

## Southern Miss News Briefs Package (with photos)

Contributed by David Tisdale - 601.266.4499  
Thursday, April 26, 2007

This briefs package highlights timely news and events from The University of Southern Mississippi. For more information on any of the stories below or for assistance in arranging interviews, contact the Department of Marketing and Public Relations at 601.266.4491.

- \*War and Society Roundtable Set for May 8 at Downtown Library
- \* Jazz Program Alum honored (with photo)
- \*School of Nursing to host Well Bear Clinic for Children
- \*Medical Technology receives donation (with photo)
- \* National Nurses Week kicks School of Nursing's 40th anniversary
- \*ACCESSRecreation Summer Schedule
- \*Nursing Society holds induction ceremony
- \*English professor's article published
- \*Southern Miss Film Student Heading to Cannes Film Festival
- \* Fraschillo Caps Year of Service With National Association

---

### Red Army Discussed in Next War and Society Roundtable at Downtown Library

Hattiesburg -- The Center for the Study of War and Society at the University of Southern Mississippi will present its next public roundtable at 7 p.m. on May 8 in its series "Books, Dialogue, and Debate" at the Library of Hattiesburg, Petal and Forrest County.

Catherine Merridale's book "Ivan's War: Life and Death in the Red Army, 1939-1945" (Picador Press, 2007) will be discussed at the library, located at 329 Hardy Street in Hattiesburg. Southern Miss assistant professor of history Brian LaPierre will moderate.

Combining interviews, letters and diaries with research in previously closed official archives, Merridale's social history presents the first comprehensive portrait of the men and women who served in the Red Army during World War II.

Several copies of the book will be available for loan at the Library of Hattiesburg, Petal and Forrest County and on sale at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on the Southern Miss campus.

Admission is free. For more information about the series, contact 601.266.4497.

### Southern Miss Jazz Program Alum Honored

Hattiesburg -- University of Southern Mississippi jazz program graduate saxophonist Chris Parkin of Pasco, Wash., was selected the Outstanding College University Jazz Soloist at the 27th annual Alcorn State University Jazz Festival on April 21. He is the second Southern Miss student performer to be selected for this honor in the past four years.

Senior Scott Johnson of Jackson, graduating with a double major in music education and jazz studies in May at Southern Miss, has won the title for last three years, sharing the award last year with Jackson State University's Courtland Saxon.

"Chris is a great player and really shined throughout the performance," praised Southern Miss jazz program director Larry Panella. "I think his solo on the ballad 'Spring Is Here' was outstanding and may have been the feature piece that impressed the judge the most."

Parkin, a graduate of Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., will graduate with a master of music in saxophone performance and serves as a graduate assistant to the jazz studies program under Panella.

Chris Parkin

School of Nursing to Host Well Bear Clinic for Children

Hattiesburg - Children ages 4-5 are welcome to bring their favorite stuffed animal or doll for a checkup by Southern Miss

pediatric nursing students from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. April 30 in Harkins Hall, room 119.

Each patient will have its blood pressure, temperature, height and weight checked. Pretend nurse caps and armbands will be available for the children.

The free event is sponsored by the School of Nursing in the College of Health and the Health Resources and Services Administration Diversity Grant. For more information, contact LeVon Betts at 601.266.5489, Mary Hossley at 601.266-5460 or Kathy Johnson at 601.266-5478.

#### Medical Technology at Southern Miss Receives Donation

Hattiesburg -- The Department of Medical Technology at the University of Southern Mississippi has added one more member to its family of mid-sized clinical analyzers.

Welcome the TDx-FLx Immunology Analyzer, retail value worth \$120,000, donated by Abbott Laboratories in March. Out of 122 schools that applied for Abbott's Labs are Vital program, only 16 were chosen, and Southern Miss was one of them. Labs are Vital was developed to enhance students' medical education by providing free state-of-the-art machines,

"They (Abbott Labs) asked educators how they could help in the education of medical technologists, and the answer was to provide state-of-the-art instruments for educational purposes," said Dr. Jane Hudson, chair of the Department of Medical Technology.

The new addition gives students the opportunity to get hands-on experience testing drug levels in a person's blood. "This can test all manner of drugs," said professor Dr. Margot Hall. "For example, if a child gets a hold of some Tylenol and overdoses, this machine can help the doctor determine how aggressive the treatment is going to need to be."

Hall further explained that the machine allows doctors to monitor the drugs with patients to pinpoint levels which create the most side effects. "We are extremely grateful to Abbott Labs for their donation," Hall said.

Dr. Margot Hall shows medical technology students the department's new TDx-FLx Immunology Analyzer.

#### National Nurses Week will Kickoff the School of Nursing's 40th Anniversary

Hattiesburg -- National Nurses Week, May 6-12, will kickoff a year-long celebration of the 40th anniversary of the School of Nursing at The University of Southern Mississippi. In honor of these events, tea will be available from 3-5 p.m. May 3 in the lobby.

But that's not all. Committees within the school are planning a variety of events for next fall and spring that will include a guest lecturer, events surrounding football season and a spring gala. "I am excited about the events associated with our 40th anniversary as they will allow us to share our legacy of success with the community and will allow our alumni, past and present faculty and past deans to celebrate this milestone," said Dr. Katherine Nugent, associate dean for the College of Health.

The Southern Miss School of Nursing in the College of Health was established in 1967. It is the state's largest producer of baccalaureate level nurses. The standard is to be upheld in the coming years as the school addresses critical issues facing the nursing profession. While national demographics show that the profession is still a mostly white, female dominated profession; at Southern Miss, men make up about 12 percent of baccalaureate nursing students and African-Americans comprise about 14 percent.

Over the years, the school has achieved numerous accomplishments, most recently with its December 2006 class earning a 97.6 percent first-time pass rate on the RN-NCLEX, a national licensing test required for a nurse to become licensed.

National Nurses Week celebrates every aspect within the field of nursing and includes National Student Nurses Day, National School Nurse Day and the birthday of Florence Nightingale, a pioneer of modern nursing. Look for more 40th anniversary events to be announced in the upcoming months.

#### ACCESSRecreation Kicks Off Summer Fun

Hattiesburg -- University of Southern Mississippi's ACCESSRecreation will provide the public with the following fun-filled events in the coming weeks, beginning with the LIFE Retreat April 28-29 at the Woodman of the World campground, located on Monroe Road in Hattiesburg.

The retreat will provide educational, social and recreational opportunities for youth ages 14-21 with special health care needs. ACCESSRecreation will lead activities from 1-2:30 p.m. on the first day. This two-day event is sponsored by the Children's Medical Program with Mississippi State Department of Health and Living Independence For Everyone.

Registration starts at 11 p.m. April 28. The event is free. For more information, contact Sam Gleese at LIFE's Jackson office at 601.969.4009

Members of the Southern Miss athletic teams will be available to assist in sports activities during Day in the Park, held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. May 5 at Tatum Park. The event, coordinated by Hattiesburg Parks and Recreation, targets disadvantaged youth and provides demonstrations and activities involving several different sports, including soccer, cross-country, tennis and softball. The event is free. For more information, contact Ann Jones at 601.545.4667.

This year's Senior Prom, themed "Starry, Starry Night," will be held from 1-4 p.m. at the Jackie Dole Sherrill Community Center. The free event, held each year by Hattiesburg Parks and Recreation, is open to senior citizens and will include a live band, refreshments, door prizes and dancing. Dress may be casual or formal. To register, contact Mike Smith at 601.545.4674.

ACCESSRecreation is under the auspices of the School of Human Performance and Recreation in the College of Health, and serves Southern Miss students and the community by providing a variety of family-oriented activities for all ages. Last fall, the National Institute on Recreation Inclusion (NIRI) gave the program an Excellence in Inclusion Award for its mission to enhance the lives of people with disabilities.

#### School of Nursing Inducts New Members into Honor Society

Hattiesburg -- The University of Southern Mississippi's School of Nursing in the College of Health inducted new honor society members into its Gamma Lambda chapter in early April.

Founded in 1978, Gamma Lambda's purpose is to promote scholarship, leadership and research in nursing. Inductees are invited on the basis of their community leadership or by meeting grade point average and program requirements as nursing student.

Miriam Cabana, vice-president of Gamma Lambda, said it's always refreshing to see new members invited into the chapter. "You have new and fresh ideas and more opportunity to influence students to conduct research in nursing and become leaders as well as recognize those community leaders in the practice," Cabana said.

Gamma Lambda has more than 150 members and is a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Members inducted this year by category include:

#### Baccalaureate students

Brian Alan Bailey, Kenneth Taylor Amanda Broome, Katherine E. Waldrop, Timothy Frye, Koko Williams, Angela Iyanobor, Cole Wilson, Jennifer Lepre, Lakendria Milton  
Rebecca Smith, Sunja Tate.

#### RN-BSN students

Carolyn Coleman, Jamey Roberts, Bethany Garrison, Kennedy Smith, Donna Griggs  
Laura Halbrook, Joel Prickett.

#### Graduate students

Mark Duncan, James Shivers.

#### Community nurse

Maryann Purvis.

#### Kolin Article on Tennessee Williams Published

Hattiesburg -- Dr. Philip Kolin, professor of English at the University of Southern Mississippi, recently had his article on Tennessee Williams entitled "Picaro Tom Goes Catfishing: The Proleptic Importance of Tennessee Williams's 'Gift of an Apple'" published in the Tennessee Williams Annual Review.

The article emphasizes how Williams masterfully used cinematic techniques in his descriptions of setting, character, and viewpoints in his early fiction, foreshadowing his much more sophisticated use of film in his work.

The Tennessee Williams Annual Review is the distinguished journal published by the Historic New Orleans Collection.

## Southern Miss Film Student Heading to Cannes Film Festival

Hattiesburg -- A film student from The University of Southern Mississippi has been selected for an internship at the 2007 Cannes International Film Festival.

Stephen Fouasnon, a junior radio-television-film major, will intern at The American Pavilion as part of the Adobe Student Film Program. The 2007 festival marks the 60th anniversary of Cannes, the film industry's most celebrated festival.

Interns stay in Cannes for the duration of the festival, May 16-27, completing work assignments and participating in educational workshops, seminars, pitch sessions, roundtable discussions and screenings. More information about the program can be found at: <http://www.ampav.com/ampav.html>.

For more information, contact Stephen Fouasnon at [stephenfouasnon@hotmail.com](mailto:stephenfouasnon@hotmail.com) or the School of Mass Communication and Journalism at (601)266-4258.

## Fraschillo Caps Year as President Of National Association at Convention

Hattiesburg -- Thomas V. Fraschillo, director of bands at the University of Southern Mississippi and the 2006-2007 national president of the American Bandmasters Association, announced the winner of the first ABA/University of Florida Commission at its 73rd annual convention at San Luis Obispo, Calif., March 7-10.

Composer Joel Puckett, a native of Atlanta, was the recipient of the award, which was funded by a generous grant from the band of the University of Florida, including a \$10,000 commission to create a major "artistic work" for wind band to be premiered in Miami at the ABA Convention in March 2008.

The presentation of this first-ever major band award capped the year served in office for Fraschillo. Membership in the ABA is by invitation only, and presidents are chosen only by past presidents of the organization, including such notable Americans as John Philip Sousa, Edwin Franko Goldman, and Karl King.

Fraschillo was the first national president selected from Mississippi, and he is only the second officer to be selected from a southern state in the organization's long history. He has served as director of bands and conductor of the Wind Ensemble at Southern Miss since 1984.

Thomas V. Fraschillo