

16 named to self-study

A 16-member Steering Committee will help guide the institutional self-study that is a key step toward reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 2003.

The committee, named last week by President Malcolm Portera, has primary responsibility for developing the self-study plan, supervising and coordinating its implementation and compiling the various committee reports into an overall report.

Dr. Leslie Bauman, who also will serve as director of the self-study, will chair the Steering Committee. Other members are Dr. Jimmy Abraham, assistant vice president for student affairs; Dr. David Boles, director of academic support and student retention; Janis Bryant, chair of the Professional and Support Staff Advisory Council; Dr. Art Cosby, director of the Social Science Research Center;

Dr. Karen Coats, associate professor of biological sciences; Dr. Linda Cornelious, professor of technology and education; Dr. Louis D'Abramo, aquaculture biologist in the Wildlife and Fisheries Department; Joe Farris, director of university relations; Dr. Sara Freedman, dean of the College of Business and Industry; Bryce Griffis, president of the MSU Foundation;

Dr. Julia Hodges, head of the Computer Science Department; Dr. Elizabeth Nybakken, associate professor of history; Dr. George Rent, associate provost for academic affairs; Steve Taylor, president of the MSU Alumni Association; and Dr. Walter Taylor, head of the Agricultural Information Science and Education Department.

The self-study is intended to be a comprehensive analysis and evaluation of all university programs and activities.

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Fourth-graders from Senatobia's Magnolia Heights School displayed a variety of facial expressions as they examined pieces of cedar held by Steve Janzen of the Forest Products Laboratory. They were among nearly 8,000 third- and fourth-graders who visited campus for the annual Wood Magic Science Fair.

Hundreds expected for reading confab

From poetry to sports literature, the latest resources and strategies to encourage reading will be discussed Nov. 7 at a Mississippi State conference.

Several hundred teachers, librarians, students, and interested community members are expected for the 8 a.m.-4 p.m. event in the Coskrey Auditorium of Memorial Hall. The College of Education's Department of Curriculum and Instruction is sponsoring the conference with assistance from the student Reading Council.

MSU Giles Distinguished Professor John F. Marszalek, a historian who authored an award-winning study of Civil War general William T. Sherman and seven other books, will be the keynote speaker. His 9:30 a.m. presentation will focus on ways he approaches writing.

Marszalek's 1972 book "Court Martial" was made into a Showtime cable network motion picture under the title "Assault at West Point."

Other conference speakers will address such topics as reading and the arts, reading and diversity, poetry across time and place, new releases in children's and young adult literature, sports literature, and technology as a reading tool.

For more information about the conference, telephone Drs. Nancy Verhoek-Miller or Diane C. Greene at 325-3747.

Memorial planned for Charles Calvo

An Oct. 30 memorial service will honor a School of Architecture faculty member who died unexpectedly Sept. 24.

Relatives, students, friends, and acquaintances of Charles M. Calvo are invited to the 3 p.m. ceremony in the Betterworth Auditorium of Giles Hall.

Calvo, who was 42 at the time of his death, made "a significant impact" on both the architecture school and the profession, said architecture dean John McRae.

"He was recognized nationally and internationally for his research in computer visualization and its application to education," McRae said. "His groundbreaking collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History provided nationally recognized technological innovation in web-based educational applications."

Calvo established collaborations with a number of campus units, including the Art Department, Extension Service and the University Television Center. He also directed research projects in collaboration with the state Department of Economic

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DataBasics

By Kerry Smith
MSU Libraries

The venerable Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals is now available on the web.

A major research tool, the Avery Index is a comprehensive guide to the literature of architecture and design. It covers the publications of professional associations, state and regional publications and major publications in Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Australia.

Indexing more than 1,000 international periodicals on all aspects of architecture and related disciplines, the Avery Index covers literature from the 1930s to the present. The index is updated daily.

Representative topics covered include the following:

- Archaeology
- Architectural design
- Architecture
- City planning
- Furniture and decoration
- Historic preservation
- History of architecture
- Interior design
- Landscape architecture
- Urban planning

Mississippi State faculty, staff and students may access the index and all other library databases via its web site at library.msstate.edu.

If access is denied, users should telephone the MSU Libraries Systems Department during regular business hours at 325-2842, or e-mail systems@library.msstate.edu. If problems occur after hours, users should telephone the Reference Department at 325-7667 or e-mail reference@library.msstate.edu.



Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck (second from right) recently spoke to some 30 upperclass members of LeaderState, a student leadership and community service organization. Prior to the meeting, the university alumna visited with Eddie Keith (l), Office of Student Life director and LeaderState adviser, and members Natalie Jones and Derrick Jordan, both of Jackson.

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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>>.

PAGE: 65 FR 61154 16-Oct-00
AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education; Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
ITEM: Notice seeking applications for new awards for FY2001 under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs—Federal Activities—Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses Grant Competition, the purpose of which competition is to make awards to maintain, improve, further evaluate, and disseminate models of alcohol and other drug prevention at institutions of higher education.
ACTION: Applications are due by December 13, 2000. See also, <http://e-grants.ed.gov> for access to electronic grant application submission information, or go to <http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg.htm> or <http://www.ed.gov/news.html> for electronic access to this document.
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TITLE: R&D Analysis for Fuel Cells, Etc.
SOL: DE-RP04-01AL67057
AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); Albuquerque Operations Office; Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
ITEM: Notice of plans to issue a solicitation for research, development and analysis of automotive and stationary fuel cell power systems, fuels for fuel cells, and Compression Ignition Direct Injection (CIDI) engines. Direct injection engines and fuel cells have been selected for their potential to achieve up to three times the fuel economy of comparable conventional vehicles, meet emissions standards, and offer the same level of performance and cost as today's family sedan.
ACTION: Pre-applications may be submitted until December 15, 2000, and applications are due by February 15, 2001. The solicitation will be released by November 15, 2000. Institutions of higher education are welcome to participate. It is anticipated that approximately 35 cost-shared awards related to

fuel cells will be made. Approximately \$80 million in DOE funding is anticipated for the fuel cell awards, with periods of performance ranging from 24 to 36 months. Under the CIDI portion of the solicitation, there will be approximately 7 awards made, with periods of performance ranging from 12 to 48 months, and with total estimated DOE funding of \$12,000,000. Cost sharing requirements will vary from 20 to 50 percent, depending on the topic area, and will be specified in the solicitation. See also, <http://www.doeal.gov/cpd/readroom.htm> or go to <http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov/> for access to electronic information.

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TITLE: Prevention of Alcohol-Related Problems Among Adolescents
DOC#: AA-01-001
INSTITUTE: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
ITEM: Notice requesting grant applications to conduct research on comprehensive interventions to prevent and reduce alcohol use and misuse among adolescents in racially, ethnically, and economically diverse urban communities. Applicants are encouraged to develop and/or test interventions for young adolescents in later grades of elementary school and middle or junior high school, the majority of whom have not yet begun to use alcohol or other substances. These interventions should include at a minimum school-based curricula; parental education and involvement; and environmental change to reduce alcohol availability to underage drinkers and reduce adult acceptance of drinking by youth. The NIAAA intends to commit approximately \$2 million in FY 2001 to fund one to three new and/or competitive continuation grants.
ACTION: The deadline for optional letters of intent is February 9, 2001, and applications are due by April 10, 2001. Applicants also may submit Investigator-Initiated Interactive Research Project Grants (IRPG) under this RFA. See <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AA-01-001.html>.
CONTACT: Gayle M. Boyd, 301/443-8766.

E-mail: gboyd@willco.niaaa.nih.gov.
AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education; Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

ITEM: Notice requesting applications for new awards for FY 2000 and 2001 under the Special Education—State Program Improvement Grants Program, the purpose of which is to assist state educational agencies and their partners, referred to in Section 652(b) of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), with reforming and improving their systems for providing educational, early intervention, and transitional services, including their systems for professional development, technical assistance, and dissemination of knowledge about best practices, to improve results for children with disabilities.

ACTION: Applications are due by February 13, 2001. About \$3.5 million of FY 2000 funds and an estimated \$10.6 million of FY 2001 funds are available under this competition. Awards will be not less than \$500,000, nor more than \$2 million, in the case of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and not less than \$80,000, in the case of an outlying area. See also, <http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg.htm> or go to <http://www.ed.gov/news.html> for electronic access to this document. See <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS> for electronic access to programmatic information.

CONTACT: Individual State Single Points of Contact are in listed in the Appendix to this notice.

TITLE: Procurement Readiness Optimization-DLA Aging Aircraft Program
SOL: BAA #01-N001
AGENCY: U.S. Department of Defense; Defense Logistics Agency (DLA); Defense Supply Center

ITEM: Notice seeking proposals for research and development projects for the Aging Aircraft Program. These projects should describe processes, demonstrate systems functions, and/or have the final result of enhancing DLA's capability to provide logistics support to its customers.

ACTION: This BAA is effective for one year from the date of issuance (October 12, 2000), and proposals may be submitted at any time during that period. Institutions of higher education, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Institutions (MIs), are encouraged to participate. However, no portion of this BAA will be set aside for HBCU and MI participation due to the impracticality of reserving discrete areas of research into Aging Aircraft support.

CONTACT: Kathy Wilgus, or Cliff Wolfe, via e-mail, at kwilgus@dscr.dla.mil, or at cwolfe@dscr.dla.mil, respectively.

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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

School of Architecture exhibit, works of Austrians Otto Wagner and Adolf Loos, as photographed by Walter Zednicek, Giles Hall gallery, through Nov. 23. 325-2202.

Mississippi/Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, through Nov. 5, McComas Hall theater. 325-7951.

October 30

Monday Night Football Party, held in conjunction with Alcohol Awareness Week, Joe Frank Sanderson Center, 7:30 p.m. 325-8964.

Memorial service for Dr. Charles Calvo, Bettersworth Auditorium, Giles Hall, 3 p.m. 325-2202. (see story on page 2)

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Entrepreneurship Series, Danny Windham and Jerry Moore of Adtran, Eastman Auditorium, Swalm Building, 2:30 p.m. 325-2464.

November 1

WITS: Scanning Images Successfully, 140 Swalm, 1 p.m. 325-8800.

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Environmental Career Day, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, 9 a.m. (601) 799-2311, ext. 22.

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Native American Traditions, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, (601) 799-2311, extension 21.

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

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Reading conference, Coskrey Auditorium, Memorial Hall, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 325-3747. (see story on page 1)

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Mylroie, alumnus honored by society

Small world.

Several months ago, Mississippi State geology professor John Mylroie was in Elkins, W.Va., to receive a national award from the National Speleological Society. Joining him in being honored was university alumnus Ron Greeley, a geology professor at Arizona State University.

Mylroie, a Department of Geosciences faculty member, received the society's Science Award for "outstanding lifetime achievement" in speleology, the science of caves. Mylroie's work in cave development and climatic change has received international recognition.

Greeley, who completed MSU bachelor's and master's degrees in 1962 and 1963, respectively, was presented the Honorary Membership Award. Although his master's is in micropaleontology, Greeley shifted fields and now is one of the leading planetologists in the United States.

Planetology is a branch of astronomy that deals with the condensed matter of the solar system, especially



Drs. Ron Greeley (l) and John Mylroie

with planets and their moons.

The society honored Greeley's work on extraterrestrial caves, specifically the development of lava tubes on the moon, Mars and other bodies in the solar system.

The 13,000-member society is the leading American organization dedicated to the scientific study and documentation of caves and related features. Its headquarters are in Huntsville, Ala.

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and Community Development, Millsaps College and other universities, as well as with the U.S. Navy.

As head of the architecture school's Digital Research and Imaging Laboratory, he helped students and faculty "move in new directions with digital design," McRae said.

"Charles Calvo was a vital member of

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Several committees that will carry out the bulk of the self-study will begin work in spring 2001, and a kick-off visit by a SACS representative likely will be scheduled for the spring, as well.

The self-study report should be complete in fall 2002. A SACS reaffirmation committee visit probably will be scheduled for the spring of 2003, with formal action on accreditation coming at the Commission on Colleges meeting in December 2003.

our faculty," he added. "The impact of his loss is being greatly felt in many ways through the contributions he was making to our program."

For more information about the memorial service, telephone 325-2202.



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.