

Memo

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to the faculty and staff of Mississippi State University



Chanrithy Him, author of "When Broken Glass Floats: Growing Up Under the Khmer Rouge," performed a traditional dance in the lobby of Mitchell Memorial Library during a three-day visit to campus. Her appearance was coordinated by the International Services Office.

New urban forestry option offered

A new area of specialization for Mississippi State students is addressing a need for professionals who can manage trees in towns and cities.

University majors in the College of Forest Resources' urban forestry option learn to take care of trees along city streets and in municipal parks, private woodlots and utility right-of-ways. Potential employers include all levels of government, private consultants and industry.

Begun last fall, the nationally accredited curriculum is offered within MSU's traditional forestry major, said forestry department professor Keith Belli.

"The urban forestry option is available at only a few other schools in the South," said Belli, the department's undergraduate program coordinator. "We decided to offer this focus because of the large number of questions about urban forestry received by MSU's extension forestry specialists."

Belli said urban foresters usually work with city planners in designing parks and wooded areas, as well as in managing land between urbanized and rural areas.

"Beside their aesthetic value, trees can lower energy costs, aid in water run-off and increase property values in urban areas," he added.

Mark Anderson is an MSU alumnus now working as an urban forester for the city of Hattiesburg. In addition to duties ranging from maintenance of 13,000 street-side trees to a range of municipal environmental and natural resource issues, he also approves planning for new developments and construction.

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Schillig grants are awarded

Faculty members in the colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Education, and Engineering and the School of Architecture are receiving more than \$43,000 in 2001 Schillig Special Teaching Project grants.

Coordinated by the Office of Academic Affairs, the Schillig Projects program provides financial support to encourage new ideas for improving undergraduate teaching. Specifically, funds are provided for teaching activities and/or materials for which the usual financial resources do not exist.

Awards can be as much as \$2,500, although larger amounts are considered when a proposal is deemed to have significant merit. Normally, no more than one award is given to a project proposer within a 24-month period.

Receiving awards this year are:

Margaret Bateman, School of Human Sciences, \$2,500, for integrating miniature furniture models into interior design.

Leslie Bauman, Physics and Astronomy, \$2,500, LabVIEW software for physics teaching.

Michael Brown, Music Education, \$2,450, support of the MSU Jazz Ensemble (MU 2931).

Steven Elder, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, \$2,500, virtual statistics laboratory.

Leanne Fazio, Music Education, \$2,500, equipment request.

Michael Fazio, School of Architecture, \$2,500, purchase of equipment and software.

David Foote, History, \$2,500, purchase of LCD projector.

Anne Harris and **Jill Davis**, Communication, \$2,400, modernizing the classroom

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Humanities, arts proposals are funded

Proposals from six faculty members are being funded by the Humanities and Arts Research Program through the Office of Research for 2001-02.

The research program, initiated in 1995 to enhance research, will award more than \$4,000 to fund the selected projects.

Awards were made for the following proposals:

Michael Berk, School of Architecture, "Photo-Analytique Documentation of Sustainable Principles of Anasazi Native American Architecture."

Michael Brown, Music Education, "Jazz Improvisation Text and Accompaniment Recording."

Mark Goodman, Communication, "Learning and Communication Through the Web."

Marita Gootee, Art, "To Work with the 20x24 Polaroid Camera in New York with John Reuter."

Jeffrey Haupt, Art, "Origins and Insertions/Anatomy of Man."

Margaret Murray, English, "The Making of the Mind of a Romantic: Parental and Literary Influences on Margaret Fuller as a Child."

Percussion concert set for tonight

"Rhythms of the world" will be the unofficial theme of the Mississippi State Percussion Ensemble's free spring concert April 23 in the Colvard Union ballroom.

The 7:30 p.m. program, sponsored by the Music Education Department, will feature such selections as "Japanese Overture," "Mexican Folksong Suite," "Big Yellow Mambo," and "Wabash Samba." Other compositions will include "Kabe," an African shaman's song, "William Tell's Canned Overture" and "Stick Schtick," a novelty piece molded after the work of the national percussion group STOMP.

Dr. Robert J. Damm, a specialist in African musical heritage, is the ensemble's director.

For more information, telephone 325-3070.



During the recent National Library Week, four campus and community individuals were honored for their special efforts in support of MSU Libraries. They include (l-r) Paul Welch, director of MSU Support Services; Emmie R. Harris, Custodial Services supervisor; Starkville businessman Tony Thompson; and history professor emeritus William Parrish.

Professor emeritus will be honored

An annual conference of state florists is making plans to honor a Mississippi State professor emeritus for contributions to the industry.

Ralph Null of Columbus, who taught at the university 1967-92, will be recognized June 1-3 during the 2001 Mississippi Florist Association convention at MSU.

"Although the conference is several months away, we're encouraging former students especially to register now for this special event," said Jim Del Prince, assistant professor in the university's retail floristry program and a former MFA officer.

Null, currently chairman of the American Institute of Floral Designers Foundation Inc., was selected several times while at MSU to help decorate the White House and other Washington, D.C., locations for seasonal events. During his years on the faculty, Null also became an internationally recognized lecturer on floral designs.

He continues an active speaking schedule around the United States and is the coordinator of an annual holiday floral design show to benefit Camp Rising Sun, a Columbus-based camp for children 6-14 who have cancer.

Among other events scheduled during the three-day MFA event are presentations on floral design, a wedding program in the university's Chapel of Memories and a workshop on Southern-style floral arrangements.

For more information on the conference, contact Craig Helmuth of Tupelo-based Magnolia Wholesale Florists at 1-800-844-6867.

Rent to speak at architecture

The president of Mississippi University for Women will speak at a ceremony recognizing the 24th graduating class in the School of Architecture.

Dr. Clyda S. Rent will deliver the annual Dr. William L. and Jean Giles Memorial Lecture May 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the Giles Hall auditorium.

A reception will follow the ceremony in the Coskrey Auditorium of Memorial Hall.

For more information, telephone the school at 325-2202.



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

April 23—6 p.m., On-Air (MSU conversation); 6:15 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., Stateline 2001 (advanced TV production); 7 p.m., Speak Out MSU! (student opinion and activities); 7:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

April 24—6 p.m., The Insight (student newscast); 6:20 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., Stateline 2001; 7 p.m., Speak Out MSU! 7:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

April 25—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., Stateline 2001; 7:30 p.m., The Sideline (MSU sports with student viewpoint); 7:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

April 26—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., Speak Out MSU! 7:30 p.m., The Sideline; 7:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

April 27 and 29—SCOLA all day.

April 29—6 p.m., On-Air (MSU conversation); 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; 7:45 p.m., Bullyboard; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

April 30—6 p.m., On-Air; 6:15 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., Stateline LIVE! 7 p.m., Speak Out MSU! 7:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

May 1—6 p.m., The Insight (student newscast); 6:20 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 6:30 p.m., ART 8990 (video art); 7 p.m., Speak Out MSU! 7:30 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

May 2—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., ART 8990; 7:30 p.m., The Sideline: MSU sports with student viewpoint; 7:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

May 3—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., Speak Out MSU! 7:30 p.m., The Sideline; 7:45 p.m., Bullyboard with Bulldog Weather; 8 p.m., SCOLA.

May 4 and 5—SCOLA all day.

Research/scholarship fund to aid projects

A special research/scholarship fund established by the Office of Research will provide limited support for projects that lack college, school or departmental funding.

The program primarily will fund research and scholarship projects that need funds at short notice. The fund will receive \$100,000 a year from the portion of the indirect cost recovery of the university that is returned to the Office of Research.

Requests for up to \$2,000 in funding may be submitted for approval, although substantially lower requests have the highest likelihood of success.

The requests should include succinct statements of project aims, along with the

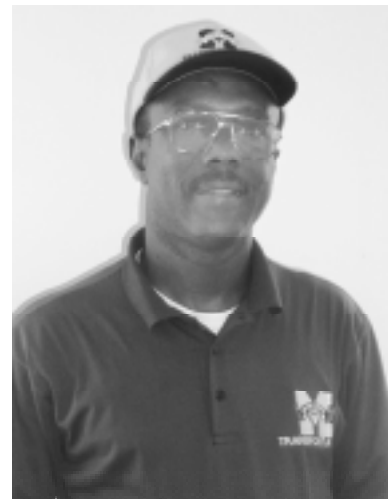
amount of the request, with appropriate documentation. Applications must have endorsements from the applicant's department head and dean, including their brief evaluations of the project. Materials also must reveal any previous university contributions to the project.

For more information, telephone Vice President for Research Bob Altenkirch at 325-3572 or e-mail altenkirch@research.msstate.edu.

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Have You Met...



Name: Willie B. Hampton

Birthplace: Starkville

Occupation/title: shuttle bus driver/supervisor

How long worked at MSU: 5 years

Current home: Starkville

I stay home to watch: "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit"

The book I've been reading: "I Ain't Coming Back" by Dolphus Weary

Favorite pig-out food: spaghetti

Favorite performer: Denzel Washington

Prized possession: family

The best part of my job is: meeting different people

If I weren't in this job, I'd be: driving an 18-wheeler

Words that best describe me: quiet, a little shy, honest, reliable, and friendly

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Calendar of Events

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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.

Bachelor of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition, "Live Artists: 20 Cents-a-Pound: Works by Chris Crowley, Casey Hayden, Elizabeth Laird, Samuel Lawson Jr., Chris Lucius, Brady Noble, Aaron Reece, and Tommy Simmons," through May 3, Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. 325-2970.

April

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Concert: Percussion Ensemble, Colvard Union ballroom, 7:30 p.m. 325-3070. (see story page 2)

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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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Organ donor registration drive, Colvard Union, 10 a.m. Kim Steward, 325-7420.

Presentation: How to Use Your Library, Giles Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 5 p.m. Kerry Smith, 325-8162.

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Intro to Groupwise, McArthur Lab A, 8:30 a.m.-noon. 325-0631 or www.its.msstate.edu.

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Workshop: Creating a Newsletter Using Adobe PageMaker 6.5, Instructional Media Center, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1:30-4 p.m. 325-6636.

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Student-written and student-directed one-act plays, McComas Hall lab theater. 325-7951.

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Build Your Web Site: Unit 2, McArthur Lab A, 1:30-5 p.m. 325-0631 or www.its.msstate.edu.

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MSU Cattlemen's College and Grazing School, Mississippi Horse Park, AgriCenter and Fairgrounds, Poorhouse Road. 325-9350.

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

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Golden Triangle Kennel Club Dog Show, Mississippi Horse Park, AgriCenter and Fairgrounds, Poorhouse Road, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 325-9350.

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

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Mississippi Quarterly speaker series: Deborah Cohn, Vanderbilt University's Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, on William Faulkner and Latin America, John Grisham Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 7 p.m. 325-2378.

Dead day.

May

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School of Architecture recognition ceremony, Dr. Clyda S. Rent, Giles Hall auditorium, 1:30 p.m., reception to follow. 325-2202. (see story page 2)

Urban--continued from page 1

Mississippi State students pursuing a forestry degree may choose between urban forestry and three other options: environmental conservation, forest management and wildlife management.

"All options are accredited by the Society of American Foresters, the specialized accrediting body for forestry in the United States," Belli said.

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by equipping public speaking classrooms with new technology.

Connie Lester, History, \$2,500, purchase of laptop computer.

Patricia Lestrade, Foreign Languages, \$2,000, acquisition of professional quality digital recording and playing equipment.

Stan Lightner, Technology and Education, \$2,500, purchase of software and equipment.

Randall Little, Agricultural Economics, \$1,400, a computerized farm financial planning and analysis system.

Rachel McCann and David Lewis, School of Architecture, \$2,500, travel funds for book on 20th century architecture in Mississippi.

Beth Miller, School of Human Sciences, \$2,500, enhancing instruction and integrating technology for interior design.

Joan Mylroie, Geosciences, \$600, enhanced learning via audio addition in Introduction to World Geography.

Molly Nicodemus, Animal and Dairy Sciences, \$1,950, introductory training in therapeutic horseback riding.

Joe Picone, Electrical and Computer Engineering, \$2,520, Bulldog Stock Exchange.

Rosa Vozzo, Foreign Languages, \$2,500, using video to improve foreign language listening comprehension and cultural awareness.

Ann Wilttrout, Foreign Languages, \$2,500, purchase of videos.

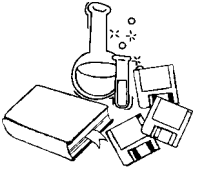
Retirement reception set

A retirement reception honoring two longtime History Department faculty members is scheduled for May 3.

Retiring are associate professor Elizabeth Nybakken and assistant professor Clifford Ryan. Nybakken has been an MSU faculty member for 25 years and Ryan has served for 32 years.

The 3-5 p.m. reception will be held in the Butler-Williams Alumni Center.

For more information, telephone Dr. John Marszalek at 325-3604.



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>.

