

MEMO

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Robert Foglesong succeeds Charles Lee as MSU president

The Board of Trustees, State Institutions of Higher Learning unanimously has approved Dr. Robert H. Foglesong as the 18th president of Mississippi State University.

The March 28 announcement followed open, day-long interviews with board members, Commissioner of Higher Education Thomas Meredith, Foglesong, and various community and campus constituencies. The board solicited and

reviewed feedback from the university and community representatives who participated in the open interviews prior to making its decision.

"I'm excited about it," said board member Ed Blakeslee, an MSU graduate who chaired the presidential search committee. "I think we have someone who is truly going to be an outstanding president for Mississippi State."

Meridith said, "Dr. Foglesong is the right choice for Mississippi State at this time in its history. He brings proven leadership and a level of integrity that we all deserve in our institutional heads."

For his part, Foglesong said he is "delighted and honored to have this opportunity.

"I'm excited to take this institution, with its incredible reputation, and have the opportunity to help navigate it to the next level," he added.

Foglesong currently serves as president and executive director of the Appalachian

Leadership and Education Foundation, a West Virginia-based nonprofit organization that works to identify and support Appalachian leaders.

Previously, he served as a four-star general in command of the U.S. Air Force's European operations. In addition to leading an organization of 358,000 uniformed members and 158,000 civilian employees, he was responsible for planning and programming for future strategies involving an annual budget of \$90 billion.

His jobs required almost daily communications with members of Congress, the White House and many other governmental offices.

Foglesong holds bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering from West Virginia University. He and his wife, Mary, have two grown sons, one of whom was born at Columbus Air Force Base.

He completed undergraduate flying training at CAFB in the early 1970s and served as base commander in 1993.

'Super Tailgate Party' kicks off Super Bulldog Weekend

A weekend of activities often described as "spring homecoming" at Mississippi State will feature a new event this year sponsored by the alumni association.

With support from local sponsor BancorpSouth, the April 7-9 Super Bulldog Weekend will begin with a come-and-go "Super Tailgate Party" on the 7th. University students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends are being invited to the 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. festivities on the Drill Field.

Dr. Jimmy Abraham, alumni association executive director and "Tailgate" coordinator, said, "This is going to be a great beginning to a great weekend that will offer something for everyone, including appearances at 11:15 a.m. by head baseball coach Ron Polk and head football coach Sylvester Croom."

A free catfish meal with all the trimmings will be served immediately

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Dr. Robert Foglesong fields a question from the audience in a meeting with faculty members last week.



"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. April 6-8 at the McComas Hall theater. General admission tickets are \$10; \$5 for university students, faculty and staff. Among the student actors in the musical comedy are (clockwise, from left) Jonette Wilburn, Will Cooper, Danielle Williams, and Kristen James. The widely popular Larry Gelbart-Stephen Sondheim collaboration is being co-produced by the Communication and Music Education departments. Communication instructor Kevin Kern directs acting; associate director of bands Clifton Taylor, musical numbers; and music education instructor Eleanor McLellan, the live orchestra. For more information, telephone 325-9162.

Letter from the Lees

Dear Mississippi State University family:

The past four years have been among the most rewarding of our career in higher education. We were buoyed at the start by your expressions of support and trust, and your achievements and enthusiastic commitment to this university have continually stimulated us to extend our expectations of ourselves and of the institution.

As we prepare to relinquish our roles as of April 15, 2006, we are doing everything we can to complete as much unfinished business as possible and to assure the smoothest possible entry for the next president.

Should our paths not cross and permit a personal goodbye, please accept this expression of our deepest appreciation for trusting in us and sharing our aspirations for this remarkable institution. Our lives will forever be enriched because of our opportunities to work with you on shared goals.

Mississippi State's finest days are yet ahead, and we will monitor your progress with pride. The next president and his spouse will be fortunate to be associated with you, and we urge you to give them the chance to earn the affection and respect that we feel from you every day.

Sincerely,
Charles and Pat Lee

MSU to break ground for new music facility, green space

Mississippi State breaks ground April 7 for a new, much-anticipated 18,000-square-foot university band and choral rehearsal hall and a new park April 8.

The public band hall ceremony beginning at 3 p.m. at the corner of Blackjack and Hardy roads will include comments from university officials, alumni members of the Famous Maroon Band, and current band and choir students.

The University Wind Ensemble and Concert Choir also will be featured in a brief performance.

"This facility is a dream come true for our department," said Dr. Michael E. Brown, head of music education. "It will provide much-needed space for our band, symphonic band and choral programs."

In use for decades, the current band hall is a renovated campus maintenance building with only about 4,100 square feet of assignable space when constructed in 1939.

Designed by Eley Associates/Architects of Jackson, the new facility will include practice areas, as well as room for storage and two music libraries. Construction will begin this summer, with an anticipated 2007 completion.

The following day, groundbreaking for The Junction will take place 9:30 -10:15a.m. at the Lloyd-Ricks west lawn adjacent to the M-Club. The Junction, which will soon serve as the front door to Davis Wade Stadium, not only will be a place for pre-game festivities, but also will serve as a green space for the university.

The new park replaces the notorious Five Points Intersection, more commonly referred to as Malfunction Junction. Refreshments will follow the ceremony.

The Junction groundbreaking is sponsored by the President's Office, Student Affairs and the Student Association.



Dr. Iris B. Carlton-LaNey (second from right) signs copies of her book, *African Americans Aging in the Rural South—Stories of Faith, Family, and Community*, at a recent program at MSU-Meridian celebrating National Social Work Month. Program participants included Jerrie McQueen (l-r), Carolyn Powe, Shirley Glover, and Rhonda Carr, assistant professor of social work. Carlton-LaNey, who was a guest speaker, is a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work.

Public retirement reception for Lee scheduled for April 11

Faculty, staff and students are invited to an April 11 retirement reception for President J. Charles Lee and first lady Patricia P. Lee.

The 2-4 p.m. program will take place in the Griffis Room of the Palmeiro Center. Former education dean and Vice President for Student Affairs Emeritus Roy Ruby will emcee.

Others on the program include Ed Blakeslee of the state College Board, Starkville Mayor Dan Camp, Robert Holland Faculty Senate President Mark Goodman, Professional and Support Staff Advisory Council Chair Juli Rester, Student Associa-

tion immediate past president Jon David Cole, Dean of Libraries Frances Coleman, and Foundation past president Lewis Mallory.

For more information, telephone the President's Office at 325-3221.

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following the coaches' remarks, he added.

In case of inclement weather, activities will move beneath the ground-level east-side stands of Davis Wade Stadium.

"We're very grateful that BancorpSouth is providing support for the event so that we can offer this delicious meal as long as supplies last," Abraham said. Soft drinks and university-produced ice cream also will be provided.

Because of extensive construction in the central campus area, persons attending the event are being encouraged to park at Humphrey Coliseum and ride MSU shuttles. The campus transports will maintain a continuous 15-minute schedule between the coliseum and Colvard Union.

"Super Tailgate" entertainment will feature the Mississippi Bluebloods, a popular Northeast Mississippi trio whose playlist ranges from traditional tunes to rock classics. In addition, members of the Famous Maroon Band will perform traditional athletic "fight songs."

Volleyball and Frisbee games, along with face-painting for kids, also will be available.

For those unable to attend—or not yet arrived on campus—MSU radio station WMSV (FM 91.1) will provide a live broadcast during the noontime period. A station-produced streaming audio via www.wmsv.msstate.edu also will carry the event around the world.

To view the activities, visit the Web cam site maintained by the industrial engineering department at www.ie.msstate.edu/netcam/netcam.htm.

"We want this event to be a fun and relaxing time to meet friends and to celebrate with the Mississippi State family as we prepare for a 'super' weekend," said Abraham, who also is associate vice president for external affairs.

For more information on this and other events planned for Super Bulldog Weekend, go to www.gameday.msstate.edu.

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.

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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.

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.

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Bits & Bytes Workshop: "Advanced PhotoShop CS," Giles Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 9-11 a.m. 325-7676.

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Bits & Bytes Workshop: "Illustrator CS," Giles Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1-3 p.m. 325-7676.

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ITS workshop: "AdminBanner: Navigation and Financial Query," McArthur Hall Lab A, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Register at: <https://ssl.msstate.edu/virtual/its/register/reg.php>.

Bits & Bytes Workshop: "Access," Giles Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1-3 p.m. 325-7676.



Children's Reading Conference: children's author Robert Little will speak on and off campus. Dr. Nancy Verhoek-Miller, 325-3747.

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Play: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 for general public; \$5 for students, seniors, faculty and staff. 325-3203.

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Super Bulldog Weekend. www.gameday.msstate.edu/.

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Baseball: MSU vs. Georgia, Dudy Noble Field, 6:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis: MSU vs. Georgia, Pitts Tennis Centre, 2 p.m.

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Baseball: MSU vs. Georgia, Dudy Noble Field, 2 p.m.

MSU Libraries Book Sale: hundreds of

hardback and paperback books available for \$1 or less; second floor, Mitchell Memorial Library, 9 a.m.-noon. Janet Ames, 325-7665.

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Baseball: MSU vs. Georgia, Dudy Noble Field, 1:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis: MSU vs. Tennessee, Pitts Tennis Centre, 1 p.m.

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2006 Easter Egg Hunt for children of faculty and staff, President's Home lawn, 5:30 p.m. Rain cancels. 325-3322.

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ITS workshop: "AdminBanner: Requisitions," McArthur Hall Lab B, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Register at: <https://ssl.msstate.edu/virtual/its/register/reg.php>.

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ITS workshop: "Introduction to PowerPoint," McArthur Hall Lab A, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Register at: <https://ssl.msstate.edu/virtual/its/register/reg.php>.



Michael Griffin, head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, spoke on campus recently where he told a gathering that Americans overwhelmingly support U.S. plans to return to the moon and explore the solar system beyond. Griffin inaugurated the new Giles Distinguished Lecture Series.