

Hargrove is CASE Professor of Year

A veteran English professor is being recognized for outstanding classroom teaching by the national Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Dr. Nancy D. Hargrove, one of the university's William L. Giles Distinguished Professors, is the 2000 Mississippi CASE Professor of the Year. She is among 44 winners selected from a total of more than 470 nominations.

"The United States Professor of the Year program salutes the most outstanding undergraduate instructors in the country, those who excel as teachers and influence the lives and careers of their students," said CASE spokesperson Cheryl Wesley. "It is recognized as one of the most prestigious awards honoring professors."

Hargrove is the third MSU professor in the past five years to receive the honor. Dr. Hank Flick of communication was selected in 1995; Dr. Paul Grootkerk of art, in 1998.

Hargrove specializes in 20th century British and American literature. She is the author of two books, "Landscape as Symbol in the Poetry of T.S. Eliot," and

"The Journey Toward Ariel: Sylvia Plath's Poetry of 1946-1959." She currently is working on a third book, also about

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Dr. Nancy D. Hargrove

MSU, Viking Range to develop research center

Greenwood-based Viking Range Corp. recently announced plans to develop a research center that will give it proximity to engineering and technical expertise at Mississippi State.

The Viking center will be located at

Starkville's Research and Technology Park adjacent to campus and employ 30-35 people. The company manufactures high-



end commercial-type appliances for the home.

"We're very pleased to have formed this alliance and we're delighted to be associated with Mississippi State," said Fred Carl, Viking president and CEO. "This will provide an opportunity for our team of engineers and researchers to collaborate with the university's engineers and engineering students on some fascinating projects."

According to Martin Wieseman, director of engineering at Viking, research conducted at the center will include all facets of engineering and product development. "Employees of

the center will help us with instrumentation and measurement," he said. "The center will also focus on ergonomics—the human interface, the fit and feel—with Viking products. Mechanical engineers also will be concentrating on the task of energy redesign."

That expertise will be provided, in part, by MSU's Diagnostic Instrumentation and Analysis Laboratory for instrumentation, testing and measurement and the Industrial Engineering Department for ergonomic design.

Groundbreaking is expected in March, with the center completed by the end of the year.

Actor joins foundation board; officers elected

Actor and director Morgan Freeman is among four new members of the Mississippi State Foundation board of directors.

Freeman lives and raises horses in Charleston when not engaged in his primary career. A friend of the university who has appeared in more than 35 films since 1971, he was honored in 1998 by MSU President Malcolm Portera for creating a major scholarship endowment for College of Veterinary Medicine students.

E.M. "Hoot" Gipson of Meridian, A.P. "Jack" Hatcher of Pinehurst, N.C., and Gerald W. "Jerry" Thames of Duluth, Ga., join Freeman for three-year terms as new board members.

Gipson, president of Gipson Steel Inc. and a friend of the university, fills the remaining term of J.F. "Bud" Thompson, also of Meridian. Thompson recently became president of MSU's Bulldog Club and remains on the board by virtue of that office.

Hatcher, a 1949 civil engineering graduate, is the former chairman and chief executive officer of Robertson-Ceco Corp. Thames, president of Global Telesystems Group before joining the Lehman Brothers global investment banking system, received a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from MSU in 1970 and a master's in business administration a year later.

Returning board members include Fred Carl of Greenwood; Georgene Dunn, New Orleans, La.; Hassell Franklin, Houston; Mickey Holliman, Belden; Richard McNeel, Jackson; Robert Whitehead, Brandon; and Joe Whiteside, Tupelo.

Members may be reappointed after leaving the board for a year after their terms expire.

Carl is president and CEO of Viking Range Corp.; Dunn, secretary/treasurer of Durward Dunn Inc.; Franklin, president and CEO of Franklin Corp.; Holliman, president, CEO and chairman of the board of Furniture Brands International; McNeel, vice president of Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel Architects; Whitehead, president of R.W. Distributors Inc. and owner of Whitehead Equipment Co.; and Whiteside is the former owner of Great Homes Gallery.

In addition to naming new and return-

ing board members, the MSU Foundation elected officers for one-year terms. They include:

—Leo W. Seal Jr. of Bay St. Louis, president. Seal, an 1949 banking and finance graduate and chairman and CEO of the Hancock Bank, will serve out Bryce Griffis' term. Griffis, a Starkville resident who remains on the board as a past president, is a new appointment by Gov. Ronnie Musgrove to the Board of Trustees, State Institutions of Higher Learning.

—Roderick A. "Rod" Moore, also of Brandon, vice president. A 1967 accounting graduate, Moore is vice president and chief financial officer of the Southern

Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co.

—Richard C. Adkerson, also of New Orleans, treasurer. Adkerson, president, CFO and chief operating officer of the mining ventures company Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, is a 1969 accounting graduate who went on to complete an MBA the following year.

The foundation board staff includes Dennis Prescott, COO; David Easley, CFO; and Frank Shannon, secretary. In their larger MSU roles, Prescott is vice president for external affairs; Easley, foundation director for finance and budget; and Shannon, executive director.

All new and returning board member and officer terms begin Jan. 1.



With construction about to begin on Mississippi State's new north entrance from U.S. Highway 82, a temporary three-way stop has been created on Barr Avenue's intersection with the Memorial Hall parking lot thoroughway. Traffic through the intersection is expected to increase once the un-named road behind Evans Hall is closed to accommodate north entrance construction.

Advising award deadline pushed back

Because of preregistration and the Thanksgiving holidays, the 2000 MSU Outstanding Academic Advisor Award nomination deadline has been extended to Dec. 6.

All faculty members whose primary role is something other than direct delivery of advising services to students are eligible with the endorsement of his or her dean.

Previous winners are ineligible for renomination for the next 10 years, although former certificates of merit winners remain eligible.

Nomination information has been sent to academic deans and department heads. To receive individual criteria and nomination procedures, contact the University Academic Advising Center at 325-4052.

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Gift to aid new student scholarship program

A gift from Coffeeville native Thomas C. Dawkins and his wife Shirley is supporting new student scholarships at Mississippi State.

Their \$100,000 gift is being designated for the Presidential Endowed Scholars program. Established this year, the program provides competitive scholarships and creates opportunities for donors to serve as mentors to students.

The Dawkins are longtime Starkville residents. A 1970 MSU management graduate, Tom is the former owner of Dawkins Insurance Agency and current owner of Dawkins Rentals. Shirley, a Starkville and Columbus public school teacher for some 30 years, is a Mississippi State College for Women (now Mississippi University for Women) graduate who holds advanced degrees from MSU.

"This significant investment in students also is an investment in the future of our

state," said Dennis A. Prescott, MSU vice president for external affairs. "Through their generous donation, Tom and Shirley Dawkins continue their commitment to help provide educational opportunities that are second to none."

The couple previously established an endowed scholarship for student athletes, Prescott added.

Presidential Endowed Scholarships are

ITS web site wins higher education kudos

A Mississippi State web site is being included among the best higher education sites in North America.

Maintained by the Office of Information Technology Services, www.its.msstate.edu won third-place honors at the recent 2000 North American Conference on Web-Based Learning in New Brunswick, Canada.

First place in the higher education

category went to Canada's University of Alberta Extension web site, while Rio Salado College in Tempe Ariz., finished second. The University of California, Los Angeles' main web site received an honorable mention.

Held each fall since 1995, the conference is sponsored by the extension and summer session department at Canada's University of New Brunswick.

WMSV broadcasts SEC sports program

One of the nation's most popular syndicated sports talk shows now is airing on Mississippi State's radio station.

WMSV-FM, which broadcasts to a 60-mile radius of the university, carries "SEC Conference Call" 5-8 p.m. Monday through Friday at 91.1 on the dial. Host Scott McKinney is joined on each live program by commentators Tim Brando of CBS Sports and former Auburn University head football coach Terry Bowden of ABC Sports.

Heard on more than 70 affiliate stations

throughout the Southeastern Conference area, the year-round show provides comprehensive information on seasonal sports of the numerous regional universities and colleges.

"Conference Call" is a presentation of the United Sports Talk Network of Memphis, Tenn.

Located at the Student Media Center in the heart of campus, WMSV is a 14,000-watt community licensed station on the air 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Horticulture Christmas open house is Dec. 8

University greenhouses will be open again this year for the annual Horticulture Christmas Open House as they display more than 80 varieties of poinsettias and other plants.

The free open house is scheduled for Dec. 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. In addition to the poinsettias on display, the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences' event will feature educational seminars and door prizes. Poinsettias, wreaths and garlands will be on sale.

"Researchers and students at MSU have been growing many new and different varieties of poinsettias and we encourage everyone to come see new trends in

poinsettia production," said Sonja Skelly, horticulturist with the Extension Service.

Seminar topics cover including the family in holiday decorating, designing a do-it-yourself Christmas centerpiece, giving plants as gifts, and ideas for starting holiday traditions.

Five concurrent seminars will be offered 10 a.m. to noon, followed by horticulturist and columnist Norman Winter's lunch seminar on spring plants. Box lunches are available for \$7, but reservations are required. Two final workshops will be offered at 1 and 2 p.m.

Contact Karen Ketchum at 325-2311 for information and reservations.

MSTV



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

Dec. 4—6 p.m., The Insight (student news program); 6:30 p.m., MSU Football with Jackie Sherrill; 7 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 7:30 p.m., On-Air (MSU conversation with Kristin Allred); 7:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., Underground Transmission (music videos); 8:30 p.m., SCOLA.

Dec. 5—6 p.m., Stateline 2000: Advanced TV Production Class; 6:30 p.m., MSU Football with Jackie Sherrill; 7 p.m., Bullyboard; 10 p.m., SCOLA.

Dec. 6—1 p.m., WITS Technology Instruction; 2 p.m., SCOLA; 6 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Football with Jackie Sherrill; 7 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 7:30 p.m., SCOLA.

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

Dec. 8 and 9—SCOLA all day.



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

BFA Thesis Exhibition, "Breaking Out!" by Tracy Smith, Rhett Butler, Jonna Baskin, through Dec. 7, Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. 325-2954.

December

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Dead Day.

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Dead Day.

WITS: Compression Technology, 140 Swalm Building, 1 p.m. 325-8800.

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Dead Day.

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Reading Day.

Faculty and Professional Women's Association meeting: Martha Johnston of Southern Living magazine, Grisham Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Luncheon catered for \$8.50 payable at the door. Make reservations by noon, Dec. 5, with Connie Templeton: 325-8643; cct1@ra.msstate.edu.

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University Libraries open at 7:30 a.m. Friday and close Saturday at 8 p.m.

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Final exams.

10-14

University Libraries open at 1 p.m. Sunday and close Thursday at 5 p.m.

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Commencement, Humphrey Coliseum, 10 a.m.

University Libraries open at 7:30 a.m. Friday and close at 5 p.m.

Howell appointed to national task force

A Mississippi State sociologist is joining a national task force examining the future of urban agriculture.

Dr. Frank M. Howell, research scientist at the university's Social Science Research Center, is one of 15 experts joining the task force of university faculty members. Also participating are scientists at Clemson, Cornell, Florida, Iowa, Ohio State, Oklahoma State, Purdue, Texas A&M, and Virginia Tech.

Selected by the Ames, Iowa-based Council for Agricultural and Science Technology, the researchers will develop a report to be completed next year for presentation in 2002.

Howell was asked to participate

because of his research to identify "metropolitan farming" in the United States. His work also focuses on social and economic changes in rural and urban areas and their impact on the environment, as well as land use patterns based on remotely sensed land-cover data.

As a task force member, he will chair sections detailing the nature and extent of the rural-urban interface, and the future of urban agriculture itself.

Established in 1972, CAST is a nonprofit organization of nearly 40 scientific societies, as well as individual, student, company, nonprofit, and associate members.

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British poet Eliot.

A Charlotte, N.C., native, Hargrove has received numerous awards since joining the MSU faculty in 1970. Among those honors: the Outstanding University Honors Program Faculty Award, John Grisham Master Teacher Award, MSU Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award, and Outstanding Humanist Award.

Her scholarly work has resulted in four national J. William Fulbright grants, including two teaching and research stints in France and one each to Belgium and Sweden.

Hargrove's current and former students have praised her classes, which involve field trips, guest lectures and original research to expand their understanding of the history and culture surrounding the literary works they study.

She also is a former adviser to the Otilie Schillig Leadership Scholars Program, the university's highest student honor.

Henry W. Christrup, a 1997 MSU graduate and Harry S. Truman National Scholar now in his final year at the Yale University School of Law, was among those writing the selection committee in support of Hargrove.

"She is one of the best professors with whom I've ever studied," Christrup said.

Mississippi State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status.

"I am currently pursuing a career in legal teaching, and, if I could, would emulate Dr. Hargrove's performance as a professor in every way."

Hargrove holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Agnes Scott College and the University of Wisconsin, respectively. She completed a doctorate at the University of South Carolina.

Washington, D.C.-based CASE and the Carnegie Foundation of Menlo Park, Calif., are among two of America's most prominent educational support organizations. With nearly 2,900 colleges, universities and independent elementary and secondary schools, CASE is the largest international association of educational institutions. Carnegie is the only advanced study center for teachers in the world and the third-oldest foundation in the nation.



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.