

to the faculty and staff of Mississippi State University

## Lee Boulevard segments to close for construction

A portion of Lee Boulevard in the central campus will be reduced to one-way traffic for about two months beginning Monday, Feb. 26, during the first phase of a central heating-cooling system extension.

Westbound traffic that ordinarily would use Lee Boulevard between George Perry Street and Tracy Drive will instead detour onto Walker Road, rejoining Lee just east of the football stadium. Eastbound traffic will continue to use Lee Boulevard while pipes are laid in the block-long section of the street.

Eastbound traffic on Lee Boulevard will encounter a new, temporary stop sign at the intersection with Tracy Drive.

Other sections of Lee Boulevard will be closed separately in May and June as the heating-cooling system extends from the intersection of Lee and Perry at the YMCA Building to Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field. The extension will provide central heating and cooling to the eastside stadium expansion and will allow the Lloyd-Ricks Building to be connected to the system in the future.

The first phase of the planned construction should be complete by late April and the affected section of Lee will then be reopened to two-way traffic, said Robert Johnston, assistant director of Physical Plant for facilities planning and construction.

At that point, on about May 1, a short section of Lee Boulevard between Tracy Drive and the west end of Walker Road will be closed to all traffic for about a month. Westbound traffic that ordinarily would use Lee Boulevard to approach the Five Points intersection can instead turn

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*MSU police officers were recognized in a recent ceremony for their efforts in two recent medical emergencies on campus. In the top photo, officers Robert D. Edwards and Virginia Rich were honored for saving heart attack victim (r) John K. Estes' life in November. They received police lifesaving medals and American Heart Association Heartsaver Awards. After Estes' heart stopped, the officers employed a shock-producing automated external defibrillator to revive the Shannon truck driver, who was working on campus. AEDs have been standard MSU police equipment for two years. In the bottom photo, Sgt. Daniel J. Turner (l) was honored for his effects in a medical emergency involving a campus housing resident. Chief Tom Johnson presented a certificate of commendation to Turner for his quick response to a November heart attack victim.*

# Biotechnology institute names director

A Cornell scientist will serve as director of Mississippi State's new Life Sciences and Biotechnology Institute.

Dr. Alan Wood comes to MSU from Cornell University's Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, where his research included development of biologically based pest management strategies. He is a member of the Cornell Biotechnology Center, the Cornell Center for the Environment and the Cornell University Recombinant DNA committee.

He assumes his duties at MSU this spring, pending state College Board approval.

"Dr. Wood brings national stature and an exceptional record of achievements to this critical leadership role," said Dr. Charles Lee, vice president for the

Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine. "He has been very successful in developing resources for research and in the application of new scientific breakthroughs to agriculture and industry."

The Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation and Mississippi Technology Inc. are partners with the university in establishing the biotechnology institute to increase economic development in Mississippi based on the biological sciences. The program will build on MSU's existing biotechnology strengths in plant genetic engineering, waste bioremediation, animal health, and pest and disease control, as well as promote new areas of research.

Wood has experience moving scientific

discoveries from the university into broad commercial application. He is co-founder of AgriVirion Inc., which began as a company producing inexpensive, environmentally safe bioengineered pesticides.

Wood holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Middlebury College in Vermont and a master's and doctorate in virology from Purdue University.

Efforts to establish the Life Sciences and Biotechnology Institute were coordinated by MAFES with major contributions from the colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Veterinary Medicine, as well as the MSU Extension Service and the Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

## National Engineers Week is Feb. 19-23

College of Engineering faculty and students at Mississippi State are joining their academic and professional colleagues in other states Feb. 19-23 for observance of National Engineers Week.

Activities at the university will range from presentations by nationally recognized leaders in the field to a series of competitive student events.

"Turning Ideas into Reality" is the national theme of the celebration," said Dean of Engineering Wayne Bennett. "At MSU, we are focusing on how ideas become reality through research."

On the 19th, some students will showcase their research projects in a competitive display on the third floor of Mitchell Memorial Library. From 1-3 p.m., they and others will take part in the Engineering Olympics on the Drill Field.

Also on the 19th, the college's Dave Swalm School of Chemical Engineering will announce a major endowed professorship at a 3 p.m. ceremony in the Eastman Auditorium of the Swalm Building.

Bruce M. Kramer of the National Science Foundation in Arlington, Va., will be speaker for a program on the 20th. Director of NSF's design, manufacture and industrial innovation division, he also is co-founder of Zoom Telephonics Inc., a leading national producer of computer modems. In his remarks, Kramer will examine the economic development impact of MSU's NSF Engineering Research Center, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

On the 22nd, the College of Engineering will recognize 10 outstanding alumni at an evening banquet in the Leo Seal M-Club. Earlier in the day, engineering student organizations will sponsor a cookout on the Drill Field.

On the 23rd, a rally for MSU and area high school students in Simrall Hall auditorium will feature an address by Tulane University mechanical engineer Calvin Mackie. In addition to leading Channel ZerO, an educational and motivational consulting company he co-founded, he writes a motivational column for the Black Collegian Magazine titled "Think About It!"

Also that day, the college will sponsor a luncheon at the Swalm Building for community college students and provide tours of the virtual reality room at the Engineering Research Center in the Mississippi Research and Technology Park adjacent to campus.

Other activities during the week will include a game of Engineering Jeopardy on

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## Faculty senate supports new flag

In its first official action at the Feb. 9 meeting, the Robert Holland Faculty Senate went on record in support of a new state flag.

By a 26-0 vote, senators approved a one-line resolution offered by Dr. Walter Diehl of Biological Sciences that read: "The Robert Holland Faculty Senate of Mississippi State University urges the people of Mississippi to adopt the new state flag."

Six members abstained from voting and 18 were absent.

The only discussion preceding the vote centered on the resolution's wording. Following a friendly amendment, the phrase "a new state flag" in Diehl's Feb. 1 correspondence to his senate colleagues was changed to "the new state flag."

Mississippi voters will go to the polls April 17 to decide whether the so-called 1894 flag, which contains the Confederate stars-and-bars battle standard, or a new emblem should become the official state standard. The new design is similar to the old one, but omits the Civil War standard.

The senate vote received statewide notice the following day when it was among the Jackson Clarion-Ledger's primary front-page stories. That story subsequently was picked up by the state Associated Press bureau, which included it in a round-up on the Mississippi flag

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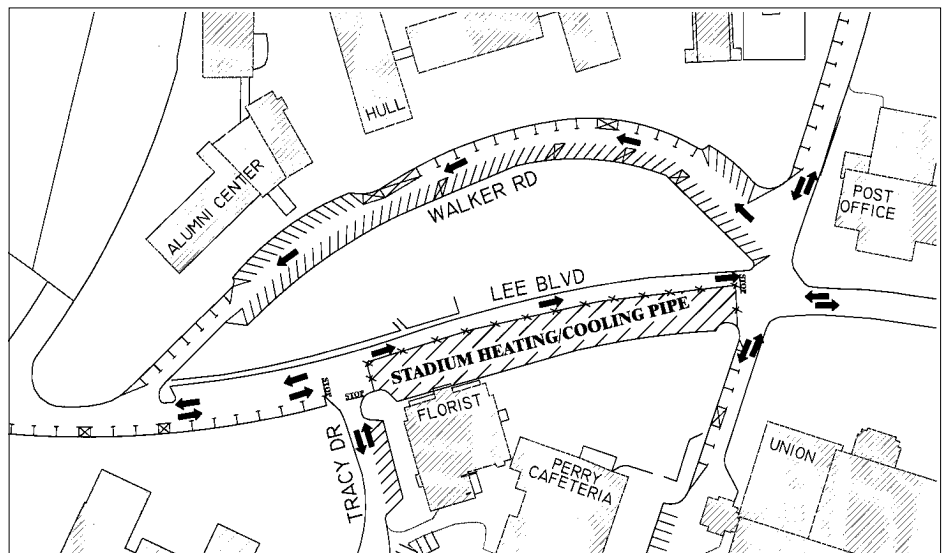
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left onto Tracy Drive and then take Darden Street west into the intersection.

Lee Boulevard should again be completely open to two-way traffic by about June 1. At that point, the west end of Walker Road will be closed to allow the final stage of construction to reach the stadium.

Walker Road will remain open from its east end intersection with Perry Street through most of its length in front of the Chapel of Memories, Hull Hall, and the Butler-Williams Alumni Center, but it will temporarily be a dead end street closed to through traffic.

Dates of the expected street closings illustrated in the accompanying maps are approximations, Johnston said.



*Phase I: Feb. 26-April 30*

## Retired Pentagon official to speak

A retired senior Pentagon official responsible for United States security in the Asia-Pacific region makes a visit to the state Feb. 22 as a guest of Jackson State and Mississippi State universities.

Kurt M. Campbell will discuss foreign policy and security challenges of the Bush administration at a 9:45 a.m. public program in Room 114 of the J.H. Jackson School of Education Building at Jackson State University. His remarks will be simultaneously broadcast to teleconferencing facilities at 138B McCool Hall on the Starkville campus and the Multi-Purpose Room at MSU-Meridian.

Following the presentation, Campbell will answer questions from audiences at all three locations.

Campbell is a former assistant secretary of defense who now serves as senior vice president of the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Strategic and International Services. During his time at the Pentagon, he helped develop a framework for the current U.S.-Japan security initiative.

For more information on Campbell's visit, telephone 325-8406 or e-mail jr1@ra.msstate.edu.



## MSTV

MSU programming airs on Northland Cable's channel 7. The mid-February-early March slate of shows includes the following:

Feb. 19—6 p.m., On-Air (MSU conversation); 6:15 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Basketball with Rick Stansbury; 7 p.m., MSU Basketball (hosting Auburn); 8:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 9 p.m., SCOLA.

Feb. 20—6 p.m., The Insight (student newscast); 6:20 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Basketball with Rick Stansbury; 7 p.m., Civil War in the West forum from Feb. 6; 8:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 9 p.m., SCOLA.

Feb. 21—6 p.m., The Insight (student newscast); 6:20 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., The Sideline (MSU sports with a student viewpoint); 7 p.m., Civil War in the West forum from Feb. 7; 8:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 9 p.m., SCOLA.

Feb. 22-6 p.m., The Insight (student newscast); 6:20 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Basketball with Rick Stansbury; 7 p.m., MSU Basketball (hosting Vanderbilt); 8:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 9 p.m., SCOLA.

Feb. 23 and 24—SCOLA all day.

Feb. 25—6 p.m., On-Air (MSU conversation); 6:15 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Basketball with Rick Stansbury; 7 p.m., MSU Basketball (hosting Vanderbilt); 8:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 9 p.m., SCOLA.

Feb. 26—6 p.m., On-Air (MSU conversation); 6:15 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Basketball with Rick Stansbury; 7 p.m., MSU Women's Basketball (hosting Kentucky); 8:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 9 p.m., SCOLA.

Feb. 27—6 p.m., The Insight (student newscast); 6:20 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Basketball with Rick Stansbury; 7 p.m., MSU Women's Basketball (hosting Kentucky); 8:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 9 p.m., SCOLA.

March 1—6 p.m., The Insight; 6:20 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., The Sideline; 7 p.m., TBA; 7:30 p.m., SCOLA.

March 2—6 p.m., The Insight; 6:20 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Basketball with Rick Stansbury; 7 p.m., TBA; 7:30 p.m., SCOLA.

March 3 and 4—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

A support group for African-American females meets each Monday, 4-5:30 p.m., in the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center. Discussion topics range from social to personal to academic concerns. Sponsored by Holmes Cultural Diversity Center and University Counseling Center. Refreshments are available. Regina Fults or Kenya Crawford, 325-2091.

## February

### 20

MSU vs. Louisiana-Monroe, softball, MSU Softball Field, 4 p.m.

Pianist Ning An will perform at University Honors Forum, Betterworth Auditorium, Giles Hall, 12:30 p.m. 325-2522.

Presentation: "Accessing the Libraries' Electronic Journals," Giles Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. 325-8162.

### 21

MSU vs. Jackson State, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 3 p.m.

MSU vs. Vanderbilt, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Concert: Dennison and Kelly Wingate, Colvard Union ballroom, 8 p.m. 325-2930.

### 22

MSU vs. Alabama A&M, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Play: "Drinks Before Dinner," by E.L. Doctorow, McComas Hall lab theater, 7:30 p.m. \$3, students and senior citizens; \$5, general admission. 325-7951.

Presentation: "Accessing the Libraries' Electronic Journals," Giles Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. 325-8162.

Pine Needle Basketmaking Workshop, Crosby

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Arboretum, Picayune, 10 a.m. Reservations required by Feb. 21. Members, \$12; non-members, \$15. (601) 799-2311, extension 22.

National Rec Sports and Fitness Day, Drill Field, 12:30-4 p.m. Kami White, 325-8964.

Presentation: "How to use Your Library," Giles Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. 325-8162.

MSU vs. Alabama A&M, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

### 23

Pine Needle Basketmaking Workshop, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, 10 a.m. Reservations required by Feb. 21. Members, \$12; non-members, \$15. (601) 799-2311, extension 22.

### 24

Kids' Beautiful Butterfly Workshop, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, 10 a.m. Reservation required by Feb. 21. Members, \$5; non-members, \$6. (601) 799-2311, extension 21.

### 25

MSU vs. Kentucky, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 2 p.m.

### 26

Speaker series: "The Southern Sense of Time," Leigh Anne Duck, Grisham Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 7 p.m. 325-2378.

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Body Positive Week, Colvard Union and Joe Frank Sanderson Center. Jen Fuller, 325-7545.

### 27

MSU vs. Austin Peay, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 3 p.m.

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MSU vs. Tennessee-Martin, baseball, Dudy

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issue distributed nationally over the news wire service.

In the newspaper account, Diehl was asked why he decided to submit the resolution. The Nashville, Tenn., native replied, in part, "It is the right thing to do."

A complete summary of this and other business conducted at the February meeting is available on the Internet at the senate home page, which is reached by accessing www.msstate.edu, then clicking on the "Academic Programs" icon and scrolling to "Organizations."

Noble Field, 3 p.m.

Presentation: "How to use Your Library," Giles Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 5 p.m. 325-8162.

## Foundation workshop set for 2 days in March

A workshop for staff members who deal in procedures involving the MSU Foundation will be held on two different dates in March.

The workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 1:30-4:30 p.m., or for Thursday, March 8, 8:30-11:30 a.m., in the Coskrey Auditorium of McCool Hall. It is designed for account managers, bookkeepers and related personnel.

Topics include: "Overview of the MSU Foundation," "Accounting," "Gift Processing," and "Investments."

Presenters are David Easley, the foundation's director of finance and budget; Janet Carraway, assistant director of finance and budget; and Cathy Lammons, assistant director of development, gift administration.

Registration deadline is Feb. 28.

For more information, telephone Judy Burch at 325-8847 or e-mail jlburch@foundation.msstate.edu.

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the 20th in the Colvard Union. On the 21st, a breakfast honoring women in engineering will be held in the Union ballroom, while an entrepreneurship idea fair will be held in Swalm's Eastman Auditorium.

For complete information on National Engineers Week at MSU, telephone 325-7183.

## 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.







## ***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>.

