

## Hunter Henry Center groundbreaking held

In Super Bulldog Weekend ceremonies, Mississippi State kicked off construction of the university's new 34,000 square-foot alumni and foundation center.

To be located on the western edge of campus at the intersection of Barr Avenue and University Drive, the building will be named for Canton native and lead contributor Hunter W. Henry Jr. A 1950 MSU chemical engineering graduate now residing in San Marcos, Texas, he is the retired president of Dow Chemical USA.

Henry, among 100 persons in attendance for the March 24 ceremony at the construction site, made a cornerstone commitment of \$3 million toward the center. His gift is among more than \$6 million in contributions received so far toward construction of the \$8 million facility.

"I have always tried to create an atmosphere in the workplace where people can succeed without being prodded," Henry told the audience. "The outstanding leadership at Mississippi State has created an atmosphere where that can happen, and this structure is something I want to be a part of."

Designed by Foil Wyatt Architects of Jackson, the center will house offices, a 400-seat capacity ballroom, meeting rooms and a large donor recognition area.

"We envision the building as a drawing card for the university and a way of bringing together common interests and activities," said Dennis A. Prescott, MSU vice president for external affairs.

"With one of the largest meeting places on campus located in the Henry Center, we will have ample opportunity to open our doors to a wide variety of people and showcase the university," Prescott added.

Henry long has been a major donor to his alma mater and was selected in 1988 as



*Mississippi State President Malcolm Portera (third from right) and vice president Dennis Prescott (right) helped break ground for the Hunter Henry Center. Also on the program were (l-r) national alumni director Steve Taylor, architect E. Bowden Wyatt, MSU Foundation president Leo Seal Jr., Hunter W. Henry Jr., and state college board member Bryce W. Griffis.*

## National Library Week activities set

Mississippi State will hold a number of activities this week [April 1-6] as part of the National Library Week observance.

This year's theme, "@ Your Library," highlights the numerous services offered free of charge by the university's libraries.

Among the public activities is a 3 p.m. Thursday [the 5th] book talk and autograph session with Chester McKee of Starkville. MSU vice president emeritus for research, McKee is the author of "Campus Brat," a recently

published memoir of his seven decades at the Starkville university.

Other public events include:

—Performances by Joseph Amos Powell and the Black Voices choir at 12:30 p.m. Monday [the 2nd] in the main floor lobby.

—A 9:30 a.m. Tuesday lecture by national media scholar and Yazoo City native John C. Merrill in the John Grisham Room.

—A Wednesday open house for colleagues at local and area libraries. A 3M Corp.-sponsored live webcast will feature

# CVM plans open house

Students at the College of Veterinary Medicine will hold the 17th annual open house April 6 and 7 at the Wise Center.

On schedule for the event are a petting zoo, tours of the hospital complex and educational exhibits. CVM faculty and students will be on hand to answer questions about health care for large and small animals.

Demonstrations will include working sheep dogs, police dogs and dog obedience. The public also can see several horse exhibits, including draft horses, horse shoeing, and various riding performances. Demonstrations on wild and pet birds and reptiles also will take place. Special exhibits on aquarium medicine will be available each day.

Open house begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. both days. Admission is free.

For more information and to coordinate group tours, contact Tara Puckett in the CVM Office of Special Programs at 325-1167. Group reservations are recommended.



*The carillon at the Chapel of Memories clock tower peals once again after an enforced silence of several months. The bells were turned off to prevent a further loosening of brick mortar atop the prominent campus structure. University Physical Plant officials recently determined the bells could be operated safely at a lower volume until repair work begins in a few weeks. The renovation effort will involve rebuilding the tower's top two levels down to the clock face.*

## **International Fiesta set**

It won't be an official meeting of the United Nations, but the 11th Annual International Fiesta at Mississippi State may seem to be.

More than 80 countries will be represented at the April 7 cultural education event sponsored by the World Neighbors Association of Starkville and the university's Office of International Services.

Open to all, the fiesta will take place 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the Drill Field. In case of inclement weather, activities will be moved to the Bost Extension Center.

Several children-oriented booths will require the purchase of a 25-cent ticket (a book of five tickets will be available for \$1).

For more information, telephone Ruth De La Cruz at 324-1424 or Karin Lee at 325-0787.

## **Poor Clares to perform here April 10**

Playing the traditional music of Ireland and Scotland, a New Orleans-based ensemble will perform April 10 at Mississippi State.

The Poor Clares bring their Celtic sound to a 7:30 p.m. concert in the McComas Hall theater. Tickets for the university Lyceum Series-sponsored performance are \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens (ages 65 and over) and \$4 for children 3-12. MSU students are admitted free with student identification.

Formed in 1993, the Poor Clares were musicians working at O'Flaherty's Irish Pub in the French Quarter. That same year, they made a widely praised debut at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

The group is the first Celtic band in the South signed to an internationally distributed record contract. In addition to recently appearing in the National Geographic Society concert series, they have performed at the Milwaukee Irish

Fest and with the Baton Rouge Pops Symphony. Their first recording, "Resurrected Lover," was released independently in 1995.

The Poor Clares repertoire includes mostly the traditional music of Ireland, Scotland and North America. They take advantage, however, of the rich musical heritage of their Louisiana home by blending jazz, Latin, gospel, and Cajun influences.

For more information, telephone Stephanie Sanders at 325-4201 or visit the Lyceum web site at [www.msstate.edu/dept/lyceum](http://www.msstate.edu/dept/lyceum).

## **msu.NOW!**

Check out the university news page by clicking on the "News" button of the university home page [www.msstate.edu](http://www.msstate.edu).

# Research award nominations open

Nominations from faculty, staff and students now are being accepted for the 2001 Research Awards Program.

The program honors those who contribute significantly to the university's research mission and helps to increase awareness of MSU research programs and capabilities.

Three letters of support or recommendations for nominees are required in call categories. Award categories include faculty/research scientist/engineer (all faculty equivalent positions), research support staff (classified/professional staff), graduate and undergraduate students.

Deadline for nominations is April 17.

Award recipients will be honored at an April 26 ceremony in the Bryan Athletic Administration Building.

For more information, contact Marc

**MSUcares.com**

## New web site 'cares' about users

Two Mississippi State units recently combined a wealth of information into one user-friendly web site.

Fourteen months in the making, MSUcares.com is a joint effort of the MSU Extension Service and the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Each unit had maintained a separate web presence, but now have pooled their information into one site.

Virgil Culver, leader of the MSU Food and Fiber Center, chaired the committee charged with overseeing the design process.

"The previous web sites were designed to parallel the organizational structures of MAFES and Extension," Culver said. "This new site incorporates many of the user-friendly design features of the most popular sites on the Internet."

Culver said the previous web pages primarily targeted MAFES and Extension employees. The new design is "customer-driven."

The MSUcares web site has about 1,500 educational publications online, many cross-referenced to make them easier to find. For example, tomato gardeners can find fertilizer, pest and variety information from several sources.

Those who can't find the answers they're looking for at the site can get

McGee, Office of the Vice President for Research, at 325-3570, or at [mmcgee@research.msstate.edu](mailto:mmcgee@research.msstate.edu).

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various national professionals in the field discussing five-year marketing plans for different types of libraries. "How To Market @ Your Library" begins at 11 a.m. in the first-floor auditorium.

—Also on Wednesday, a 2:30 p.m.

Grisham Room ceremony will honor MSU faculty, staff and students who have made significant contributions to the library.

The observance ends Friday with an appreciation luncheon for staff given by the Friends of the MSU Library.

For more information on the activities, telephone Gail Peyton at 325-7671.



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

April 2—6 p.m., On-Air (MSU conversation); 6:15 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., Underground Transmission (music videos); 7 p.m., Speak Out MSU! (student opinion and activities); 7:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

April 3—6 p.m., On-Air (MSU conversation); 6:15 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., Underground Transmission (music videos); 7 p.m., Speak Out MSU! (student opinion and activities); 7:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

April 4—6 p.m., The Insight (student newscast); 6:20 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Baseball with Pat McMahon; 7 p.m.,

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### **CVM offers weekday information resource desk**

For veterinarians and other animal care professionals previously unaware of the service, the College of Veterinary Medicine announces a weekday information resource desk.

Located at the Wise Center library, the collection of veterinary medical-related books, journals, multi-media materials, handbooks and textbooks, and electronic databases are available 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays-Fridays.

Both quick-reference assistance and in-depth support are provided for professional clients at no cost via e-mail, telephone or fax.

Also available are reference lists of books that may be ordered through hometown or area libraries.

Telephone requests should be directed to John Cruickshank at 325-1256. The fax number is 325-1141; the e-mail address is [library@cvm.msstate.edu](mailto:library@cvm.msstate.edu).



## 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.

"New Schoolhouse in Vienna," 1990-96 series chronicling modern European school architecture, Giles Hall Gallery, through April 16. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays. John Jay Miller, 325-2202; www.sarc.msstate.edu/events/exhibitions-00-01.html.

### April

#### 3

MSU vs. UAB, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 6:30 p.m.

Music education faculty member Andrew May presents a concert of his compositions, Bettersworth Auditorium, Giles Hall, 7:30 p.m. 325-3070.

#### 4

MSU vs. Troy State, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 6:30 p.m.

#### 5

Human Subjects and IRB Training, Mitchell Memorial Library auditorium, 9 a.m. Tracy Arwood, 325-3994.

Presentation: "How to Use Your Library," Giles Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, noon. Kerry Smith, 325-8162.

MSU vs. Southern Mississippi, softball, MSU Softball Field, 4 p.m.

"Design and Deliver Digital Presentations Using MicroSoft PowerPoint 2000," Instruction Media Center, Mitchell Memorial Library,

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1:30-4 p.m. 325-6636.

#### 6

MSU vs. Florida, men's tennis, A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre, 2 p.m.

#### 6, 7

College of Veterinary Medicine Open House, Wise Center, 8:30 a.m. Tara Puckett, 325-7910.

#### 7

International Fiesta, Drill Field, 10 a.m. Karin Lee, 325-0708.

MSU vs. Kentucky, softball, MSU Softball Field, 2 p.m.

#### 8

MSU vs. Tennessee, men's tennis, A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre, 1 p.m.

MSU vs. Kentucky, softball, MSU Softball Field, 1 p.m.

#### 9

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

#### 10

Program: The Poor Clares, traditional Irish music and storytelling, 13 Allen Hall, 12:30 p.m. Chris Heller, 325-2522.

Lyceum Series: The Poor Clares, McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m. 325-4201. (see story page 2)

#### 10-12

School Days on the Farm, Mississippi Horse Park, AgriCenter and Fairgrounds. 325-9350.

#### 11

MSU vs. South Alabama, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 3 p.m.

MSU vs. LSU, softball, MSU Softball Field, 5 p.m.

#### 12

MSU vs. LSU, softball, MSU Softball Field, 4 p.m.

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MSU's alumnus of the year. That same year, he also was among 10 individuals recognized by the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges for contributions to the country's major universities.

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MSU vs. Arkansas, women's tennis, A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre, 2:30 p.m.

University closed for holiday.

#### 14

MSU vs. Florida, women's tennis, A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre, 1 p.m.

MSU vs. Auburn, softball, MSU Softball Field, 1 p.m.

MSU vs. South Carolina, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 4 p.m.

#### 15

MSU vs. Auburn, softball, MSU Softball Field, 12:30 p.m.

MSU vs. South Carolina, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 1:30 p.m.

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Lecture: Chanrithy Him, author of *When Broken Glass Floats: Growing Up Under the Khmer Rouge*, Simrall Hall auditorium, 12:30 p.m. 325-8929.

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Underground Transmission; 7:30 p.m., The Sideline: MSU sports with student viewpoint; 7:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

April 5—6 p.m., The Insight (student newscast); 6:20 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Baseball with Pat McMahon; 7 p.m., Underground Transmission; 7:30 p.m., The Sideline: MSU sports with student viewpoint; 7:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

April 6 and 7—SCOLA all day.

April 8—6 p.m., On-Air; 6:15 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., MSU Baseball with Pat McMahon; 7 p.m., Speak Out MSU!; 7:30 p.m., The Sideline: MSU sports with student viewpoint; 7:45 p.m., Bullyboard; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

April 9—6 p.m., On-Air (MSU conversation); 6:15 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., Underground Transmission (music videos); 7 p.m., Speak Out MSU! (student opinion and activities); 7:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

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## 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](http://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.





