



IN Focus

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TOP HONORS

Military Advanced Education is including Mississippi State in its third annual Guide to America's Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities. The listing is part of the semi-monthly publication's upcoming November/December print and on-line editions.

"Mississippi State is proud to play a leadership role in providing educational opportunities for the men and women of the armed services who sacrifice so much in defense of our great country," said university President Mark Keenum.

"Our Sonny Montgomery Center for America's Veterans is a tremendous asset for helping service members take full advantage of their available benefits," he added. "Being included on this distinguished list exemplifies the commitment the center, and the university as a whole, are making to being a first-line resource for veterans."



The Cowbell Cruiser

This past spring, James. J. Rouse, a member of the MSU Foundation Board of Directors, donated a replica of the classic 1929 Model A.

In August, the Division of Student Affairs conducted a contest to name the car. During the first two weeks of school more than 300 recommendations were submitted by faculty, students, and staff. A student/staff committee then pared down the submissions to four, which were put on the homecoming elections ballot. Students voted, and "The Cowbell Cruiser" was selected.

Two students, Steve Holley and Matthew Farrell, submitted the winning entry. Matthew is a graduate student majoring in Agriculture Economics, and Steve is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering. Each received a \$100 prize from the Division of Student Affairs.

The car is being used by the MSU Spirit Groups during pre-game activities of home football games. The car is available for use at any official MSU function. For more information contact Laura Walling, 325-2179, or lwalling@saffairs.msstate.edu.

NEWS & NOTES

PEOPLE



Photo by University Relations

Seniors Blake Jeter of Brandon and Tiffany M. Jackson of Ocean Springs are the 2009 Mr. and Miss Mississippi State University. They were chosen in a campus election and were introduced formally during halftime of MSU's Homecoming game against Houston. Jeter, president of the MSU Student Association, is a biomedical engineering major and the son of James and Peggy Jeter. Jackson is an elementary education major and the daughter of James and Connie Jackson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

Mississippi State University will host 2001 Nobel Prize Economics Laureate Joseph E. Stiglitz on Thursday, November 12, in Bettersworth Auditorium. Dr. Stiglitz helped create the branch of economics known as "The Economics of Information" and is author of numerous books and articles on a variety of economic topics. He founded one of the leading economics journals, *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, and has authored numerous textbooks.

Beginning November 16, prospective residents for the Fall 2010/Spring 2011 academic year may submit roommate requests online at my.housing.msstate.edu. Both students in the roommate pair must be admitted to MSU and have submitted housing preferences and the reservation fee before being selected as a roommate.



Holiday BAZAAR



Mississippi State is welcoming the holiday season with a two-day arts and crafts fair, Monday, November 30 and Tuesday, December 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Joe Frank Sanderson Center.

Vendors come from across the South, including the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana to display and sell goods. More than 100 vendors will be present, selling a variety of items. Everyday items, as well as holiday gifts, will be available, including jewelry, pottery, ornaments, candles, and monogrammed items.

In its 37th year, the Holiday Bazaar is an MSU tradition, attracting customers from all over north Mississippi. "Campus Activities Board (CAB) is excited to continue the tradition of the MSU Holiday Bazaar," says Bazaar Director, Samantha Musil. "The student members of CAB know there is something special about being part of an event that's been taking place for so long. They believe strongly in continuing and building upon the tradition."

Even though the Bazaar is steeped in tradition, it continues to grow and change. While the basic concept of the event remains the same, no two years are the same. "We are continuously attracting new vendors, so customers won't find the same products every year," commented Jared Hight, Graduate Assistant for CAB and assistant director of the event. "Even returning vendors will change out some of their items so there will always be new and interesting items to choose from."

The event, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to park in the lots located between the Sanderson Center and the Humphrey Coliseum. For more information, please visit www.msstate.edu/org/cab or call 325-2930.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Fall Harvest

Foster Ballroom, Union
Sunday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

Tony Porter's "A Call to Men"

Foster Ballroom, Union
Monday, Nov. 2, 6 p.m.
Nationally renowned activist Tony Porter will facilitate a program aimed at decreasing sexualized violence towards women.

Talent Showcase

Bettersworth Auditorium, Lee Hall
Wednesday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m.

Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz

Bettersworth Auditorium, Lee Hall
Thursday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

Winter Ball

Foster Ballroom, Union
Friday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m.

Study Abroad Exhibit

Union Food Court
Monday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Live @ 5: Study Abroad 101

TBA
Monday, Nov. 16, 5 p.m.

International Film: Persepolis

Fowlkes Auditorium, Union
Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

"Shot" Night with Poetry Slam

Dawg House, Union
Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Student Film Festival

Taylor Auditorium, McCool Hall
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Maria Estavaches

Taylor Auditorium, McCool Hall
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m.

Religions of the World

Bill Foster Ballroom, Union
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2-5 p.m.

Food Around the World

Drill Field
Thursday, Nov. 19, 12-2 p.m.

Turkey Trot 5k

Sanderson Center
Saturday, Nov. 21, 8 a.m.
Register at Sanderson Center.



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