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Governor, chem-bio authority to address graduates

Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour and Will Carpenter, an international advocate for the prohibition of chemical and biological warfare, will deliver the commencement addresses Dec. 9 and 10 at Mississippi State.



Barbour

More than 1,300 students are scheduled to receive degrees at the conclusion of the fall semester. Continuing a change that began last year to better accommodate large classes, university graduation now is split

between Friday evening and Saturday morning ceremonies in Humphrey Coliseum.

Carpenter, an MSU alumnus who also will receive an honorary doctorate in science,

speaks during the 7 p.m. program on the 9th. His audience will include degree candidates in the Bagley College of Engineering; graduate and doctoral programs of the College of Veterinary Medicine; College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, including its School of Human Sciences; and the colleges of Forest Resources and Education.

Barbour, who has received national recognition for leadership during the Hurricane Katrina preparation and recovery phases, will deliver the 10 a.m. address on the 10th. His audience will include those in the College of Arts and Sciences; College of Architecture, Art and Design, and College of Business and Industry, including its School of Accountancy.

Carpenter, a 1952 MSU agronomy graduate, retired in 1992 as vice president and general manager of the Monsanto Co.'s New Products Division. He also holds master's and doctoral degrees in plant physiology from Purdue University.

Based on the combined experiences of his education and career, the Chesterfield, Mo.,

resident also has become a national figure in the development of biotechnology in industry and academia.

During more than three decades with Monsanto, he held a succession of leadership positions. Following retirement, he was the 1992-94 board of directors chairman at Agridyne Technologies Inc., an agricultural biotechnology company, and an MSU executive-in-residence 1992-95.

Among other posts, he also has served as co-chair of the Science Advisory Board of



Carpenter

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Some 70 different varieties of poinsettias are blooming in two greenhouses on Mississippi State's North Farm. They are the product of an annual Plant and Ornamental Horticulture Research Program directed by Dr. Richard Harkess, an associate professor of plant and soil sciences. The plants will be available for purchase at a Christmas horticulture sale scheduled for Dec. 2. Telephone 325-3585 for more information.





Engelland is head of international marketing society

The head of the Department of Marketing, Quantitative Analysis and Business Law is the new president of the Society for Marketing Advances.

Associate professor Brian Engelland, a member of the faculty since 1997, was installed as the 43rd president of the international society of marketing scholars during the organization's recent annual business meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

A department head since 2002, Engelland becomes the third MSU faculty member to lead the organization representing more than a 1,300 professionals. Others have included Henry Nash, now a professor emeritus, in 1976; and professor Ron Taylor, in 1987.

A member of the society for the past 14

years, Engelland earlier served the group as proceedings editor, secretary, membership vice president, and program chair. A doctoral graduate of Southern Illinois University, he



Engelland

has published widely in marketing strategy, measurement and education, and has more than 50 refereed journal and proceedings publications to his credit.

The international society is

an influential contributor to substantive marketing thought through its scholarly conferences in North America and Europe,

competitive research and teaching awards, research partnerships in China, and three academic journals that it sponsors. Its members include leading scholars in 18 countries.

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the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and was the Chemical Manufacturers Association representative to United States-organized negotiations in chemical warfare disarmament.

Barbour, a Yazoo City native and University of Mississippi Law School graduate, was elected Mississippi's 63rd chief executive in November of 2003.

Prior to becoming governor, Barbour was founder and longtime chair and chief executive officer of Barbour Griffith and Rogers, a leading Washington, D.C., lobbying firm.

Among other work in the political arena, he was a two-term chairman of the Republican National Committee. During that time, the party won control of both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years and the number of Republican governors nearly doubled.

During the Reagan Administration, he directed the White House Office of Political Affairs for two years.

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.

Library sets exam schedule

Mitchell Memorial Library has set its operating hours during final exams.

The library hours follow:

Sunday, Nov. 27, open 1 p.m. and closing Friday, Dec. 2, at 7:45 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3, open 10 a.m.-7:45 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 4, open 1 p.m. and closing Thursday, Dec. 8, at 1:45 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 8, open 7 a.m. and closing Friday, Dec. 9, 1:45 a.m.; Friday, Dec. 9, open 7 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

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Foundation leader to speak Nov. 21

The head of a federal agency that oversees a major national scholarship program will speak Nov. 21 at Mississippi State.

Louis Blair, executive secretary of the Washington, D.C.-based Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, will be featured at a 3 p.m. public program in the John Grisham Room of Mitchell Memorial Library.

Blair's talk is part of the ongoing Morris W.H. Collins Speaker Series, which invites prominent figures to discuss their lives and careers. The series is a memorial to the founding executive director of MSU's John C. Stennis Institute of Government.

The official U.S. memorial to the 33rd president, the Truman Foundation provides annual merit-based scholarships to approximately 75-80 college students planning to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or the nonprofit sector.

Since 1980, 14 MSU students have been selected for the prestigious honor. As a result, the institution was named a Truman Honor Institution in 1998.



State of the Future campaign nears \$255 million

As the *State of the Future* campaign edges closer to \$255 million, gifts through the campaign already are benefiting a number of areas at Mississippi State.

“Funds through *State of the Future* are at work improving the quality of the university’s programs and creating opportunities for our students,” said John P. Rush, director of major gifts for the MSU Foundation. “Campaign gifts already are being used for scholarships, and several endowed positions have been established,” he added.

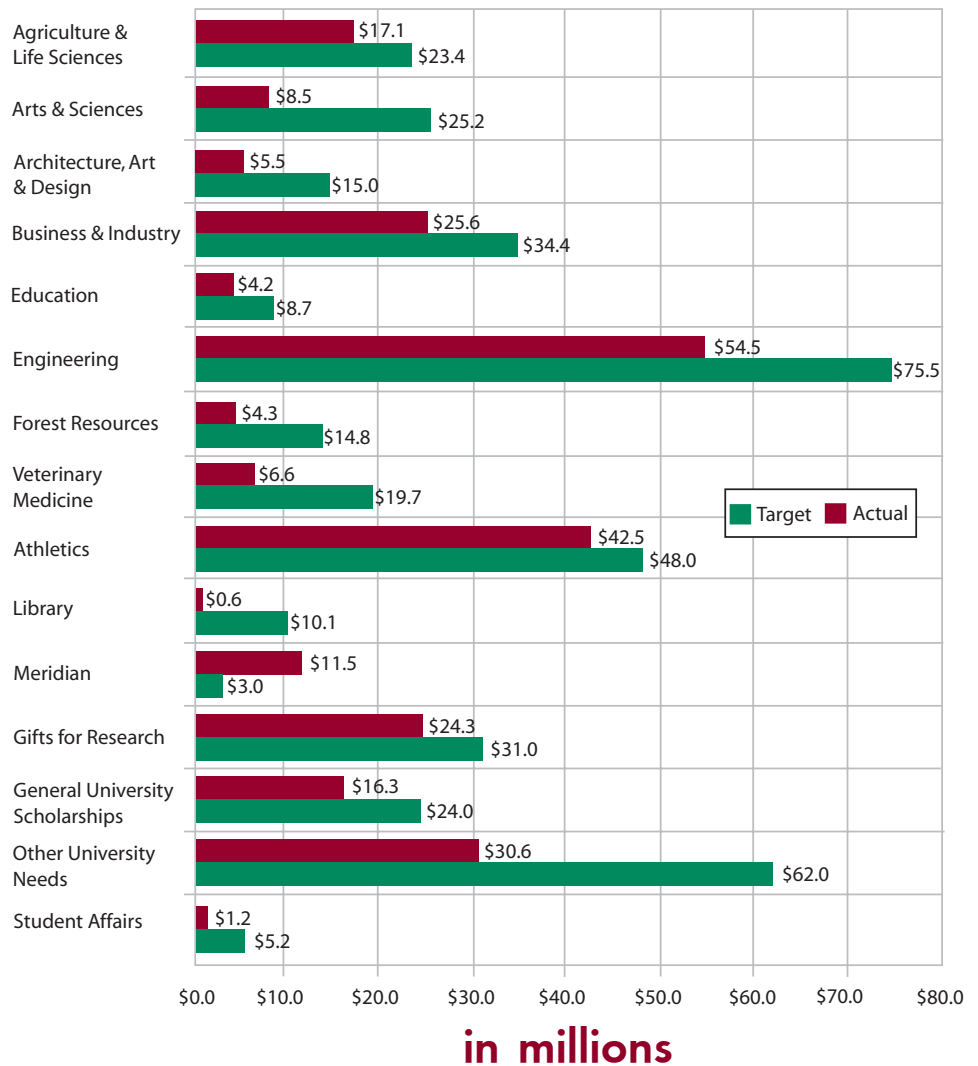
Rush said he believes as the campaign will continue to have a positive effect on the university’s reputation outside of Mississippi as it moves toward its \$400 million goal. In fact, achieving status as one of the nation’s best public universities is a goal of the comprehensive campaign, he added.

Thus far in the campaign, commitments from alumni and friends earmarked for endowed scholarships and fellowships total \$42.2 million; \$19.7 for endowed faculty chairs and professorships; \$32.9 million for new and renovated facilities and campus enhancements; and \$25.6 for educational and other program enhancements; along with a substantial amount for annual and other campaign support. Campaign counting that began July 1, 2001, continues through December 2008.

The campaign also is having a positive effect on the university’s endowment. Currently, the university’s endowment stands at more than \$211 million, up from

\$171 million at the close of fiscal year 2004. For more information on the *State of the Future* campaign, visit www.msufoundation.com.

Campaign commitments by college July 1, 2001-October 31, 2005





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 inside the bakery. 325-8481.

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

November 21

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.

Lyceum Faculty Chamber Series: two-piano concert, "An International Pianist and Friends," featuring Rosangela Sebba of MSU and Jeff Myers of Itawamba Community College, McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m. \$5 admission. 325-3070.

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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.

24 and 25

University closed for Thanksgiving holidays.

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Egg Bowl: MSU vs. Mississippi, football, Scott Field, 1:30 p.m.

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

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

Berryman Institute Seminar: Rich Chipman, federal Wildlife Service, will lead hour-long program, 208A Thompson Hall, 10:30 a.m. 325-2615.

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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.

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

December 2

T.K. Martin Center for Technology and Disability and Project ART (Art as Recreation with Technology) Christmas Show: dance recital and art exhibit by children with and without disabilities, Greensboro Center, Starkville, 6 p.m. 325-1028.

Holiday Open House, University Florist, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring holiday decor and mini demonstrations of using floral products. The Student Chapter of American Institute of Floral Designers will be selling fresh wreaths and garlands. Premade silk arrangements also will be for sale. 325-3585.

Classes end.

2 and 3

High School Drama Festival, McComas Hall theater, \$5 general admission. 325-3203.

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Grand re-opening celebration: Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, refreshments and guided tours offered 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is free for arboretum members; \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. To register for tours telephone 601-799-2311.

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

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Final exams.

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Lecture: "Kindergarten Violence," Room 114, MSU-Meridian Campus, 9 a.m.-noon. Dr. Ingrad Smith, 601-484-0467; jsmith@meridian.msstate.edu.

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Prescribed burn demonstration, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, 10 a.m. Persons under 18 must be accompanied by adult; admission fee waived. Register at 601-799-2311.

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Commencement, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m. (see story page 1)

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Army and Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps joint commission ceremony, McComas Hall, 1 p.m. Carolyn Smith, 325-3810; csmith@afrotc.msstate.edu.

Commencement, Humphrey Coliseum, 10 a.m. (see story page 1)

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

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