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Jazz performance concludes 2004-05 Lyceum Series

The Lyceum Series will present the Freddy Cole Quartet in concert March 8 at the McComas Hall theater.

The 7:30 p.m. public performance is coinciding with the 40th anniversary observance of Richard Holmes' enrollment as the university's first African-American



Freddy Cole Quartet

student. In honor of the event, MSU's Richard Holmes Cultural Diversity Center is co-sponsoring the program, which is the last of the 2004-05 season.

Holmes, a Starkville student who enrolled in the summer of 1965, now serves as a staff physician at the Longest Student Health Center on campus. He returned to his alma mater in 2003 after practicing for many years in Birmingham, Ala.

Available at the door, tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8, senior citizens, by request; and \$6, children 3-12 years old. MSU students are admitted free with valid student identification.

Freddy Cole is the younger brother of the legendary Nat "King" Cole and an international recording artist in his own right. Known for a vocal timbre similar to his brother, the New England Conserva-

tory of Music graduate creates his own interpretation of some jazz classics.

Cole's musical selections range from Broadway to the blues, golden-oldies of Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Duke Ellington to the pop hits of Lionel Richie, Stevie Wonder and Kenny Rogers. "In the Name of Love" is the most recent of his 14 released albums.

In addition to lead vocals, Cole plays piano, guitar and upright bass. His group—including guitarist Jerry Byrd, drummer Curtis Boyd, and bassist Zachery Pride—has toured extensively throughout the United States, Europe, the Far East, and South America. In 2001, the quartet received a Grammy nomination.

For more information on the Lyceum Series program, telephone 325-4201 or visit www.msstate.edu/dept/lyceum or www.freddycole.com.

2005 Engineers Week ends with a ... splat



Bagley College of Engineering faculty and students let off a little steam at the conclusion of Engineers Week with a pie-throwing exhibition on the Drill Field. In the photo at left, chemical engineering student Dev Motiram runs away after launching a pie at Dr. Todd French as Drs. Dave Dampier (far left), Donna Reese and Marion Hagler react. In the center photo, Dr. Donna Reese takes aim at her husband Dr. Bob Reese. In the photo at right, Dr. Tony Vizzini (left) and engineering Dean Kirk Schulz wear their dessert.



March symposium will focus on Southern quilts

Authorities and scholars on quilt history, identification, conservation, and preservation will speak at a March 4-5 public symposium at Mitchell Memorial Library.

"Quilts: A Social and Cultural History of Rural Mississippi" will focus on the history of Mississippi quilts and quilt research as links to rural and agricultural families and communities in Mississippi, said Wanda K. Cheek, associate professor of human sciences and coordinator of the symposium.

Activities begin March 4 with a 7 p.m. reception, photo exhibit and book signing in the library's John Grisham Room. The March 5 program begins with an 8 a.m. welcome and coffee, followed by a 9 a.m. opening session.

"Anyone interested in learning more about the history of Southern quilts is invited to attend," Cheek said. "This event has been planned for persons of all levels of interest and knowledge. In the history of rural and agricultural Mississippi, quilts are recognized as a valid historical record of the social and economic times in which they were sewn."

Speakers include Mary Elizabeth Johnson, author of "Mississippi Quilts"; Carol Vickers, chairman of the Mississippi Heritage Quilt Search Project; and Martha Ginn and Ollie Jean Lane, trained quilters and juried show participants.

Discussions will focus on dating, socioeconomic conditions that influenced quilting traditions, an introduction to patterns and print identification, and proper methods for care, conservation and preservation of quilts.

"Participants may bring an heirloom quilt for identification and for show-and-tell during the symposium," Cheek said.

Symposium sponsors are MSU's Libraries, Consortium for the History of Agricultural and Rural Mississippi, School of Human Sciences, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the Mississippi State Extension Service. Additional funding for

the symposium is provided through a mini-grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council.

Registration is \$18 and is limited to 100 and is available by contacting Beth Jackson of the MSU Libraries at 325-0813. Online registration and a complete schedule of events are available at library.msstate.edu/quilts/.



TV star Jeff Corwin brought a portion of his Animal Planet channel show to Humphrey Coliseum recently. The internationally recognized wildlife habitat conservationist was the first speaker for the Dorothy Garrett Martin Lecturship in Values and Ethics sponsored by Delta Gamma social sorority. His discussion of a 12-foot, 40-pound Burmese python left audience volunteer Lindsey Foreman especially breathless. The Duck Hill freshman was among more than 3,000 attending the program.

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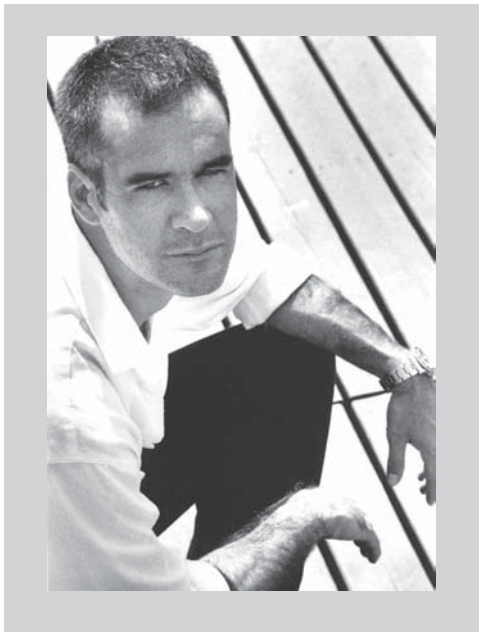
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Caribbean-inspired writer to appear

Award-winning Trinidadian author Robert Antoni will be featured during a March 9 public appearance at Mississippi State.

Antoni, who was born in Detroit, Mich., but raised in the Caribbean, will read from his latest novel "Carnival" and several



other works of fiction. His 7 p.m. presentation in the Colvard Union small auditorium is the latest in the English Department's 2004-05 Visiting Writers Series.

Drawing on his upbringing, Antoni created the fictional island of Corpus Christi as the locale for his earlier works, "Divina Trace" (1991) and "My Grandmother's Erotic Folktales" (2001). "Carnival," which was released this month, is set in Trinidad.

"Divina" won the Commonwealth Writers Prize, as well as an honor from the National Endowment for the Arts. "Erotic Folktales" was selected for the 1999 Aga Khan best-fiction prize by the Paris Review.

Antoni holds a bachelor's degree from Duke University, a master's from Johns Hopkins University, and a master's and a doctorate from the University of Iowa Writers Workshop. He also is the author of "Blessed is the Fruit" (1997).

A former creative writing and Caribbean literature teacher at the University of Miami, he currently divides his time among New York, the Caribbean and Spain.

For more information on the program, telephone the English Department at 325-3644.

Rape education program scheduled

"Kristin's Story" will be shared at MSU when the 20-year-old college coed's life—and death—are discussed by her mother Andrea Cooper during a March 2 presentation.

As part of a proactive rape education program funded by the Alpha Chi Omega and Delta Delta Delta foundations, Cooper will discuss her daughter's acquaintance rape and slide into depression that ended with suicide in 1995.

The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Colvard Union ballroom.

Cooper, herself a Tri-Delta social sorority member, decided in 1998 to share Kristin's story with Greek communities and has been traveling around the country ever since.

In addition to the speaker, each audience member may take home a participant packet developed by the Santa Monica (Calif.) Rape Treatment Center.

Cooper's visit is co-sponsored by the MSU Panhellenic Council.

For more information, telephone 325-0045 or e-mail kkc30@mssate.edu.

KDs announce aid for child abuse victims

A five-kilometer run/walk, Bunco tournament and cheesecake sale are among fund-raising efforts planned for early next month by the Kappa Delta social sorority.

The 23rd annual KD Shamrock Events continues the university group's support for the Sally Kate Winters Memorial Children's Home. The West Point residence for child-abuse victims will receive 80 percent of the proceeds, with the remainder going to Prevent Child Abuse America, the sorority's national philanthropy.

The 5K Shamrock n' Run/Walk will begin at 8 a.m. on March 5 at the Starkville Sportsplex, 405 Lynn Lane. The \$20 entry fee will include an event T-shirt.

The Bunco tournament on the 6th gets under way at 1 p.m. in MSU's Leo Seal M-Club Building. The entry fee is \$25 for individuals; \$20 each for groups of four or more.

Throughout Shamrock 2005, which concludes on the 8th, chapter members will be selling various selections from the Columbus-based Jubilations Cheesecake Co. Available brand flavors include Dreamy Milk Chocolate, Key Lime, Ominous Oreo, Southern Caramel Pecan, Cheesecake Supreme, and Sugar-Free Vanilla.

Other activities include a pancake dinner, faculty appreciation cookout and a dinner with Winters Home residents.

Founded in 1897, the national Kappa Delta sorority has aided child-abuse prevention programs since the early 1980s. To date, its various chapters have raised a total of more than \$6 million in support.

For complete information on the MSU Shamrock events and cheesecake purchases, telephone Laurette Clark, Anna Little or Emily Armstrong at 325-6466.

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Calendar of Events

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To list calendar events online, access www.ur.msstate.edu/news/today.asp and follow the instructions.

Ongoing Events

Jim Kuether's photo exhibit, "MSInterpretations: Images of Mississippi," and documentation photography of David Perkes, through March 25, College of Architecture, Art and Design Gallery, Giles Hall. Also, "Stories of the Community: Self-Taught Art from the Hill Collection," through March 25 at the Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall. 325-2970.

March 1

Band concert, McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m. 325-2713. (see story this page)

Human Resources Workshop: "Unraveling the Leave Puzzle: Personal, Major Medical and FMLA Leave," 150 McArthur Hall, 10 a.m.-noon. Open to supervisors. Registration required. 325-3713 or helms@hrm.msstate.edu.

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Senior Week activities for graduating seniors sponsored by the Office of Student Life, The Career Center and Campus Activities Board: March 1, workshop, "Financial Planning," Colvard Union Dawg House, 5 p.m., followed by MSU vs. Arkansas men's basketball on the big-screen TV at 6 p.m.; March 2, Wellness Fair, Colvard Union second-floor lobby, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and Alumni Panel Discussion, Union small auditorium, 6 p.m.; March 3,



"Building a Successful Wardrobe," Union small auditorium, 4 p.m., and workshop, "Dinner Etiquette," Colvard Union ballroom, 5:30 p.m., \$10 ticket required and available at the Career Center, 300 Montgomery Hall. 325-3344.

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"Kristin's Story," rape education program, Colvard Union ballroom, 7 p.m. 325-0045. (see story page 3)

Procurement and Contracts Workshop: "Procurement Update," Bost Theater, 10 a.m.-noon. Open to employees involved in purchasing. No registration required. 325-3713 or helms@hrm.msstate.edu.

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WMSV Blues Night at Rick's Cafe, Highway 182: Jesse Robinson takes the stage at 8:30 p.m. followed by the Bar-B-Que Boys at 10:30 p.m. No smoking in the concert room; admission is \$7 at the door. 325-8481.

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Symposium: "Quilts: A Social and Cultural History of Rural Mississippi," Mitchell Memorial Library. 325-0813. (see story page 2)

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MSU vs. Alabama, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 1 p.m.

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Workshop: "SciFinder Scholar: Chemistry and More!" ELI/Giles electronic classrooms, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3 p.m. Registration required. Deborah Lee, 325-0810 or dlee@library.msstate.edu.

Lyceum Series concert: Freddy Cole Quartet, McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m. (see story page 1)

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Workshop: "Developing a Literature Review," ELI/Giles electronic classrooms, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. Registration required. Brad Brazzeale, 325-3834 or bbrazzeal@library.msstate.edu.

Writer Robert Antoni, Colvard Union small auditorium, 7 p.m. 325-3644. (see story page 3)

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Workshop: "Copyright or Copywrong?" ELI/Giles electronic classrooms, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1 p.m. Registration required. Brad Brazzeale, 325-3834 or bbrazzeal@library.msstate.edu.

Joint band concert set

The Mississippi State University Symphonic and Starkville/MSU Community bands are combining their talents for a Tuesday, March 1, concert.

The free 7:30 p.m. performance in McComas Hall theater will blend "pops" and traditional tunes. The program is the two groups' first collaboration of the 2005 season.

The community band's performance will feature trombone soloist Richard Human, an assistant professor in the university's Music Education Department.

The 60-member MSU Symphonic Band regularly performs selections from the traditional to contemporary.

Now in its second year, the Starkville/MSU Community Band includes both MSU students and residents from throughout the Golden Triangle area, as well as from Tupelo, Philadelphia, and Kosciusko. The nearly 100-member group is a joint venture between MSU's band program and Division of Continuing Education.

For more information on the concert, telephone 325-2713.

Flex participants must file claims by March deadline

All Flexible Spending Account participants must send 2004 Mediflex and Careflex claims to the third party administrator on or before March 1.

Forms should be mailed to Glynn Griffing & Associates, P.O. Box 16509, Jackson, MS 39236-6509.

For more information, telephone GGA at (800) 326-4885, or the MSU Department of Human Resources Management at 325-3713.