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Etheredge Hall (top, left photo) won the 2005 Homecoming Door Decorating Contest. The display bested those of some two dozen other campus buildings in the fourth annual spirit event. The challenge is sponsored by the Professional and Support Staff Advisory Council. "Bully" (above) suited up for the festivities, while running back Jerious Norwood (below) wore a different wardrobe enroute to a record-setting performance at the Homecoming football game. Norwood ran for a school-record 257 yards in a losing effort. However, all the Homecoming parade (bottom, left) participants were winners.

Homecoming 2005





Jack Jordan is humanities award winner

Foreign languages professor Jack Jordan is the 2005 Mississippi Humanities Teacher Award winner.

Jordan, author of a new book, "Understanding Proust" (University of South Carolina Press), and a member of the Foreign Languages Department faculty since 1988, is among this year's statewide selections for Mississippi Humanities Council honors.

The awards are presented annually to one faculty member at each of the state's institutions of higher learning as part of the national Arts and Humanities Month observance.

Dr. Gary Myers, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the MHC award includes a \$500 honorarium that is matched by the college. As part of the recognition, award recipients also must deliver a public presentation based on scholarly research or current humanities interests, and attend the MHC annual awards banquet in February, he added. Jordan discussed the work of French novelist Marcel Proust during a recent special program.

A University of Virginia graduate who teaches French language and literature, Jordan is a specialist on Proust (1871-1922).

Born near Paris, the writer and critic is best known for "Remembrance of Things Past," an autobiographical novel told mostly in a stream-of-consciousness style. Proust's monumental work also is considered a precise reflection of French life at the end of the 19th century.

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President Charles Lee (second from right) and Ray Hayes, vice president for finance and administration, (right) recently made formal transfer of six acres from the university to Jackson-based Ergon properties, which will develop upscale condominiums, a restaurant and other retail shops on the western edge of campus. Officially accepting the deed for the property to be known as Cotton Mills were Robert Jones (far left) and Jim Defoe.

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Departments, Holmes center share in ExxonMobil grant

A special \$38,500 grant from ExxonMobil will be channeled to seven departments and one center to meet a variety of educational needs.

ExxonMobil representatives recently presented the unrestricted gift to university officials as part of the Irving, Texas-based company's national Departmental Grants Program.

ExxonMobil awards the grants to schools offering degrees in fields from which the company recruits employees. The company is providing more than \$1.6 million to 94 colleges and universities nationwide to assist with academic programs for the 2003 academic year.

Sharing in the grant will be the departments of chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, civil engineering, computer science and engineering, accounting, management information systems, as well as the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center.

The awards may be used for educational purposes such as scholarships, field trips, visiting speakers, equipment purchases, student and faculty travel to professional meetings, or a variety of other projects.

"ExxonMobil has maintained a steadfast commitment to higher education, supporting initiatives and universities that align with the goals and needs of our company and employees," said Mark Chilton of the company's recruiting and employment office.

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Tulane engineer, motivational speaker Calvin Mackie to visit

A mechanical engineering professor and nationally recognized motivational speaker will lead a Nov. 17 public program at Mississippi State.

Calvin Mackie's address begins at 6 p.m. in Bost Extension Center auditorium. A Tulane University faculty member and founder of ChannelZero motivational consulting company, he was a 2003 recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring.

His visit is sponsored by the Bagley College of Engineering, Office of Graduate Studies and Division of Student Affairs.

A specialist in heat transfer and fluid dynamics, Mackie holds a 1996 patent for a safety mechanism that retrofits luggage stow bins on Boeing 735 and 757 airliners.

He also is the author of "A View from the Roof: Lessons for Life and Business" (Acanthus Publishing, 2005). His motivational column, "Think About It!" appears regularly in Black Collegian magazine.

"I've been inspired by Dr. Mackie's book, which describes the lessons his father taught him about the value of education and hard work," said Dr. Donna Reese, associate dean of engineering. "I know his message will inspire all who hear him at Mississippi State."

Mackie is a frequent speaker to such national institutions as Coca-Cola, Ford Motor Co. and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Since founding ChannelZero in 1992, he has appeared before more than 500 corporate, educational and civic groups.

Among numerous honors, Mackie has received the 2002 Black Engineer of the Year Award for College-level Education and Pi Tau Sigma/American Society of Mechanical Engineers Excellence in Teaching awards in 2000 and 2002.

He completed dual undergraduate degrees, respectively, in mathematics from Morehouse College and mechanical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, both in Atlanta. He also holds master's and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech.

Researchers offer another option for stopping mold

As Gulf Coast homeowners engage in the post-Katrina rebuilding process, a team of Mississippi State wood protection specialists is urging them to "think beyond bleach and water."

While that tried-and-true combination has its place, university scientists also are recommending a borate supplement with mold-controlling agents prior to hanging sheetrock.

"Many coastal residents already may have used a mixture of bleach and water to clean mold from their water-damaged homes," said Dr. Terry Amburgey, a professor in MSU's Forest and Wildlife Research Center. "While bleach is germicidal and will clean mold from wood surfaces, the mold growing within the wood will return if the wall cavities are not completely dry."

That's why Amburgey and his MSU colleagues are recommending borates supplemented with a mold-control agent, which kill molds as well as bacteria and wood decay fungi—and termites, roaches and other insects, for that matter. If those weren't enough reasons, then consider that borates can penetrate wood and are colorless, odorless, non-corrosive, and, yes, essentially not toxic to humans, he added.

So what is a borate? According to the researcher, it's simply a material made from or containing a form of boron, a non-metallic natural element mined from the earth and found literally in hundreds of forms and uses—many in pest control.



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

WMSV radio's free Live and Stripped Down Acoustic Series is held every Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., on the new patio of the State Fountain Bakery. Local acoustic musicians are featured in a relaxed atmosphere. In case of inclement weather, the series moves to the bakery. 325-8481.

BFA Thesis Exhibition, Nov. 7-Dec. 2, Department of Art gallery, McComas Hall. Opening reception Nov. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. 325-2970.

November

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Library Instructional Services workshop: "Cheating 101: Keeping Plagiarism Out of the Classroom," ELI Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. Deborah Lee, 325-0810; dlee@library.msstate.edu.

ITS workshop: "Intro to Microsoft Excel 2003," 10 McArthur Hall, Lab A, 8:30 a.m.-noon. www.its.msstate.edu/Services/Banner7.

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IMC "Bits & Bytes" workshop: "InDesign CS," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1-3 p.m. 325-7676.

IRB training: "Protecting Confidentiality," presented by Dr. Duane Gill, Mitchell Memorial Library auditorium, 10 a.m. Register at www.msstate.edu/dept/compliance/irb/irbrainschedule2.htm.



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IMC "50-Minute Madness" workshop: "Flash: Tweening," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1-1:50 p.m. 325-7676.

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IMC "50-Minute Madness" workshop: "Dreamweaver: Frames," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1-1:50 p.m. 325-7676.

Library Instructional Services workshop: "Copyright or Copywrong?" ELI Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 11 a.m. Brad Brazzeal, 325-3834; bbrazzeal@library.msstate.edu. "EndNote 101: Managing Your Citations and More," ELI Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2-3:30 p.m. Deborah Lee, 325-0810; dlee@library.msstate.edu.

MSU vs. Arkansas, women's volleyball, Newell-Grissom Building, 7 p.m.

ITS workshop: "Intro to Microsoft Access 2003," 10 McArthur Hall, Lab A, 1:30-5 p.m. www.its.msstate.edu/Services/Banner7.

MSU vs. Houston Jaguars (exhibition), women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

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MSU vs. Alabama, football, Scott Field, time to be announced.

MSU vs. West Georgia (exhibition), men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, time to be announced.

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MSU vs. LSU, women's volleyball, Newell-Grissom Building, 1:30 p.m.

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IMC "50-Minute Madness" workshop: "PhotoShop: Collage," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1-1:50 p.m. 325-7676.

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IMC "Bits & Bytes" workshop: "Acrobat," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 9-11 a.m. 325-7676.

ITS workshop: "Microsoft excel 2003 II," 10 McArthur Hall, Lab A, 8:30 a.m.-noon. www.its.msstate.edu/Services/Banner7.

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IMC "Bits & Bytes" workshop: "Frontpage," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2-4 p.m. 325-7676.

ITS workshop: "Introduction to SAS 9.12 and Enterprise Guide 3," 10 McArthur Hall, Lab A, 1:30-5 p.m. www.its.msstate.edu/Services/Banner7.

Faculty and Professional Women's Association brown-bag meeting: Lynn Phillips, "Getting Financially Fit, Part I," noon. 325-0537.

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IMC "50-Minute Madness" workshop: "PhotoShop: Text Textures," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1-1:50 p.m. 325-7676.

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Faculty recital: second annual Double Reed Day hosted by Department of Music Education and MSU Bands, Bettersworth Auditorium, Giles Hall, 7:30 p.m. Featuring MSU's Elaine Peterson, bassoon, and Wendy Payton, piano; also Kim Woolley, bassoon, visiting assistant professor of bassoon and theory from the University of Southern Mississippi. music.msstate.edu/woodwind/doublereedday2005.asp.

Library Instructional Services workshop: "AGRICOLA and Beyond! Resources for Agricultural Research," ELI Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3 p.m. Brad Brazzeal, 325-3834; bbrazzeal@library.msstate.edu.

MSU vs. Athletes in Action (exhibition), women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.