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## Foglesong meets with groups; launches strategic planning

In his first week on campus, President Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong met with students, faculty and staff and began a strategic planning initiative to identify the university's strengths and opportunities, as well as existing and potential areas of excellence.

In a series of campus meetings, he recognized a recent yearlong planning effort chaired by Provost Peter Rabideau and said the new effort will build on it. "We don't want to change things that are working well, but we want to make changes where change makes sense," he said.

A task force chaired by Dr. Gary Pike, director of institutional research, will gather baseline data for Mississippi State, comparing performance in a variety of areas to that of national land-grant universities with a

similar structure and scope.

Faculty, staff, student, and community representatives will be nominated by constituent groups and appointed by Foglesong to begin the intensive analysis, which he has asked be completed by the end of July.

"I consider this a bottoms-up review of areas on campus, and I'm asking that the process be as open as possible," Foglesong said.

The outcomes, which will be shared and discussed with campus and external stakeholder groups, will help shape the university's goals and the best use of its resources, he added.

Potential, but not necessarily exclusive, areas that Foglesong has identified for study are:

- Academic excellence, including the undergraduate experience.
- Research and graduate/professional education.
- Service and outreach.
- Campus infrastructure.
- Relationships with constituents and bridging experiences.
- Employee-related matters, including salaries and benefits.

Pike's task force will collect baseline data with the support of a variety of study groups that draw membership from throughout the university community and external constituencies.

The task force will make recommendations to a State of the Future Planning

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## MSU to name part of cheese store for former professor

Following its move to new quarters last fall, a popular section of MAFES Sales Store now is getting a new name.

In April 28 ceremonies at the facility in the Herzer Food Science Building on Stone Boulevard, the dairy products section of the retail space officially becomes the Cardwell Cheese Shoppe.

The 2 p.m. public program will honor Joe T. Cardwell, a longtime faculty member and former interim department head who died in 2003. In addition to teaching courses in food chemistry and related subjects, Cardwell also taught generations of Mississippi State students how to produce the popular Edam, Cheddar and cottage cheeses.

Today, the university sells about 40,000

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The President's Commission on the Status of Women presented the 2006 outstanding women awards to six members of the MSU community. They are (l-r) Lyndsay Roberts, Jan Batchelder Memorial Outstanding Undergraduate Woman; Tonya Thornton-Neaves, Outstanding Graduate Woman; Donna Bland, Bettye Douglas Memorial Outstanding Secretarial/Clerical Woman; Pat Lee, Outstanding Mississippi Woman; Donna Reese, Outstanding Executive, Administrative, Managerial Woman; Connie Forde, Outstanding Faculty Woman; and Libby Thompson, Outstanding Non-Faculty Woman.



## Wolverton, Swafford elected senate officers

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate has two new leaders for the 2006-07 school year, but it took a combined total of 10 votes to get them in office.

When the last white paper ballots were cleared away at Mitchell Memorial Library, Dr. Robert E. Wolverton Sr. of Foreign Languages had been chosen to succeed Dr. Mark Goodman of Communication as president of the body representing teaching and extension professionals on the Starkville and Meridian campuses.

Dr. Jeanne Swafford of Curriculum and Instruction will be the new vice president. She is to succeed Dr. Peter Wood of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work when all the officers formally assume their posts July 1.

Dr. Carlen Hennington of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education was unopposed for a second term as senate secretary.

In the president's race, Wolverton defeated David Nagle of Plant and Soil Sciences after four secret votes.

As for the vice president's post, five separate ballots were required before Homes Hogue of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work decided to withdraw in favor of Swafford. Like the Nagel-Wolverton race, Swafford and Hogue had received roughly equal numbers during at least two of their separate ballots.

Even though Hogue was no longer in the race, senate rules required one final vote on Swafford. It was taken to formally record that she, like Wolverton—and even the unopposed Hennington—had received a majority 26 or more votes from their colleagues on the 50-member body.

While this year's officer elections required more voting than has been seen in many years, the entire process in the John Grisham Room was completed in a clear spirit of friendship and professional collegiality among the membership. Many of those in the room have served together as senators for continuing years or on past occasions.

Wolverton, who holds a doctorate from the University of North Carolina, is among

MSU's most senior faculty. He came to the Starkville campus in 1977 as vice president for academic affairs (and before the title of provost was added to the office).

Wolverton served as the university's second-highest administrator through the remaining eight years of James D. McComas' nine-year presidential administration. He continued in the office through the early years of President Donald Zacharias' leadership, when he elected to step down and return to the classroom.

Over his MSU career, Wolverton—the only campus specialist in the Classics—has received several major honors, including the John Grisham Master Teacher and MSU Alumni Association Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching awards.

Swafford, who joined the faculty in 2001, is a doctoral graduate of the University of Georgia. She is a specialist in elementary education literacy.

Held a week earlier than normal because of this year's holiday, the April faculty meeting also saw Dr. Charles Lee's final appearance as the land-grant institution's chief executive. His leadership tenure has included one year as interim and four years as the 17th president.

In his brief presentation at the beginning of the meeting, Lee provided an update on higher education matters addressed in the just-concluded regular session of the Mississippi Legislature. He also thanked the senators for their dedication and service to the institution and state during his five years as its leader.

After wishing them the best in future endeavors, Lee departed to a round of applause by those in attendance.

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



As part of the 19th annual Insurance Day program, three new members were added to the MSU Insurance Hall of Fame. Honored this year are (l-r) Rod Moore, chief executive officer of Southern Farm Bureau Casualty; Maj. Gen. Harold Cross, adjutant general of Mississippi; and Andy Everett, vice president of Stewart, Sneed, Hewes/BancorpSouth. Insurance Day is sponsored by the College of Business and Industry's Peter K. Lutken Chair of Insurance.



## Traveling Air Force ensemble to perform

“Airmen of Note,” the premier jazz ensemble of the U.S. Air Force, will be featured during a May 2 concert at Mississippi State.

The public performance by the group of 18 enlisted personnel begins at 7:30 p.m. in the McComas Hall theater.

For persons interested in priority seating, a maximum of four free advance tickets may be obtained from the music education department, sponsor of the event. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is required with each ticket request. Priority ticket holders may begin entering at 6:30 p.m.

General seating will get under way at 7:15 p.m.

The “Note,” which includes Tech. Sgt. Paige Wroble on vocals, is among eight performing units of the Washington, D.C.-based United States Air Force Band. Many of the group’s members are accomplished clinicians with extensive music education backgrounds.

Created in 1950 to carry on the tradition of director Glenn Miller’s legendary Army Air Corps dance band of World War II fame, the group tours the country twice each year.

To obtain the advance tickets, write in care of the Music Education Department, P.O. Box 6240, Mississippi State, MS 39762, ATTN: Michael Huff.

For additional information, telephone 325-3070.

## Former MSU professor to give lecture

A retired Mississippi State biology professor who now teaches in Florida will be featured April 24 as part of the ongoing Carlton N. Owen Lecture Series.

Dr. Jerome A. “Jerry” Jackson’s 1:30 p.m. public presentation in the Tully Auditorium of Thompson Hall will be followed by a reception in the same location. An ornithologist, he joined Florida Gulf Coast University in Naples after a career of teaching and research in MSU’s biological sciences department.

The Owen Lecture Series was established in the College of Forest Resources in 1992 by the Greenville, S.C., resident and 1974 and 1976 MSU graduate for whom it is named.

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Edam balls and 38,000 Cheddar blocks annually, in addition to campus-produced milk and 15 flavors of ice cream. Especially in demand for Christmas and Easter, the cheese products regularly are shipped to all 50 states.

The Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station Sales Store also provides retail space for other MSU products, including eggs and muscadine grape juice.

As part of the dedication ceremonies, university officials will recognize the Cardwell family, as well as Joe Cardwell’s legacy at the institution.

Born in Texas, Cardwell earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in dairy manufacturing from Texas Tech University. His doctorate in dairy foods and dairy chemistry was completed at North Carolina State University. In addition to teaching at MSU 1952-1990, he served for more than 30 years as a U.S. Department of Agriculture dairy products grader.

Among many lifetime honors, he was included in Leaders in American Science. He also received the National Kraft Dairy Science Teaching, Southern Division/American Dairy Science Association Honors and MSU Alumni Association Teaching awards.

The program focuses on forest resource stewardship issues.

Jackson’s presentation will examine the recently reported emergence in eastern Arkansas of the ivory-billed woodpecker, among the world’s most endangered birds. Part of a federally sponsored “ivory-billed” search team back in the 1980s, he will review the biological history of the mammoth—average three-foot wingspan—bird, as well as examine the scientific evidence and research processes associated with the latest discovery effort.

Jackson’s professional expertise focuses largely on forest ecosystems and woodpeckers, especially the endangered red-cockaded and ivory-billed woodpeckers. He has written or edited more than 20 books and 300 articles in both professional and popular publications.

“In Search of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker,” among his most recent works, was released by Smithsonian Books in 2004. A second edition is scheduled for release next month.

For additional information on the 2006 Owen Lecture, contact Karen Brasher at 325-8530 or [kbrasher@cfr.msstate.edu](mailto:kbrasher@cfr.msstate.edu).

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Committee chaired by Rabideau. Members of that committee are Ray Hayes, vice president for finance and administration; Dr. Bill Kibler, vice president for student affairs; and four members of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate.

In addition to Pike, task force members are Chris Clifford of Finance and Administration; Joe Farris of the President’s Office; Maridith Geuder of University Relations; Dr. Mark Goodman of Communication/Holland Faculty Senate; Dr. Jerry Gilbert of Academic Affairs; Dr. Lisa Harris of Student Affairs; Chuck Hill of the GeoResources Institute; Dr. Melissa Mixon of the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine; Dr. Al Rankins of Plant and Soil Sciences; and Dr. Melvin Ray of the President’s Office.

Information about the process will be posted at the president’s Web site at [www.msstate.edu/president/](http://www.msstate.edu/president/).

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## Calendar of Events

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### Ongoing Events

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).

BFA Thesis Exhibition, through May 3, Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall basement. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4 p.m. 325-2970.

### April 24

Bits & Bytes Workshop: "Dreamweaver," Giles Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3-5 p.m. 325-7676.

Carlton N. Owen Lecture Series: former MSU faculty member Jerry L. Jackson will present "The Ivory-Billed Woodpecker: Hope at the Crossroads of Science, Conservation and Politics," Tully Auditorium, Thompson Hall, 1:30 p.m. 325-5548.

### 26

Women's softball: MSU vs. Mississippi, MSU Softball Field, 6 p.m.

Center for Computer Security Research lecture: Lance Spitzer, internationally known expert on Honeypots/Honeynets and president of the Honeynet project, 100 Butler Hall, 2 p.m.

### 26-28

Theater: "Student Showcase," student-



directed, one-act plays, McComas Hall lab theater, 7 p.m. 325-3203.

### 28

T.K. Martin Center for Technology and Disability presents "Project ART: On Broadway," children with and without disabilities will showcase their art and dance pieces, Starkville's Greensboro Center, 6 p.m. 325-0893.

### 29

Women's softball: MSU vs. Alabama (DH), MSU Softball Field, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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Women's softball: MSU vs. Alabama, MSU Softball Field, 1 p.m.

### May 1

Spring Concert: Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Men of Maroon and White, McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m. 325-7801.

### 2

Baseball: MSU vs. Mississippi Valley State University, Dudy Noble Field, 6:30 p.m.

ITS workshop: "AdminBanner: Navigation and Financial Query," McArthur Lab A, 8:30 a.m.-noon. [www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops](http://www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops); 325-0631.

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ITS workshop: "AdminBanner: Payroll Entry," McArthur Lab A, 10 a.m.-noon. [www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops](http://www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops); 325-0631.

Last day of class.

### 5

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

### 5-11

Exams.

### 6

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

### 7

Baseball: MSU vs. Florida, Dudy Noble Field, 12:30 p.m.

### 10

ITS workshop: "AdminBanner: Leave Entry," McArthur Lab B, 8:30 a.m.-noon. [www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops](http://www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops); 325-0631.

### 13

Commencement, 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Humphrey Coliseum.

### 16

Baseball: MSU vs. Tennessee-Martin, Dudy Noble Field, 6:30 p.m.

Employee Service Recognition Program and Reception, Humphrey Coliseum, 2-4 p.m. 325-3713.

### 18

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

ITS workshop: "AdminBanner: Electronic Approvals," McArthur Lab B, 10 a.m.-noon. [www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops](http://www.its.msstate.edu/Information/Workshops); 325-0631.

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