUI activity. In general, awards range from approximately \$10,000 to over \$100,000.

**ACTION:** Requirements and deadlines for submitting letters of intent, pre-proposals, and full proposals vary according to program. See the Program Announcement for detailed information on contacts and deadlines: <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf00144>.

**CONTACT:** General inquiries should be made to the Research in Undergraduate Institutions Program at the above Webpage.

**TITLE:** Ballistic Missile Defense Target/Payload Support

**SOL:** DASG60-00-0015

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command

**ITEM:** Notice seeking companies that have the capability to provide Ballistic Missile Defense target/payload support in the areas of Research and Development, Design, Modeling and Simulation, Analysis, Fabrication, Integration, and Ground and Flight Test operations. Future contracts, if awarded could include one or any combination of the following products, services, and deliverables: Re-entry

Vehicles (RV) Payloads: Instrument, conventional, nuclear surrogate, chemical/biological surrogate Penetration aids Decoys Hit detectors Miss distance/direction indicators Miscellaneous lethality instrumentation Health and status monitoring and in-flight instrumentation Telemetry Systems Propulsion systems and/or fuels Special development and program support tasks.

**ACTION:** Interested parties are requested to submit to the contracting officer a capability statement, in writing or via e-mail. Responses must include specific information. For details, contact Mrs. Phifer or see [www.cbdweb.com/cgi-bin/cbd](http://www.cbdweb.com/cgi-bin/cbd).

**CONTACT:** Robbie Phifer, 256/955-3441. E-mail: [robbie.phifer@smdc.army.mil](mailto:robbie.phifer@smdc.army.mil).

**ADDRESS:** Attn: SMD-CM, 106 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, AL, 35805-1990.

**Program:** Jane N. Ryland Fellowship Program

**Agency:** EDUCAUSE

**Next Deadline:** Dec 01, 2000

EDUCAUSE's mission is to help shape and enable transformational change in higher education through the introduction, use, and management of information resources and technologies in teaching, learning, scholarship, research, and institutional management. This fellowship program designed to enhance opportunities for information technology professionals to attend EDUCAUSE events. Awards are made on an annual basis, in increments of \$500 to \$3,000. See <http://www.educause.edu/awards/>. E-mail: [info@educause.edu](mailto:info@educause.edu).

**CFDA Number:**

**Contact:**

1150 18th Street  
Suite 1010  
Washington, DC 20036  
202/872-4200

**Program:** Grants Program

**Agency:** Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation

**Next Deadline:** Dec 15, 2000

Supports creative projects and academic research that promote the pursuit of excellence and adherence to high ethical standards in journalism. Applications should be submitted by June 15 for consideration at the Advisory Committee's mid-summer meeting or by December 15 for consideration at a mid-winter conference. Average grant is about \$5,000.

**CFDA Number:** N/A

**Contact:** Rita Holder, Coordinator P.O. Box 26192

Oklahoma City, OK 73126-0192  
405/235-1356

**Program:** Community Related Grants Program

**Agency:** Henry M. Jackson Foundation

**Next Deadline:** Dec 01, 2000

Provides funding for research projects of national significance and/or scope or offering promising models for replication in the following 4 areas: Education and advanced research in international affairs; Public service; Environment and natural resources management; and Human rights. Applicants should send a brief letter of inquiry before submitting a full proposal. Foundation seeks to promote dialogue between the academic and policy worlds, and between the public and private sectors. Proposals accepted 4 times annually: 3/1, 6/1, 9/1, 12/1. See <http://www.hmjackson.org>.

**CFDA Number:** N/A

**Contact:** Lara Iglitzin, Executive Director  
1001 Fourth Avenue, Suite 3317  
Seattle, WA 98154  
Seattle, WA 98154  
206/682-8565

**Program:** Preparation of Personnel (IDEA):

High Incidence Disabilities

**Agency:** U.S. Department of Education

**Next Deadline:** Nov 17, 2000

Supports preparation of special educators, related service and early intervention personnel serving children with high incidence disabilities, including specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, or mental retardation. Applications are due November 17, 2000. See <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/OSEP/Funding/Funding.html> for more information or call 877/433-7827 to request application.

**CFDA Number:** 84.325H

**Contact:** Louise Tripoli, Office of Special Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Switzer Building, Room 3514  
Washington, DC 20202  
202/205-0378

**Program:** Research and Innovation: Outreach Projects for Child./Youth w/ Disabilities

**Agency:** U.S. Department of Education

**Next Deadline:** Dec 01, 2000

Supports outreach projects that assist educational and other organizations to replicate proven models and other exemplary practices that improve services for children and students with disabilities. Application package is not yet available online. See <http://www.ed.gov/GrantApps/#84.324A> for updated information or call 877/433-7827 to request application. Deadline is December 1, 2000.

**CFDA Number:** 84.324R

**Contact:** Selte Avoke, Office of Special Education Programs

400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Switzer Building, Room 3515  
Washington, DC 20202  
202/205-8157



# 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!

## 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.

## September Through 29th

Sexual Assault Awareness Week, 325-2218, 325-2091.

### 25

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

ITS Workshop: "Introduction to Blackboard," 1:30-5 p.m. 325-0631.

### 26

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

ITS Workshop: "Adobe Photoshop," 1:30-5 p.m.; "Banner: Elect. Appro. of Online JLR," 10 a.m.-noon, 2-4 p.m. 325-0631.

### 27

WITS: Office 97 and 2000: Similarities and Differences, 140 Swalm, 1 p.m. 325-8800.

"'80s Rock: Music in the Video Age," Colvard Union ballroom, 7 p.m. 325-2930. (see story on page 3)

MSU vs. Samford, volleyball, Newell-Grissom Building, 7 p.m.

ITS Workshop: "Introduction to SPSS," 8:30

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a.m.-noon 325-0631.

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ITS Workshop: "Introduction to WebCT," 8:30 a.m.-noon; "Banner: Elec. Appr. of Online JLR," 10 a.m.-noon, 2-4 p.m. 325-0631.

### 29

"Surviving America," International Student Required Extended Orientation, Student Safety and Work Opportunities, Allen Hall, Room A-13, 3-5 p.m. 325-8929.

MSU vs. Arkansas, soccer, MSU Soccer Field, 4 p.m.

MSU vs. Florida, volleyball, Newell-Grissom Building, 7 p.m.

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MSU vs. Florida, football, Scott Field, 2:30 p.m.

## October

### 1

Mississippi Mass Choir, Humphrey Coliseum, 3 p.m. 325-4201.

MSU vs. Georgia, volleyball, Newell-Grissom Building, 12:30 p.m.

MSU vs. LSU, soccer, MSU Soccer Field, 1 p.m.

### 3

Entrepreneurship Seminar, Rodger Johnson, president, Knology Holding Co., Eastman Auditorium, Swalm Building, 2:30 p.m. 325-2464.

### 4

WITS: Basic File Transfer Protocol, 140 Swalm, 1 p.m. 325-8800.

### 5

"Learning to Sketch from Nature," Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, 10 a.m. Members, \$25; non-members, \$30. (601) 799-2311, extension 22.

### 6

MSU vs. Auburn, volleyball, Newell-Grissom Building, 2 p.m.

### 7

Scholars' Recognition Day. 325-3076.

MSU vs. Auburn, football, Scott Field, 6 p.m.

### 8

MSU vs. Alabama, volleyball, Newell-Grissom

Building, 2 p.m.

### 9-13

OSHA skills course. 325-0705, 325-2650. (see story on page 2)

### 10

MSU vs. Memphis, soccer, MSU Soccer Field, 4 p.m.

### 11

WITS: I Think I Want a Web Page. What's Next?, 140 Swalm, 1 p.m. 325-8800.

MSU vs. Middle Tennessee State University, volleyball, Newell-Grissom Building, 6 p.m.

### 12

Dr. Albert C. Goodyear, South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of South Carolina, to present "Recent Archaeological Investigations at the Topper Site, an Ice Age Site on the Savannah River," Simrall Engineering Building auditorium, 7-8:15 p.m. 325-3826.

"Learning to Sketch from Nature," Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, 10 a.m. Members, \$25; non-members, \$30. (601) 799-2311, extension 22.

Library Seminar: Dissertation Basics, ELI Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3 p.m. 325-8162.

### 13

MSU vs. Florida, soccer, MSU Soccer Field, 4 p.m.

### 14

Talowah Natural Area Field Trip, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, noon. (601) 799-2311, extension 22.



## Employment Opportunities

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