

Honorary degrees go to retired congressman, chemical executive; to be awarded May 12

Mississippi State again is recognizing the significant lifetime contributions of former 3rd District Congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery and former Dow Chemical Co. executive Hunter W. Henry.

The two MSU graduates will receive honorary degrees during May 12 commencement ceremonies. Montgomery's is a doctor of laws degree; Henry's, a doctor of science.



Henry

"These individuals have achieved national prominence for their energetic and far-sighted leadership in government and in industry," said MSU President Malcolm Portera. "Along with their professional and political accomplishments, they have demonstrated deep commitments to service.

"Their lives and their work embody the principles that The People's University stands for, and we are pleased to bestow on

them Mississippi State's highest honor," Portera added.

Both men have been recognized earlier with national alumnus of the year awards. Montgomery, a 1943 business graduate, was selected



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in 1978; Henry, a 1950 chemical engineer-

ing graduate, in 1988.

Montgomery, now working as an Alexandria, Va., consultant, served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 30 years until his retirement in 1996. He spent 28 years on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, including 14 as its chairman. He also was a 12-term member of the Armed Services Committee.

Much of his legislative effort was devoted to strengthening the Army Reserves and the National Guard. Montgomery was chief architect of the 1984 peacetime GI education bill that bears his name. Offering incentives to military recruits, the legislation has provided educational benefits to more than two million participants.

The Meridian native also played a key role in securing support for the Veterans Administration hospitals in Jackson and Biloxi, and ensuring support for four veterans' nursing homes in the state. Additionally, he helped relocate the regional administrative office for the Veterans Health Administration to Jackson.

After service in World War II, Montgomery returned to Meridian and opened an insurance business. He began his public service career with election to the Mississippi Senate in 1956.

While in Starkville, Montgomery was elected both president of the student body and "Mr. Mississippi State." As a graduate, he served as president of the MSU Alumni Association and his contributions and those of others endowed the Montgomery Scholars Fund.

Hunter Henry, who now resides in San Marcos, Texas, has combined a career as

a top-level executive of a major multinational company with a lifetime of philanthropy and public service.

The Canton native began his career with Dow in 1951. He rose quickly through the ranks to hold a series of vice presidential positions, including management of Dow's largest operating division. He then was

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MSU recognized for its computer security education

The United States' largest and most secret intelligence agency is adding Mississippi State to a select public list it maintains.

The National Security Agency recently invited MSU to join 22 other schools in its Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education program.

Carnegie-Mellon and Georgia Tech universities and the U.S. Military Academy are among the others in the group.

NSA officials established the assistance program two years ago as a way to encourage American higher education's help in overcoming a national shortage of computer specialists trained in information systems security.

MSU and the other centers will be recognized formally in a May 23 program at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Inclusion in the centers of excellence program "recognizes that Mississippi State has reached a high level of success in the area of computer security," said computer scientist Rayford Vaughn.

Often referred to as the Puzzle Palace, NSA has its headquarters at Ft. Meade, Md., and a second major facility at Menwith Hill, England.

Nominations due for prof of the year

Suggested nominees for the 2001 U.S. Professors of the Year Program sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and directed by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education should be submitted by April 20 to the President's Office.

CASE and the Carnegie Foundation will name national winners in four categories based on institutional type, ranging from baccalaureate colleges to research and doctoral universities. A State Professor of the Year also will be named in all 50 states. Dr. Nancy Hargrove of the Department of English was the 2000 winner in Mississippi.

The university may nominate up to three professors. An ad hoc committee led by Holland Faculty Senate chair Dan Embree will recommend nominees from among those suggested.

Nominees must teach at the undergraduate level and must have taught at least one semester of the 2000-2001 academic year. They may be of any rank and may teach full time or part time.

Faculty and staff who wish to suggest a nominee should submit a one-page statement summarizing the professor's education, teaching experience, other teaching awards, publications, service, and other significant contributions to the Professor of the Year Nominating Committee, Office of the President, Mail Stop 9720, or fax to 325-3189. Supporting documentation should focus on work with undergraduate students.

The university's nominees for the honor will be contacted by the committee and asked to provide additional supporting materials, which must be submitted to CASE by May 11. CASE will not accept self-nominations or nominations by students.

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



Chitose Little, a Japanese native who teaches in the Department of Foreign Languages, was among representatives of more than 80 countries taking part in the university's recent International Fiesta. The colorful cultural exchange—now in its 11th year—drew an estimated midday crowd of 800 to the Drill Field.

Endowment to fund staff awards, programs

Members of the Professional and Support Staff Advisory Council are hoping to add \$100,000 to the recently renamed Zacharias Staff Recognition and Development Fund.

The original fund was established by PSSAC during the university's capital campaign that ended in 1997. It was named for former president Donald W. Zacharias earlier this year.

Plans are to increase the fund's amount to at least \$120,000 in five years by encouraging contributions from faculty and staff.

Ultimately, staff council members plan

to use the endowment's earnings to finance the annual Zacharias Distinguished Staff Awards. At present, six awards of \$1,000 each are presented each spring. Any extra funds will be used to promote staff development at MSU.

Persons interested in contributing may do so outright, or by payroll deduction, bank draft, bequests, trusts, life insurance, real estate, or personal property. The MSU Foundation will invest and manage the fund.

For more information, or to contribute to the Zacharias Staff Recognition and Development Fund, telephone the MSU Foundation at 325-3410.

URC will assist undergraduate researchers

MSU Libraries has established a center to aid undergraduates with term paper and speech research.

The Undergraduate Research Center, located in the Reference Room of Mitchell Memorial Library, houses a collection of popular reference materials that deal with both sides of an issue.

Among the materials is "The Opposing Viewpoints Series," "Contemporary Issues Companion Series," "Current Controversial Series," "At Issue Series," "Information Plus Series," and older issues of CQ

Researcher (current issues available at reference desk).

Reference librarians are available to help in using the collection, other reference sources, electronic resources, including full-text and electronic journals, as well as resources in other library areas.

The URC also includes a career center with a selection of resume books, cover letter books, and career encyclopedias.

For more information, telephone 325-3060.

More than 220 named to self-study committees

More than 220 faculty, staff, students, and alumni have been named to committees that will carry out the bulk of the work of the university's self-study. The effort will lead to reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 2003.

Members of 14 committees were appointed in early April by President Malcolm Portera on the recommendation of a Self-Study Steering Committee formed last fall. The newly created committees will begin work this spring.

The self-study report should be complete in fall 2002, and 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, said self-study director Leslie Bauman.

Self-study committees and their members are:

Principles and Philosophy of Accreditation. Dr. Glenn Steele, chair, Dr. Jim West, Dr. Adele Crudden, Dr. Mabel Okojie, Georgia Lindley, Dr. Jerry Gilbert, Dr. Garry Smith, Dr. Gary Johnson, Dr. Catherine Boyd, Dr. Euel Coats, Angie Andrews, and Wurth Hosch.

Institutional Purpose. Dr. Phil Oldham, chair, Samye Johnson, Mike White, Betty Gentry, Dr. Bev. Norment, Dr. John Thomson, Dr. Henry Pitre, Dr. John Marszalek, Dr. Keith Hodge, Dr. Walter Diehl, Dr. Dan Embree, Adam Bell, Lynn Parker, Lewis Mallory, and Libba Andrews.

Institutional Effectiveness. Dr. Bob Altenkirch, John O'Hear, Dr. Mike Couvillion, Dr. Esther Egly, Dr. Ron Taylor, Dr. Jim Dunne, Fairfax Montgomery, John McRae, Larry Templeton, Dr. Stephen Klein, Mary Sowers, Dr. Nancy Reichert, Dr. Frank Howell, Jacob Jernigan, and Melissa Young.

Undergraduate Educational Programs. Dr. Rickey Travis, chair, Kelly Burnett, Dr. Gary Jackson, Dr. John Forde, Dr. Donna Reese, Dr. Sue Minchew, Dr. Homes Hogue, Dr. Ben Blair, Dr. Nancy McCarley, Dr. Dennis Mitchell, John Dickerson, Marita Gootee, Dr. Seth Oppenheimer, Emily Sanford, Smith Lilley, Rachel Singleton, and Nancy Fultz.

Graduate Educational Programs. Dr.

Marty Levin, chair, Diane Wolfe, Dr. Stephen Foster, Dr. Gerald Ainsworth, Dr. Juan Silva, Dale Welch, Dr. Jim Hardin, Dr. Jacquelyn Deeds, Dr. John Boyle, Dr. T. Steuart Watson, Dr. George Adebisi, June Breland, Dr. Philip Drumheller, Carroll Weaver, and Michael Rybolt.

Distance Learning, Continuing Education, Outreach, and Service. Dr. Melvin Ray, chair, Dr. Bob Taylor, Butch Stokes, Craig Piper, Julia Porter, Dr. Matt Raven, Dr. Barbara Spencer, Dr. Anthony Olinzock, Janie Cirlot-New, Duke West, Dr. Kathleen Olivieri, Dr. Mark Binkley, Dr. Richard Koshel, Dr. Joe McGilberry, Mike Godwin, LaQuanita Reid, and Andrew Labas.

Faculty. Dr. Louis D'Abramo, chair, Dr. Paul Allen, Dr. Giselle Thibaudeau, Dr. Clyde Williams, Dr. Richard Wolf, Dr. Bill Henry, Dr. Steve Bullard, Brent Funderburk, Dr. Ed Milam, Dr. Atly Jefcoat, Paula Lehman, Amanda Brimer, Dan Whatley, Mary Ellen Brown, and Dr. Jeff Pappas.

Educational Support Services. Dr. Ann Bailey, chair, Jan Odom, Dr. W. C. Johnson, Allen Ulmer, Ray Berryhill, Dr. George Light, Deborah Lee, Dr. Dan Brook, Dr. Jan Case, Dr. Dwight Hare, Dr. Marion Hagler, Becky Gardner, Janice Shook, and Gordon Pace.

Student Development Services. Dr. Susan Bridges, chair, Bryan Nesbit, Dr. Larry White, Dr. Gail Peyton, Julie Berry, Dr. Lynn Reinschmiedt, Herb Sanford, Steve Taylor, Dr. Vince McGrath, Dr. Alex Friend, Dr. Stan Godbold, Jody "Buz" Bennett, Carrie Reeves, Dirron Allen, and James Finley.

Athletics. Ruth Prescott, chair, Duncan McKenzie, Dr. John A. Gillentine, Ronald Brown, Dr. Joan Looby, Ann Carr, Dr. Robert Damm, Sara Valentine, Rick Stansbury, Tracy Lane, Dr. David Boles, Diane Daniels, Dr. Sandra Harpole, Dr. Kirk Arnett, Parker England, Katie Mullins, and Tony Giachelli.

Organization, Corporations, and Corporate Entities. Dr. Wayne Bennett, chair, Richard Swann, Dr. Charles Menifield, Kathy Huffman, Bill Broyles, Sara Peters, Holli Hitt, Dr. Ronald Brown, Dr. Ed Clynych, Dr. Leroy Boyd, Dr. Linda Morse, Dr. Phil Bridges, Dr. Terry Obert, and Dr. Keith Belli.

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Publications. Dr. Bob Phillips, chair, Maridith Geuder, Dr. David Foote, Mathew Stephen, Sally Hester, Lora Defore, and Dr. Tom Knecht.

Steering Committee. Dr. Leslie E. Bauman, chair, Dr. Jimmy Abraham, Dr. David Boles, Dr. Karen Coats, Dr. George Rent, Joe Farris, Bryce Griffis, Dr. Sara Freedman, Dr. Art Cosby, Dr. Nancy Hargrove, Dr. Walter Taylor, Dr. Julia Hodges, Steve Taylor, Dr. Linda Cornelious, Dr. Louis D'Abramo, and Janis Bryant.

MSU golf league seeking members

The Mississippi State Faculty/Staff Golf League is seeking members for the 2001 golf season, which recently began.

Membership is open to current and retired MSU faculty and staff and their spouses. In addition to weekly league play at the MSU Golf Course, the league also sponsors a number of weekend tournaments during the season.

For more information, contact league president Joe Seger at 325-3826 or jds1@ra.msstate.edu, or visit the league web site at www.msstate.edu/org/fgolf.





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.

April 16

Chanrithy Him, author of *When Broken Glass Floats: Growing Up Under the Khmer Rouge*, will perform a traditional Khmer dance, Mitchell Memorial Library foyer, 11 a.m. 325-8929.

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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.

Lecture: "The Early History of Heaven," Dr. J. Edward Wright, 102 Hilbun Hall, 7:30 p.m. 325-2013.

Banner: Invoice Processing, McArthur Lab B, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. 325-0631 or www.its.msstate.edu.

Lyceum Series: "Common Ground," Irish dancing, Humphrey Coliseum, 7:30 p.m. 325-4201.

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Reception: Chanrithy Him, author of *When Broken Glass Floats: Growing Up Under the Khmer Rouge*, Grisham Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3:30-5 p.m.; lecture: Simrall Hall auditorium, 7 p.m. 325-8929.

Banner: Invoice Processing, McArthur Lab B, 8:30 a.m.-noon; Intro to Microsoft Access 2000, McArthur Lab A, 1:30-5 p.m. 325-0631 or www.its.msstate.edu.

Product demonstration: Videodidact, McArthur Lab A; demonstrations at 9 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Product information available at

www.videoclassroom.com. Kathleen Olivieri, 325-8800.

Martial Arts Stress Buster, outside Colvard Union, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; presentation: "Thriving on Stress," Dr. Michael Dunphy, YMCA auditorium, 5 p.m. 325-2930.

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Adobe Acrobat, McArthur Lab A, 8:30 a.m.-noon. 325-0631 or www.its.msstate.edu.

Web Sites for Beginners Using Microsoft Publisher 2000, Instructional Media Center, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1:30-4 p.m. 325-6636.

Lecture: MSU alumnus Raymond Mosley, director of the Federal Register and coordinator of the Electoral College during the recent presidential election, Bost Extension Center theater, 7 p.m. 325-2930.

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SEC Championship, women's tennis, A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre.

Play: "Lend Me a Tenor," McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 general admission, \$3 students and seniors. 325-7951.

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FFA Horse Judging Contest, Mississippi Horse Park, AgriCenter and Fairgrounds, Poorhouse Road, 8:30 a.m.-noon. 325-9350.

Build Your Web Site: Unit 1, McArthur Lab A, 1:30-5 p.m. 325-0631 or www.its.msstate.edu.

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Concert: MSU Chamber Singers and Concert Choir, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 607 University Drive, Starkville, 2:30 p.m. 325-3070.

Chamber Singers, choir to perform April 22

The Mississippi State Chamber Singers and Concert Choir will present a joint concert April 22 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 607 University Drive, Starkville.

The public program will begin at 2:30 p.m. and features music from Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann, Mulholland, and Pachelbel. It also includes "The Songs of Children" by Robert Convery, music based on poetry by children who lived in concentration camps during the Holocaust.

For more information, telephone 325-3070.

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Service Recognition Program, Bost Extension Center auditorium, 3 p.m., reception at 4 p.m.

Banner: Electronic Approvals, McArthur Lab B, 10 a.m.-noon, 2-4 p.m.; Adobe Pagemaker, McArthur Lab A, 1:30-5 p.m. 325-0631 or www.its.msstate.edu.

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named president of Dow Brazil and, in 1982, president of Dow Chemical USA.

From there, he was promoted to executive vice president of the Dow Chemical Co., with responsibility for all company activities outside the United States. Due to company policy regarding board members who reach age 60, he relinquished his management responsibilities in 1988 but continued to serve on the board of directors until retiring in 1993.

During his career, Henry was named to the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers and was chairman of the board of the American Industrial Health Council. For 13 years, he also was a member of the board of Mississippi's Institute for Technology Development.

At Mississippi State, Henry served five terms on the university foundation's board and 15 years on College of Engineering advisory boards. In addition to creating endowed university scholarships and an endowed chair in chemical engineering, he has provided major support for engineering's study-abroad and congressional internship programs.

Lead donor for a new \$8 million building to house the university's foundation and alumni association is his latest alumni service role. The building, which will bear his name, also will provide another major special events facility for campus.

Golden Key seeks advisers

The MSU Golden Key International Honour Society chapter is looking for faculty and staff members to serve on its advisory team.

Anyone who is student-oriented, motivated, energetic, and wants to work with the top 15 percent of the student population should contact Rebecca Timmins, Southern regional director of Golden Key, at (678) 725-0486.



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>.

