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## **MSU extends spring break, delays** student return until March 23

the winds are against us.

another way. They reveal

Press Release Citing an abundance of classes will be suspended for tial impacts of COVID-19 caution, Mississippi State the week after Spring Break, University announced on March 16-22, as MSU con-



One of the obstacles that involved. We use clichés most hunters and fisher- like the "winds of change" men dread is the wind. or we offer encourage-A light wind is not a fac- ment by saying "keep the tor - it's even helpful, but wind to your back," as if a windy day is burden- a headwind is a negative some to the fishermen and thing. The truth is, most of causes most game to stay our growth happens when out of sight.

Most of the time, I com- These gusts challenge our plain about the wind like normal and comfortable everyone else. But there way of doing things. They are a few circumstances make us decide whether where the wind actually we will curse our circumadds excitement to the hunt stances or use them to find and gives me the edge.

One of those circum- to us our fears and our abilstances is when I'm turkey ity to adapt and overcome. As you turkey They show us who or what hunting. hunters know, this particu- is controlling our life. Perlar bird has excellent sight haps the winds of diffiand can distinguish colors culty are blowing against as well. The least move- you right now. Perhaps it ment will turn an other- seems they are so strong wise successful hunt into your boat is standing still. a what-if story. When the It may be that God is wind is still, I'm still, but simply causing you to when the wind blows, I move in another direction. use the opportunity to do Or it may be he is using a little stalking. I can re- these gusts to reveal to you member on one of these a fear you need to relinmornings, I was able to quish. crawl within fifteen yards of nine jakes without ever friend if you will always calling. And after they rec- remember God is at its ognized something was not helm. He will determine right, they came closer for its length and strength. some investigation. I could He will use it to bring you almost touch them with the new successes in different end of my gun. Now that ways. And in doing this, was exciting.

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The wind can be your



Thursday, March 12, that tinues to monitor the potenin Mississippi and makes additional operational plans. This class suspension applies to students only; faculty and staff will continue with normal operating procedures.

"Our primary responsibility is to safeguard our students, faculty, and staff during this health crisis," said MSU President Mark E. Keenum. "At this juncture, as COVID-19 is now a growing reality in Mississippi, this course of action is prudent and provides us the best opportunity to make the transitions necessary to most effectively meet our educational responsibilities as well."

Keenum urged students, faculty and staff to exercise good judgment in reaction to this announcement. The university residence halls and dining facilities will be open for students who need to return to or remain on campus. Students may remain at home until in person classes resume.

MSU is suspending all university-sponsored events and gatherings, including events sponsored by any registered student organization. This decision is based on current best practices regarding social distancing as a prevention strategy for disease transmission.

This action is in keeping with guidance received from the Mississippi Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning. With no confirmed cases of coronavirus in the university community, MSU will remain open March 16-22 for faculty and fluid and university plans are staff.

universities will extend ommendations Spring Break an additional said week, which will allow Higher Education Dr. Alfred faculty members time to Rankins Jr. "We continue to prepare to take all classes work with the Governor's online or other alternative Task Force on Coronavirus of a coordinated response ment of Health as we develapproved by the State Col- op our plans for the coming lege Board. Classes will weeks and months. Our goal resume the following week, is to mitigate the risks posed on Monday, March 23, and by the coronavirus while will be taught online and maintaining the quality and via other alternative in- integrity of the instructional structional methods.

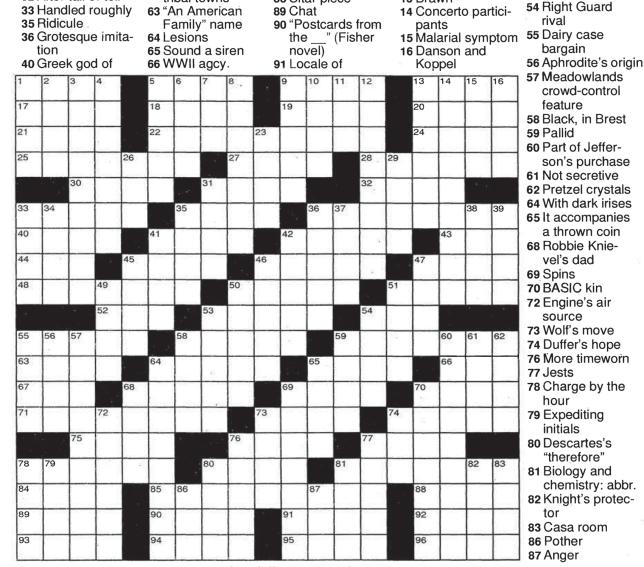
MSU will continue to monitor this situation in the updates, resources for faculcoming days. Students, fac- ty and staff to teach and take ulty, staff and their families courses online are available should monitor the msstate. at https://www.msstate.edu/ edu website, MSU social coronavirus. media accounts and their email for updated informa- dressed to custserv@opa tion.

"The situation remains subject to change in response All Mississippi public to new information and recreceived." Commissioner of means of instruction as part and the Mississippi Departprograms."

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