



Dwayne Wheeler, right, was among the African-American educators at Mississippi universities recognized by the Board of Trustees, Institutions of Higher Learning during Black History Month. Wheeler is the Mississippi State University Extension Service's special projects coordinator for the 4-H Youth Livestock program. IHL board member Bob Owens, left, presented the award.

College of Veterinary Medicine Names Hoblet New Dean



Kent Hoblet

Dr. Kent Hoblet, a native of Ohio, has been named dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Formerly a faculty member and administrator at Ohio State University, Hoblet assumed his new duties June 16.

Hoblet earned his doctor of veterinary medicine degree and master's degree at Ohio State University. He was in private practice for 12 years in Ashland, Ohio, before joining the OSU faculty in 1983. He served as chair of the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and as the university's Extension veterinarian for dairy cattle from 1991 until accepting the position at Mississippi State.

"Under his leadership, the department Dr. Hoblet headed at OSU grew and achieved success in several areas, including outreach," said

MSU Vice President for Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine Vance Watson. "We are fortunate to have someone with his ability and experience to lead the college."

MSU's program in veterinary medicine has established strengths in areas critical to both the veterinary profession and the nation's health, Hoblet said.

"I look forward to seeing the College of Veterinary Medicine build on its strengths in training new veterinarians, research and outreach to the state," he said.

The Mississippi Legislature established the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine in 1974. It has graduated more than 1,000 veterinarians, and more than half of the veterinarians in Mississippi are alumni of MSU-CVM.



Her children, grandchildren and other family members joined Leota Cardwell, in blue dress, during ceremonies honoring her late husband, Joe T. Cardwell, at the MAFES Sales Store. (Photo by Marco Nicovich)

Cardwell Cheese Shoppe Dedicated

In May 5 ceremonies, the dairy products section of the MAFES Sales Store was named the Cardwell Cheese Shoppe. It honors Joe T. Cardwell, a food products faculty member from 1952 to 1990. He died in 2003.

Cardwell's accomplishments included teaching generations of Mississippi State students how to produce the university's popular Edam, Cheddar and other cheeses. He also served for more than 30 years as a U.S. Department of Agriculture dairy products grader and was included in Leaders in American Science and Who's Who in the South and Southwest, among other honors.

Division Scientists Receive Research Honors

Nine representatives of the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine received Ralph E. Powe Research Awards at the university's annual spring research awards banquet.

Named in honor of the former MSU research vice president who died in 1996, the Powe award recognizes faculty researchers making significant contributions to the economic welfare or cultural growth of the university, state and nation.

The 2006 honorees include:

Faculty Research Award, William Kingery, professor, plant and soil sciences; Research Support Staff Award, Eugene Columbus, senior research associate, agriculture and biological engineering;

Graduate Student Research Award, Ashley Pollard, food science, nutrition and health promotion; and Undergraduate Student Research Award, Marcus McGee, animal and dairy sciences.

Faculty Research Award, Stephen Grado, professor, forestry; and Research Support Staff Award, Curt Collins, research associate I, forestry.

Awards to College of Veterinary Medicine personnel included Faculty Research Award, Shane Burgess, associate professor, basic science; Research Support Staff Award, Michael Dewberry, research program manager, basic science; and Graduate Student Research Award, Michael Rybolt.