

# MSU presents Ballet Warraba

The sights and sounds of West Africa will come to Morehead State University when Ballet Warraba brings its dynamic production to campus this month.

The dance company, based in Asheville, N.C., performs in the tradition of an African variant of ballet. Its members offer stage performances, musical workshops and other educational programs that highlight the rhythm, musical energy and vibrant images of West African dance.

Warraba will visit MSU Nov. 18-20 with a special performance as well as workshops in dance and percussion. The group's concert, in support of its first CD, "BONYA-Respect!" is set for Friday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Button Auditorium. A question and answer period will conclude the performance, with a reception to follow.

This performance showcases the talents of internationally renowned djembe drummer, Bolokada Conde, who was the lead drummer for Les Percussions de Guinee (his country's national drum ensemble).

Ballet Warraba also features acclaimed dancer Damaye Soumah who is one of the most celebrated African dancers in Guinea. Because of her spirited dancing and voice, she has toured the world with each of Guinea's three national ensembles.

Alkaly Camara is the world's premier balaphonist (African xylophone). His seven decades of experience have seasoned his talent into a master musician who consistently awes audiences. Each of these three artists is a master in their field, respected internationally, and now live in Asheville as artists of Ballet Warraba.

BONYA brings the message that respect is the basic human value that we all must uphold, and that should be given to our parents, the earth and the spiritual world. The performance includes music from Guinea and the Ivory Coast, featuring drumming, singing and the unique sounds of the balaphone and other instruments.

MSU faculty, staff and students will be admitted free with a valid ID card. Concert tickets are \$5 at the door.

Workshops in dance and music percussion will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19 and 20.

The campus performance is sponsored by the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for the Humanities, Department of Music, Department of Communication and Theatre, MSU Arts and Humanities Council, President's Fund for Diversity, and the Office of Multicultural Student Services.

Additional information about the workshops or the performance is available by calling Frank Oddis, associate professor of music and percussion coordinator, at (606) 783-2487.

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# KFAC presents Mountaintop Removal Roadshow

The Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) and Morehead State University's Appalachian Heritage Program have announced the next installment of the speakers series: "Appalachia: Yesterday and Today."

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at KFAC, Dave Cooper will present the Mountaintop Removal Roadshow .

Cooper is a former mechanical engineer and former organizer for the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition (OVEC). Last summer, he was an organizer for Mountain Justice Summer, a series of workshops, demonstrations and presentations focusing on environmental and economic justice issues in the Appalachian region. He has presented the Mountaintop Removal Roadshow more than 100 times at educational institutions throughout the region, including Indiana University, West Virginia University, the University of Kentucky and Clemson University.

The Mountaintop Removal Roadshow features a slideshow depicting mountaintop removal sites and the social and environmental effects of this mining practice on mountain communities. A discussion will follow.

This presentation will begin a three-day series of events on the MSU campus focusing on the debate surrounding mountaintop removal mining.

"The Mountaintop Removal Roadshow is a highly effective presentation," said Dr. John Hennen, director of MSU's Appalachian Heritage Program. "If you haven't had the opportunity to see a mountaintop removal operation firsthand, this presentation will be a remarkable introduction, and Mr. Cooper is an engaging, knowledgeable presenter. Mountaintop removal is not only the greatest environmental challenge facing the mountain region, it also has great impact on our culture and way of life."

"While northeast Kentucky hasn't been faced with mountaintop removal on a daily basis like our neighbors in southeast Kentucky or in West Virginia, this is one of the most controversial issues facing the Appalachian region," said Matt Collinsworth, KFAC director. "We should all take the opportunity to educate ourselves about all sides of this issue. This debate will impact the future of our region's economy, environment and society."

New speakers and dates will be announced as they are scheduled. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2204. KFAC, located at 102 West First Street in Morehead, is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1-5 p.m.

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## Mazak Corporation donates automated milling machine

The Mazak Corporation in Florence has donated Morehead State University's [Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology](#) a VTC-41 CNC 3-axis Vertical Machining Center, an automated milling machine valued at approximately \$49,500 along with a chip conveyor and other accessories.

With Mazak's significant discount (\$30,000), the department was able to equip the IET manufacturing laboratory with a high tech CNC Horizontal Milling machine, the Mazak Quick Turn Nexus 100 Turning Center with Mazatrol Fusion 640T Nexus Control.

Mazak's partnership and continuous support have enabled the department to contribute to the economic development of MSU's service region.

The computerized milling machines installed in the Manufacturing Technology Lab in Reed Hall will provide IET students with advanced technology skills that will allow them the competitive advantage in the technology driven workplace of today's job market.

"The Mazak Corporation's continuing and generous support of our department allows our students to be prepared for today's competitive job market," said Dr. Ahmad Zargari, IET chair. "We would like to

personally thank Brian Papke (president of Mazak) and the Mazak Corporation for its faith in and commitment to the students of Morehead State University."

The Yamazaki Mazak Corporation, which was named this year as the largest machine-tool builder in the world, designs and produces products for a broad spectrum of manufacturing industries, including automotive, aerospace, heavy equipment, die/mold, medical, electronics and general contract machining.

Mazak has a long history of being involved with the University in a variety of ways. Representatives from the company sit on the IET Advisory Board, keeping the department in tune with industry needs. The company hosts a number of co-op students from the department, housing them and paying them while the students gain invaluable work experience before graduating.

Several MSU graduates currently are employed as co-ops and technical managers at Mazak.

Additional information on the department and its programs of study is available by calling Dr. Zargari at (606) 783-2013.

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## Graduate degree in Adult and Higher Education offered at various locations

Morehead State University is getting high marks from students since its Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education degree is available at several locations in the region and online.

Morehead State offers the only master's degree in adult and higher education in the state. The graduate program is designed to develop the capacity of individuals to plan, organize and carry through a variety of education and service programs to meet adult learners' needs in postsecondary and adult continuing education institutions.

The program is flexible in that students may plan their programs for preparation in teaching, administration, student personnel or developmental studies.

The option is geared to those individuals who need a credential in their work, said Dr. James B. Canipe, assistant professor of education. "This will be a good alternative for those who do program planning or work in adult learning centers," he said.

"The greatest asset is that the program is blendable--it will fit with a variety of programs and allow transfer hours. Students can enroll on a full or part-time basis depending on their area of specialization. It is compatible with most any adult-learning venue.

"In addition, students may wish to complete the Specialist in Education degree," Dr. Canipe added.

The degree offering was a welcomed addition at the [MSU at Prestonsburg](#) campus when it began in fall 2004.

Prestonsburg resident Jeffrey T. Hicks said, "The classes have been of great value to my job. It is wonderful that the degree is being offered close to home."

Hicks, who is completing the Ed.S. degree, works for Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

To obtain the degree, students must complete 30 graduate hours, which includes the program requirements and nine hours in a variety of specialization areas.

"We provide classes that will meet the needs of those in this area, as well as other locations," Dr. Canipe said. "We work closely with our students on an individual basis."

The graduate program is on a fall and spring rotation at the MSU Prestonsburg campus where it will continue in a classroom setting as well as online. Some classes in the program will begin at the [MSU at Ashland](#) campus in the spring.

Additional information is available by calling MSU's [Department of Counseling, Leadership, Adult and Higher Education](#) at (606) 783-2261; regional campus coordinator at (606) 783-2605 or (800) 585-6781, option #3; or MSU at Prestonsburg at (606) 886-2405 or (800) 648-6372.

## 2006 Founders Day nominations sought

Morehead State University is seeking nominations for its 2006 Founders Day Award for University Service.

"We encourage our faculty/staff, students, alumni and other friends to nominate deserving candidates who have given superior service to Morehead State University through the years," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

The award will be presented during the annual observance on Tuesday, March 14, as the University celebrates its 84th year as a public institution of higher learning. Morehead Normal School, MSU's predecessor institution, opened its doors in 1887 and the campus was converted to a state normal school in 1922. "On this special day, we will recognize and honor many of those whose efforts have contributed to making this institution what it is today," Dr. Andrews said.

Nominations for the 2006 award should be submitted in writing to Founders Day Chairperson, Morehead State University, Palmer Development House, Morehead, KY 40351-1689 or faxed to (606) 783-5089. Current full-time employees of MSU are not eligible. Nominees must have demonstrated extensive service to the University as an employee and/or volunteer. Nominations must be received by **Wednesday, Nov. 30**.

The Founders Day Award for University Service was established by MSU's Board of Regents in 1978. Recipients have included W.E. Crutcher, 1978; Linus A. Fair, 1979; U.S. Rep. Carl D. Perkins, 1980; Dr. Warren C. Lappin, 1981; Dr. Ted L. Crosthwait, 1982; Monroe Wicker, 1983; Lloyd Cassity, 1984; Grace Crosthwaite, 1985; Boone Logan, 1986; Dr. Rondal Hart, 1987; George T. Young, 1988; John E. Collis, 1989; Dr. Wilhelm Exelbirt, 1990; Dr. R.H. Playforth, 1991; Dr. Mary Northcutt Powell, 1992; Sen. Woody May, 1993; Dr. J.E. Duncan, 1994; Harlen L. Hamm and Sherman R. Arnett, 1995; Dr. Adron Doran, 1996; Robert S. Bishop and K. Martin Huffman, 1997; Dr. Charles J. Pelfrey, 1998; Carolyn S. Flatt, 1999; Dr. Earl J. Bentley, 2000; Mrs. Mignon M. Doran, 2001; Dr. C. Nelson Grote, 2002; Merl Fair Allen, 2003; Dr. John C. Philley, 2004; and Dr. Charles M. Derrickson, 2005.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2033.

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## Noted mathematician to visit campus

A noted mathematician will share his experiences with the Morehead State University community in a special campus visit.

Dr. William Y. Vélez, University of Arizona Distinguished Professor, will speak to students and faculty in Lappin Hall on Thursday, Nov. 10.

With more than 30 years as an educator, Dr. Vélez' experience includes serving as the director of the Southwest Regional Institute in the Mathematical Sciences, and teaching as a visiting professor at the Mathematics Institute at the University of Heidelberg in (then) West Germany. Additionally, he was the associate head for undergraduate programs in the mathematics department at the University of Arizona and served as a consultant for the Naval Ocean Systems Center in San Diego, among other professional positions.

"Dr. Vélez has been an inspiration to many students," said Dr. Dora Ahmadi, chair of MSU's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. "He has been very active in recruiting and advising a diverse population of students."

He will address students at 1:50 p.m. in 107 Lappin Hall, and will talk to the faculty about recruiting, advising and mentoring at 3:30 p.m., also in 107 Lappin.

Dr. Vélez' major areas of study are in: algebraic number theory, elementary number theory, group theory, field theory, algebraic coding theory, communication theory and signal processing. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as the Ph.D. degree, all in mathematics, from the University of Arizona. A member of several professional societies, he has authored or co-authored numerous research and advancement grants.

Dr. Vélez has received many awards for distinguished service in his discipline, including the President's Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring Program, presented in 1997. He is a past recipient of a Ford Foundation Fellowship, and was given the National Science Foundation Director's Equal Opportunity Achievement Award.

Additional information on the campus lecture is available by calling Dr. Ahmadi at (606) 783-2919.

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## Advanced Placement Program adds two new classes

Morehead State University will again provide summer training for educators who teach Advanced Placement Program courses in their schools.

The weeklong Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) provides information to assist middle and high school teachers and supervisors teach various subjects on a more complex level. Advanced Placement courses give high school students an opportunity to enhance their studies of interest by taking college courses and exams while still in high school.

The program includes in-depth instruction and interaction with session leaders, focusing on positive and effective teaching strategies.

Scheduled to be held July 10-14, 2006, on campus, the APSI will include instruction in 20 courses in its sixth year, including two that were recently added: art history, biology, calculus AB, chemistry, economics-macro/micro combined, English language, English literature, environmental science, European history, French language, German Language, human geography, music theory, physics, psychology, Spanish language, statistics, U.S. government and politics, U.S. history and world history.

MSU's program is provided through a partnership with The College Board, a national non-profit membership association dedicated to preparing, inspiring and connecting students to college. The Board

provides educators with information, tools and strategies needed to build and strengthen their professional skills and techniques.

The 2005 institute drew more than 225 educators from Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Michigan, Indiana, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Illinois, Nebraska and West Virginia.

Each participant may enroll in one course. The fee is \$400, plus an additional \$25 lab fee for biology, chemistry, environmental science and physics. Applications are available online at [www.moreheadstate.edu/oce](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/oce).

Additional information is available from Tina Stafford-Baldwin, MSU regional campus coordinator, by sending a message to [t.stafford@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:t.stafford@moreheadstate.edu) or by calling (606) 783-2605 or (800) 585-6781, option 3.

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## Special day set for transfer students

Students coming to Morehead State University from other colleges and universities will have a special opportunity to visit MSU's main campus or regional campuses in Ashland, Jackson, Mt. Sterling, Prestonsburg or West Liberty.

Transfer Student Registration is designed to help smooth the transition between MSU and other educational institutions. On this day, students may get the information they need and register for classes, all at one stop.

Registration for transfer students has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18, at the Adron Doran University Center. Transfer programs also will be offered at the MSU at Ashland, MSU at Jackson, MSU at Mt. Sterling, MSU at Prestonsburg and the MSU at West Liberty campuses, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

On the main campus, program participants may check on academic programs; pick up information on meal plans, housing and parking; determine how courses will transfer to Morehead State; register for classes and have their ID made, according to Lora Pace, first year program and retention director. Additionally, representatives from the offices of financial aid, registrar and other support areas will be on hand; and tours of the main campus will conclude the day's events.

At the regional campuses, future students may secure information on academic programs, discuss how classes will transfer to MSU and register for classes.

As pre-registration for Spring 2006 will be conducted on this day, anyone who will be seeking transfer credit must bring his/her academic transcripts for evaluation. Graduate and Undergraduate catalogs from their previous institutions would be helpful.

Additional information on becoming an MSU student is available by calling the First Year Programs and Retention at (606) 783-5208 or (800) 585-6781; or contacting the regional campuses: MSU at Ashland, (606) 327-1777 or toll-free at (800) 648-5370; MSU at Jackson, (606) 666-2800 or toll-free at (800) 729-5225; MSU at Mt. Sterling, (859) 499-0760 or toll-free at (866) 870-0809; MSU at Prestonsburg, (606) 886-2405 or toll-free at (800) 648-5372; or MSU at West Liberty, (606) 743-1500 or toll-free at (800) 648-5372.

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## Tips for selling on eBay

Morehead State University's [Small Business Development Center](#) will hold a workshop for individuals interested in setting up a business on eBay. The workshop will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 4-5:30 p.m. in 405 Combs Building.

The seminar will be instructed by Mark Johnson with the [Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development's](#) small and minority business services division. Topics of discussion will include strategies and tips for successfully selling on eBay, the step-by-step process of listing, and selling and receiving payment for an item. The workshop is free for all participants, however, seating is limited and advance registration is preferred.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

Additional information and registration are available by calling (606) 783-2895.

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## RHA hosts Thanksgiving dinner

Morehead State University students will celebrate the true meaning of Thanksgiving by providing a special holiday meal for members of the campus community.

The Residence Hall Association will host the dinner on Thursday, Nov. 10, as part of its Random Acts of Kindness Week. Turkey, dressing and the customary trimmings will be served at 6 p.m. in the Button Drill Room on campus to faculty, staff and students.

"The true spirit of Random Acts of Kindness is showing your fellow man an act of kindness, and RHA believes that providing a traditional Thanksgiving dinner is such an act," said Tabitha Berger, **Bevinsville** junior and chair of the RHA's publicity committee. "The Thanksgiving holiday is about being generous to your neighbor."

The Residence Hall Association is a group of students that, through residence hall and inter-organizational elections, have been chosen to represent MSU students who live on campus. Each residence hall has its own set of officers as well as officers across the entire campus.

The meal will be catered by Aramark, with some dishes prepared by students. There is no admission charge.

Additional information about the dinner is available by calling the RHA office at (606) 783-5368.

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## Advance registration for spring is Nov. 14-17

Want to try something new, improve your career or go back to school? Morehead State University is responding to the demand for quality education by offering a number of classes through several venues for the 2006 Spring term.

MSU is recognized as one of the top public universities in the South in the 2006 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report. The University is ranked in the top 25 public institutions that grant bachelor's and master's degrees in 12 states, including Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Students at MSU may receive a quality education by a variety of delivery modes--the traditional classroom setting, via the Internet, by Compressed Video (ITV), through Kentucky Educational Television (KET) or correspondence study courses.

Students are encouraged to register early when there is the best variety of classes available. Advance registration for the Spring term will be held Monday through Thursday, Nov. 14-17, on the main campus, online or at any of the five regional campus centers.

Registration for transfer students has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18, at the Adron Doran University Center on the main campus and at the regional campuses.

From MSU's Web site, current students may view the 2006 Class Directory and Business Guide to register for classes, pay fees and holds, order textbooks and view transcripts, grades, official academic checksheets, transfer course equivalencies and academic policies via Eagle Express.

Students may register from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day in their academic departments according to classification. Graduate students, and current seniors and juniors will register on Monday, Nov. 14. All classifications may register Tuesday through Thursday.

Current students, who have an official checksheet on file, may register via MSU's Web site ([www.moreheadstate.edu](http://www.moreheadstate.edu)), beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday. Those who do not have a Personal Identification Number (PIN) will be given the option to choose one when they log onto the student user page.

Textbooks for the classes are available from the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center. Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at [www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu](http://www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu). Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

Details on the registration process are available on the Registrar's Web site or by calling the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008.

Advance registration will be held at the five regional campuses during the same period. Additional information is available by calling MSU at Ashland at (606) 327-1777 or (800) 648-5370; MSU at Jackson at (606) 666-2800 or (800) 729-5225; MSU at Mt. Sterling at (859) 499-0780 or (866) 870-0809; MSU at Prestonsburg at (606) 886-2405 or (800) 648-6372; or MSU at West Liberty at (606) 743-1500 or (800) 648-5371.

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## Ballard scholarship wristbands for sale

Morehead State University's chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity will sell "MKB 4:13" wristbands at Wal-Mart in Morehead on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The wristbands honor Matthew K. Ballard, who was killed in an accident in July.

Ballard was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the Greek community. The fraternity has raised money all semester to donate to the Matthew Kenneth Ballard scholarship fund at MSU.

Two members of the Pi Kappa Alpha will receive a scholarship each year in Ballard's name.

To date, the brothers have collected \$700 for the scholarship.

"This event is sure to bring together the community and the University for a good cause and to celebrate a friend, brother and loved one," said Brad Hagen, **New York** senior, who is president of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The group also will give out free BBQ and chili during the event.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Melissa Dunn, director of student activities/Greek Life, at (606) 783-2071.

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## Class offered on dangers of tobacco

Morehead State University's [Wellness Center](#) is sponsoring an informational session on the dangers of tobacco.

Josh McCurdy, MSU health promotions intern, will instruct the program. Topics of discussion will include the dangers of tobacco products, as well as tips for quitting.

The free class will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center classroom. MSU faculty, staff and students, as well as members of the surrounding community are encouraged to attend.

The program is being offered as a part of the MSU Wellness Center's Great American Smokeout, which encourages current smokers to give up smoking for one day, Nov. 17.

Additional information is available by calling Melinda L. Oakley, MSU Wellness Center assistant director, at (606) 783-5161.

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## Philosophy professor to lecture here

"Why Tables and Chairs Don't Exist, But You Do" is the title of a lecture being sponsored by Morehead State University's [Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy](#), [Student Government Association](#) and Haynes Philosophy Fund.

The session will be held on Friday, Nov. 18, at 4:15 p.m. in 401 Combs Building.

The lecture will be presented by Trenton Merricks, professor of philosophy at the University of Virginia. He is author of "Objects and Persons" (Oxford University Press, 2001) in which he argues all existing things have casual powers that go beyond the powers of their parts.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Scott Davison, associate professor of philosophy, at (606) 783-2273.

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## Theatre students will present drama

Lillian Hellman's dramatic masterpiece "Another Part of the Forest" will be staged at Morehead State University Tuesday through Sunday, Nov. 15-20.

MSU's theatre students will perform the play, set in the post-Civil War south, each evening at 7:30 p.m., except for Nov. 20, when they will present a matinee at 2 p.m.

"Forest" revolves around the story of the rich Marcus Hubbard, who is despised by the townpeople of Bowden, Ala., because of his war profiteering. He also squabbles with wife Lavinia and his sons, conniving Ben and weak Oscar; but his beautiful daughter Regina gets all she wants from him. When Ben sets out to destroy his father, family turmoil intensifies.

Dr. William J. Layne, MSU professor of theatre, will portray Marcus Hubbard. Student players, all theatre majors, include: Lauren Dickerson of **Hustonville** as Lavinia Hubbard; Beth Anne Humphrey of **Elkins, W.Va.**, as Regina Hubbard; Trevor Fannin of **Louisa** as John Bagtry; Shade Chaffin of **Louisa** as Ben Hubbard; and Jonathan Mason of **Winchester** as Oscar Hubbard.

Erin McClain-Bishop, assistant professor of theatre, is directing the play.

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for non-MSU students and senior citizens. MSU students will be admitted free with a valid EagleCard ID. Reservations are suggested.

Additional information and reservations are available by calling the Theater Box Office at (606) 783-2170.

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## MSU celebrates Non-Traditional Student Month

One of the fastest growing populations, if not the fastest, is non-traditional students. These individuals are raising children, keeping the household, and serving the community all while they go to school.

Morehead State University has a long and proud tradition of providing high quality credit and non-credit programs for non-traditional students.

President Wayne D. Andrews kicked off Non-Traditional Student Month with the signing of a Presidential Proclamation on Nov.

1. The ceremony was held on campus and viewed at all five of MSU's regional campus sites (via MSU's distance learning). In the proclamation, Dr. Andrews stated "non-traditional students at Morehead State University are seen by many traditional-age students as role models to be admired for their unyielding goal of becoming college graduates."

Madonna Weathers, vice president of student life, and Jacquelyn H. Scott, coordinator non-traditional/commuter students and director of STEPS, each spoke about the role of non-traditional students at the University.

Tammy

Scott, **Morehead** senior, and

Jennifer

Martin, **Winchester** junior, president of the Non-Traditional Eagle Society and vice president, respectively, also voiced comments at the gathering.

The Non-Traditional Eagle Society was started by students to provide social activities. MSU also has a chapter of Pinnacle, a non-traditional honor society, and Non-Traditional/Commuter Student Planning Council that provides support and planning of activities.

Those who serve on the Council also serve as mentors during

Summer Orientation, Advising and Registration activities and other events sponsored by the Office of Admissions.

The week of Nov. 6 through 12 is National Non-Traditional Student week. However, several events are scheduled locally throughout the month. On Nov. 14, students will honor favorite faculty with a reception in the non-traditional/commuter lounge and on Nov. 21 the group will host a potluck lunch.

Additional information on non-traditional programs is available from Jacquelyn Scott at (606) 783-2102 or by e-mail to [j.scott@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:j.scott@moreheadstate.edu).

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## Faculty art exhibit continues through Dec. 7

The main gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building at Morehead State University will be the site of the "2005 Art Faculty Exhibition," Nov. 16-Dec. 7.

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 6-8 p.m. with complimentary refreshments and live bluegrass music. The activity is free and open to the public.

The annual faculty exhibition showcases the artworks of faculty in the Department of Art. The show features a wide range of media and techniques, reflecting the strength and diversity of the department's programs and instruction. Both two-dimensional works executed in media such as oil and acrylic painting, drawing, traditional and digital photography, computer generated imagery, textiles and printmaking, as well as three-dimensional sculpture and ceramic work will be displayed.

In association with the exhibition, there will be an Art Faculty Forum on Thursday,

Nov. 17, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The exhibiting artists will be on hand to discuss their work, as well as field questions. There will be refreshments available.

Exhibiting artists include: Sharon Austin, David Bartlett, Jenny Bell, Deeno Golding, Dixon Ferrell, Robert Franzini, Christy Herring, Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, Gary Mesa-Gaido, Anita Carney-McNeal, Greg Penner, Emma Gillespie Perkins, Jennifer Reis, Stephen Tirone and Nancy Wayman.

The gallery in Claypool-Young is an educational resource of the art department and the University as a whole; the faculty exhibition is the embodiment of the gallery's mission. This exhibit is possibly the most anticipated event of the year.

The gallery features contemporary art for the Morehead State University community as well as the university's service region. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. There is no admission charge. Parking is available on University Street and Elizabeth Avenue, directly behind the Claypool-Young Art Building.

Any questions or comments should be directed to Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at

(606) 783-5446.

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## Art students produce gallery exhibit

Students taking an art class at Morehead State University will display the visual results of their class work in a special show.

The original pieces will be displayed in the Strider Gallery within the Claypool-Young Art Building, Nov. 16-Dec. 7. The students are preparing the food for the opening reception which will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 6-8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The exhibit, titled "Roots to Branches: Catching Up to the Past," includes the works of 37 students enrolled in ART 463: Arts of the United States, taught by Dr. Joy L. Gritton, associate professor of art. The class covers the social, political and cultural movements which affected the course of American artistic development.

"The works are based on the students' research of their families' histories and the histories of their communities," Dr. Gritton said.

For this project, students conducted interviews with family members and neighbors, perused family scrapbooks and photo albums, reviewed local histories compiled in their home counties and cities, and consulted relevant online and published sources on regional and American history. Among the issues for consideration were unique social, political, environmental, economic and cultural histories of the places they call home, as well as where they fit into those histories.

The students compiled their research into a paper which they used as a springboard for a creative interpretation of their individual identity as it relates to these histories. The works also will be available online as a virtual exhibit.

Students participating in the art class project are:

Tomas Ayala, Hazel Green, Ala.; Becky Baker, Olive Hill; Chassity Barker, Olive Hill; Paige Beasley, West Liberty; Jason Brewer, Louisville; Terrence Bruner, London; Jessica L. Carroll, Chavies; Shelley Clements, Louisville; Stephen Creech, Mt. Sterling;

Tara Denney, Jackson, Ohio; Michelle Dillon, Flemingsburg; Rachel Doan, Erlanger; Jeremy Dotson, Phelps; Leslie Doyle, Maysville; Amanda Earnest, Princeton;

Laura Eklund, Olive Hill; Ashley Feather, Danville; Emily Florence, Carlisle; Richard Gearhart, Morehead; Jessica George, Ashland; Ron Gevedon, Cannel City; Joe Grubb, Olive Hill; Jonathan Hale, Mallie;

Casey King, Winchester; Kristopher Lane, Morehead; Brent Mack, Winchester; Rhonda Miller, Olive Hill; Ryan Newberry, Cincinnati;

James Reynolds, Lebanon, Ohio; Renee Rucker, Hodgenville; Stacy Scott, Olive Hill; Xavier Scott, Langley; Erica Seagraves, Grayson; Anna Smith, Bloomington, Ill.; Brittany Stacy, Hazard; Lori Votaw, Danville; and Brad Williamson, Belfry.

The Strider Gallery is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m., weekdays. There is no charge for viewing.

The student works will be on display during the MSU Faculty Art Show that runs during the same period in Claypool-Young's main gallery.

Additional information on the class and the students' works is available by calling Dr. Gritton at (606) 783-2762 or the [Department of Art](#) at (606) 783-2766.

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## Announcement of Safety Project

**EVENT:** Announcement of Safety Project

**DATE:** Friday, Nov. 11, 2005

**TIME:** 12:45 p.m.

**SITE:** Intersection of Wilkinson Boulevard and University Boulevard, at the main entrance to Morehead State University

State Reps. John Will Stacy and Rocky Adkins will make a joint announcement concerning safety improvements to Wilkinson Boulevard (U.S. 60 Bypass). The announcement will be of special interest to Morehead State University students and all motorists and pedestrians who use the bypass.

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## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Three units in the [Division of University Relations](#) at Morehead State University will conduct a Thanksgiving food drive to benefit Christian Social Services.

The drive is being conducted by the [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#), the [Kentucky Folk Art Center](#) and [Morehead State Public Radio](#) through Monday, Nov. 21. KCTM will collect the non-perishable food items for delivery to Christian Social Services on Nov. 22.

Non-perishable foods such as canned soup and vegetables, coffee, sugar, crackers, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, vegetable oil, salad dressing, canned tuna or chicken, baked beans, applesauce, popcorn, raisins, spaghetti sauce, pasta, rice, pancake mix, flour, granola bars and other items will be accepted.

Thanksgiving food drive donations will be collected during weekday hours at the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, located at 149 East Main Street in Morehead.

Additional information is available by calling KCTM at (606) 783-9001 or MSPR at (606) 783-2001.

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## Faculty member is ultra runner

By Leslie Sweeney

MSU Student Writer

As you stroll down Morehead State University's University Boulevard, you may catch a glimpse of ultra-runner Dr. Herb Hedgecock.

Dr. Hedgecock, MSU assistant professor of organic chemistry, did not begin running until he was in graduate school in 1975.

"I started running during the 'running boom' just because it was something simple and easy to do," he said.

It was something that just stuck for Dr. Hedgecock. When he began working as a post-doc at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, he continued running with his colleagues.

After relocating to Morehead in 1979, he joined the Morehead Athletic Club, a local running group, and participated in short races. This eventually led to him running in his first marathon in 1982, and ultimately to his first ultra-run of 50 miles in 1990.

Dr. Hedgecock said he enjoyed running in the ultra run so much that he wanted to do more, and he did.

He has been the host of several trail runs since 1997, starting with "KUTS" which consisted of six people, including himself.

"Everyone enjoyed the run so much; I liked the area here and wanted to share it with others, so I just starting building from there," he said.

Dr. Hedgecock hosts three trail runs: the Kentucky Ultra Trail Sojourn, which is ranked in the top 50 in number of runners; Kentucky Arches Run; and the Sugar and Spice, which was the first for women only ultra run in the United States.

Over the years, he has brought people to the region from across the country.

Dr. Hedgecock said he has built a good reputation here, and has brought runners to the area not only by running short advertisements in the magazine, UltraRunning, but by word of mouth.

Runners from 17 to 18 states, from as far away as California, attended his third annual Kentucky Arches Run which was held Nov. 12, at the Natural Bridge State Resort Park and the Red River Gorge. "The run has grown, and is touted to be the most scenic run in the Eastern U.S.," Dr. Hedgecock said.

Although the runs cost money, most of it goes back to the runners, with the rest being donated for trail upkeep or to local charities.

Dr. Hedgecock says the money usually pays for food and shirts, with leftover funds being donated to various agencies, such as the NewHope Clinic in Bath County and American Red Cross.

"In the last three years, we have donated \$4,000 to many organizations," he said. However, this is not the only money which Dr. Hedgecock has contributed.

In 1992 and 1993, he hosted two runs in Morehead, and in 2000, a run in Bath County to raise money for the Christian Social Services and NewHope Clinic; he donated \$15,000.

"It's all grown to be more than just running," he said. "It's become a labor of love."

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## MSU to host 46th annual Choral Festival

Morehead State University's [Department of Music](#) will host the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Choral Festival for High School Singers, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 14 and 15.

Two concerts are open to the public and will be at 7 p.m.

On Monday, at First Baptist Church, 123 E. Main Street, the MSU choirs under the direction of Dr. Greg Detweiler, associate professor of music, and Adam Luebke, instructor of music, will present their Fall Concert.

The program will open with the Chamber Singers and continue with the Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus, and the Concert Choir. Also on the program will be solo selections sung by MSU voice professors Dr. Roma Prindle and Dr. Ricky Little, associate professors of music, and Janean Freeman, instructor of music.

This concert is free of charge. People are encouraged to come early, due to limited seating.

Then on Tuesday, the High School Festival SSA Choir and the High School Festival SATB Choir will present a concert in Baird Music Hall. The two choirs are comprised of 460 singers from 30 high schools in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana.

The guest conductor for the SSA Choir is Dr. Lynne Gackle, artistic director of Gulf Coast Youth Choirs, Tampa, Fla., and the guest conductor of the SATB Choir is Dr. Anton Armstrong, professor of music at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

There is a \$3 admission charge for this event.

Additional information is available by calling the Department of Music at (606) 783-2473.

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## Resident Advisers needed for 2006

Want to be an R.A. (Resident Adviser) for the spring semester?

The Office of Student Housing at Morehead State University is currently seeking students who are interested in becoming an R.A. for the Spring 2006 term.

To be eligible to apply, applicants for an R.A. position must have met these minimum requirements by the close of the Fall semester: 2.5 cumulative GPA, full time student in good standing with the university, must have completed 28 credit hours, and lived in an MSU residence hall for at least one semester.

Interested students will find the R.A. application and recommendation forms on the Office of Student Housing Web page. Recruitment will remain open and applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

Questions about an R.A. position, may be directed to any hall director or Dennis McKay, assistant director for residence education, at 783-2060 or by sending a message to [d.mckay@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:d.mckay@moreheadstate.edu)

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## Resident Advisers win conference awards

The Morehead State University Resident Adviser (RA) Program took home several awards at the Kentucky R.A. Conference held at Transylvania University in Lexington in October.

RAs from all colleges and universities in the state of Kentucky attended the conference where there were programs to learn new ideas and how other RAs are working on their campuses.

The University's RAs were recognized for their outstanding performance. Overall, the group won the True Spirit Award, which is given to a group who shows outstanding leadership and dedication to their positions. The most honorable award at the conference was the case study competition where MSU took both first and second place honors. First place was awarded to Jeremy Farmer of Louisville and DeAndre Florence of Covington. Second place went to Sonya Bramley of Morehead and Sarah Allen of Prestonsburg.

MSU also took top honors in the programming category. Cynthia Fitzpatrick of Prestonsburg and Caitlin Lippo of Rolling Meadows, Ill., presented "Who am I and Who are You"? in the area of diversity.

The RAs play a vital role in the academic success of the students through their leadership, guidance and residence hall programming, said Dennis McKay, assistant director of residence education.

Throughout the year, RAs create, organize and present programs in the areas of education, diversity, campus and social events, and community service which has proven to be essential in a students overall academic and personal success at MSU.

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## HfH sponsors dance lesson

The Morehead State University campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity will host a benefit, titled "Shall We Learn to Dance?"

An instructor from Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Lexington will teach salsa dancing in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center on Wednesday, Nov. 16, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Singles or couples are invited to attend along with members of the community and MSU faculty, staff and students. The cost is \$7 per person.

This is the second time our chapter has offered this event, according to Laura Sollenberger, Alexandria, Ohio, senior and director of fundraising for Habitat. "We plan to do this event twice a year," she said

"The event was a great success last year. We had a wonderful turnout and lots of fun learning to dance. I hope for the same support this year," said Sollenberger.

Additional information is available by calling Sollenberger at (606) 356-1452.

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## MSU-St. Claire project top in state

Morehead State University has the highest priority building project in the state's public higher education system - a \$28 million health, education and research center in partnership with St. Claire Regional Medical Center - according to the 2006-2008 biennial budget request approved this week by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

MSU would receive \$23 million in state funds and be authorized to seek and spend another \$5 million in federal funds for the proposed facility on St. Claire's campus in Morehead. The project received \$1.5 million in planning funds during the 2005 legislative session.

The CPE budget request for Morehead State also includes an extra \$4.3 million in operating funds for the two-year period, a potential share of up to \$3 million in regional stewardship support, \$1 million in retention and affordability support of low income students, \$750,000 in matching funds for facility maintenance projects, nearly \$700,000 for upgrading instructional and information technology equipment, \$300,000 for expanded student services at the five regional campuses, and \$100,000 for the MSU-KCTCS Early College Program in Pike County.

"We feel the new state funding formula is fair to our institution but everyone associated with us should recognize that increased state support is tied to growth in enrollment and that means we must improve the recruitment and graduation rates of good students," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "This new building project and outreach initiatives will enable us to provide better services to our students and the citizens of East Kentucky."

MSU students also would benefit from a proposed \$900,000 appropriation for the University Center of the Mountains (UCM) in Hazard, a partnership offering bachelor's and master's degrees in Hazard. Institutional partners include MSU, EKV, Hazard Community and Technical College, Lindsey Wilson College and KCTCS.

The CPE's budget request provides funds for institutional operations and for construction, renovation and technology projects at Morehead State and the seven other public universities, the Kentucky College and Technical System, Kentucky Adult Education, Kentucky Virtual University, Kentucky Virtual Library, and other initiatives of the state's postsecondary education system.

The request now goes to Governor Fletcher who will consider it in the preparation of his executive budget proposal to be presented to the state legislature in January, soon after the opening of the 2006 regular session. The General Assembly has final responsibility for adopting the state's biennial budget.

If the CPE budget request is enacted by the legislature, MSU's state general fund appropriation for operating purposes would increase from the current \$44.8 million to \$47 million in 2006-2007 and to \$49.1 million in 2007-2008.

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## Adkins, Stacy announce bypass safety projects

State Reps. Rocky Adkins and John Will Stacy today announced a traffic safety initiative aimed at making the U.S. 60 bypass (Wilkinson Boulevard) a safer place for Morehead State University students and other motorists who travel or cross that highway.

The legislators said they are working closely with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and MSU President Wayne D. Andrews to improve conditions for students and other pedestrians who use the road.

Reps. Stacy and Adkins identified four specific projects, including:

- Improved overhead lighting of each intersection on the bypass.
- Installation of "countdown" pedestrian signals at two intersections.
- More traffic lane delineation pavement markings in turn lanes.
- Additional raised reflective pavement markers and reflective tape on existing traffic signals and signs.

Both legislators also voiced their intention to seek funding for additional overhead lighting along the entire section of highway from KY 519 to the Rodburn intersection.

"We recognize that the volume of traffic makes it crucial to improve visibility for drivers and pedestrians," said Rep. Stacy, noting that he and Rep. Adkins each have daughters enrolled at MSU. "We've heard those stories of near misses because of poor visibility and heavy traffic."

Rep. Adkins added that the initiative is indicative of their support of President Andrews and his leadership of the University.

"We are working shoulder to shoulder with MSU in several areas to help this region move forward," he said. "Growing the enrollment of MSU makes it even more important for us to improve highway safety for those who come to our campus."

Dr. Andrews commended the two legislators, both of whom are MSU alumni, for their cooperation and commitment. "We are so pleased to be a part of this undertaking," he said. "This is a high volume traffic area and this initiative by our legislative friends will make it less of a risk to our students and visitors, as well as the general public."

Rep. Adkins noted that the MSU parking areas along the bypass are heavily used by commuting students and visitors to campus events and that they would see greater use when the nearby Morehead Conference Center opens next year.

Rep. Stacy described the safety work as "another example of improving the quality of life for our students and the entire community."

## MSU employees recognized

Several Morehead State University employees who have completed milestone years of service were honored in a special ceremony recently on the campus. President Wayne D. Andrews congratulated each person and presented a pen denoting years of service. Taking part in the ceremony were, front row from left, Dr. Andrews; Linda DeHart, 10; Marquita Bear, 20; Emma Perkins, 5; David Bartlett, 25; Shannon Colvin, 15; Virginia Hyden, 5; Jeanie Lee, 5; Lisa Keeton, 15; Pam Mace, 15; Francene Botts-Butler, 10; Darlene Adams, 5; and Dora Ahmadi, 10. Second row from left are: Cheryl Clevenger, 15; Peggy Gray, 15; Paula Reynolds, 15; Connie Kibbey, 20; Jim Canipe, 5; Linda Casebolt, 15; Mary Howard, 20; Michelle Patrick, 15; Darlene Allen, 15, and Teresa Hardman, 10. Third row from left are Roger Barker, 10; Margaret Young, 30; Carol Nutter, 30; Peg Jones, 20; Gene Caudill, 35; Kevin Shelton, 5; Bruce Mattingly, 25; Robert Franzini, 25; Brenda DeHart, 10; and Calvin Lindell, 20. Back row from left are Richard Miles, 20; Noel Earl, 15; John Jarnigan, 10; James Conn, 15; Ben Spittler, 5; Ricky Messer, 5; Tim Creekmore, 10; David Sloan, 5; and Lloyd Jaisingh, 20.

(MSU photo by Tim Holbrook)

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## KFAC Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

The [Kentucky Folk Art Center's](#) annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair will be held at the Laughlin Health Building on the Morehead State University campus, on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. With more than 100 artists and craftspeople from Kentucky and other states, the Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair is the largest and most diverse event of its kind in the region. The Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair offers visitors a wide and varied selection of regional arts and crafts, ranging from the traditional to the cutting edge, including many holiday decorations and gifts. Admission to the fair is \$3 per person with no charge for children under 12.

"There's something for everyone," said Tammy Stone, one of the event coordinators. "Visitors will find traditional crafts, holiday decorations and handmade furniture. It's the best opportunity in the region to find unique, holiday gifts."

"This is certainly one of our most successful and well-attended events," said Matt Collinsworth, KFAC's director. "Last year, the holiday fair set another record for attendance, and the quality of arts and crafts offered continues to improve each year. It represents a wonderful opportunity for regional craftspeople and the area's holiday shoppers."

The Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University.

Additional information is available from the Center's Web site at [www.kyfolkart.org](http://www.kyfolkart.org), or by calling (606) 783-2204. KFAC, located at 102 West First Street in Morehead, is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1-5 p.m.

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## 2005 Learning Lab assists students

Providing students with the keys to excelling in the classroom is the prime goal of Morehead State University's Learning Lab.

The Center for Academic Services Learning Lab, located at 208 Allie Young Hall, provides supplemental academic assistance to students outside the classroom through individual instruction and the use of computer software and skill booklets, according to the learning lab's tutor handbook.

Alvin Madden-Grider, learning strategies coordinator, said the learning lab is free and offers tutoring in classes which have been identified as common problems for most students.

"We offer tutoring in general education classes, as well as other courses," he said, noting that tutoring is most often requested in the areas of math, science, business and English.

The purpose of the learning lab is not just to help students improve their grades, but to understand the material better, Madden-Grider said.

The tutors review a students' classwork with them, as well as assist with study skills, note taking, how to study and determining how much time they need to spend on studying.

"There is a misconception that only those students who are failing their classes come to the learning lab; however, a lot of our students are high achievers, looking to sharpen their skills," Madden-Grider said.

Many students looking for good refreshers in their area of concentration don't just choose to be tutored, many become tutors themselves, he said.

Kim Reiland, a Silverdale, Wash., junior, is a tutor in the area of mathematics. "I tutor because it keeps me up-to-date on information I have learned in previous courses," she said.

"I also just really enjoy working with people."

Sophomore Marie Bringas, of Morehead, a tutor in the areas of math, science and foreign language, said she tutors for the same reasons. "I really enjoy helping other students. I think it helps them understand the material better if they can see it from another students' perspective."

Madden-Grider said the learning lab employs about 15-20 tutors each semester, as well as 15-20 supplemental instruction leaders, tutors who actually attend the class in which they are tutoring students.

Additional information about the learning lab is available by calling (606) 783-5200.

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## Speech team members receive first place honors

Two Morehead State University speech team members received first place honors at a recent speech competition at Marietta College.

Summer Copley, **Pikeville** senior, took a first place win for her poetry program about Generation X, and Jordan Atkinson, **Pikeville** freshman, won with his dramatic interpretation of a physically disabled character.

Also participating and receiving high scores in two preliminary rounds of competition were: Tami Shannon **Hillsboro, Ohio**, senior; Amanda Day, **Morehead** senior; Sarah Perry, **Olive Hill** junior; and Veronica Ruiz, **Owensboro** freshman.

Students from 10 colleges and universities in Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, and Virginia competed in the tournament.

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## NAIT convention has two MSU representatives

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews will be one of the keynote speakers during the National Association of Industrial Technology's 38<sup>th</sup> annual convention at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet in St. Louis.

Dr. Andrews will speak on Friday, Nov. 18, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The scheduled two-hour lecture is titled "Journey to High Education Administration: The Important Skills of the Industrial Technologist." Dr. Andrews will discuss the strengths and challenges of being an industrial technology professional in higher education.

He will reflect upon the various paths one might take into higher education administration and emphasize the unique opportunities and skills that IT professional brings to the administration and leadership of a university.

Also during the convention, Dr. W. Charles Patrick, professor of industrial technology, will be recognized as the NAIT Region III Outstanding Industrial Technology Professor (OITP). Dr. Patrick, who began his career at MSU in 1985, was awarded the University's Distinguished Teacher Award in 2001.

He received an A.S. degree in civil engineering technology and a B.S. degree in mining engineering technology from West Virginia Institute of Technology. He earned M.S. degrees in mining engineering from West Virginia University and industrial engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. He holds a Ph.D. degree in mining engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Additional information on the convention is available by contacting Dave Monforton, associate director, at (734) 677-0720 or e-mail at [dave@nait.org](mailto:dave@nait.org).

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## Master's degree available online in education

Completing goals is a lifelong process and, for many, attaining additional formal education ranks high on the list of importance.

Teresa Plummer of Lewis Center, Ohio, was looking for an opportunity to pursue another degree when she learned that Morehead State University's Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education degree was available online.

"This was a perfect match for me," said Plummer, associate professor of communications at Marion Technical College. "The instructors have been top notch; they have provided a positive learning environment; and I am pleased that I have been able to receive a high quality education in a field that meets my needs."

Plummer had no problem with the lack of face-to-face instruction. "The professors worked very hard to accommodate my needs," she said. They have provided a channel of open communication, allowing me to truly learn what I need to learn."

The two-time MSU graduate hopes to complete her degree requirements and be a candidate for the Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education degree during the University's Winter Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Completing this degree will open other avenues for the college professor. She will be qualified to assume a position in the administration side of a college or continue her education as a candidate for a Ph.D. degree.

Plummer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech and theatre in 1984 from Morehead State, followed by a master's degree in communications in 1986.

After graduation, she then joined the world of work. While holding a position at Goodwill Columbus where she trained adults with disabilities, she was teaching at Columbus State Community College. Now on the staff at MTC, she teaches public speaking and serves as chapter adviser of Phi Theta Kappa.

Because of Plummer's experience with online courses, one of her colleagues plans to start the education program in January.

Morehead State offers the only master's degree in adult and higher education in Kentucky. The graduate program is designed to develop the capacity of individuals to plan, organize and carry through a variety of education and service programs to meet adult learners' needs in postsecondary and adult continuing education institutions. The program is flexible in that students may plan their programs for preparation in teaching, administration, student personnel or developmental studies.

With their busy schedules, graduate students have found that online courses work well for them. The program is on a fall and spring rotation.

The adult and higher education option is geared to those individuals who need a credential in their work, said Dr. James B. Canipe, MSU assistant professor of education. "This will be a good alternative for those who do program planning or work in adult learning centers," he said.

"The greatest asset is that the program is blendable--it will fit with a variety of programs and will allow transfer hours. Students can enroll on a full or part-time basis depending on their area of specialization. It is compatible with most any adult-learning venue.

"In addition, students may wish to complete the Specialist in Education degree," Dr. Canipe added.

To obtain the degree, students must complete 30 graduate hours, which includes the program requirements and nine hours in a variety of specialization areas.

"We provide classes that will meet the needs of those in this area, as well as other locations," Dr. Canipe said. "We work closely with our students on an individual basis."

Additional information on the degree offering is available by calling [MSU's Department of Counseling, Leadership and Adult and Higher Education](#) at (606) 783-2261.

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## Grads recognized for service

Two Morehead State University graduates were honored by the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce at its annual Hall of Fame dinner.

Billy Joe Hall, chairman of the MSU at Mt. Sterling Advisory Board, was selected as "Contributing Citizen Modern Era."

Hall, who earned an A.B. degree in 1957 and master's degree in 1959, was one of the leaders of Montgomery County to meet with Dr. C. Nelson Grote, then-president of MSU, to urge the establishment of the MSU regional campus in Mt. Sterling.

He has served on the board of Montgomery County Education Foundation since 1987, past president of the chamber of commerce (1970 and 1988), has been a member of Kentucky's Council of Higher Education; Board of Regents at Morehead State, a member of the Board of Trustee at Anderson University and Gulf Coast Bible College.

Hall also has served Rotary International Club for many years and was executive assistant commissioner to the Kentucky Commissioner of Highways. He is owner and lead investment consultant for LPL Financial Services in Mt. Sterling.

Pastora Elicia Gonzalez Back, a 2003 graduate, was awarded the "2005 Distinguished Citizen Award."

She was recognized by Gov. Ernie Fletcher during Hispanic Heritage Month for her efforts in working with migrant population. Always working for a better Montgomery County, Back, a native of Columbia, had endeared herself to the area.

Additional information on the Montgomery County Hall of Fame may be obtained by calling the Chamber of Commerce, at (859) 498-5343.

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## Forgiveness loans open to teachers, nurses

Morehead State University today announced that, starting in January (2006), qualifying students in teacher education and nursing will have access to "forgiveness" loans offered by the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC, The Student Loan People), a sister agency of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

"We recognize that the 'Best in Class' and 'Best in Care' loans represent a wonderful opportunity for a number of our students to lighten their debt burden after they begin repaying their loans," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "Allowing access to these loans also is in keeping with our goal of helping ease the shortage of nurses and teachers in Kentucky."

The teacher loans ("Best in Class") currently offer forgiveness of interest for all Kentucky teachers, guidance counselors and librarians. The program also offers forgiveness of up to 20 percent of the loan principal each year a teacher works full time in Kentucky in a public or private elementary, middle or high school as a science, mathematics, special education, or foreign language teacher. Also eligible are minority teachers in any academic area. School administrators are not eligible.

"Best in Class" loans also are available to teachers already employed in Kentucky who wish to improve their teaching credentials through graduate study at MSU. Some "Best in Class" borrower benefits also may be available through using consolidation loans if the borrower has prior KHESLC loans, including students transferring to MSU from KCTCS institutions.

The "Best in Care" nursing loans currently offer forgiveness of interest and up to 20 percent of the loan principal each year a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse works full time in Kentucky in a hospital, long-term care facility or public health agency or as a college nursing instructor. Nurses practicing in private medical offices or clinics are not eligible and no other health science career fields are included.

Nurses already working in Kentucky who wish to obtain additional credentials by earning a bachelor's degree at MSU may use "Best in Care" loans and receive the appropriate program benefits.

According to information available on the KHESLC Web site at [www.studentloanpeople.com](http://www.studentloanpeople.com), the forgiveness benefits apply only to Stafford and PLUS federal student loans issued or consolidated by KHESLC. Starting with its spring semester in January, MSU will offer the "Best in Class" loans to students who are admitted to the teacher education program and graduate students seeking an advanced teaching degree in science, math, special education or a foreign language and to minority teachers in any teaching field. "Best in Care" will be offered to students admitted to the associate or bachelor's degree program in nursing, according to Carol Becker, director of financial aid.

"It is important that each student and his or her family make sure they understand the details of each of these loan forgiveness programs and keep in mind that these borrower benefits are available only to those who actually work in Kentucky in those specific jobs after graduation," Becker said. "To take advantage of forgiveness benefits, students must be in the process of repaying their loans on a timely basis. We encourage all interested persons to read the information on the KHESLC Web site."

She added that Morehead State will continue to offer Stafford and PLUS loans to the vast majority of its students through the Federal Direct Student Loan Program which is administered on campus.

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## 'Feaste' offers food and fun

The production of this year's "Ye Olde Madrigal Feaste" at Morehead State University is well underway. Excitement is brewing for this holiday theatrical performance and dinner, which will be offered Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 1-3, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

Members of the community are invited to join the University family for this official holiday dinner. Reservations are necessary and tickets must be purchased 24 hours in advance.

The feaste promises to provide gourmet food, great fun and plenty of gleeful frolicking as guests are as much a part of the festival as are members of the court. The food will include Roquefort and Gala apples on mixed baby greens, steamship round of beef, fresh herb chicken in white wine, snap peas, root vegetables au gratin with carrots, celery root, parsnips and turnips, and flaming plum pudding.

The activity will begin with a grand procession of lords, ladies, minstrels and a court jester, announced by brass fanfares mixing with traditional Renaissance madrigals and ending with songs of the season. Throughout the evening, there will be character and roving specialty acts of common folks, such as the knights, troubadours, serfs, footmen, wenches and a couple of beggars.

"Ye Olde Madrigal Feaste" is a 20<sup>th</sup> century theatrical rendition of the 16<sup>th</sup> century Renaissance feasts held in baronial halls throughout England, celebrating the 12 days of Christmas. MSU guests may wear traditional Renaissance festival attire or costumes of the season.

The madrigal dinner, sponsored by the MSU Arts and Humanities Council, is a joint collaboration between six departments in the University's Caudill College of Humanities, Morehead State Public Radio, and the office of the vice president for university relations. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser will support educational opportunities for students in the college.

Tickets are still available for either night at \$30 per person, or \$28 per person for groups of eight or more. Guests will be formally announced and seated at tables of eight or family style for other size groups. Tickets can be purchased through the Department of Communication and Theatre, located in 111 Breckinridge Hall, or by calling (606) 783-2134.

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## Inscape accepting submissions

Inscape, Morehead State University's literary and visual art publication, is accepting student submissions in three categories for its next edition.

Contests are being held for best cover design, and art and writing for the interior of the publication.

Prizes are being offered in two of the three competitions, with a first place prize of \$50 for the selected cover design. A \$75 award will be given for the best artwork submitted for the interior of the publication, with second and third place prizes of \$50 and \$25, respectively, to be awarded.

Inscape is an annual MSU publication with a long history of cutting edge visual and literary art. Media and genres of work range from prose, poetry, short story, long narrative, nonfiction and creative essays to photography, printmaking, painting, design and digital art.

The publication is coordinated by the departments of Art and English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy.

Additional information and the complete list of guidelines on the competitions are available on the Web at <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/inscape/>.

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## Graduate student honored at KCA conference

Deepa Oommen of **Kerala , India** , graduate assistant in Morehead State University's Office of International Education, was honored during the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Kentucky Communication Association, held at Natural Bridge State Park.

Oommen, a graduate student in communications, received the Excellence in Graduate Scholarship award for her graduate paper titled "Team Communication and the Status of Team Training."

The Kentucky Communication Association was established in 1931 for the promotion of effective teaching, research and practice in the artistic, humanistic, and scientific principles of speech communication. KCA is dedicated to serving its membership and to increasing the visibility and effectiveness of communication professionalism in Kentucky.

A not-for-profit organization, KCA is comprised of communication faculty, students and professionals who are committed to studying, improving and applying the principles of competent communication within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. KCA seeks to promote a statewide climate that enhances individual professional growth and facilitates effective group action.

KCA encourages and provides a forum for productive interaction between and among those who apply communication knowledge, those who create communication knowledge, those who study it, and those who teach it. In addition, it provides support services for those seeking communication-related employment, increases the awareness of the field of communication in the general population, provides leaders of local and state government with information relating to the field of communication, and provides communication education, communication training and/or communication services for interested persons, groups and/or organizations.

Membership is open to communication professionals from universities/state/community colleges, elementary and secondary schools, businesses and industries, as well as graduate and undergraduate students and includes a subscription to the Kentucky Communication Journal.

The yearly convention provides high-quality programming and opportunities for awards related to outstanding student papers, scholarship, teaching, and service to the profession.

Making presentations and serving as panelists during the conference were several from MSU: Dr. Gary B. LaFleur, associate professor of speech; and Ron Mace, instructor of communications; along with students Oommen, and graduate student Nattaya Paaborom of Thailand.

Dr. LaFleur also received the "Distinguished Service to the Profession" for the third time. No other member, in the last 75 years of KCA, had ever received the service award three times. He is the organization's immediate past president.

KCA officers are elected each fall at the annual conference. Their terms of office begin in September and run through the conference the following year.

The current officers are:

President: Dr. Tim Ashmore, former assistant professor of communication; First vice president: Derek R. Lane, University of Kentucky; Second vice president: Pamela Gray, Austin Peay State University; Secretary: Gail Henson, Bellarmine University; Treasurer: Bob Glenn, Owensboro Community and Technical College; Journal Editor: Tom Sabetta, Jefferson Community and Technical College; At-Large members: Greg Phelps, Lindsey Wilson College; and Holly Payne, Western Kentucky University; Webmaster: Derek Lane, University of Kentucky; and Proceedings and Nexus Editor and Awards Commission Chair: Dr. LaFleur.

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## Publication is accepting entries from a national pool

Morehead State University's literary and visual art publication, Inscape, is accepting submissions of visual art from a national pool of artists for its spring publication.

A Jan. 15 deadline has been set to accept the entries.

Each artist can enter up to three works which should be submitted on a CD-Rom, 300ppi, and either jpeg or tiff files. The file name should include the artist's name, title of work and medium.

Entries also should include a black and white hardcopy of each work and be clearly labeled on the back with the artist's name, title of work and medium.

If the material is to be returned, a self-addressed, postage paid envelope should be included.

Inscape is an annual MSU publication with a long history of cutting edge visual and literary art. Media and genres of work range from prose, poetry, short story, long narrative, nonfiction and creative essays to photography, printmaking, painting, design and digital art.

Submitting your work allows MSU permission to publish your image in the spring 2006 Inscape publication and possible post of the image on the Inscape Web site. All published works will be identified by the artist's name.

All entries should be sent to Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, Morehead State University, 211 Claypool-Young Art Building, Morehead, KY 40351.

Notifications of accepted work will be announced at the end of February, and all accepted artists will receive a copy of the publication in mid-May.

Additional information is available by sending a message to Mesa-Gaido at [e.mesagaido@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:e.mesagaido@moreheadstate.edu) .

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## Nominations sought for 2005-06 Distinguished Teacher

Nominations are now being accepted for Morehead State University's 2005-06 Distinguished Teacher Award.

MSU's Professional Development Committee is soliciting nominations from MSU faculty, staff, students, alumni and the general public. The award, established in 1964 by the MSU Alumni Association, is given annually to recognize an outstanding teacher in the classroom.

The primary criteria for the award are that the recipient challenge and stimulate students in their academic pursuit and qualify as a full-time faculty member of tenured or special status.

Nominations should include the name, address and telephone number of the person making the nomination along with a one-page letter detailing how the nominee meets the criteria. Previous recipients of the award are not eligible.

All nominations should be submitted to Dr. Michael R. Moore, provost and executive vice president, by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5. His mailing address is Morehead State University, 205 Howell-McDowell Administration Building, Morehead, KY 40351-1689.

Additional information and a detailed list of the criteria may be obtained in 205 Howell-McDowell or by calling (606) 783-2002.

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## Informational session on weight management Dec. 7

An informational session on weight management and eating disorders is being sponsored by Morehead State University's Wellness Center. Members of the community are invited to participate in the free class which will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center classroom. Instructing the course will be MSU health promotions intern, Josh McCurdy. Topics of discussion will include not only the growing problem of eating disorders among men and women of all ages, but how to manage weight through proper nutrition and exercise.

Additional information is available by calling Melinda L. Oakley, MSU Wellness Center assistant director, at (606) 783-5161.

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## Two staff members attend leadership academy

Two Morehead State University employees are taking part in the Morehead-Rowan County Leadership Academy.

Paul Hitchcock, general manager of Morehead State Public Radio, and Kevin Koett, dean of students, are actively involved with the venture.

The Leadership Academy is designed to promote and develop informed as well as dynamic business and community leaders among citizens of Morehead and Rowan County.

This program will give emerging leaders an inside view of the local area, according to the Chamber of Commerce Web site.

Participants will be introduced to community experts and issues, such as economic, governmental, cultural, educational and social organizations. Class sessions include health care, education, economic and infrastructure development, tourism, industry opportunities, volunteerism and government.

"I see this as an opportunity to learn more about how the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce operates and to network with other business individuals in the community," said Hitchcock. "This is a good learning experience and hopefully, I'll be able to bring something back to my employees from this experience. I appreciate the opportunity and am honored to be a part of this group."

Hitchcock has been general manager of MSPR since July 2003. An MSU staff member since 1986, he holds a Master of Arts degree in radio-television/journalism from MSU and a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication arts/psychology from Georgetown College.

"It is truly an honor to have been selected to be a part of the Morehead-Rowan County Leadership Academy. I have heard nothing but good things about the program from previous participants and am excited about the opportunity I have to build strong relationships with the other participants and the program leader (Tracy Williams). I think it is essential that we all contribute in some fashion to the community in which we live," said Koett.

"As a new member of the Morehead community, the leadership academy will allow me the opportunity to learn more about the local culture, history, and economy. I hope to use what I learn from this experience to find areas in which I can become more involved in the Morehead community," he added.

Koett earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in social studies teaching with a minor in psychology from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. in 1989; and a Master of Science degree in higher education with a concentration in student affairs from Syracuse (N.Y.) University. He is working on a Doctor of Philosophy degree in educational leadership from Clemson.

"With my role as Dean of Students, I think it is essential that I work to develop relationships within the community which will enable me to connect our students with opportunities for civic engagement. Through my participation in the leadership academy, I hope to build collaborative relationships that will enable me to help students become more involved within the Morehead community," said Koett.

The academy costs \$300, which is paid by the participant, employer or sponsoring organization.

Additional information on the Morehead-Rowan County Leadership Academy is available by calling the Morehead Chamber of Commerce at (606) 784-6221.

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## Social work program meeting Dec. 6 MSU @ Prestonsburg

Morehead State University at Prestonsburg will host representatives from the master of social work programs at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville's Raymond A. Kent School on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at MSU's regional campus.

Maureen Slaton, of U of L, and Deirdra Robinson, of UK, will be available between 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. to provide information for both the Advanced Standing Program and the regular masters of social work program at their respective schools.

Application information and financial assistance options also will be discussed.

Additional information may be obtained from Elizabeth Bishop, social work facilitator for MSU at Prestonsburg, located in the Post Secondary Education Building of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College campus, Morehead State University room 209, at (800) 648-5372 or locally at (606) 886-3863, (606) 789-5321 and (606) 218-2060, ext. 67120; or by sending e-mail to [e.bishop@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:e.bishop@moreheadstate.edu).

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## Record keeping and taxes subject of workshop

A workshop for potential and current business owners interested in learning about small business record keeping and taxes is being offered by Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center.

The seminar will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in 310 Combs Building.

Sharon Walters, MSU associate professor in accounting, economics and finance, will instruct the workshop. Discussion will include the types of records to keep, methods for keeping records, tax filing requirements, tax forms and tax law changes affecting small businesses.

The workshop is free to all participants, however, seating is limited and advance registration is necessary.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

Additional information and registration are available by calling (606) 783-2895.

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## Holiday tree lighting party offers fun, food and festivities

Morehead State University's Student Government Association is sponsoring a holiday tree lighting party for children of MSU students, faculty and staff.

The party will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Adron Doran University Center.

Youngsters can expect a night full of fun, food and festivities, which includes photos with Santa, caroling, and the reading of "The Night Before Christmas."

The lighting of the University's holiday tree is slated to begin at 7 p.m. on the lawn in front of Fields Hall. Members of the community are invited to attend.

In conjunction with the tree lighting, the University Bookstore will hold a holiday open house from 4-7 p.m. Shoppers will enjoy free gift wrapping, drawings for storewide discounts and a free gift with every purchase. Holiday music will be provided by Leo Blair and Sandy Knipp.

Additional information is available by calling SGA at (606) 783-2298 or the University Bookstore at (606) 783-2081.

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## Book discussion group to meet Jan. 19

The Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University is inviting members of the Morehead community as well as Morehead State students, staff and faculty to join in a newly established book discussion group to learn more about the state's authors and their works.

The group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. on the fifth floor of the library to discuss "Clear Springs: a family story" by Bobbie Ann Mason. The book is a memoir of Mason's experiences growing up in rural Kentucky.

"Clear Springs" discusses life on the family farm in the 1950s when things were simpler. The Cleveland Plain Dealer describes it as "a call to action as much as it is a personal story, and it could inspire you to learn more about your own family history before it is too late.... A bittersweet story of a time and place irrevocably lost."

The library received a grant to sponsor the discussion and to purchase additional copies of the books for public use. The discussion will be moderated by local author and commentator, Bob Sloan.

This is the first in a series of four book discussions sponsored by the Camden-Carroll Library; the Kentucky Humanities Council; MSU's Women's Interdisciplinary Studies Program; Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy; Office of Multicultural Student Services; and MSU's Appalachian Studies Program.

Future titles to be discussed include, Frank X. Walker's "Affrilachia" (poetry), Morris Grubbs' "Home & Beyond" (short stories), and James Baker Hall's "Yates Paul, His Grand Flights and Tootings" (fiction).

A limited number of copies of the book are available for borrowing. They are located near the Circulation Desk on the first floor of the library.

Additional information and registration are available by calling (606) 783-5352. Free parking is available near the library in the evening.

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## Nursing program receives CCNE re-accreditation

Morehead State University's baccalaureate degree program in nursing has received formal re-accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for a period of 10 years, through Dec. 31, 2015.

"The recent re-accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education affirms the hallmark of excellence that faculty and staff aspire to in our daily commitment to educate nurses for our future," said Dr. Erla Mowbray, chair of MSU's Department of Nursing.

At its September meeting, CCNE Board of Commissioners took action to grant re-accreditation. The Board determined that the MSU program met all four accreditation standards with no compliance concerns.

"The commissioners join me in expressing our best wishes as you proceed with tasks important to the future of your nursing program," wrote Mary Margaret Mooney, CCNE chair.

Officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency, the CCNE is an autonomous agency that contributes to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate education programs that prepare effective nurses.

CCNE serves the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in successful educational practices. As a voluntary, self-regulatory process, CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuing self-assessment by nursing education programs and the continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional education.

The entire baccalaureate faculty, under the leadership of Dr. Janet Gross, coordinator of the Baccalaureate Nursing Program, engaged in an intensive self-study in 2004-2005 which culminated with the submission of the Accreditation Self-Study Report to the CCNE on March 7.

A site visit from CCNE was conducted on April 18-20 in which the visitors assessed the MSU baccalaureate program for effective educational practices that ensured the quality and integrity of MSU's program.

"The faculty should be commended for their hard work in documenting the excellence of the academic program," said Dr. Gross.

Nursing is one of the most popular degrees at MSU. In the fall of 2005, there are nearly 500 students who are enrolled in the nursing programs.

MSU is recognized as one of the top public universities in the South in the 2006 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report. The University is ranked in the top 25 public institutions that grant bachelor's and master's degrees in 12 states, including Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Additional information is available by calling the [Department of Nursing](#) at (606) 783-2296.

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## MSU cheerleaders heading to nationals

Morehead State University's coed and all-girl cheerleading squads will compete in the College National Cheerleading Championships, Jan. 13-16, in Orlando, Fla.

Both squads placed first in the country in the qualifying round, which consisted of a cheer video, as well as an 11/2-minute video that demonstrated the teams' stunts, pyramids, basket tosses and tumbling.

The squads will participate in the Universal Cheerleaders Association-sponsored competition at Walt Disney's Wide World of Sports.

This is a return trip for both groups. In the 2005 competition, both the co-ed and all-girl squads won, with the co-ed team winning its fourth consecutive national title and the all-girl squad winning its fifth overall national title.

This is the University's 20<sup>th</sup> national title between the two squads. Overall, the all-girl team has taken the national title five times and the co-ed an unprecedented 15 times. No other college has accomplished that many cheerleading national championships, according to Tony Nash, spirit coordinator.

"We knew going into the qualification process that we had to step up even more than last year," Nash said. "The talent level of both the all-girl and co-ed divisions is growing every year, so it just keeps getting more difficult. We are the defending national champions, so our expectation level from the inside as well as the outside is very high. We know that going in, so we work hard to maintain that level of excellence. The athletes must train harder and prepare more mentally everyday. Since both teams qualified first for the second year in a row, that puts a huge target on our back; everyone wants to knock us off the top. Our goal is to hit our routine and not worry about what other teams do. We don't have the time to worry about them; we just focus on what we have to do."

Members of the coed squad heading to nationals this year are:

Joe Arkansas, **San Marcos, Calif .**; Brian Babcock, **Coeur d'Alene, Idaho .**; Patrick Boyer, **Simi Valley, Calif .**; Clay Clark, **Stafford, Va .**; Molly DuChemin, **West Alexandria, Ohio .**; Alicia Gifford, **West Farmington , Maine .**; Brittany Kaczetow, **Centereach , N.Y .**;

Laurel Long, **Chillicothe, Ohio .**; Brien McColpin, **Wichita, Kan .**; Josh McCurdy, **Meridian, Ind. .**; O'Shea Parker, **Bowling Green .**; Robert Reynolds, **Martin, Tenn .**;

Mo Rodriguez, **Escondido, Calif .**; Billie Sue Roe, **Appleton, Wis .**; Kelsey Simpson, **Lexington .**; Traci Smith, **Phillipsburg, N.J .**; Mark Spearman, **New Bern, N.C .**; and Jennifer Vilaboy, **Ramona, Calif .**

All-girl squad members heading to nationals this year are:

Kim Alderman, **Morehead .**; Katie Axe, **Fairdale;** Brittany Brown, **Sharpsville, Pa.;** Lindsay Bryan, **Catlettsburg .**; Morgan Carroll, **Madison, Wis.;** Crystal Courtney, **Burke, Va .**; Danielle Garone, **North Massapequa, N.Y.;** Crista Glover, **Martin, Tenn .**;

Brittany Grimes, **Somerset .**; Marika Jones, **East St. Louis, Ill .**; Brandi Kratzer, **Mt. Sterling .**; Amanda Lewis, **Olive Hill .**; Mary Lindberg, **Green Bay, Wis .**; Suzanne Long, **Richmond .**; Casey McCown, **Cynthiana;** Beth Millard, **Kennewick, Wash .**;

Nikki Miller, **Bonnyman .**; Kristin Nason, **San Diego, Calif.;** Jennifer Orr, **Knoxville, Tenn.;** Leslie Pulley, **Post Falls, Idaho .**; Allyson Robertson, **Ashland .**; Kasey Stephens, **Lawrenceburg;** and Lindsey Young, **Spokane, Wash .**

In addition to both teams placing first for taping, five individual groups placed in the 2006 UCA Collegiate National Partner Stunt Competition. The students and their rankings are:

- All-girl four division: Kim Alderman, Michelle Carbone, Crista Glover, and Casey McCown placed fourth; and Marika Jones, Beth Millard, Kristin Nason, and Ally Robertson placed ninth.
- Co-ed division: Brien McColpin and Jennifer Vilaboy tied for 10<sup>th</sup>, Brian Babcock and Alicia Gifford qualified in first place; and Joe Arkansas and Brittany Kaczetow tied for 15<sup>th</sup>.

Nash is in his second year as the head cheerleading coach for the University's cheer squads. Brandon Armstrong of Morehead is the squad's trainer.

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## Poinsettias for sale at campus greenhouse

One of the most familiar and enduring symbols of the holiday season is the brightly-colored leaves of the poinsettia, and several beautiful varieties of the plant will be available for sale at Morehead State University in the coming weeks.

Students in the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences have produced six varieties of the poinsettia, which also is known as the Mexican flame leaf or Christmas star. The plants will be offered for sale in the campus greenhouse, adjacent to Reed Hall, from Nov. 29-Dec. 16 while supplies last. Sales will be held weekdays from 1-5 p.m.

Colors and varieties available are: Prestige Red, Peptide Red, Freedom Red, Jingle Bells, Snowcap White and Freedom Marble Plum Pudding.

Poinsettias will be sold in 6-inch (at \$6) and 4-inch (at \$4) pots, with red or gold foil wrap available for an additional \$1 charge. Orders of 10 or more plants may be reserved until 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 28, by calling Mike Petitt, horticulture supervisor, at (606) 783-2666.

A deposit of 50 percent of the purchase price will be necessary to hold any order. All reservations will be subject to availability.

Proceeds from plant sales go toward purchasing student lab supplies and related items.

Additional information is available by calling Petitt.

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## Raconteur announces new staff for 2005-06

The staff has been selected for the Raconteur, Morehead State University's student-produced yearbook.

Staff members for the 2005-2006 academic year are: Tomás Ayala of **Homestead , Fla.** ; Brandy Collins of **New Carlisle, Ohio** ; Thomas (T.R.) Gormley III of **Winchester** ; and Jamie Harris of **Bardstown** .

Ayala is the Raconteur's graphic designer. A junior art major, he is a member of Phi Mu Alpha (music fraternity), American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) and Visual Arts Guild (VAG). He is the son of Dr. Tomás Ayala-Silva and Milagros Ayala.

Collins, a junior music education major, is a writer/photographer on the staff. She is a member of the University's marching band (saxophone) and the concert band. Her parents are Jeff and Jen Collins.

Harris also is a writer/photographer for the Raconteur. A junior communications major, she is a member of Rio Walk Communications, a student-run advertising agency. She is the daughter of Michael and Arneida Harris.

Gormley, the third writer/photographer on the yearbook staff, is a junior communications major. He is the son of Jennifer and Thomas Gormley Jr.

The Raconteur, which chronicles University events and student life for the academic year, was first published in 1928. Created by students, with the supervision of an MSU staff adviser, it has been printed in its current format since the 1997-1998 year.

The yearbook, a 96-page, full color publication, is available free of charge to all full-time students. The theme of this year's edition is "Wired."

Raconteur is published by MSU's Office of University Communications.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2600.

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## BOR work session scheduled for Nov. 30

**EVENT:** Board of Regents Work Session  
**DATE:** Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005  
**TIME:** 9 a.m.  
**SITE:** Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

The Board will hear reports on a variety of topics including MSU's Teacher Education Program, faculty reassigned time, grant-supported supplemental compensation, senior level administrator survey, the 2004-05 salary report and 2006-08 budget update.

**Media representatives planning to attend the session should call the Office of University Communications at (606) 783-2030 before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29, so that sufficient support materials will be available.**

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## CE offers three new healthcare certification programs

Three new healthcare certification programs will be offered next semester by Morehead State University's [Office of Continuing Education](#). Pharmacy Technician, Medical and Billing Coding, and Dental Assisting certification programs will begin in March.

The Pharmacy Technician certification will prepare individuals to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's (PTCB) exam. With this certification, individuals will be able to secure a job in a high demand field.

This 50-hour course will teach students medical terminology, how to read and interpret prescriptions, and how to define drugs by generic and brand names.

The class will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 6 - 9:30 p.m., March 13 - May 8. The fee for the program and textbooks is \$999.

Medical Billing and Coding certification will be offered March 14 - May 9. This 50-hour program provides the skills necessary to solve billing problems, file claims, complete insurance forms, trace delinquent claims, appeal claims, streamline billing procedures, and find service and codes using manuals.

After the individual completes this course and obtains the practical work experience, the student could be qualified to take several national certification exams, such as Certified Professional Coder Exam (CPC or CPC - H Apprentice).

The class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 9:30 p.m. The fee for the program and textbooks is \$1,299.

A 60-hour Dental Assisting Program will prepare the student for entry level positions in one of the fastest growing healthcare positions.

The course will provide students with information in all areas of pre-clinical dental assistance, as well as training in the professional skills necessary to assist in a dental practice. Key areas covered in the program include administrative and clinical aspects.

This program also is ideal for students interested in pursuing a formal Dental Hygienist program.

The class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 9:30 p.m., March 14 - May 16. The fee for the program and textbooks is 1,199.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875, or on the Web at [www.moreheadstate.edu/oce](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/oce) .  
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## Two international concert artists to perform on campus

Two international concert artists will perform at Morehead State University next week.

Miranda Jan, dramatic soprano, will present a solo recital at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall, within Baird Music Hall, on Monday, Dec. 5. She will be accompanied by Chia-Ling Hsieh, staff accompanist in MSU's Department of Music.

Trained in Taiwan and Milan, Italy, Jan speaks fluent Italian and has performed in concerts and opera around the globe.

Andrea Jones-Sojola, lyric soprano, will be the featured soprano in a performance of highlights from George Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess," on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m., also in Duncan Recital Hall. The featured baritone soloist for this performance will be Dr. Ricky Little, MSU associate professor of voice. This concert will be performed with the MSU Symphony Band.

Jones-Sojola is a young artist of international accomplishment. She has performed throughout the United States, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. A finalist and winner of many national vocal competitions, she holds the Artist Diploma from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, the M.M. degree in voice from the University of Kentucky and the B.A. degree from Lincoln University.

Additional information is available from MSU's Department of Music by calling (606) 783-2473.

## MSU mourns death of student

Paul D. Jones, 20, of Lowmansville, died in a single-vehicle accident Friday, Nov. 25.

He was a student at Morehead State University and a resident of Morehead. Services were held earlier this week at Jones Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville.

Members of the Morehead State University community are invited to attend a memorial in his honor at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, in Duncan Recital Hall. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome.

## People's clinic celebrity auction Dec 1

Want to bid on a unique item and help a good cause?

An auction of celebrity items will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1, in Morehead State University's Button Auditorium, beginning at 9 p.m.

Proceeds from the auction will benefit the People's Clinic, Morehead's new free clinic which provides health care for those who cannot afford health insurance.

Among the items on the auction block will be a boxing glove autographed by Muhammad Ali, an item that any collector would agree is a rare and valuable collector's item; a boxing glove autographed by the "Raging Bull" Jake Lamotta; gloves autographed by Joe Frazier and Leon Spinks; a baseball autographed by 12 time All-Star and Hall of Famer Wade Boggs; posters of Ali and Spinks that have been autographed by both; and a Columbia Record compact disc of Muhammad Ali singing when he was still Cassius Clay.

Special guests will include infamous ice skater Tonya Harding; former boxer Tommy Morrison, star of the movie "Rocky V"; and Jimmy Ellis, former Heavyweight Champion.

There is no admission charge.

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