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'MSU warms the coast' project seeks coats

Despite current summer-like temperatures, a Mississippi State-led effort is seeking to collect thousands of overcoats and related

wear that will help Gulf Coast children stay warm this winter.

Called "MSU Warms the Coast," the

clothing drive is being coordinated by the university's Bulldogs in Response task force formed after Hurricane Katrina. Continuing through MSU's final home football game Nov. 26 with the University of Mississippi, the project is co-chaired by athletic director Larry Templeton and his wife Linda Jo, and head football coach Sylvester Croom and his wife Jeri.

"We're encouraging anyone who wishes to provide a sweatshirt, blanket, jacket, fleece or down vests, or other outer wear to help those who are still in need following Hurricane Katrina," Templeton said.

Items are being collected 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays in the Humphrey Coliseum main lobby, located adjacent to the manager's office. Drop-offs also may be made prior to the football game at designated points along the west and east sides of Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field.

Donated items will be distributed through local coast school systems by the campus volunteers.

Coordinated by MSU first lady Pat Lee, the task force has focused on humanitarian assistance ranging from numerous cleanup projects to the delivery of more than 60,000 pieces of Halloween candy to nearly 10,000 South Mississippi kids.

Composed of faculty, staff and students, BIR teams have made seven relief trips so far to the massively damaged region.

For more information on Bulldogs in Response, telephone 325-5825.



Dr. Larry Barrow of MSU's College of Architecture, Art and Design presented a recent program on "American Indian Survivors: Color and Identity in the 21st Century" as part of National Native American Month celebrations. His presentation was part of the Diversity Matters series sponsored by the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center.



MSU Libraries expands online access to Elsevier journals

MSU Libraries has entered into a consortium with two other Mississippi universities to expand access to prestigious international journals.

The agreement among MSU and the universities of Mississippi and Southern Mississippi will expand users' online access to Elsevier's journals. Elsevier publishes many of the world's most prestigious and heavily cited journals in the sciences and social sciences.

The basic conditions of the agreement are simple: effective immediately, users of all three schools' libraries will have online access to every Elsevier journal subscribed to by at least one of the universities. That's approximately 800 titles in all, a figure that doubles the access MSU users previously enjoyed.

Currently, users' online access is content from 2000 to the present. Beginning in 2006, however, access will be expanded to include (when available) content published since 1995.

As part of the agreement, MSU Libraries will no longer receive print copies of Elsevier journals. The Libraries will, however, maintain a subscription to these titles to guarantee perpetual online access to the years for which the university pays.

According to Frances Coleman, dean of MSU Libraries, "The agreement demonstrates how Mississippi libraries can work together in innovative ways to serve their users and overcome the budgetary challenges caused by the rapidly inflating cost of journal subscriptions."

The agreement between Elsevier and the consortium of Mississippi libraries will last for five years, concluding in 2010. At this time, the consortium will have the option of either renewing or discontinuing the agreement.

MSU World Neighbors working to expand

The World Neighbors Association of Mississippi State is seeking new members interested in promoting better cross-cultural communication among the university and area communities.

As part of that effort, the organization is sponsoring a free 6:30-8:30 p.m. pizza party Nov. 17 in the fourth-floor meeting room of the Dave Swalm Chemical Engineering Building.

WNA annually sponsors a Thanksgiving dinner for area international students, faculty and their families. It also is a primary organizer of the popular International Festival held on campus each April.

"We want to begin a conversation about how World Neighbors can work with other international organizations to further cross-cultural understanding and friendships," said member Sandra Woolfolk, an MSU graduate student from Starkville.

Woolfolk said persons planning to attend are asked to contact WNA president Diana Bridges by Nov. 14 so that a sufficient quantity of food can be available when the gathering begins.

Bridges may be reached at 323-2171 or dadair6@netscape.net.

Looking for a job?

View and apply for current MSU positions (executive, faculty, professional, and support staff) on the Human Resources Management Online Employment System at www.jobs.msstate.edu. For more information, telephone HRM at 325-3713, e-mail employment@hrm.msstate.edu or visit 150 McArthur Hall.

Sheperis honored for counseling

A Mississippi State specialist in community counseling is being honored by the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.

Dr. Carl J. Sheperis recently received the professional organization's 2005 Outstanding Counselor Educator/Pre-Tenure Award for excellence in scholarship, teaching and service. A member of the faculty since 2000, he is an assistant professor in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education.

Sheperis has focused his teaching and research in the assessment and treatment of adolescent behavioral disorders and psychopathology.

The University of Florida doctoral graduate currently is editing a textbook for the Prentice Hall company with J. Scott Young, a faculty colleague in the department's community counseling program. Titled "Research in Counseling: An Introduction to Quantitative, Qualitative and Single Subject Designs," their work will be released next year by the New Jersey-based international publisher of educational, technical and reference materials.

The Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision is the largest division of the national counselor education and supervision organization. Both levels of the accrediting body work to encourage publications on current issues, relevant research, proven practices, ethical standards, and conversations on related problems.

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Blues artist Ruby Wilson to headline Lyceum event

The “Queen of Beale Street” will perform Nov. 15 as part of the 2005-06 Lyceum Series.

Mid-South blues vocalist Ruby Wilson and her Beale Street Big Band will appear at 7:30 p.m. in the Colvard Union ballroom. Her sobriquet is due, in part, to her continuing—and extremely popular—appearances at B.B. King’s Blues Club in Memphis, Tenn.

Tickets—available at the door—are \$12 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens (65 and over by request), \$6 for children 3-12, and free to MSU students with current identification.

While all seating is general admission, priority may be given to season-ticket holders.

Wilson’s visit also is sponsored by the University Honors Program and Richard Holmes Cultural Diversity Center.

The veteran singer, who has recorded more than 10 albums, has performed with King, as well as Ray Charles, Robert Goulet, the Four Tops, and Isaac Hayes. Though known primarily in the region, she also has been featured at the White House, Swiss jazz clubs and venues throughout Asia.

Wilson’s versatility is recognized in her range of vocals, from the ’60s rock classic, “Mustang Sally,” to the tender ballad “At Last.” She is described by the Memphis Commercial Appeal as “a down-home diva (with) a sultry, uptown torch singer hiding inside.”

Season tickets for the 2005-06 Lyceum Series are \$50 for the general public and \$40 for MSU faculty and staff and senior citizens. Purchases also include the MSU Lyceum Faculty Chamber Series.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by sending a check and stamped, self-addressed envelope to Lyceum Series Season Tickets, P.O. Box HY, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

For more information, telephone 325-4201 or visit msstate.edu/dept/lyceum.

Hark! Holiday Bazaar time neareth

More than 100 arts and crafts vendors will be at Mississippi State Nov. 28 and 29 for the university’s 33rd annual Christmas season fair in the Colvard Union.

Holiday Bazaar 2005 will feature three floors of holiday gift selections produced by artisans from Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana. As is traditional, items will include jewelry, pottery, ornamentals, candles, and other decorative items.

Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, the bazaar takes place 9 a.m.-7 p.m. on the 28th; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on the 29th.

Because of limited parking in the central campus area, visitors are encouraged to leave their vehicles in lots adjacent to Humphrey Coliseum and ride the free campus shuttles—specifically, vehicles indicating the Maroon and Bulldog Express routes.

For more information on one of MSU’s most enduring campus events, visit www.msstate.edu/org/cab/holidaybazaar or telephone bazaar director Kelly Nesbit at 325-2930.

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The American Agriculture Economics Association recently awarded the Distinguished Extension Outreach Program Award to three MSU researchers for their work on the Trade Adjustment Education Program for Catfish Producers. Receiving the recognition at the recent AAEA national conference were (l-r) Drs. Jimmy Avery of the National Warmwater Aquaculture Center in Stoneville; John Anderson, associate extension professor; and Terry Hanson, associate professor, Department of Agricultural Economics.



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 "Calendar of Events."

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, through Dec. 2, Department of Art gallery, McComas Hall. 325-2970.

November

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

ITS workshop: "Intro to Macromedia Dreamweaver MX 2004" 10 McArthur Hall, Lab A, 1:30-5 p.m. www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops.

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

Gender Studies Lecture Series brown-bag meeting: Betty Thompson of the Mississippi Industries for the Blind will speak on "Reproductive Rights in Mississippi," Women's Resource Center, ground floor of Rice Hall, noon. 325-1466; msuws@hotmail.com.

Lyceum Series: "Ms. Ruby Wilson and her Beale Street Big Band," Colvard Union ballroom, 7:30 p.m. 325-4201. (see story page 3)

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

ITS workshop: "Intro to Macromedia Flash," 10 McArthur Hall, Lab A, 8:30 a.m.-noon. www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops.

Forum: "Disasters: Coping and Volunteerism," Fowlkes Auditorium, Colvard Union, 4-6 p.m. 325-2033.

MSU-Meridian seminar: "The Suicidal Client," part of Expressive Therapy Institute's Professional Development workshop Series, Dr. Darren A. Wozny, assistant professor of counseling, 112 MSU-Meridian, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Dr. Julia Porter, 601-484-0184; jporter@meridian.msstate.edu.

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IMC "50-Minute Madness" workshop: "Word: Just the Basics," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1-1:50 p.m. 325-7676.

Theatre MSU: "Story Theatre" to feature collection of stories by Aesop, as well as fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm, McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$5; children 11 and younger, \$2. 325-3203.

World Neighbors Association hosting free pizza party, fourth floor of Swalm Chemical Engineering Building, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 323-2171. (see story page 2)

ITS workshop: "BANNER 7: Navigation and Financial Query," 10 McArthur Hall, Lab B, 8:30 a.m.-noon. www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops and www.its.msstate.edu/Services/Banner7.

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ITS workshop: "Intro to Adobe InDesign CS," 10 McArthur Hall, Lab A, 8:30 a.m.-noon. www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops.

MSU vs. Southeastern Louisiana, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

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MSU vs. Chattanooga, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

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MSU vs. East Tennessee State, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 2 p.m.

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ITS workshop: "Microsoft Access 2003 II," 10 McArthur Hall, Lab A, 1:30-5 p.m. www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops.

MSU vs. Arkansas State, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

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ITS workshop: "BANNER 7: Requisitions (two-day class)," 10 McArthur Hall, Lab B, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops and www.its.msstate.edu/Services/Banner7.

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

MSU vs. Northwestern State, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, time to be announced.

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MSU vs. Southern Mississippi, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

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ITS workshop: "BANNER 7: Invoice Processing (two-day class)," 10 McArthur Hall, Lab B, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and 8:30 a.m.-noon. www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops and www.its.msstate.edu/Services/Banner7.