

# MEMO

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## New police leaders make history

Georgia B. Lindley, who has been assistant chief since 2000 and interim chief since June, was named formally as the Mississippi State Police Department's top officer.

Capt. Kenneth L. Spencer, the patrol and investigation leader serving as interim assistant chief during the nine-month period, now is officially second in command of the university's 30-person, full-service law enforcement agency.

"We take great pride in announcing that two veteran members of the MSU Police Department are

continuing their leadership there at the highest levels," said Dean of Students Mike White in making the announcement.

White said Lindley is the first female to lead law enforcement at MSU. She becomes the fifth director of what was the Security

Department before it earned official police department status in the 1960s.

Spencer is the first African-American to hold the rank of assistant chief. He is among eight minority members of the department.

Both Lindley and Spencer are Mississippi State graduates. Lindley also completed a master's degree at the university.

Last year, the MSUPD became only the third in the Magnolia State to gain a stamp of approval from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Based in Fairfax, Va., the organization—whose

membership is voluntary—is the nation's only law enforcement accrediting authority.

Thomas Johnson, the former MSU chief, now holds a similar position at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C.



MSU Police Chief Georgia B. Lindley and Assistant Chief Kenneth L. Spencer

## Game Day Web site up for Super Bulldog Weekend

In advance of the annual Super Bulldog Weekend early next month, the university has re-activated its popular Game Day Web site.

Taking place April 7-9, the annual spring celebration involves a variety of activities for students, alumni and members of the campus and local communities.

SBW events traditionally are anchored around two major sports competitions on campus. They include the concluding scrimmage of the Bulldogs' off-season football practice program and, this year, a Southeastern Conference baseball game with the University of Georgia.

The Super Bulldog Weekend site may be viewed at [www.gameday.msstate.edu](http://www.gameday.msstate.edu).

"Since mid-February, we have been requesting that any university office with an event

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## Senators say 'back to future' on graduate ed

As the minutes ticked down toward the start of the spring semester break and with members having to depart for previous commitments, the Robert Holland Faculty Senate still made time at its March 10 meeting to approve a major piece of business.

By a unanimous vote of the remaining—and mandatory—26 elected representatives necessary for a quorum, the normally 50-person campus advisory body gave its support to a series of recommendations by the Academic Affairs Committee regarding graduate education.

In submitting its recommendations, the committee concluded a four-month examination of how the academic and administrative processes for offering university degrees above the bachelor's level have "undergone a number of transitions during [their] 70-year history." The approximately 11-page report preceding the recommendations included, among other things, a chronology beginning with the Graduate School's creation in 1936 to its abolishment as a separate entity in 1999.

Since that date, graduate education has been led by a director who reports to the provost and vice president for academic affairs. Also during this time, each college dean has served simultaneously as graduate dean of his or her particular academic unit.

The approved recommendations for changing—and, by inference, improving—the current situation are divided

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# Ms. founder will keynote Women's Month at MSU

Political activist and feminist Gloria Steinem will be the keynote speaker for Mississippi State's March 21 observance of Women's History Month.

The 7 p.m. public program in the Colvard Union ballroom is sponsored by the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center, University Honors Program and Women's Studies program. "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams" will be Steinem's topic.

Born in Toledo, Ohio, Steinem spent much of her childhood caring for her ill mother. She entered Smith College on a

scholarship in 1952 and later was elected to the campus chapter of Phi Beta Kappa honor society. Following graduation in 1956, she worked in India for two years before returning to the United States, where she became a freelance writer and editor.

Steinem was the founder of both the National Women's Political Caucus and Women's Action Alliance. In 1972, she led in launching Ms. Magazine, for which she also wrote until the publication was sold in 1987.

Her writings have garnered numerous honors including the Penney-Missouri Journalism, Front Page and Clarion awards, as well as an Emmy citation for excellence in television writing. She also has been recognized with the Lifetime Achievement in Journalism Award from the Society of Professional Journalists, Society of Writers Award from the United Nations, and, most recently, University of Missouri's Distinguished Service Award in Journalism.

Steinem's books include "Moving Beyond Words: Age, Race, Sex, Power, Money,

Muscles: Breaking the Boundaries of Gender" (1993), "Revolution from Within" (1992) and "Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions" (1983).

Currently, she is working with the Sophia Smith Collection at Smith College on a project to document the grassroots origins of the U.S. women's movement.

For more information, telephone the Holmes Center at 325-2033.

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among three specific categories: administrative, academic and student life. By category, they call on the university administration to:

### Administrative

- Reconstitute the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies and conduct a national search to fill the position, which also would carry the title of associate vice president for research and graduate studies.
- Provide the new dean/associate vice president with sufficient funding to staff the office, based on a study to be conducted by that person upon his or her arrival on campus.

### Academic

- Encourage academic departments to maintain a sufficient number of graduate courses through the hiring of faculty members with expertise necessary to teach existing courses or create new courses that match their expertise.

### Student Life

- Make a significant effort to locate resources necessary to increase stipends, extend housing availability and offer competitive insurance for graduate students.

A complete summary of this and other matters discussed at the March meeting is available via the senate's home page. Also, in time, a University Television Center-developed video replay of the entire meeting will be available for viewing at the Web site.

## Pre-Law Society honors 'Ocean State' chief justice

Rhode Island's top judicial officer is receiving the Distinguished Jurist Award given at Mississippi State each spring for the past 29 years.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank J. Williams will be honored March 21 by the university's Pre-Law Society. He will accept the award and speak on a topic of his choosing during an 11 a.m. public program in the John Grisham Room of Mitchell Memorial Library.

As part of the student organization's tradition in honoring the careers of outstanding judicial practitioners, the honoree will join a group of society members for a legal roundtable during the afternoon. The approximately one-hour discussion—also open to the public—will get under way at 2 p.m. in 160 Bowen Hall.

Williams, a Richmond resident, has led the state's highest court since 2001.

In addition to earning bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Rhode Island, Williams holds a master's in taxation from Bryant College (now University) in Smithfield.

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during Super Bulldog Weekend provide specific information for the benefit of those who will be enjoying any and all of the many things that will be going on," said Dr. Jimmy Abraham, MSU Alumni Association executive director.

"Last fall, records show that the Web site helped inform more than 72,000 individuals about what was taking place on campus during football weekends," added Abraham, who also is associate vice president for external affairs.

For more information about the Web site, telephone the MSU Alumni Association at 325-7000.

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# Capital campaign total climbs higher for campus

Mississippi State's ongoing *State of the Future* campaign is nearing \$292 million in gifts and pledges, staying on track toward its \$400 million goal.

"*State of the Future* continues to gain momentum and we anticipate a huge boost from several significant commitments before the close of the fiscal year," said John Rush, director of major gifts for the MSU Foundation.

"These gifts should keep Mississippi State and the campaign in the forefront as we anticipate new leadership for the university," he added.

Among the recent commitments for the campaign are a lecture series for the University Honors Program and the first graduate fellowship in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Projects already under way as a result of campaign gifts include the expansion of McCool Hall and the construction of the Cullis Wade Welcome Center.

Fund-raising efforts for *State of the Future* continue to focus on endowed scholarships and fellowships, endowed chairs and professorships, new and renovated facilities, and

educational and program enhancements. Annual support through the Fund for Excellence annual giving program and support designated for athletics also are needed.

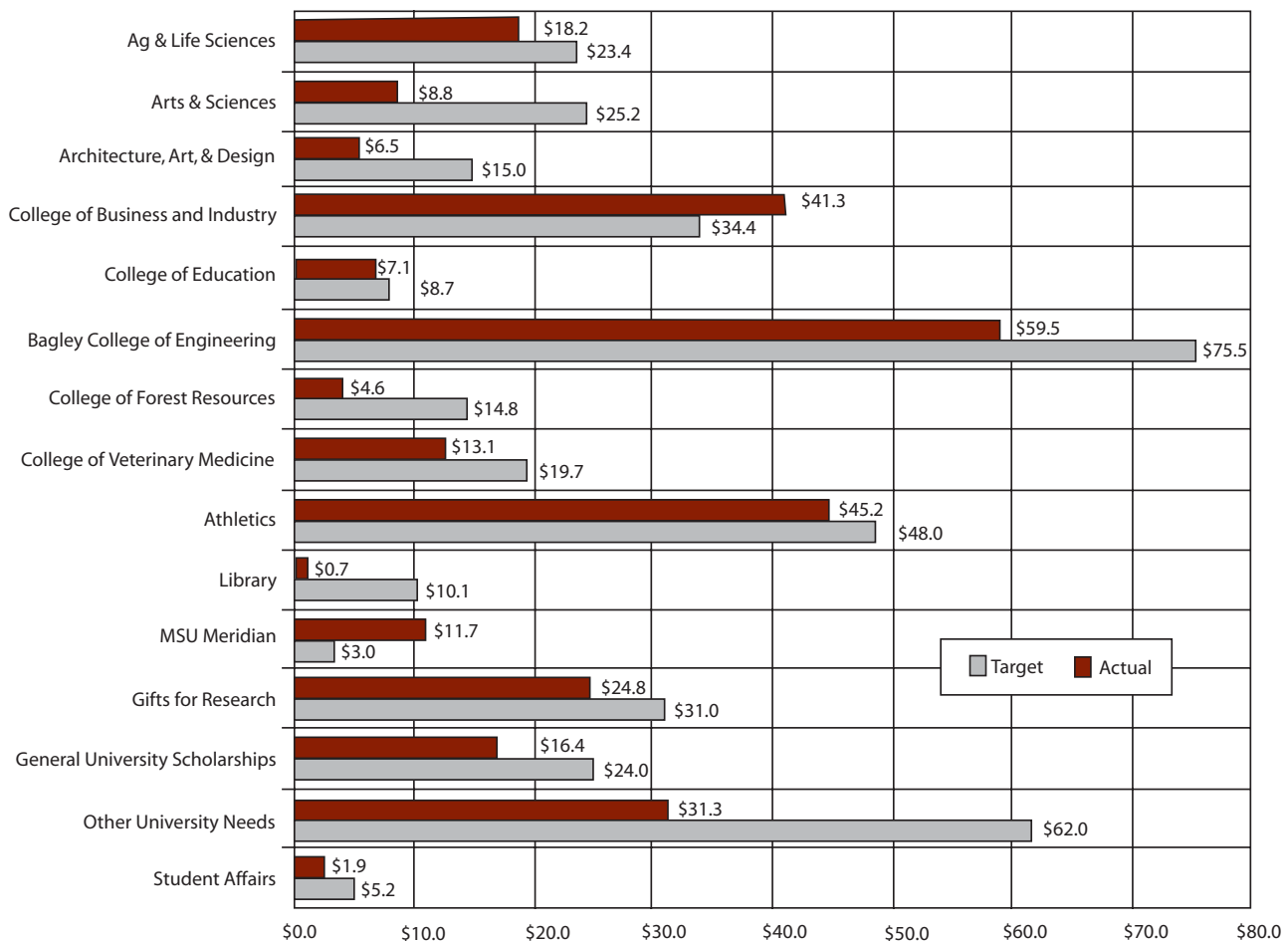
The chart below reflects total campaign commitments by MSU units through Feb. 28. Campaign goals were set by vice presidents, deans and department heads based on projected funds needed for their units over the life of the campaign.

To keep tabs on how your unit is progressing each month, visit [www.msufoundation.com](http://www.msufoundation.com), click on "Campaign Progress" and select "Campaign Commitments by College."



**Campaign Commitments by College**  
July 1, 2001 - February 28, 2006 \$291,496,105

(in millions)





## 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](http://www.msstate.edu) and click on "Calendar of Events."

To list calendar events online, access [www.ur.msstate.edu/news/today.asp](http://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.

Each Sunday the Presbyterian Collegiate Connection is sponsoring "The Bridge: A Worship Experience Connecting Past and Future," Chapel of Memories, 5-5:40 p.m. 312-6833; [www.msstate.edu/org/pcc](http://www.msstate.edu/org/pcc).

Exhibition: "Us and Them: Recent Paintings by Rodger Roundy," through March 31, Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall; opening reception March 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m. 325-2970.

### March 21 and 22

ITS workshop: "ADMIN BANNER: Requisitions," (two-day class), 10 McArthur Hall, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. [www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops/](http://www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops/).

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ITS workshop: "SAS," 10 McArthur Hall, 8:30 a.m.-noon. [www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops/](http://www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops/).

MSU vs. UAB, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 6:30 p.m.

MSU vs. Mississippi Valley State, women's



softball, MSU Softball Field, doubleheader-1, 5 p.m.; doubleheader-2, 7 p.m.

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MSU vs. Jacksonville State, baseball, Dudy Noble Field, 6:30 p.m.

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ITS workshop: "ADMIN BANNER: Leave Entry," 10 McArthur Hall, 8:30 a.m.-noon. [www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops/](http://www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops/).

Pulitzer Prize-nominated Kevin Bales, author of "Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy," will speak, Colvard Union ballroom, 6 p.m. A discussion will follow his presentation. 325-2033.

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"ServSafe Food Safety Certification Course," Oktibbeha County Extension Office, 106 Felix Long Drive, Starkville, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Exam will be given on the 29th, 2-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$130 a person (first-timers and recertifiers); \$100 for those retaking the exam. Registration deadline is March 10. Sharon Haynes, Winston County Extension Office, 662-773-3091; or Oktibbeha County Extension Office, 323-5916.

### Adult wellness/preventive services are available

Don't miss taking advantage of a new wellness service now available to MSU employees.

The State/School Employees' Health Plan will pay up to \$250 for certain adult wellness/preventive services. The plan, which went into effect Jan. 1, now will pay 100 percent of the allowable charge, up to the \$250 maximum, for office visits and certain diagnostic tests. And, a deductible doesn't have to be met.

Participants are reminded to use an AHS State Network provider, as benefits will be provided only when services are rendered by a network member.

A list of the covered wellness/preventive tests may be found at the plan's Web site, [knowyourbenefits.dfa.state.ms.us](http://knowyourbenefits.dfa.state.ms.us) or you may telephone BCBS at 1-800-709-7881 to request a copy.

ITS workshop: "ADMIN BANNER: Invoice Processing," (two-day class), 10 McArthur Hall, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and 8:30 a.m.-noon. [www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops/](http://www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops/).

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ITS workshop: "Adobe PhotoShop CS II," 10 McArthur Hall, 8:30 a.m.-noon. [www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops/](http://www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops/).

### 'Mozart and Movies' to be featured in symphony concert

Amadeus again meets Hollywood during a March 25 concert to be presented by the Starkville/Mississippi State Symphony.

Titled "Mozart and the Movies," the free 7:30 p.m. classical music concert in McComas Hall theater will be under the baton of Dr. Michael R. Brown. In addition to serving as symphony music director, he heads the MSU Music Education Department.

Several solo performances will follow during the classical part of the evening, including:

- Lana Johns, MSU professor of flute, featured in "First Flute Concerto"; and
- Soprano Suzanne Galer of Indiana Wesleyan University featured in the "Exultate Jubilate," a multi-movement work ending with Mozart's famous "Alleluia."

The classical section will conclude with a performance of the "Ave Verum Corpus" by the Starkville Symphony Chorus under the direction of Ted Beverly, who also is minister of music at the Starkville First United Methodist Church.

The concert's second half will feature popular creations of much-honored cinematic composer John Williams, including a march from "Star Wars," as well as selections from "The Patriot," "Artificial Intelligence," and "Harry Potter."

Scores from the award-winning "Chicago," along with a collection from "Dances with Wolves," "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" and others, will round out the program.

For more information, telephone the Music Education Department at 325-3070.