

Sigma Phi Epsilon to host Battle of the Bands

Morehead State University's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity will host its annual Battle of the Bands benefit to raise money for the charity Youth Aids.

Battle of the Bands will be Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Button Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$3 and at the door for \$4.

Entry fee for the bands will be \$75. The deadline to enter is Wednesday, Oct. 3. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners, including \$500 for first place.

Additional information is available by calling Brandon Oberschlake at (513) 258-3084, or by sending him an e-mail at bmober01@moreheadstate.edu.

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Wellness Center to offer Stress Management, Fitness Yoga

Get a handle on your stress by participating in the Morehead State University Wellness Center's Stress Management workshop.

The seminar is designed to help you understand the different types of stress and how to control them. Learning where your stress comes from and proper stress management techniques can help you focus more on the good things in life.

The Stress Management workshop will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. in the Wellness Center classroom. The session is free and open to all MSU students, faculty and staff, and community members from the surrounding area.

Dr. Teresa Hardman, associate professor of health, physical education and sport sciences, will share the science of why we have stress and strategies on how to manage it.

Also this month, Fitness Yoga will begin. This class blends the traditional practices of Hatha yoga with a fitness format that includes balance, strength, flexibility and power.

This free class will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:20 p.m., Oct. 29 until Nov. 28. It is open to Wellness Center members only.

Additional information is available by calling the [Wellness Center](#) at (606) 783-2083.

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CCSA students visit London

Eight Morehead State University students discovered what it's like to live as a British student in a study abroad program in London this summer.

From July 5-Aug. 5, the MSU students took classes in London through the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad. The classes, taught by faculty from CCSA member schools, were offered at King's College.

The students stayed at the Hampstead campus of the college, and received academic credit through MSU. Participants, along with their area of study in London, were: Ayla Christian, **Ashland** junior, children's services; Danielle Hobson, **Morehead** sophomore, psychology; Misti Johnson, **Bevinsville** graduate student, British geography; Danielle Longenecker, **Union, Ohio**, junior, international marketing; Billy Newsome II, **Grethel** graduate student, literature and British geography; Stephanie McNeely, **Ashland** junior, international marketing; Jonathon Wise, **Morehead** graduate student, writing; and Stacy Wireman, **Melbourne** junior, health sciences.

Dr. Samuel Faulkner, associate professor of social work, served as an assistant director for this summer's London Program. As part of their course, the participants received BritRail passes for travel by train within

Britain, a London Underground and bus pass. In addition to attending their classes, they toured historical and cultural places and had other travel options, including trips to Paris and Edinburgh, Scotland.

CCSA is a consortium of 24 institutions of higher education with schools in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Tennessee. It is headquartered at Northern Kentucky University.

The consortium offers short-term winter and summer term programs in several locations throughout the world. A variety of courses are available in each of the programs. The host countries are: Jamaica, Scotland, Ghana, Australia, Ireland, Belize, England and India.

The study abroad programs through MSU are available to all enrolled students, according to CCSA campus representative Dr. Janet Gross, professor of nursing and interim director of international education. Program prices vary, and financial assistance is available to qualified students. The deadline is Oct. 1 to apply for winter break courses, which are set for Dec. 26-Jan. 9. For the summer 2008 programs, the application deadline is Feb. 29.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Gross at (606) 783-2096.

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Professor bakes prize-winning pie

A Morehead State University education professor has been awarded the prize for her entry into the Septemberfest pie contest held on campus.

Dr. Lola Aagaard, assistant professor of education, baked the pastry that was judged to be the best in the second annual "American as Apple Pie Contest" held during MSU's annual celebration of democracy. She was awarded a \$100 prize.

The purpose of the contest is to celebrate American traditions and to rally friendly competition between campus departments and student organizations.

The recipe of the prize winning pie:

Peel, core and slice eight to 10 large tart apples (Granny Smiths in this pie). Line a deep pie plate with flaky pastry and spread a layer of apple slices over the bottom. Mix three-fourths cup sugar with one-half teaspoon cinnamon and one-third teaspoon salt. Sprinkle a little of the mixture over the slices, and dot with butter. Repeat this procedure until all the apples are used. The pie should be heaped with apples. Cover with a top crust and pierce the crust with the tines of a fork. Bake the pie at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce the temperature to 350 degrees and bake 35 - 45 minutes longer, until crust is brown and apples are tender.

The judges for the contest were Susan Andrews, MSU first lady; Donnie Tyndall, men's basketball coach; Chuck Mraz, Morehead State Public Radio news director; and Jason Vance, librarian.

Septemberfest is MSU's annual outreach event of the American Democracy Project. This year's celebration, held Sept. 17-20, included a candidate forum, films, a volunteer fair, concerts and more.

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Molecular biology core research lab ribboncutting set for Oct. 8

As of next week, faculty and student researchers at Morehead State University will have a molecular biology core research laboratory to bolster their scientific investigations in agriculture, biology, chemistry, environmental science, neuroscience, and psychology.

Developed at a cost of more than \$800,000, the facility was created on the first floor of Lappin Hall in space previously occupied by the foods laboratory.

The new laboratory will be officially opened at 1:45 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 8, in a ribboncutting ceremony hosted by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. The ceremony is open to the public.

"Molecular biology is a key element of bioscience research and we are proud to have this new facility to further strengthen our already strong programs in the sciences and to give our students more opportunities for research," said Dr Andrews.

"Advances like this new lab are among the reasons why our students continue to be admitted to graduate and professional schools far above national and state averages."

"This is an exciting development for all of our professors and students whose research interests incorporate any of the biosciences," said Dr. Gerald DeMoss, dean of the College of Science and Technology. "We are deeply indebted to Dr. Bruce Mattingly and Dr. David Magrane for their leadership in the establishment of this core facility."

Mattingly, a professor of psychology, is associate provost for research and sponsored programs. Magrane, a professor of biology, recently retired as chair of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences.

Dr. DeMoss said few regional public universities have such a laboratory for research into the formation, structure, and function of macromolecules essential to life, such as DNA and other nucleic acids and proteins, and especially with their role in cell replication and the transmission of genetic information.

Dr. Mattingly describes the new facility as a "major step forward in strengthening undergraduate and graduate research by providing dedicated, quality laboratory space for individual work."

He said it will enhance MSU's participation in the Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (KBRIN). Other members are the University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Northern Kentucky University, and Western Kentucky University.

The KBRIN program has received over \$17 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health's National Center for Research Resources over the past six years to enhance biomedical research and training in Kentucky.

Dr. DeMoss said much of the equipment in the new laboratory came through research grants from the National Institutes of Health, National Center for Research Resources, and the Kentucky NSF-EPSCoR program, to support projects led by Dr. Mattingly, Dr. Darrin DeMoss, Dr. Wesley White, Dr. David Peyton, Dr. Michael Fultz, Dr. Janelle Hare and Dr. Geoff Gearer.

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Book Fair slated for Oct. 6

A book fair featuring short readings by some of Kentucky's most noted writers will be held from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at CoffeeTree Books, 240 Morehead Plaza.

The event will follow the ceremony honoring Erik Reece, 2007 recipient of the Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award for Appalachian Writing. The book fair has become a tradition of this annual event sponsored by Morehead State University's Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy, the Kentucky Folk Art Center and CoffeeTree Books.

Authors scheduled to appear are:

- Erik Reece, *Lost Mountain: A Year in the Vanishing Wilderness*;
- Maurice Manning, *Lawrence Booth's Book of Visions, A Companion for Owls: Being the Commonplace Book of D. Boone, Long Hunter, Back Woodsman, and c. and Bucolics*;
- Kentucky Poet Laureate Jane Gentry Vance, *Portrait of the Artist as a White Pig; A Year in Kentucky: A Garland of Poems*; and *A Garden in Kentucky*;
- Lynnell Edwards, *The Highwayman's Wife and The Farmer's Daughter*;
- Bob Sloan, *Bearskin to Holly Fork: Stories From Appalachia* and *Home Call: A Novel of Kentucky*;
- Garry Barker, *Kentucky Waltz, Mountain Passage and other stories, and Fire on the Mountain*;
- Normandi Ellis, *Fresh-fleshed Sisters, Awakening Osiris and Sorrowful Mysteries and Other Stories*;
- John Sparks, *Raccoon John Smith: Frontier Kentucky's Most Famous Preacher and The Roots of Appalachian Christianity: The Life and Legacy of Elder Shubal Stearns*.

Additional information is available by calling CoffeeTree Books at (606) 784-8364 or the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy at (606)783-2185.

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Open House slated for Nov. 10

Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services has announced its next Open House will be Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. until noon. The events will be held in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

According to Enrollment Services, the Open House events will be an excellent opportunity for students and families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the third year running.

University representatives will be available to meet students and families, answer questions, lead campus tours and share information concerning college life.

"Our goal is to make it convenient to get answers to questions about starting college by bringing deans, department chairs and faculty to our academic program, as well as staff from admissions, financial aid, housing and many more services together in one place," said Holly Pollock, assistant director of enrollment services. "Families will hear success stories about our graduates and learn some statistics that demonstrate the academic quality offered at MSU."

The "America's Best Colleges" report states that a high percentage of MSU graduates, who are accepted into various medical programs and continue with post-graduate study, surpass national testing averages for certification. MSU earned a third place ranking among top tier public universities for faculty-to-student ratios and class size. Eighty-eight percent of the MSU faculty is full-time.

Students and families are encouraged to register for the Open House. To learn more about this event or to complete an online registration card, you may visit www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse.

Also part of Open House is Diversity Day, with events specifically for minority students. >> [Learn more](#)
Additional information is available by calling [Enrollment Services](#) at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

Posted: 10-3-07

Three professors awarded consulting contracts

Three biologists at Morehead State University have been awarded consulting contracts to study plant and/or animal life in waterways.

The contracts went to Dr. Allen Risk, professor of biology, and Drs. Sean O'Keefe and David Eisenhour, associate professors of biology.

Dr. Risk will work through the end of October with National Forests in North Carolina to identify specimens collected from the Chattooga River by U.S. Forest Service biologists.

"I will be identifying bryophytes (mosses, liverworts and hornworts) collected by U. S. Forest Service botanists from the Chattooga River in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia," he said. "The banks of this river are known to support numerous rare species of bryophytes and the Forest Service is concerned about the effects of boating and boaters on rare plants that live along the river."

Dr. Risk said the botanists will focus their collecting efforts on areas where boaters tend to have the most impact to determine which species occur in these areas. He expects that about 500 specimens will be sent to him for identification.

Dr. O'Keefe and Dr. Eisenhour, whose expertise is in entomology and ichthyology, respectively, will receive a consulting contract from Technical Water Laboratories. Their investigation will involve an assessment of the biological integrity of Line Fork in Letcher County and Bens Fork and Lick Fork in Bell County.

According to Dr. Eisenhour, they have been working with this consulting company for several years. Annually, they do a fish and macroinvertebrate survey in the fall, and Dr. O'Keefe does two additional macroinvertebrate-only surveys in the spring and summer.

"Basically, we survey certain sections of streams to determine the health of the stream, based on their fish and macroinvertebrate, which are mainly aquatic insects, communities," Dr. Eisenhour said. He explained that the streams in which they conduct their tests are downstream of surface coal mining activities, and biological monitoring is required.

"The streams either contain a federally-protected fish species or are recognized by the state as an outstanding aquatic resource," Dr. Eisenhour said. When a stream meets either of those criteria, the monitoring is required by the state for coal mining permits to be issued.

Additional information is available by contacting the professors through the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences at (606) 783-2945.

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MSU theatre presents 'Blood Brothers'

A play that has been called a "haunting rags to riches tragedy" will be staged at Morehead State University this month in the Lucille Little Theatre in Breckinridge Hall.

"Blood Brothers," noted author and playwright Willy Russell's musical, will be presented by MSU theatre students Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 17-19 at 7:30 p.m.

Russell's play tells the story of a desperate woman who surrenders one of her newborn twin sons to her employers, a childless woman. The boys grow up near each other, never learning the truth, but become firm friends and fall in love with the same girl. "Blood Brothers" is a tragedy rooted in the inequality of class and social standing.

Caulden Quinn Harris, **Cincinnati** junior, and Dustin

Caudill, **Bellevue** sophomore, have been cast in the role of the brothers, Micky and Edward, respectively. Tony Marin, **Morehead** freshman, will play Sammy. Sarah Beth Robinette will play Mrs. Lyons and Molly Maynard will perform as Mrs. Johnstone. Both are **Catlettsburg** juniors.

Mary Linehan, **Findlay, Ohio**, freshman, will portray Linda, and Travis Clark, **Ashland** junior, will be the narrator.

Single ticket admission is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for senior citizens and non-MSU students. All MSU students will be admitted free with a valid EagleCard ID. Season patron subscriptions are available for purchase.

Additional information is available by contacting the MSU Theatre Box Office at (606) 783-2170.

"BLOOD BROTHERS" CAST AND CREW LIST

Evan Blanton, **Batavia, Ohio**, freshman, Actor/Police Officer, Cowboy, ensemble. Blanton, a member of the MSU Marching Band, is a theatre major. His parents are Tim and Lesley Blanton.

Allie Cain, **California, Ky.**, junior, Donna Marie. Cain, a theatre education major, is a pledge in Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. She is the daughter of Tim and Karen Cain.

Dustin Caudill, **Bellevue** sophomore, Edward Lyons. Caudill, an English major, is active in the Methodist Student Center and Theta Alpha Phi. He is the son of Marc and Pam Caudill.

Travis Clark, **Clearfield** junior, narrator and assistant designer. Clark, a theatre major, is a Theta Alpha Phi pledge and a member of the Little Company. He is the editorial cartoonist for The Trail Blazer. His parents are Becky Clark and Mark Clark.

Carl Gibson, **Elizabethtown** junior, Mr. Lyons. Gibson, a communications (journalism) major, is a member of Theta Alpha Phi, MSU Jazz Ensemble, the Morehead Theatre Guild. He is active in Morehead State Public Radio and The Trail Blazer. His parents are Allen and Lori Gibson.

Cara Hall, **Pikeville** freshman, ensemble. Hall, a theatre and communications major, is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She is the daughter of David and Evelyn Hall.

Caulden Quinn Harris, **Cincinnati** junior, Mickey. Harris, a communications major, is a member of Theta Alpha Phi. His parents are Marc and Sharon Harris.

Scott Hogge, **Morehead** freshman, ensemble. Hogge, a theatre major, is the son of Mike Hogge and Becky Hogge.

Mary Linehan, **Findlay , Ohio** , freshman, Linda. Linehan, a theatre major, is a member of the track team. Her parents are Helen Jomantas and Michael Linehan.

Tony Marin, **Morehead** freshman, Sammy. Marin is a theatre major and the son of Carlos Marin.

Molly Maynard, **Catlettsburg** junior, Mrs. Johnstone. Maynard, a music and theatre major, is a member of Theta Alpha Phi, the MSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. Her parents are Paul and Shirleen Maynard.

Morganne Meaney, **Columbus , Ohio** , sophomore, assistant stage manager. Meaney, a theatre Major, is a member of Theta Alpha Phi. Her parents are Jim and Wendy Meaney.

Katie Mooney, **Louisville** freshman, ensemble. Mooney, a theatre major, is the daughter of Bill and Irene Mooney.

Adam Poe, **Maysville** junior, chorus. Poe, a theatre major, is a member of the Maysville Players and MSU's dance program. His parents are Rick and Tina Poe.

Sarah Beth Robinette, **Catlettsburg** junior, Mrs. Lyons. Robinette, a theatre major, is the daughter of Keith and Julie Robinette.

Stephanie Stringer, **Goshen , Ohio** , junior, costume designer. Stringer, a theatre major, is active in Theta Alpha Phi. Her parents are Darrell and Karen Stringer.

Lacey Whitley, **Frenchburg** senior, ensemble. Whitley, a senior theatre and art major, is a Theta Alpha Phi pledge. Her parents are Howard and Diane Whitley.

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Multicultural Student Services to offer sign language class

In observance of Disabilities Awareness Month, Morehead State University's Office of Multicultural Student Services will offer free sign language classes on Oct. 8, 15, 22 and 29 in room 109 Breckinridge Hall.

MSU alumnus Audrey Ruiz-Lambert will instruct the class. Ruiz-Lambert graduated with a bachelor's degree in Spanish in 2007. She has two deaf parents and has used sign language all her life. She is a nationally certified personal interpreter and she is a certified in interpretation and translation.

Each class will begin at 6 p.m. and is limited to 20 participants. The classes will explore various aspects of the language such as the alphabet, numbers, time, common words and expressions.

>> [Online registration form](#)

Additional information is available by calling multicultural student services at (606) 783-2668.

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'Hooked on Homecoming' events slated for Oct. 18-20

Morehead State University alumni and other friends are invited to get "Hooked on Homecoming" Oct. 18-20. Mark your calendars to join faculty, staff and students for all the homecoming festivities. There will be reunions, a parade, car show, football game and much more at MSU's annual celebration.

The traditional parade will kickoff Homecoming 2007 activities. Slated to begin at 6 p.m. on Main Street, the event will feature floats, bands and other campus and community entries.

Prior to the parade, everyone is invited to view the "5 Maestros Michacanos" exhibit that will be on display in the main gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Later in the evening, MSU's theatre students will present the first main production of the year, "Blood Brothers," in the Lucille Little Theatre within Breckinridge Hall. The "rags to riches" tragedy will be staged at 7:30 p.m. through Oct. 19.

Friday has been designated Blue and Gold Day, and campus as well as community members are encouraged to show their MSU pride by wearing school colors. In the afternoon, the Homecoming Alumni/Student Car Show gets underway at 4 p.m. in the Adron Doran University Center commons area.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon alumni will join their fraternity brothers for a golf outing at Eagle Trace Golf Course at noon on Friday. The film, "Be the One," will be shown at the SAE house at 8:30 p.m. that evening, followed by a party at 9 p.m. On Saturday, SAE alumni will meet at 11 a.m. at the house for a meeting, and then for a tailgate at the Front Porch Restaurant. Beginning at 4 p.m., the brothers will host a fish fry, also at the SAE house, and a party at 9 p.m.

All alumni are invited to attend the welcome reception, to be held on the third floor of ADUC from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Alumni Dinner, featuring an Italian buffet, will be held from 6:30 until 8 p.m. in the Crager Room (ticket necessary).

Need something blue and gold to wear? The University Bookstore will extend its hours until 6 p.m. on Friday, and from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday with MSU apparel, books and a variety of gifts.

Theta Chi fraternity alumni will meet at 8 p.m. on Friday in ADUC. Theta Chi house tours will be available, also on Friday, from 4-7 p.m. and all day on Saturday, Oct. 20, beginning at 9 a.m. A cookout party will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday at the house.

Also, Kappa Alpha Psi brothers will host 35th anniversary celebrations on Friday.

The MSU Soccer team will host Eastern Kentucky University Friday at 7 p.m. in Jayne Stadium.

Several reunions/receptions are scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20. The Department of Military Science will host an ROTC alumni reception in Button Auditorium and an all-Greek alumni meeting will be held in the Riggle Room of ADUC.

The sisters of Kappa Delta will sponsor an alumnae brunch at 11 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center. The Morehead Conference Center will be the site of the African-American Alumni Reunion, set to begin at 9 p.m. Admission for that event is \$15.

One of the highlights of Homecoming Weekend is the football game. Before the game, the Alumni Association and the Office of Student Activities will co-sponsor a fun-filled free traditional tailgate at 11 a.m. in Eagle Park (across from Jayne Stadium and the AAC).

Be prepared to cheer on the home team as the Eagles host the Bulldogs of Pioneer Football League rival Butler University. Pre-game festivities will start at 12:30 p.m., with kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m. Halftime activities will feature a performance by the MSU Marching Band and the crowning of the homecoming queen and king.

After the game, the Non-Traditional Students alumni will gather at the Morehead Ponderosa restaurant. All former and current members of the Non-Traditional Eagle Society members and Pinnacle members are invited.

Additional information about these events is available by contacting the following offices/individuals: General information, Office of Alumni Relations, (606) 783-2080 or (800) 783-ALUM; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Ty Brown, ty@tysellshouses.com ; Car show, Colby Owen at (606) 783-2071; Theta Chi, Craig Dennis, c.dennis@moreheadstate.edu or (606) 783-2310; Kappa Alpha Psi and African-American Alumni Reunion, Michael Gray, graym@bellsouth.net ; Kappa Delta, Kimberly Barker at kmbark01@moreheadstate.edu ; theatre production, MSU Theatre Box Office, (606) 783-2170; and Non-traditional students reunion, Jackie Scott, at(606) 783-2109.

Educate Tri-State Web site now available

Morehead State University and MSU at Ashland, in cooperation with seven other regional university campuses, unveiled the Educate the Tri-State Web site to help potential students learn more about the programs offered in the area.

In addition to MSU, the group also includes Ashland Community and Technical College, Ohio University, Ohio University Southern, Marshall University, Marshall Community and Technical College, Shawnee State University and Rio Grande Community College.

Among the nine participating institutions, potential students can browse through nearly 1,200 degree programs offered in the tri-state area. During a presentation Tuesday at Shawnee State, the Educate the Tri-State group unveiled its new Web site (www.educatethetristate.com).

"It is really one-stop shopping," said Joel Pace, MSU Ashland director. "The Web site is a way that perspective students can get information about nine institutions at one time. We are real happy to be a part of it.

"There are more than 1,200 academic majors offered in the tri-state and with our low tuition rates, we are eliminating barriers that our residents face."

The Web site provides a simple portal for users to browse programs from participating institutions across the region, and follow links directly into the individual school's Web site.

MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the fourth year running. The "America's Best Colleges" report states that a high percentage of MSU graduates, who are accepted into various medical programs and continue with post-graduate study, surpass national testing averages for certification.

MSU earned a third place ranking among top tier public universities for faculty-to-student ratios and class size. Eighty-eight percent of the University's faculty is full-time.

Additional information on Morehead State 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; or Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

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Dr. Spradlin named Doran Distinguished Professor

The Department of Professional Programs in Education at Morehead State University has added an experienced educator and counselor to its faculty ranks.

Dr. Lynn Kell Spradlin will work with the College of Education as the Adron Doran Distinguished Professor for Educational Leadership. Her position was funded in part by the Dr. Adron Doran Endowment for Educational Leadership, established in 1999 to provide support for a professorship in leadership/secondary education within the college.

Dr. Spradlin, a licensed school counselor and teacher, is a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC) and Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). Her previous work experience includes teaching theatre, speech and English in public schools and working as a child and family therapist. At the collegiate level, she has been a professor, department chair, assistant to the provost, and most recently, an administrative personnel consultant at West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

At MSU, Dr. Spradlin will have numerous responsibilities, according to Dr. Cathy Gunn, dean of the college.

"Lynn will provide leadership to the college in the area of diversity and will also be working closely with the leadership team on the continued development of the diversity components of Professional Development School Initiatives," she said. While past Doran professors accepted one-year appointments, Dr. Spradlin's position will be potentially renewable each year, according to Dr. Gunn.

A two-time graduate of the University of Louisville, Dr. Spradlin earned a master's degree in school and community counseling and a doctoral degree in counselor education. Additionally, she holds a bachelor's degree in theatre, speech and English education from the University of Kentucky.

She has taught undergraduate courses in educational psychology and graduate counselor education courses. Dr. Spradlin is the co-author of "Diversity Matters: Understanding Diversity in Schools," a textbook in the field of diversity education, and has written research articles and a book chapter.

She also has made presentations at state, regional and national professional conferences, and has collaborated with school districts and universities across the country.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Gunn at (606) 783-2040.

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MSU at Mt. Sterling to offer master's in Adult and Higher Education

Beginning with the 2008 spring semester, Morehead State University at Mt. Sterling students may pursue a master's degree in adult and higher education.

MSU at Mt. Sterling, located at 3400 Indian Mound Drive, will host an informational meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, to answer questions and provide information on the new degree option. Faculty from the University's Department of Professional Programs in Education will join Dr. Janet Kenny, director of MSU Mt. Sterling, and representatives of the Distance Education Programs for the session.

One class will be offered each term face-to-face. Students may register for additional courses each term through the Internet.

MSU's adult and higher education 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 credentialing in their work and will be a good alternative for those who do program planning, work in adult learning centers and institutions of higher learning," said Dr. James B. Canipe, assistant professor of education.

"The greatest asset is the program is blendable and will fit with a variety of others. Students can enroll on a full or part-time basis depending on their area of specialization. Completion of the offering could lead to 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 want to provide classes that will meet the needs of those in the area," Dr. Canipe said. "We will work closely with our students on an individual basis."

Morehead State offers the only master's degree in adult and higher education in the state.

Additional information on the degree offering or the informational meeting is available by calling MSU's Department of Professional Programs in Education at (606) 783-2261; or MSU Mt. Sterling at (859) 499-0780 or (866) 870-0809.

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Hilley's book signing slated for Oct. 20

Morehead State University graduate Leonard Hilley II will be signing his latest book, "Predators of Darkness," at the University Bookstore Sat., Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. until noon.

Hilley and his wife, Christal, graduated from MSU in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

His lifelong love of writing and sciences has prompted his interest in creating science fiction thrillers.

Anyone interested in the book is asked to call and pre-order a copy. The Web site is www.deimosweb.com. The first chapter is available online for a free preview. The price of the book is \$13.95, plus tax.

The University Bookstore is located on the first floor of the Adron Doran University Center. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2081.

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KAEOPP conference set for Louisville

The Kentucky Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (KAEOPP), in conjunction with Tennessee Association of Special Programs (TASP), will hold their four-day professional development conference Oct. 9-12 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville.

KAEOPP and TASP are the professional organizations for TRiO personnel in Kentucky and Tennessee. More than 200 educators from two states and 25 institutions are expected to attend.

For more than 30 years, TRiO Programs (Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Veteran's Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program) have been providing valuable support services to help economically disadvantaged enter into and complete college.

Attendees of the KAEOPP/TASP Fall Conference will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of professional development sessions, including financial aid and ACT programs, guidance and counseling workshops, networking opportunities, and the Emerging Leaders Institute. An Achiever's Luncheon and business meetings will include presentations from former TRiO participants, guest speakers, and scholarship winners.

Additional information is available from Miranda Martin, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, by calling (859) 246-6581 or by e-mail to Miranda.martin@kctcs.edu .
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Creative Writing program to host 'Open Mic'

Morehead State University Department of English, Foreign Language and Philosophy's Creative Writing Program will host a community open mic Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Kentucky Folk Art Center. This event will be part of the MSU Reading Series.

This open mic, designed to bring the MSU community and the community at large together for a celebration of the written word, is open to all styles of spoken word performance including poetry, creative non-fiction, fiction, comedy, storytelling, rap, etc. Songwriters and musicians also are welcomed.

Performer registration begins at 6:30 p.m. on a first-come basis. No other advance registration is needed and the performance begins at 7 p.m. Participants will have up to 10 minutes to read or can play two songs. The event is free and refreshments will be provided.

The MSU Reading Series is sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Council; the Caudill College of Humanities; Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy; the Kentucky Folk Art Center; Multicultural Student Services; and the Women Studies Program.

Additional information is available by calling the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy at (606)783-2185, or sending an e-mail to Chris Holbrook, c.holbrook@moreheadstate.edu , or Crystal Wilkinson, c.wilkinson@moreheadstate.edu .
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Dr. Escalante named assistant director of choral activities

Morehead State University has announced that Dr. Roosevelt Escalante Jr. has been named assistant director of choral activities within the Department of Music.

His duties include conducting the Men's and Women's choruses, directing the Black Gospel Ensemble and teaching voice and choral methods.

Dr. Escalante comes to MSU after three years at Appalachian State University, where he served as the director of the Gospel Choir, Men's Glee Club, and the Jazz Vocal Ensemble.

He received a bachelor's degree in piano performance from Stetson University, a master's degree in piano performance and a doctoral degree in choral conducting from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. While at the UMKC conservatory, he studied with well known pianist Richard Cass and choral visionary Eph Ehly.

He began his teaching career in the Kansas City Missouri School District.

Dr. Escalante is an active conductor and choral clinician. Some of his recent guest appearances include: the Stetson University Honors Chorus; Wilkes County Honor Choir; Canon Music Camp; and the New Albany High School Gospel Celebration.

He is an avid composer of Gospel music and has held several music ministry positions. His professional affiliations include Phi Mu Alpha, the College Music Society, and the American Choral Director's Association.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Escalante at (606) 783-2482.

Study abroad information session scheduled for Oct. 16

Morehead State University students are invited to learn about opportunities to see the world at a special meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

A study abroad information session will be held from 4-6 p.m. in the Commonwealth Room of the Adron Doran University Center. Faculty members will be on hand to discuss short-term and full semester study opportunities for 2008.

Information about applying for financial aid and scholarships for studying abroad will be available, and refreshments will be served.

Additional information is available by calling the [Office of International Education](#) at (606) 783-2096.

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Molecular biology core research lab opens

As of today, faculty and student researchers at Morehead State University will have a molecular biology core research laboratory to bolster their scientific investigations in agriculture, biology, chemistry, environmental science, neuroscience, and psychology.

Developed at a cost of more than \$800,000, the facility was created on the first floor of Lappin Hall in space previously occupied by the foods laboratory.

The new laboratory opened today (Monday, Oct. 8) in a ribboncutting ceremony hosted by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

"This is an exciting development for all of our professors and students whose research interests incorporate any of the biosciences," said Dr. Gerald DeMoss, dean of the College of Science and Technology. "We are deeply indebted to Dr. Bruce Mattingly and Dr. David Magrane for their leadership in the establishment of this core facility."

Dr. Mattingly, a professor of psychology, is associate provost for research and sponsored programs. Dr. Magrane, a professor of biology, recently retired as chair of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences.

Dr. DeMoss said few regional public universities have such a laboratory for research into the formation, structure, and function of macromolecules essential to life, such as DNA and other nucleic acids and proteins, and especially with their role in cell replication and the transmission of genetic information.

Dr. Mattingly describes the new facility as a "major step forward in strengthening undergraduate and graduate research by providing dedicated, quality laboratory space for individual work."

He said it will enhance MSU's participation in the Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (KBRIN). Other members are the University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Northern Kentucky University and Western Kentucky University.

The KBRIN program has received over \$17 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health's National Center for Research Resources over the past six years to enhance biomedical research and training in Kentucky.

Dr. DeMoss said much of the equipment in the new laboratory came through research grants from the National Institutes of Health, National Center for Research Resources, and the Kentucky NSF-EPSCoR program, to support projects led by Drs. Mattingly, Darrin DeMoss, Wesley White, David Peyton, Michael Fultz and Janelle Hare.

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Minority Retention Services to have monthly programs

In an effort to help meet the social, educational and cultural needs of students, Morehead State University's Office of Minority Retention Services' staff are planning monthly enrichment programs.

The next program is slated for Tuesday, Oct. 9. The session called "Raising Mid-Term Grades," will be facilitated by Dr. Roger Cleveland, assistant professor of education, and Alvin Madden-Grider, learning strategies coordinator in the Office of Academic and Career Services.

The first of these programs was a presentation in September by Peggy Overly, career/academic adviser. Her "My Purpose," was a follow-up to a September Underground Railroad tour in which many of the students participated.

"I wanted to give students a chance to dialogue by talking about the different themes presented on the Underground Railroad tour," she said. "The tour was a Sankofa experience that took them back." According to Overly, "Sankofa" is an African term meaning that "we must go back to our roots in order to move forward, that is we must reach back and gather the best of what our past had to teach us, so that we can achieve our full potential as we move forward."

James Hodge, minority retention coordinator, said his office is scheduling the programs generally with minority faculty and staff so they may serve as inspirational role models for the students. Upcoming sessions include a poetry reading with Crystal Wilkinson, visiting assistant professor/writer-in-residence, and programs on social justice issues, academics and topics of cultural interest.

"I am encouraged that the students have shown a willingness and desire to open their minds to new ideas and suggestions," Hodge said.

Additional information is available by calling Hodge at (606) 783-5195.

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Professor's film premieres in South Africa

A film by Jeffrey Hill, a Morehead State University faculty member, will have its premiere overseas on Thursday, Oct. 18.

The MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) funded film, "Seed To Stalk: A Sorghum Tradition," will have its international debut at The Golden Lion Film Festival in Mbabane, Swaziland, South Africa.

This project, which highlights Menifee County sorghum producer Ron Welch, has played at numerous festivals in North America. Kentucky Educational Television's cultural program, Kentucky Life, will air the film in its upcoming season.

Hill is an assistant professor of mass communication in MSU's Department of Communication and Theatre.

Additional information is available by calling Hill at (606) 783-9383.

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MSPR to air gubernatorial debates

Morehead State Public Radio will continue its tradition of political coverage as Kentucky voters decide on a candidate for November's general election.

MSPR will air the 2007 gubernatorial forums on Monday, Oct 15 and Monday, Oct. 29 as incumbent Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher squares off against Democratic challenger and former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear.

Bill Goodman of Kentucky Tonight will be the moderator.

KET's and MSPR's coverage will begin at 8 p.m.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes WOCS (88.3 FM) in Booneville and a translator (88.3 FM) in Inez. MSPR serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (800) 286-9659 or (606) 783-2001; or log on to MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com.

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FFA chapter to give away truck

Morehead State University's Collegiate Future Farmers of America chapter is offering everyone a chance to win a 2008 Mega Cab half-ton Dodge Truck.

The Hometown Scholarship Program will run through Nov. 9.

Byrd's Chrysler Products in Salt Lick is sponsoring the fundraiser. For a \$5 donation, participants will receive a voucher that they can exchange at Byrd's Chrysler Products for a T-shirt.

Participants will have their names entered in a drawing. The winner will be notified by February 2008 and 100 percent of the donations will go back to Kentucky FFA. A total of \$4 from each donation will go to the Morehead chapter and \$1 will go to the State FFA Association.

Additional information is available by calling the [Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences](#) at (606) 783-2662.

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Team provides veterinary care in Ecuador

A Morehead State University team provided veterinary medical support to cattle farmers in Ecuador this summer.

Dr. Philip Prater, associate professor of veterinary technology, accompanied by three students, spent 12 days in Ecuador giving hands-on assistance to the farmers in the rain forest and the mountainous regions of the country, and educating them about ways to improve the health and productivity of their herds.

The MSU fourth-year veterinary technology students who participated in the Ecuador program were: Stephanie Phelps, **Mason , Ohio**, senior; Becky Rector, **Burlington** senior; and Tim Wells, **Portsmouth , Ohio** , graduate student.

The trip was funded through grants from the Partners of the Americas (Kentucky-Ecuador Partnership), the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association Foundation and MSU's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

The MSU team had several key goals for the project, relating to disease control, food security measures, parasite treatment and improving animal health management practices. But they also worked to establish a strong, effective relationship between MSU, the KVMA and the local communities of the Ecuadorian Amazon rain forest and Highlands region.

Specifically, Dr. Prater and the students provided vaccines and deworming agents for beef cattle in the rain forest. They also offered nutritional and reproductive consultation for small and medium-sized dairy farmers in Agua Santa and Ambato, a city in the Andes Mountains of Ecuador.

In addition, the group shared animal health management practices that result in healthier, more productive livestock. This, in turn, is expected to result in a more effective use of the available land and natural resources in the Ecuadorian rain forest and the Highlands.

The Ecuador project was an invaluable learning tool for MSU students, according to Dr. Prater.

"This offered a unique international experience to these fourth-year veterinary technology students," he said. "It not only allowed them to hone their technical skills in a less than optimal environment, but also expose them to global animal health issues."

Each of the students was asked to formulate one management idea for the cattle producers in the rain forest, and that idea needed to exclude a particular pharmaceutical agent such as a vaccines, dewormers or vitamins. The reason for this approach is that most of the farmers in Agua Santa were not financially able to buy any vaccines and anti-parasitic agents, and therefore may not be able to sustain these practices without donations of the items.

The management ideas focused on long-term, sustainable procedures. The following ideas were proposed by the MSU students: Supplement forage-based diet with trace mineral salt; add legume forages to the grass pastures; and develop a mechanism for weighing cattle without a scale.

While in the city of Ambato, Dr. Prater presented a seminar on the relationship between nutrition and reproductive status in dairy cows. It was attended by 33 dairy producers and Dr. José Martínez, a local veterinarian, served as the interpreter. The seminar was reportedly well-received and Dr. Prater was presented with a plaque and a gift from the Small Dairy Producers Association of Tungurahura Province.

Dr. Prater said he considered the veterinary medical expedition to Ecuador a true success.

"The team was not only able to bring quality biological and therapeutic medications to animals that would have otherwise not been treated, but also, were able to give advice on cattle herd health and establish a bond with people who truly desire to provide excellent care for their livestock," he said. "The main goal of improving the health of cattle in the rain forest was accomplished, with an expected hope of limiting the deforestation of the delicate forest for clearing of more grazing areas."

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Prater in the veterinary technology office of the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences at (606) 783-2326.

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Agriculture task force to meet in Morehead

What is the future of agriculture in Kentucky?

The Task Force on the Future of Kentucky Agriculture is coming to Morehead on Tuesday, Oct. 16, to gather citizen public input on a strategic plan now in draft form. It is among six being held across the state this month.

The event is scheduled from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Morehead Conference Center. The Task Force membership includes Dr. Mike Phillips, chair of the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences at Morehead State University.

The primary purpose of the forum is to gather public input on the plan and to make additional suggestions about critical challenges or emerging opportunities in agriculture and rural communities.

The secondary purpose is to increase general public awareness of the plan and to build momentum for the final product. The plan is scheduled to be adopted by the end of the year.

The task force consists of representatives of agricultural organizations, colleges and universities, and government agencies. It is administered by the Kentucky Agriculture Council.

The draft strategic plan can be found at www.kyagcouncil.org .
Additional information is available by calling Dr. Phillips at (606) 783-2662.

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SBDC to offer marketing workshop

A free workshop for prospective and current small business owners, " Developing a Marketing Strategy for Your Business," will be offered by Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at MSU's Regional Enterprise Center in West Liberty.

The workshop will be Tuesday, Oct. 16, from 6-8 p.m.

Topics to be covered at this workshop include: how new strategies and techniques will increase sales and how to capture new audiences and recapture lost customers.

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 is available at (606) 743-4005.

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Regional Enterprise Center opens at MSU at West Liberty

Morehead State University on Thursday ceremonially marked the opening of its new Regional Enterprise Center in West Liberty with a pledge from President Wayne D. Andrews to manage the facility with "boldness and energy" and to form "dynamic partnerships" with public schools, business and industry, community groups and local governments in the region.

Formerly known as the University of Kentucky Morgan County Regional Technology Center, the \$6 million facility opened in 2003. It also houses the Morgan County Public Library. The building actually came under MSU's control on July 1 through a lease with its owner, Morgan County Fiscal Court.

In remarks at an afternoon ribboncutting ceremony, Dr. Andrews described the facility's annual operating budget of \$500,000 as "a strategic investment in the future of Morgan and surrounding counties and all of East Kentucky."

"We are committed to responding to those who want and need our help to improve the quality of their lives," he told a luncheon audience of the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce. He added:

"Morehead State University has had a full-time presence in Morgan County for 20 years and today we are expanding that presence for even greater benefits to the citizens of this county and beyond."

He announced that the University has already begun to strengthen the Regional Enterprise

Center with additional programming for public school teachers and administrators, for current and future business entrepreneurs and for community-based organizations to be served through collaboration with MSU's new Center for Regional Engagement.

Rep. John W. Stacy, D-West Liberty, was singled out for his leadership in obtaining funding for the enterprise center and for the other structure on the campus of MSU at West Liberty, the \$5 million Academic Center which opened in 2002.

In closing, Dr. Andrews added:

"We at Morehead State are very proud of the fact that this year marks 120 years of service since Frank and Phebe Button opened the Morehead Normal School on an October morning in 1887. They came on a mission to 'bring a light to the mountains.' Today, by what we are doing with this facility in West Liberty, that light shines even brighter."

The Regional Enterprise Center is directed by Porter Dailey. It is located at 151 University Dr. in West Liberty. For additional information, please contact Dailey at (606) 743-4005. His e-mail address is p.dailey@moreheadstate.edu.

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2008 Founders Day nominations sought

Morehead State University is seeking nominations for its 2008 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 11, as the University celebrates its 86th 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 2008 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 Thursday, Nov. 15.

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. Phillely, 2004; Dr. Charles M. Derrickson, 2005; Dr. John R. Duncan, 2006; and Steve Hamilton, 2007.

Addition information is available by calling (606) 783-2033 or (877) 690-4483.

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NASA engineer and MSU alum to speak

Morehead State University's Homecoming events will include a visit from alumnus Randy Lillard, who is currently at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Applied Aeroscience Branch at NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston.

Lillard will provide a public lecture on NASA's aerospace program, his role in the Space Shuttle Program and in the development of NASA's new spacecraft, Orion.

The 1998 MSU graduate, originally from Northern Kentucky, received a B.S. degree in physics. During his time on campus, he worked for three years as an undergraduate research assistant at the Space Science Center (then the Astrophysics Laboratory).

After leaving, he completed a master's degree in engineering at Georgia Tech and began a career as an aerospace engineer. He currently serves at NASA JSC as the team lead of the Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Division.

Lillard's division undertakes applied aerospace studies - i.e. fluid dynamics (fluids in motion) analysis - and studies of various NASA spacecraft including the Space Shuttle and the new Orion spacecraft which is designed to replace the shuttle.

Applied aeroscience deals with fluid dynamical studies of the external flow field associated with a flight vehicle during take-off, flight, and re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere. Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) is the computer simulation of a moving fluid (gas or liquid). From an aeroscience perspective, it is basically a "numerical wind tunnel."

Lillard's "AeroLab" supports the Aerosciences community at Johnson Space Center by providing discipline expertise from launch through landing for NASA's current and planned spacecraft. He will speak about his work, the work of the Aerolab at JSC, and NASA's new spacecraft Orion that will return us to the moon by 2018.

His talk will be held Thursday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. in 002 Breckinridge Hall.

Morehead State University and the MSU Space Science Center are sponsoring the event. Lillard also will provide a technical seminar for science students on Friday, Oct. 19. Additional information is available by calling the MSU Space Science Center at (606) 783-2381, or visiting its Web site at ssc.moreheadstate.edu
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Dr. Davison to attend conference in China

Dr. Scott A. Davison, professor of philosophy at Morehead State University, is one of nine American philosophers who will travel to China for the annual Sino-American Symposium on Philosophy and Religious Studies.

The Symposium will be held at Tsinghua University in Beijing on Oct. 15-17. The annual symposium, sponsored by the Society of Christian Philosophers since 1994, brings together Chinese and American philosophers and religious scholars to discuss a wide range of issues involving both Chinese and Western philosophy and religion. This year's topic is "Happiness: A Multidisciplinary, Cross-Cultural Dialogue."

Dr. Davison will present a paper at the conference, titled "Happiness and Control," which concerns whether or not it is up to us to be happy in every situation. In it, he considers the views of the ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle (384-322 BCE); the ancient Roman philosopher Epictetus (c.55-135 CE); the 20th century Catholic monk (and Kentucky resident) Thomas Merton (1915-1968); and the 20th century French philosopher and mystic Simone Weil (1909-1943).

The papers presented at the symposium will appear in a book published in China in 2008.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Davison at (606) 783-2273.
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Dr. Malphrus to be panelist at KAS

Morehead State University's Dr. Ben Malphrus, professor of space science and director of the Space Science Center, will be a panelist at the 93rd Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Annual Meeting (KAS). This event, which will be co-hosted by Bellarmine University and the University of Louisville, will be held Nov. 8-10 in Louisville.

Dr. Malphrus will participate in the discussion "EPSCoR's Impact in Kentucky and How EPSCoR Helps University Faculty."

Also on the panel will be: Dr. Wimberly Royster, chairman of the Kentucky Statewide EPSCoR Committee, principal investigator for the Appalachian Rural Systemic Initiative SI, co-principal investigator of the Appalachian Mathematics and Science Partnership (AMSP), and vice president of the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, and Dr. John Mateja, director of Murray State Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity (URSA) and McNair Scholars Program offices.

Professionals and college students of all levels will give oral and poster research presentations. Students also may participate in the KAS Undergraduate Research Competition or Graduate Research Competition.

The Kentucky Academy of Science, founded in 1914, is an organization that encompasses all scientific fields. The 500-member strong organization encourages scientific research, promotes the diffusion of scientific knowledge, unifies the scientific interests of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and provides a voice for scientists in Kentucky.

Additional information is available on the Web at www.kyscience.org or by calling Dr. Malphrus at (606) 783-2212.
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Renewable energy is topic of roundtable discussion

Morehead State University's Appalachian Studies Program is sponsoring a roundtable on renewable energy Thursday, Oct. 18, 7-9 p.m. in 112 Rader Hall.

Participating will be: Tom Fitzgerald, Kentucky Resources Council; Justin Maxson, Mountain Association for Community Economic Development; Scott Sykes, Eastern Kentucky windpower company and Genesis Development Company; and Ben Perry, Bluegrass Energy/Green Living Expo.

Additional information is available from Dr. John Hennen, associate professor of history and director of MSU's Appalachian Heritage Program, at (606) 783-2767.

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Diversity Day slated for Nov. 10

Several events aimed at attracting minority students to Morehead State University are planned in conjunction with a Saturday, Nov. 10, Open House which begins at 9 a.m.

Minority students in MSU's service region will have an opportunity to tour campus, meet with leaders, enjoy cultural performances, learn about academic opportunities and scholarships and enjoy a complementary ticket to the football game and tailgate party. The events are collectively called Diversity Day, according to Felicia Lee, senior enrollment services counselor for diversity.

"This is a minority recruitment and awareness event," she said. "All high school students of color are encouraged to register and participate in this wonderful opportunity to find out what MSU offers."

In preparation for Diversity Day, minority faculty and staff members are being asked to represent their department that day in a "meet and greet" question and answer session with the prospective students.

"We also will have a minority exhibition, with a performance by the Black Gospel Ensemble, a minority Greek step show and the discussion panel," Lee said. "Each student who registers for the diversity activities will be treated to the tailgate party and football game." The MSU Eagles will host San Diego in a 1 p.m. gridiron battle.

Lee said that minority students who want to participate should complete the standard Open House online registration process, as well as sign up with her for Diversity Day. Registration is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse/.

Once students complete that portion of the registration, they should contact Lee at f.lee@moreheadstate.edu, or by telephone at (606) 356-9758 no later than Friday, Nov. 2. It is important that each student complete both registration steps, in order to reserve a spot at the tailgate and the game, Lee said, and each person is responsible for his or her own transportation to and from MSU. Lee also encourages civic clubs and other organizations, as well as church groups to register with her and indicate how many students they will send.

Additional information is available by contacting Lee.

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Still time to register for 14th annual MPATE Day

High school students who excel in math and science will converge at Morehead on Wednesday, Nov. 7, for the 14th annual Math, Physics and Technology Exploration Day.

Juniors and seniors who have demonstrated strength in mathematics, physics and other disciplines will gather at MSU for a day of competition and fun with students from other schools, as they explore the world of science. Participants will be divided into groups of students from various school districts, to allow the team members to get to know MPATE students from other schools.

"We want to work with the area high school students in getting them interested in math, science and technology," said Dr. Tim O'Brien, assistant professor of mathematics and MPATE Day coordinator. "This is a great chance for students to be recognized for their academic abilities."

MPATE activities will include hands-on practical exercises, along with basic pencil and paper calculations. Various MSU faculty and staff members from the Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences, Department of Physical Sciences, and Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology will lead the explorations.

Each of the different activities is scored, and the team with the highest score at the end of the day's events will be declared the winner. Following the competitive portion of the day, a luncheon and awards ceremony will be held. Dr. O'Brien said more than 500 students from MSU's service region and beyond are expected to participate in MPATE Day this year.

Additional information about MPATE Day activities is available by calling Dr. O'Brien at (606) 783-9439 or contacting him at t.obrien@moreheadstate.edu.

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SBDC helps business open in Beauty

David and Hannah Morris recently entered into a new adventure by opening their own business, Agapé Carpets, with the help of Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center.

They did not start the establishment without thinking through the venture. With the help of the SBDC, the Morris' relied on SBDC's information and experience to provide direction in the operation of the new business.

The Morris's have more than 70 years of experience with carpeting, just not in the same areas that Agapé Carpets has entered.

The two started a company in 1967 by cleaning carpets in New York and Pennsylvania. In 1971, they expanded their company by adding carpet installation and repair to their existing cleaning business.

Two years later, they began selling carpet to further add to their product line. In 1979, the Morris's made a decision to move to Kentucky. They continued their business and three years later opened their first carpet store. The first store grew so quickly that a new location was necessary. The larger store was opened in 1983, just down the road from their current location.

David was injured in an accident in 1984 and that ended their ability to continue with the retail store business. But it did little to stop their dreams. He started pursuing a degree in business management at Prestonsburg Community College and he attended carpet inspection school. His first job raised enough funds for the Morris's to receive additional design and crafting education in Minnesota. After the accident, he continued to keep abreast of changes in carpeting by supervising his son's business of carpet installation. While working with his son, David realized there was a definite need for specialty rugs and began working toward designing higher detail, higher definition rugs.

He continued his education of design and production of these rugs, planning for the future. Agapé Carpets will focus on selling bound decorator carpeting, custom-designed rugs, and fabricated rugs for use in the home.

These are available through the purchase of in-stock carpet bound on the outer edges, binding of the customer's carpeting, specially designed and fabricated rugs, and through a special order arrangement. Other carpet-related complementary products include pads, trims, and installation stock. They also will carry linoleum, tile, laminates and hardwood flooring in various sizes and colors.

Agapé Carpets is located on KY 40 in John Jude's Small Engine Repair building in Beauty.

Morris opened the business with financial assistance provided by the Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and its representatives, Charles Crigger and Alan Gullett. Assistance also was provided by the Social Security Administration PASS Program and its representative, Steve Doty.

"The assistance we have received gives us a good foundation to build our sales on. We really appreciate the extra miles that Phil Greene of the SBDC and Alan Gullett of the Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation have gone for us to get our business off the ground," said Morris.

"Their willingness and enthusiasm for our project has been unparalleled. We know there are many others behind the scenes working for our success, for which we are very grateful. Now we are ready to be found by our customers and make them happy to know Agapé Carpets is ready to build a custom rug for them."

Additional information on the SBDC is available by calling Sabrina Jude at (606) 788-6022 or Greene at (606) 788-6008.

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IVP program to give away free flu shots

To promote a healthy campus environment, Morehead State University will conduct an Influenza Vaccination Program for the University's students, faculty and staff and their spouses, and retirees.

The vaccination will be given at various times and locations on campus:

- Tuesday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Room 312 Adron Doran University Center (ADUC);
- Thursday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Room 312 ADUC;
- Tuesday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Room 312 ADUC;
- Thursday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Room 312 ADUC;
- Friday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Room 312 ADUC;
- Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2 - 4 p.m., Rice Building;

Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 14, vaccinations will be given in the Caudill Health Clinic, first floor of Allie Young Hall, from 8:30 -11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m., while supplies last.

Individuals must present their MSU ID card at the time of the vaccination and will be required to wait 15 minutes after the injection.

Those considered high risk categories are encouraged to attend the first scheduled vaccination clinic. Priority will be given to:

*Persons who are at least 65 years of age.

*Persons with chronic medical conditions, including heart, lung or kidney diseases; metabolic diseases, such as diabetes; asthma and anemia and other blood disorders.

*Women who are pregnant.

*Health-care personnel who provide direct patient care and household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children less than six months of age.

To remain healthy during the flu season, individuals are encouraged to exercise safety precautions by eating balanced meals, getting the proper amount of rest and washing their hands.

Additional information is available by calling the Caudill Health Clinic at 783-2055.

Horror film night set for Oct. 29

Morehead State University's Film Committee will present its Sixth Annual Horror Film Night on Monday, Oct. 29, 8 p.m. at Chakeres' University Cinema on Main Street.

The featured presentation will be "Shaun of the Dead." Doors will open at 7 p.m. with seasonal cartoons beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Caudill College of Humanities, MSU Arts and Humanities Council and the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy are sponsoring the event.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Bruce Engle, instructor of English, at (606) 783-2324.

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Activities set for non-traditional month

Morehead State University has a long and proud tradition of providing high quality credit and non-credit programs for non-traditional/commuter students. These are the same individuals who are raising children, keeping the household, and serving the community all while they go to school.

November is Non-Traditional/Commuter Student Month and several events are scheduled locally throughout the month.

The Favorite Faculty Day is set for Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 12:30 p.m. at the ADUC grill. A faculty member will eat free, compliments of Aramark.

On Tuesday, Nov. 27, in ADUC grill at 11:30 a.m. will be the Open Forum.

Additional information on non-traditional programs is available from Jacquelyn Scott, non-traditional and commuter coordinator, at (606) 783-2102 or by e-mail to j.scott@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU may host branch of UK med school

EDITOR'S NOTE --- In addition to the information in this linked article from the Independent, Morehead State University wishes to publicly recognize the efforts of State Sen. Charlie Borders and Rep. Rocky Adkins for the appropriation of \$24.5 million in state funds for the construction of the Center for Health, Education and Research. With federal funds allocated for part of the equipment, the total scope of the project is more than \$28 million. Actual construction of the facility is expected to begin in 2008 and end in 2010.

Read the entire article: [Collegiate collaboration](#)

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MSPR Community Advisory Board to meet on Nov. 4

The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 3 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the MSPR studios, located in Breckinridge Hall on the Morehead State University campus.

Meetings of MSPR's Community Advisory Board are open to the public.

For additional information, visit MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com or contact Paul Hitchcock, MSPR's general manager, by e-mail at wmky@moreheadstate.edu or by telephone at (606) 783-2001.

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Lewis honored by Folk Art Society

Isonville folk artist Tim Lewis has been recognized by the Folk Art Society of America with the 2007 Artist Award. The late Marvin Finn also received the award posthumously this year.

Lewis is renowned for his fine stone carvings of animals, Biblical subjects, and other figures.

He was born and raised in Elliott County and after high school served six years in the military. Following his military service, he returned to Elliott County. He began making walking sticks in 1988, and he turned his attentions to stone carving a year later.

Today, he is known nationally as one of America's finest self-taught stone carvers. His works are in the collections of many institutions such as Kentucky Folk Art Center, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Mennello Museum of American Art and the Smithsonian Institution.

Lewis was presented with the award at the Folk Art Society of America's annual conference in Louisville. The Folk Art Society of America's Award of Distinction is given at the society's annual conference to one or more folk artists. Awards also are given for scholarship and/or leadership in the field of folk art.

Other Kentucky recipients are Minnie Adkins and Linvel and Lillian Barker. Additional information about past recipients can be found at www.folkart.org, under "History of the Folk Art Society."

Each year, the society donates a work of art by a living folk artist in memory of one of the society's charter members, the legendary collector Herbert Waide Hemphill Jr. This year the gift of Lewis' stone carving, "Adam and Eve in the Garden," was presented to the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft in Louisville. The purchase of this art work was made possible by funds raised by the Folk Art Society's annual benefit auction.

Lewis' work is currently on display in the Kentucky Folk Art Center's Permanent Exhibition and the Center's current changing exhibition, "Hotbed: Folk Art from Elliott County, Kentucky." In October 2009, KFAC will host a retrospective traveling exhibition of his works.

Additional information is available by calling the [KFAC](http://www.kfac.org) at (606) 783-2204; or contacting the Folk Art Society of America.

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GIS workshops scheduled throughout region

East Kentucky community members are invited to attend workshops on how to make use of free Geographic Information Systems (GIS) resources and freely available Kentucky data to enhance government and business activities.

The workshops are designed to acquaint people in business and government who have limited or no experience with GIS resources and data that are available across the Commonwealth. More and more free GIS applications are being made available both online and on desktop computers. Similarly, many Kentucky agencies are making excellent data sets available.

The workshops will demonstrate how to acquire these resources and provide hands-on training on how to use them to enhance business and government decision-making and service provision. For instance, they can facilitate development of city/county plans and business strategies. GIS can help users understand

statistical and geographical information , analyze population growth patterns, map voting and census data. Business enterprises can calculate optimal locations for retail outlets and developing marketing strategies.

Presented by The Kentucky Center for Geospatial Education, Research and Outreach (KCGERO) housed in the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) at Morehead State University, the workshops will be conducted by Dr. Timothy Hare, assistant professor of anthropology and director of KCGERO and instructor in the MSU's Geographical Information Systems Certificate Program within IRAPP.

The workshops take place at various venues from 9 a.m. and noon:

Dec. 19, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Room 239 Bert Combs Drive, Prestonsburg; and Jan. 8, Ashland Community and Technical College, room L287, Building 3, 1400 College Drive, Ashland.

Reservations are not required, but the workshop is limited to 20 participants. Additional information is available by calling Dr. Hare at (606) 783-9436; by e-mailing him at t.hare@moreheadstate.edu ; or by visiting www.kcgero.org .
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Global Day of Action Against Poverty is today

Morehead State University has accepted the ONE Campus challenge. ONE is a campaign that aids in the fight against poverty. The campaign works to raise awareness about the issues of global poverty, hunger, disease and the efforts to fight these problems in developing countries.

Today, Wednesday, Oct. 17, is the Global Day of Action Against Poverty. The day for the billion people around the world who live in extreme poverty.

>> [Watch video](#)

The ONE Campus challenge is a campaign to raise these issues on college campuses, and to get students involved. The ONE campus challenge works on a points system to raise visibility and awareness about poverty. Students can earn points for their campus by doing a number of things, from signing up to be part of the challenge to sending in a photo of your mascot in a ONE t-shirt.

The challenge has three stages, the first is to reward college campus for their efforts, the second stage, which starts in January flies representatives from the top 100 schools to Washington, D.C. for an elite 3-day conference, and the third stage starting in February, rewards the top 10 schools with grants to fund their own poverty-fighting programs. In the end ONE will reward the school that has shown the most creative effort to put a stop to poverty.

Additional information is available from its Web site www.one.org ; or MSU's ONE Web site www.one.org/campus/mycampus.html?school_id=1335 .

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Students, faculty attend former Soviet Union leader's speech

Thirty-one Morehead State University students and seven faculty members recently heard a speech given by a man who formerly was one of the most powerful leaders in the world.

The MSU group traveled to Louisville Oct. 4 to hear an address by Mikhail Gorbachev, who led the former Soviet Union from 1985 until its collapse in 1991. Gorbachev was the general secretary of the Communist party of the Soviet Union and was the nation's president.

Among the students making the trip to the Kentucky Center's Whitney Hall were those enrolled in the international studies program and other academic disciplines, along with members of campus organizations.

"It was a chance for our student to see someone who was one of the most influential figures in the world," said Dr. Robert Frank, associate professor of speech and one of the faculty members who heard Gorbachev's address. "The students seemed to be excited about this chance, and made positive comments to us about the experience."

The Gorbachev trip was sponsored by Dean Michael Seelig and the Caudill College of Humanities, as well as the Department of Geography, Government and History and the International Studies program.

Other MSU faculty members who attended were: Dr. Royal Berglee, associate professor of geography; Dr. Sara Jones, assistant professor of government; Dr. Rebecca Katz, associate professor of criminology; Dr. Adrian Mandzy, associate professor of history; Dr. Randall Swain, assistant professor of government; and Dr. Kristina Wilson, assistant professor of history.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Frank at (606) 783-9369.

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Liz Johnson wins U.S. Women's Open

With the crowd roaring around her, television cameras in her face and bright lights shining down on her, former Morehead State University bowler Liz Johnson managed to block it all out. As far as she was concerned, she was the only person inside the National Bowling Stadium Sunday.

Johnson's intense focus paid off as she defeated Team USA's Shannon O'Keefe of Rochester, N.Y., 248-215 to win the 2007 U.S. Women's Open, a United States Bowling Congress event, in Reno, Nev.

"I just felt like I was in a really good place, like nobody was even around me out there," said Johnson, who also won the U.S. Women's Open in 1996. "Once I stepped out on the lanes, I felt aggressive and focused. I really haven't felt that good in a very long time and I think it showed on the lanes today."

Johnson, of Cheektowaga, N.Y., who won 11 titles on the now dissolved Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour, grabbed the momentum early in the championship match against O'Keefe, starting with five consecutive strikes before leaving a solid 7 pin. O'Keefe, meanwhile, struggled to start the match with just one strike in four frames.

O'Keefe got back on track with strikes in the fifth, sixth and seventh frames but by then Johnson had created a nearly unbeatable margin. A spare in the ninth frame locked up the title for Johnson.

"Everything just fell like it fell into place for me," said Johnson, who made history in 2005 by becoming the first woman to win a Professional Bowlers Association regional event. "Physically I felt great and mentally nothing really mattered but putting it to the pins. I also think my experience helped. The ball choices I made and my focus all combined to help me win today."

O'Keefe entered Sunday's championship round as the top qualifier and the player to beat. She led the U.S. Women's Open field after 32 games of qualifying back in August, and in her quarterfinal match up against Stefanie Nation, O'Keefe fired a nearly-perfect 299 game.

To reach the title game, Johnson defeated Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of North Richland Hills, Texas, 257-209. Johnson struck on six of her first seven shots and never looked back. O'Keefe defeated reigning U.S. Amateur champion Lynda Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 223-187 in her semifinal match up. Barnes struggled with her ball reaction on the right lane and never threw two consecutive strikes in the loss.

Johnson was a three-time Amateur Bowler of the Year, two-time U.S. Amateur champion and 1993 Collegiate Bowler of the Year at Morehead State. She won a Masters gold medal at the 1995 Pan American Games and a silver medal in singles at the 1995 FIQ World Championships.

The MSU women won national championships in 1989, 1998, 2000 and 2002, were runner-ups in 1993 and finished in third place in 2006. The men's squad was runner-up in its 2003 tournament and took third place in 2005.

For more information on the U.S. Women's Open, including stories, photos and complete standings, visit bowl.com.

Additional information on the [MSU bowling teams](#) is available by visiting their Web site.

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2007 Homecoming Queen and King candidates announced

Morehead State University will crown its 2007 Homecoming Queen and King during halftime ceremonies of the football game, which begins at 1 p.m. in Jayne Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 20.

The winners will be named from the 11 candidates competing for each title.

Among the nominees for Homecoming queen are:

Kenna Allen of **Morehead** is the daughter of Dewayne and Kimberly Allen. A senior communication with emphasis in advertising/public relations major, she is involved in Kappa Delta Alumni, Student Government Association, Students in Free Enterprise and Student Alumni Ambassadors. She is sponsored by Student Alumni Ambassadors.

Elizabeth Courtney Burton of **Frenchburg** is the daughter Lawrence and Elizabeth Burton. A senior exercise science major, she is involved in Delta Gamma and Sigma Phi Epsilon. She is sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Kristen Cooper of **Hebron** is the daughter of Kelly and Nancy Cooper. A senior chemistry major, she is involved in Chi Omega and Pink Ladies. She is sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi.

Katie Hockenberry of **Louisville** is the daughter of Ken and Judy Hockenberry. A junior communications with emphasis in production major, she is involved in Kappa Delta, Student Government Association and Residential Hall Association. She is sponsored by Mignon Tower.

Mandy Keathley of **Prestonsburg** is the daughter of Wanda and Brent Keathley. A junior art major, she is involved in Gamma Phi Beta, American Institute of Graphic Arts, peer advising, and the Visual Arts Guild, which is her sponsor.

Ashley Lemaster of **Paintsville** is the daughter of Steve and Donna Lemaster. A senior elementary and special education major, she is involved in Gamma Phi Beta and Panhellenic Council. She is sponsored by Gamma Phi Beta.

Pat Marshall of **Erlanger** is the daughter of David and Diane Marshall. A senior business administration/management major, she is involved in Chi Omega and Future Manager Society. She is sponsored by Chi Omega.

Elizabeth Millard of **Kennewick , Wash.** , is the daughter of Dave and Gretchen Millard. A Spanish and business management major, she is involved in Delta Gamma, Order of Omega, International Affairs Advisory Committee and cheerleading squad. She is sponsored by Delta Gamma.

Katie Elizabeth Moran of **Ashland** is the daughter of Danny and Judy Moran. A senior middle school education major, she is involved in Kappa Delta, Collegiate Middle Level Association, Student Support Services and peer advising. She is sponsored by Kappa Delta.

Lyndsay Rebecca Woodrum of **Portsmouth , Ohio** , is the daughter of Don Woodrum and Andrew and Patricia Pratt. A senior communications with emphasis in advertising/public relations major, she is involved in the dance team, Chi Omega, Morehead State Public Radio, Trailblazer, Student In Free Enterprise and Student Government Association. She is sponsored by the MSU Dance Team.

Kristen Yates of **Grayson** is the daughter of Chris and Linda Yates. A junior business administration major, she is involved in Kappa Delta, Panhellenic Council delegate and peer advising. She is sponsored by Sigma Pi.

Nominees for Homecoming king are:

Rick Cates of **Fayetteville , Ohio** , is the son of Richard and Margaret Cates. A junior psychology major, he is involved in Pi Kappa Phi, which is his sponsor.

Scott Chaney of **Ashland** is the son of Jim and Robin Chaney. A senior management major, he is involved in Delta Tau Delta and is resident assistant. He is sponsored by Delta Zeta.

Matt Fuller of **Columbus** is the son of Thomas and Merlane Fuller. An organizational communication and international studies major, he is involved in Kappa Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Model International Criminal Court and caving club, and is sponsored by Kappa Delta.

Randall Keith Gaddis of **Jackson** is the son of James and Arlene Gaddis. A senior biology major, he is involved in Sigma Pi, which is his sponsor.

David Hyland of **Woodstock , Ga.** , is the son of Karen and Steve Hyland. A junior business marketing major, he is involved in Student Athletics Activities Council, Kappa Sigma and MSU's football team. He is sponsored by Chi Omega.

Daniel Allen Holley of **Clarksville , Ohio** , is the son of Wilbur and Rebecca Holley. A senior education major, he is involved in Sigma Phi Epsilon and Collegiate Middle Level Association. He is sponsored by Kentucky Education Association.

Josh Jones of **Pikeville** is the grandson of George and Jean Childers. A senior sports management major, he is involved in Student Government Association, Interfraternity Council and Sigma Phi Epsilon, which is his sponsor.

Brandon Oberschlake of **Batavia , Ohio** , is the son of John and Karen Oberschlake and Sheri Stehle. A senior management major, he is involved in Sigma Phi Epsilon and Student Activities Council, which is his sponsor.

Zack Shutte of **Olive Hill** is the son of Jeannette and the late Richard Shutte. A sophomore radiology major, he is involved in Sigma Pi, ROTC and Interfraternity Council. He is sponsored by the MSU Dance Team.

Ch Smith of **Phelps** is the son of Ronnie and Linda Skeens. A senior education major, he is involved in Sigma Phi Epsilon. Delta Gamma is his sponsor.

Thomas Stevens of **Taylorville** is the son of David Stevens and Kathy Bentley. A junior government major, he is involved in Student Government Association and Baptist Collegiate Ministries, which is his sponsor.

A variety of activities will be taking place throughout Homecoming weekend, which runs Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 18 - 20. Additional information on the schedule is available by calling the MSU Alumni Association at (606) 783-2080.

[Click here to view King candidates photos](#)

[Click here to view Queen candidates photos](#)

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Council launches plan to increase college graduates

A plan released today at a meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education details how Kentucky plans to increase the number of college graduates to the national average by 2020.

Double the Numbers: Kentucky's Plan to Increase College Graduates explains that increasing bachelor's degrees is the quickest, most direct way for Kentucky to increase its economic prosperity and meet the goals of the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997. The plan includes five statewide strategies as well as a regional approach that sets targets for each strategy in nine regions across the state.

The Double the Numbers Plan follows the 2005 release of the Council's strategic plan, Five Questions, One Mission: Kentucky's Public Agenda for Postsecondary Education, and outlines the specific strategies to increase degree production.

"This plan is ambitious, but attainable," said Brad Cowgill, interim president of the Council on Postsecondary Education. "Reaching our 2020 goal will require a coordinated, collaborative effort from education and business partners across the state and all Kentuckians will benefit from this effort."

The five strategies target Kentuckians at every point of the education pipeline- high school students, GED graduates, adult learners, transfer students as well as traditional college students.

"We must reach outside the traditional pipeline if we are to reach our goal," said John Turner, chair of the Council on Postsecondary Education. "Our demographic reality is that everyone can contribute value to our standard of living."

Research shows that college graduates tend to earn more money, are more engaged citizens and are healthier. For states, more college graduates mean more tax revenue, less incarceration, less poverty and less unemployment.

"I am encouraged with the Double the Numbers goal," said Dave Adkisson, president and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. "This goal gives us all something we can rally around and work toward."

"Doubling the Numbers is the means to a transformed Kentucky-educationally, economically, medically, culturally, socially and scientifically. It is simply essential for Kentucky to compete in today's global economy," Adkisson added.

For a copy of Double the Numbers: Kentucky's Plan to Increase College Graduates, visit the Council Web site at <http://www.cpe.ky.gov/planning/2020projections/> .
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UCM student finds answer with Morehead State

A Leslie County man's dream to continue his education is being made possible through the University Center of the Mountains (UCM) partnership.

Eduardo Elenes, 41, of Cutshin, is pursuing his bachelor's degree in teacher education from Morehead State University in Hazard.

"Since I have a family and a full time job, the UCM degree programs are the only practical way for me to obtain my bachelor's degree," Eduardo says. "And, I must admit, I do appreciate the smaller campus environment and the more personal touch I obtain here than is possible on a much larger campus."

Elenes' education story is typical of many adults or what are called "non-traditional students." His parents planted the seed concerning the value of education while growing up in Los Angeles. He was not sure what he wanted to do with his life and joined the military. While stationed in Germany, he met his wife and they had a son. Elenes was a good worker and held various jobs including one as an operations manager in a bank. He gave education more value when he realized that some of the people he trained ended up making more money than he because they had postsecondary education.

While working as a cashier in Hyden's Citizens Bank, Fred Brashear, bank president, encouraged him to get his bachelor's degree. "Fred reminded me that children are more inclined to continue their education if their parents have done so. I have the same desire for my son to have a quality life filled with endless possibilities that my parents had for me. I want my son to have even more opportunities than I have had in life."

He obtained his associate's degree from Hazard Community and Technical College in 2004 and is now taking classes from MSU through the UCM in Hazard. Elenes has applied for the MSU teaching program. "I really enjoy my course work and appreciate the quality instruction I am receiving. Learning is fun for me. I wish I had gotten an earlier start in higher education but I am so very thankful that I can get my degree now. "

For more information about the 18 bachelor and seven masters degrees offered through the University Center of the Mountains, visit the UCM Web site at www.ucmky.org; call (606) 487-3158; or contact director Ron Daley at ron.daley@kctcs.edu. The UCM administrative offices are located on the Hazard Campus of HCTC.

Additional information about MSU's educational degrees and programs is available by contacting Dr. Will Kayatin, director of MSU at Jackson, locally at (606) 666-2800 or toll free at (800) 729-5225.
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Dr. Malphrus to present seminar at U of L

Morehead State University's Dr. Benjamin K. Malphrus, professor of space science and director of the Space Science Center, and Dr. James E. Lumppp Jr., associate professor of electrical and computer

engineering at the University of Kentucky, will present a technical seminar on the KentuckySat (KySat) project. The event will be held at the University of Louisville's Speed School of Engineering on Friday, Oct. 26.

The professors will speak on, "Research and Educational Challenges/Opportunities in KySat."

KentuckySat (KySat) is a joint-enterprise involving public organizations, colleges and universities and private companies in a student led initiative involving the design, construction, launch and ground operation of small satellites and other spacecraft to promote science, technology and engineering, innovation and education. The first satellite, designed and built by Kentucky students, will be launched from Kazakhstan on a Russian ICBM and controlled from Morehead State using the 21 M Space Tracking Antenna System. KySat plans to build and launch a satellite every 12-18 months, giving Kentucky a permanent presence in space.

A reception will start at 3 p.m. with the one-hour lecture to begin at 3:30 p.m. in the JB Speed Building, Room 100, on the U of L campus.

The seminar is free and open to the public.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Malphrus at (606) 783-2212.

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Oktubafest to feature Supertubafest

The annual musical event that is a sure sign that autumn has arrived on the Morehead State University campus is Oktubafest, which is slated for Oct. 25-31.

The celebration of bright and booming brass musical instruments will feature two special concerts - Supertubafest and Oktoberfest.

The first event, Supertubafest, will feature past and present "superheroes" playing arrangements of television and film themes. It is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, in Duncan Recital Hall within Baird Music Hall.

"Every year, the tuba/euphonium ensemble does a theme concert as part of Oktubafest, and this year they decided to do a superhero theme," said Dr. Stacy Baker, associate professor of music. "It really will be the kind of show that people of all ages will enjoy."

About 36 musicians, all decked out in appropriate costumes, will perform the themes from television programs such as Batman, Underdog and Spider-Man, along with selections from the musical score of The Incredibles, X-Men and other films.

"There will be music from early shows like the Green Hornet - superheroes from the earliest times - until now," Dr. Baker said. The 21 members of the tuba/euphonium ensemble will be joined by student percussionists, a guitarist, and a pianist who will play the synthesizer. Additionally, three faculty "mystery heroes," also in superhero costumes, will perform with the students.

"What's really unique about this is that the students themselves have done nearly all the arrangements as part of a class project," Dr. Baker said. "It's an opportunity for them to use their theory skills and ear training skills." She explained that the students have been using notation software that allows their arrangements to be "translated" into written music on the computer, and that this has been a valuable learning process in their musical education.

"It's interesting and exciting to hear the music they're arranging now, compared to what they were doing earlier in the ensemble," Dr. Baker said. "To be able for them to hear their own arrangements performed by the ensemble is really unique."

The second Oktubafest event will be a Bavarian-style Oktoberfest concert, to be held at Buffalo Wild Wings in Morehead at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

"They'll be performing polkas in a traditional Oktoberfest, and we'll have on our lederhosen and German hats," Dr. Baker said. "We'll encourage the audience to get up and polka."

In many ensembles, the tuba and euphonium often serve supporting roles, according to Dr. Baker, but she said Okt ubafest is a good way to feature these instruments in melodic roles and emphasize their sound.

Both Supertubafest and Oktoberfest are free and open to the public.

"These concerts are meant for fun and for people to enjoy," Dr. Baker said. "It's nice to feature these instruments in a way that you wouldn't expect to see and hear them."

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Baker at (606) 783-2107.

Posted: 10-19-07

Americana Crossroads Live set for Oct. 26

Current International Bluegrass Music Association's Female Vocalist of the Year Dale Ann Bradley, along with Rusted Clay and Bobby Bridger, will perform at the next edition of "Americana Crossroads Live."

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) and the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will present the program on Friday, Oct. 26, at the Morehead Conference Center, located on First Street. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the music to start at 7 p.m.

According to many in the business, Bradley is the real deal, a Primitive Baptist preacher's daughter raised in the rural southeastern Kentucky crossroads, where family and faith came first. Women are reshaping the Bluegrass sound, and Bradley, with her mountain pure soprano, her knack for storytelling, and her true-life roots, is one of those creating that exciting music. To win the IBMA Female Vocalist of the Year award, she beat Alison Krauss and Rhonda Vincent.

Rusted Clay features Larry Albert (guitar, mandolin, banjo and vocals), Steve Rigsby (upright bass and electric bass, and Russ Ward (vocals, songwriter, guitar, harmonica). The trio resides in Rowan County and has performed together for nearly six years.

Each member of the group has performed with various regional groups through the years. Rusted Clay was formed after the recording and release of Ward's debut CD, "Life Lessons" which has seen extensive regional play in Kentucky as well as several other states.

Bridger began his professional recording career in 1967 in Nashville. He has performed twice on PBS's Austin City Limits, twice on C-Span/Booknotes, once on ABC's Good Morning America, as well as on A & E, National Public Radio and the Australian Broadcasting Company.

"Americana Crossroads Live" is supported by Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky, Morehead Conference Center and Morehead Tourism Commission. Community partners include the Kentucky Folk Art Center, Morehead State University's Caudill College of Humanities, Arts and Humanities Council, Office of Communications and Marketing, Root-A-Baker's, and Papa John's.

The series is now heard on 38 radio stations across the United States, Canada and in the Philippines.

Concessions and door prizes will be available. Admission is \$5 per person, or \$20 for a Family Pack of five.

Children, 12 and under, are admitted free.

Additional information on "Americana Crossroads Live" is available on MSPR's Web site at www.msradio.com or by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001 or (800) 286-9659.

Posted: 10-19-07

2007 Homecoming Queen, King crowned

Lyndsay Rebecca Woodrum of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Zack Shutte of Olive Hill, were named Morehead State University's 2007 Homecoming Queen and King Saturday.

Woodrum is the daughter of Don Woodrum and Andrew and Patricia Pratt.

A senior communications with emphasis in advertising/public relations major, she is involved in the dance team, Chi Omega, Morehead State Public Radio, Trailblazer, Student In Free Enterprise and Student Government Association. She was sponsored by the MSU Dance Team.

Shutte is the son of Jeannette and the late Richard Shutte. A sophomore radiology major, he is involved in Sigma Pi, ROTC and Interfraternity Council. He also was sponsored by the MSU Dance Team.

The announcement of the Homecoming court was made during halftime ceremonies of the Homecoming football game Saturday (Oct. 20) when the Eagles beat Butler University, 24-3.

Among the nominees for Homecoming queen were:

Kenna Allen of Morehead; Elizabeth Courtney Burton of Frenchburg; Kristen Cooper of Hebron; Katie Hockenberry of Louisville; Mandy Keathley of Prestonsburg; Ashley Lemaster of Paintsville; Pat Marshall of Erlanger; Elizabeth Millard of Kennewick, Wash.; Katie Elizabeth Moran of Ashland; and Kristen Yates of Grayson.

Nominees for the Homecoming king included:

Rick Cates of Fayetteville, Ohio; Scott Chaney of Ashland; Matt Fuller of Columbus, Ohio; Randall Keith Gaddis of Jackson; David Hyland of Woodstock, Ga., Daniel Allen Holley of Clarksville, Ohio; Josh Jones of Pikeville; Brandon Oberschlake of Batavia, Ohio; CH Smith of Phelps; and Thomas Stevens of Taylorsville.

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Costume contest, movie set for Halloween in CY

Continuing a "time-warped" Halloween tradition, Morehead State University's Department of Art, with support from the MSU Arts and Humanities Council and the Department of Communication and Theatre, will present its annual Costume Contest and Rocky Horror Picture Show film screening on Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 6 - 10 p.m. in the Claypool-Young Art Building.

The campus and community are invited to express themselves through costume during the contest to be held in the main gallery of Claypool-Young. The celebration starts at 6 p.m. with refreshments and live music; costume contest sign up from 6:30 - 7 p.m.; and the costume parade and judging will be held at 7 p.m.

MSU Bookstore certificates in the amounts of \$75, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded for first, second and third place, respectively.

Following the contest at 8 p.m., the cult classic The Rocky Horror Picture Show will be shown in Claypool-Young 111.

On this Halloween, relive Richard O'Brien's sinfully twisted salute to horror, sci-fi, B-movies and rock music - a "sensual daydream to treasure forever" - starring Tim Curry, Barry Bostwick and Susan Sarandon. Do the "Time Warp" and sing "Hot Patootie" with Meatloaf. The movie, which debuted in 1975, has been a beloved audience participation event for more than 25 years.

The event is free and open to the public. Concessions will be sold by Theta Alpha Phi with proceeds to benefit theatre student events.

Additional information is available by calling Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at (606) 783-5446 or sending a message to j.reis@moreheadstate.edu.

Posted: 10-22-07

Educators' conference to be held on the Morehead campus

Morehead State University's Teacher Recruitment Program and Future Teacher Corps will host the 5th annual Future Educators of America Conference. The event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Adron Doran University Center.

Phi Delta Kappa nationally sponsors the FEA program and chapters.

According to Joan Callaham, coordinator of the Teacher Recruitment Program, 400 students and advisers from 22 high schools are expected to attend.

Students will compete in five categories --essay, impromptu speech, chapter banner, scrapbook and T-shirt design -- with the top three winners in each category receiving cash prizes. First place finishers also will receive a plaque.

The keynote speaker will be the 2005 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Jeffrey Wright of Louisville Male High School..

Winners will proceed to the state conference in Louisville, Nov. 29-30, and state champions will advance to the national conference in February 2008 at Chattanooga.

MSU's Black Gospel Ensemble and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Step Team will provide entertainment for the students during their campus visit.

Additional information is available by calling Callaham at (606) 783-9446 or visiting the FEA Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/esu.

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Quickbooks workshop set for Paintsville SBDC

A Quickbooks workshop for individuals as well as small business owners will be offered by Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Paintsville.

The workshop, presented by David Byron, a certified Quickbooks instructor, has been tentatively set for Monday, Nov. 12. The three-hour session will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center, located at 120 Scott Perry Drive, Teays Branch Road in Paintsville.

The topic of this workshop is advanced use and operation of the Quickbooks accounting program. The workshop fee is \$20; 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 pre-registration are available by calling Sabrina Jude or Phil Greene at the Paintsville Small Business Development Center at (606) 788-6008.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is partially funded by the U. S. Small Business Administration, but funding is not an endorsement of any products, opinions, or service of Morehead State SBDC. Programs are extended to the public on a non-discriminatory basis. Reasonable accommodations are provided for persons with disabilities. The Morehead State SBDC is an affirmative action, equal opportunity, educational institution.

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Funeral set for retired chemistry professor

Toney C. Phillips, 98, retired associate professor of chemistry of Morehead State University, died early Monday at his home in Morehead.

Phillips joined the MSU faculty in 1951 and retired in 1980. He held degrees from Athens College in Alabama, now Athens State University, and George Peabody College, now a part of Vanderbilt University.

He came to MSU from a teaching post at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tenn., and was a longtime member of the American Chemical Society.

His survivors include his wife, Mary; his son, Nelson; and daughter, Cynthia Haggard.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals with visitation that day from 2-4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Morehead State University Foundation, Scholarship Fund, Palmer Development House, Morehead, KY 40351; or the Morehead United Methodist Church, 227 W. Main, Morehead, KY 40351.

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Ecuadorian veterinarian visits MSU

A South American veterinarian made a recent visit to the Morehead State University campus, where he was reunited with the MSU group that assisted cattle farmers in his native land this summer.

Dr. Enrique Cornejo, an equine veterinarian from Quito, Ecuador, flew into the heart of horse country in the Bluegrass State, where he was met by Dr. Philip Prater, associate professor of veterinary science at MSU.

"I just got a call out of the blue one day from someone who said that Dr. Cornejo would be in Lexington in two days, so it was a nice surprise," said Dr. Prater, who originally met Dr. Cornejo in June when he and a three-student team journeyed to Ecuador to assist local cattle farmers. "He (Dr. Carnejo) does some private practice work, but also teaches at a university there, the University of San

Francisco Quito."

While at MSU, Dr. Cornejo sat in on some classes, examined some livestock and assisted Dr. Prater with an abdominal surgical procedure on a male horse. His Kentucky visit included tours of notable

thoroughbred breeding farms, such as Three Chimneys Farm, and the Hagyard Equine Medical Center. In Lexington, he and Dr. Prater visited the University of Kentucky's Gluck Equine Research Center.

Dr. Prater said that technology such as air travel and the Internet have "made it an extremely small world," and that hosting a visitor such as Dr. Cornejo is a good experience for everyone involved.

"As a university, I think these are really important things for us to do as outreach," he said. "The world doesn't revolve around Morehead and I think that it is good to take students and let them learn about another culture, and certainly help them learn about how good we have it here."

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Prater at (606) 783-9364.

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MSPR will air Veteran's Day program

In 1917-1918, 4.5 million Americans served in World War I; of that number, only a handful remain. Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) will offer a special program for Veteran's Day on Monday, Nov. 12, from 1-3 p.m.

The "WWI Living History Project" honors the sacrifices and contributions of America's last surviving WWI veterans. The producers have traveled the country in search of the men and women who made the world (in President Wilson's words) "safe for democracy." Twelve of these veterans, aged 105 to 115, share their reminiscences, humor and wit on a two-hour radio special, hosted by award-winning CBS anchor Walter Cronkite. The program begins with an introduction to the events of 1914-1917. It explores the political circumstances that precipitated the outbreak of the war and the advances in communication, armaments and transportation which led to an acceleration of hostilities far beyond the known bounds of continental warfare in Europe. The war went quickly from the drawing-rooms of the European aristocracy to the trenches, where the armies of Europe became enmeshed in a conflict in which the prevailing military strategy was to relentlessly deplete the manpower of the opposing army.

The second hour of the program offers a more intimate portrait of the veterans themselves, their experiences and their attitudes toward the war some 90 years after the fact. The program concludes with an essay by Will Everett on insights gained from meeting America's oldest veterans. He shares their lessons for the contemporary age on longevity, history and the future, as well as his feelings on the death of interview subjects during the period of program production.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3 FM) is the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes WOCS in Booneville and a translator in Inez. MSPR serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001 or (800) 286-9659.

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MSU awarded \$733,000 YouthBuild grant

Morehead State University's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) was recently awarded a \$733,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor for a YouthBuild program.

In a highly competitive selection process, MSU's program was chosen as one of the most likely to complete the program's mission of "providing education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in occupations in high demand and post-secondary education and training opportunities." Morehead State's YouthBuild program, specifically geared to help encourage Rowan County youths between the ages of 18-24 who are without a high school diploma or GED to further their education while attaining construction skills and certification, was one of only a handful of rural programs that were selected for funding. Less than 11 percent of existing rural programs were funded.

"We have been operating an effective YouthBuild program since 2005," said Loretta Carroll Stewart, YouthBuild director. "When the program was still under the Department of Housing and Urban Development, rural programs did not fare very well with the move to DOL, as evidenced from the small number of rural programs funded. But I believe that our track record of producing positive results. Along with the strong community partnerships, we have developed that are so very critical to the success of this type of program, were enough to convince the reviewers that although we might not be in Los Angeles or Boston, we are on the right track here in Morehead and know what we're doing."

Local community partners include numerous city and county, as well as public and private agencies and entities. "All of us," Stewart said, "remember that everything we do is for the participants of the program. Everyone involved sets aside their egos, any territorial mentality, and personalities; everything except what we need to do that will be in the best interest of the participants to help them succeed."

Information and advertising announcing recruitment for a new class of participants is expected soon. Participants that meet the qualifications will earn a stipend to help meet their bills as they pursue educational opportunities and learn valuable construction skills. Additional information is available by calling Stewart at (606) 783-9470.

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CPE leader says more degrees mean more prosperity

Kentucky's senior official in public postsecondary education told the Morehead Rotary Club Wednesday that dramatically increasing the number of bachelor's degree graduates is the quickest, most direct way for the state to grow economic prosperity.

Brad Cowgill, interim president of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), said the CPE's recently-released "Double the Numbers" plan is achievable by 2020 through five statewide strategies as well as a regional approach that sets numerical targets in nine geographic areas of the state.

"This plan is ambitious, but attainable," Cowgill stated. "Reaching our 2020 goal will require a coordinated, collaborative effort from education and business partners across the state and all Kentuckians will benefit from this effort."

Morehead State University's traditional service area of 22 counties comprises the "eastern region" in the CPE plan. Three KCTCS institutions and three independent colleges also are located in the region.

Cowgill said the CPE's data indicates that reaching the national average in the number of bachelor's degree recipients in East Kentucky would almost double the annual household income in the region.

"Everyone would have to work together to make sure this region targets Kentuckians at every point of the education pipeline - high school students, GED graduates, adult learners, transfer students, as well as traditional college students," he added.

Cowgill noted that national research shows that college graduates tend to earn more money, are more engaged citizens and are healthier. For Kentucky, more college graduates also would result in additional tax revenue, less poverty, fewer prison inmates, and less unemployment.

Cowgill and CPE Board Chair John Turner were in Morehead to meet with MSU President Wayne D. Andrews and James H. Booth, chair of the University's Board of Regents.

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Registration for Spring 2008 begins

With the fall semester already at its mid-point, it is time to prepare for registration for the Spring 2008 term at Morehead State University.

Morehead State's spring classes begin Jan. 14, and registration will be available online Monday through Thursday, **Nov. 5-8**. Students may view course offerings and complete the registration process through the Datatel WebAdvisor. >> [Click here to go to WebAdvisor](#)
Registration can be made easier by planning ahead. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic adviser prior to registering, and then to register early when there is the best variety of classes available.

Not yet enrolled at MSU? There is still time to submit an application for the spring term. Prospective students may call the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781 opt #1 for admissions assistance.

Current students will register each day according to the established schedule. Graduate students will begin the registration process on Monday, Nov. 5. Seniors, post baccalaureates and graduates can register on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Juniors, seniors, post baccalaureates and graduates can sign up on Wednesday, Nov. 7, while sophomores, freshmen along with juniors, seniors, post baccalaureates and graduates can register on Thursday, Nov. 8.

Transfer students will register on Friday, Nov. 9.

Students also will be able to view and pay their bill online via WebAdvisor. Those who are registered for the spring semester will receive monthly paper billing statements to keep them informed of their account status. Account balances are due in full one week prior to the start of class - Jan. 7 for the spring term.

Although MSU no longer offers a deferred payment plan, students may now take advantage of a different option to pay their bill at a later date, while at the same time, confirming that they will be attending classes.

If any student is unable to pay his or her full balance prior to the deadline, he or she may complete a Statement of Intent, which explains payment requirements. The statement must be completed by Jan. 7 to prevent a student's class schedule from being canceled. This also applies to any student who receives financial aid or scholarships, or whose college expenses are being paid by an outside agency.

>> [How to Complete SOI and How to Pay Tuition & Fees](#)

MSU offers online bachelor's degree "completer" programs designed primarily for graduates of the Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS). These programs are designed to allow KCTCS graduates to earn bachelor's degrees while continuing to meet work and family obligations and without traveling long distances. Courses are offered via the Internet, providing busy adults the opportunity to complete class work at a time and place convenient to them.

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

MSU's regional campus coordinator at (800) 585-6781, option #3; or the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008; or by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000.

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Make A Difference Day Project set for Oct. 27

MSUCorps members and America Reads workstudy students have organized a Make A Difference Day Project scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27 to collect food for pantries and emergency feeding centers in communities where the food is collected and members are serving.

Hunger does not discriminate by age, sex or race. It affects the elderly, the homeless, the unemployed and the working poor as well as victims of natural disasters. Twenty pounds of food can provide a week's worth of meals for one person. Donations of any size can really make a difference.

Founded by USA Weekend Magazine and Points of Light Foundation, Make A Difference Day is the largest national day of helping others. The goal of Make A Difference Day is to inspire and encourage local residents to participate in community service projects. Large or small, as individuals or in groups, one day or ongoing, the nature of the service isn't as important as simply giving your time, effort, resources, skills, or support to make a difference in the lives of people in your community.

MSUCorps, America Reads along with the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service, traditionally sponsors a campaign to collect as much canned beef and other canned foods as possible as part of its Make A Difference Day observance.

Additional information is available by calling Sherrie Bennett, MSUCorps director, at (606) 783-2719.

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GGH to host guest speaker Oct. 30

Morehead State University's Department of Geography, Government and History will host a guest speaker on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

Charlie Lindauer, founder and president of Spatialogic, a geographic information systems (GIS) company, will present, "Red State, Blue State: The Use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Campaigns and Elections."

The event will start at 7 p.m. in 112 Rader Hall. A discussion forum will follow the presentation.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Jason Holcomb, assistant professor of geography, at (606) 783-2825.

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Nursing class available online

Take your nursing career to a whole new level. Morehead State University's Department of Nursing is accepting applications for its online RN-BSN program.

Start your studies with "NURB 327: Transitions to Professional Nursing Practice" offered in the Spring 2008 semester. The course is open to all registered nurses.

Additional information about the program is available by contacting Misty Lilley, regional academic counseling coordinator, at (606) 783-2639; or e-mailing her at m.lilley@moreheadstate.edu.

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Wellness Center offers November classes

Morehead State University's Wellness Center is offering a couple of classes in November to help promote health and fitness to the campus and community.

Dr. John Warber, registered dietician and assistant professor of human sciences, will present "Nutrition: Eat Smart" Thursday, Nov. 1, at 3 p.m. in room 113 of the Wellness Center.

Don't just diet, learn how to eat right for life is the message of this session. The course will explain what diet principles really work for weight management.

For faculty and staff who participate in the series, Continuing Education Units will be offered.

Have you ever wanted to begin an exercise program, but just didn't know how to get started? Or, have you started an exercise program only to struggle to stick with it?

Dr. Jennifer Dearden, assistant professor of health, physical education and sport sciences, will discuss tips to getting your exercise program started, having fun while exercising and maintaining your program.

This workshop will be held in the WC classroom 113 on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 3 pm.

The Wellness Center has announced its hours of operation for the Thanksgiving break (Nov. 21-24) on

Wednesday: 8 a.m.-noon; Thursday-Friday: closed; and Saturday: 4-9 p.m.

The workshops are free to all MSU students, faculty, staff and surrounding community members. Additional information is available by calling the center at (606) 783-2083 or Melinda Melendez, assistant director, at (606) 783-5161.

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Sigma Gamma Rho sorority to host activities

Morehead State University's Sigma Gamma Rho sorority will be hosting "It's Nothing...But a RHOyal Distraction!" Oct. 29 through Nov. 3.

The events, which are open to the community, will begin Monday, Oct. 29 with "A RHOyal Discussion, Teach Me to ACE This," in the Laughlin Health Building classroom at 7:22 p.m.

"A RHOyal Contribution" the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho will team up with the Kentucky Blood Center for their national project on Tuesday, Oct. 30, to encourage others to donate blood in Button Drill Room from 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Tuesday also is movie night at Cartmell Hall, starting at 8:22 p.m.

"A RHOyal Disguise" is slated for Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 9 p.m. - midnight. This costume party will be held in the Laughlin Mirror Room. Admission will be \$3 without and \$1 with a costume. All proceeds will go to the creation of Thanksgiving baskets for a community service project in November.

"Sweeter than RHOyalty" is set for Thursday Nov. 1. The Sigma Gamma Rhos will pass out Diabetes Awareness flyers and brochures around campus all day.

The week will end with the "Indiana Love Party" on Saturday, Nov. 3. The event, co-sponsored with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, will be held in the Laughlin Mirror Room from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Admission is \$5 before midnight and \$3 for greeks with letters.

Additional information is available by e-mailing Tamera Bald at trbald01@moreheadstate.edu ; or Terri Roberts at t.roberts@moreheadstate.edu .

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Maurice Manning to appear as part of Reading Series

Morehead State University Department of English, Foreign Language and Philosophy's Creative Writing Program will host nationally -recognized poet Maurice Manning as part of the MSU Reading Series on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

Manning will read from his work and answer questions about writing. The event is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.

The Danville native received an MFA degree in poetry from the University of Alabama and also holds degrees from Earlham College and the University of Kentucky.

Manning's works have appeared in The Green Mountains Review, The Spoon River Poetry Review, Hayden's Ferry Review, The Sonora Review and The New Yorker. His first poetry collection, Lawrence Booth's Book of Visions, was the 2001 winner of the Yale Series of Younger Poets competition.

Other works include: A Companion for Owls: Being the Commonplace Book of D. Boone, Long Hunter, Back Woodsman, &c. and Bucolics. Manning resides in both Danville and Bloomington, Ind. where he teaches creative writing.

The reading series is sponsored by the Caudill College of Humanities, the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy, KFAC, Women's Studies Program and the Appalachian Studies Program.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2726.

Posted: 10-26-07

MSU student, credit union employee arrested in drug sweep

Morehead State University police assisted Operation UNITE and four other law enforcement agencies in an investigation which has led to charges against 27 persons accused of various drug offenses.

Included in those taken into custody are Lesley Mullins of Bevinsville, an MSU student, and Wanda King, of Morehead, an employee of the Morehead Community Federal Credit Union, which has offices in Downing Hall on the campus.

MSU Sgt. Michael Trent and Officer David C. Gavin were among the law enforcement personnel involved in the arrests.

Posted: 10-26-07

MSU theatre students present 'On the Verge'

Three Victorian ladies go exploring in a strange journey through space and time in the latest theatre production at Morehead State University.

Eric Overmeyer's "On the Verge" will be presented Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 1-3 at MSU's Button Auditorium. The performances begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

In "On the Verge," the Victorian trio, Mary, Alexandra and Fanny, set out on an adventure that takes them to darkest Africa, the highest Himalaya and "Terra Incognita." As they travel through time and to different locales, they meet several unusual "native" characters.

The cast and crew list is as follows:

LeeAnn Fryman, **Cynthiana** sophomore, as Fanny. Fryman is a theatre major and is the daughter of Dale and Karen Fryman.

Matt Hatfield, **Ashland** junior, as the male cast. Hatfield is a communications (production) major, and is a resident assistant and member of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. He is the son of Don Hatfield.

Kayla Leighann Meadows, **Lawrenceburg** sophomore, as Alexandra. Meadows is a theatre major, and is active in the George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program. She also is a Theta Alpha Phi pledge. Her parents are Cheri Meadows of Lawrenceburg and Kelly Meadows of Los Angeles.

Bria ViOcta LoRae Stacy, **Hindman** sophomore, as Mary. Stacy, a theatre major, is a member of Theta Alpha Phi and the speech team. Her parents are Victoria F. Young and Roger D. Stacy.

"On the Verge" is a Second Stage theatre production of MSU. General admission is \$5, and proceeds benefit theatre student scholarships. Tickets may be purchased at the theatre box office in Breckinridge Hall.

Additional information is available by calling the box office at (606) 783-2170.

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MSPR to hold regional community forums

The landscape of today's media is changing at a rapid pace with new technology and multiple platforms for information and entertainment. Radio stations today compete for consumers who can choose between personal MP3 players, cell phones, PDA's, computer laptops and portable video devices. As radio's challenge to compete for listeners increases, a pro-active approach is needed to determine the informational and entertainment needs of the communities served in the region.

To assist in the planning to provide the best in educational, informational and entertainment programming, Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) is holding a regional community forum. This forum is designed to be informal, open-dialog sessions as a way to connect with listeners and to hear their comments, questions and suggestions.

MSPR staff will be available to discuss programming, policy and procedures. Light refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

MSPR Regional Community Forum schedule will be:

Monday, Nov. 19, MSU at Jackson, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., main lobby.

Broadcasting from the campus of Morehead State University, MSPR operates 24 hours a day in digital, high definition throughout 40 counties in the region with news and informational programming. A variety of locally-hosted music programs including Americana, classical and jazz also are featured. Funding for MSPR is provided by Morehead State University, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, business underwriting and listener gifts.

For additional information, visit MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com or call Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager, at (606) 783-2001.
Posted: 10-29-07

MSU grad has seen it all as FBI agent

By training, FBI agents learn that emotional detachment is a must in dealing with the most searing of tragedies.

In her years working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Tiphonie Bates had helped dig through the wreckage of a plane crash that took 68 lives.

She'd been briefly assigned to San Francisco at a time when the FBI was hot on the trail of the Unabomber.

During the days that immediately followed the cursed date 9/11/01, Bates -- as a team leader of the Indianapolis FBI office's evidence rescue team -- had been among those sent to Shanksville, Pa., to sift through the remains of United Flight 93.

"Obviously, any time you are dealing with a mass death, it's all very, very sad," Bates says. "But we're trained to focus narrowly on our jobs and not get emotionally attached."

After about two weeks in Shanksville, Bates and her team were sent to New York City.

There they joined the process of sifting through the heap of rubble that had once been the towers of the World Trade Center. There, experienced FBI agent Tiphonie Bates felt her detachment waver just a bit.

"Ground Zero bothered me," she said.

Especially finding the boots.

In the rich history of basketball in Kentucky, few dates have more significance than March 26, 1983.

That afternoon in Knoxville, Tenn., the Kentucky Wildcats and Louisville Cardinals faced off in men's basketball for the first time in 24 years. A Final Four berth rode on the outcome of the NCAA Tournament's Mideast Region finals.

In the Letcher County seat of Whitesburg, a small town in the heart of Eastern Kentucky's coal country, the date has a different significance.

Just hours after Louisville's thrilling overtime victory over UK, the girls' basketball team from little Whitesburg High took a 39-0 record onto the court at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena for the state championship game against Warren Central.

On a Whitesburg team that included future 1985 Miss Basketball Brigette Combs (a sophomore in '83), the team's leader and leading scorer (22.5) was senior point guard Tiphonie Bates.

"She was one of the few point guards I ever had where the point guard was the main scorer, too," said John High, who coached Whitesburg in 1983 and has gone on to become one of the winningest coaches in Kentucky girls' basketball history. "We set a lot of picks for her."

By halftime of the state championship, Bates had 21 points. That was also how many points she'd finish with.

With 7:44 left in the third quarter, Bates accidentally stepped on the foot of a Warren Central player. For all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: It might have been (ladies and gentlemen, John Greenleaf Whittier).

"I didn't play much after that," Bates said last week. "I'm not implying it's the reason for what happened, but when you take out a senior leader, the point guard, it always hurts the team."

Behind Clemette Haskins' brilliance (31 points, 15 rebounds, seven assists), Warren Central pulled away late to win 57-49.

"I remember that game so vividly," Bates said. "Even now, I can play back parts of that game in my mind as clearly as if it was yesterday."

Long before she became a high school basketball star, the youngest of Gardner and Barbara Bates' two children had a life plan mapped out.

"From the time she was real little, she always said she would be a lawyer," says Barbara Bates of her only daughter.

After earning her undergraduate degree at Morehead State while spending four years as a basketball starter, Tiphonie Bates came to the University of Kentucky Law School. By her third year at UK in 1990, she envisioned a career as a prosecutor.

Pretty much on a lark, Bates agreed to accompany a friend to meet a job recruiter who'd come to UK.

From the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The introductory videotape the FBI played that day, showing the rigorous physical and mental standards it would take just to make it through the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., would have intimidated many.

"It just looked so challenging," Tiphonie Bates said. "I was like, 'That looks cool.' "

Even after she'd taken her law degree successfully and made it through FBI training, the goal was still to become a legal counsel for the Bureau. However, Bates says even the FBI's attorneys are required to start out working as field agents.

She was assigned to Indianapolis. "My three years as a street agent, I just enjoyed it," she says now. "I liked working investigations. To me, the challenge is to find the right people with the right evidence to build a case."

She's never left "the field."

In the mid-1990s, as the federal government turned up the heat in its pursuit of the man who had become known as the Unabomber, Bates was temporarily assigned to the San Francisco office as part of that case.

Theodore Kaczynski was arrested on April 3, 1996.

"My involvement in that was very limited, not 10 years like some of the agents who really worked that," Bates says.

As part of the Indianapolis FBI branch's evidence rescue team, Bates worked on the 1994 crash of an American Eagle commuter flight in Roselawn, Ind., that killed 68.

Seven years later, it was that experience that sent her first to Shanksville, Pa., and then to New York City to comb through the grim aftermath of 9/11/01.

You think your job is tough?

Try mapping and taking photos of the site of a mass-casualty disaster. Gathering any body parts of the deceased into plastic bins. Scouring through rubble and debris for any personal effects of the dead.

"It can be difficult," Bates said. "You have to stay emotionally detached. I always try to look at the end picture, that if I do my job well, then maybe we find the piece of evidence that gives a family closure. You learn how not to personalize the things that you find."

When her team was sent to the site of the former World Trade Center, that proved difficult.

Part of that difficulty was seeing up close and personal the images -- the collapsed twin towers, the smoking rubble -- that had been seared into America's consciousness on TV.

Most of it was a particular finding at Ground Zero that made it all but impossible not to feel deeply the human loss.

"We found firemen's boots that still had the feet in them," Bates said. "I'm pretty good at staying emotionally detached. That was tough."

If you're wondering, Bates says she does not have nightmares over anything she's seen in the line of duty.

"Oh no, the Bureau is very good about providing counseling if you need it after those kind of things," she says. "You just talk it up and get it out if there are any issues."

The melancholy figure of the high school sports star whose life peaks with his or her teen-aged athletics exploits is familiar.

This is definitely not one of those cases.

Not long ago, Bates was in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, the former Soviet republic that is now independent. She was helping train Georgian law enforcement officials in crime scene management as part of a joint FBI/U.S. State Department program.

"I can't say that every day working for the FBI is exciting," Tiphonie Banks said. "I can say pretty much every day is interesting."

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Posted: 10-29-07

MSU to test new outdoor alarm system

Citizens living near the Morehead State University campus are advised that a new outdoor, audible alarm system is being installed and tested this week.

Established in response to the University's review of its campus safety procedures, the system includes electronic tones and PA systems located atop Cartmell and Ginger halls.

"The contractor is required to test the new system to demonstrate that it functions properly," said Harry Gunn, MSU's risk and compliance manager. "We anticipate that other tests will be conducted periodically in the future to maintain the system's readiness for weather and other safety warnings."

Posted: 10-30-07

MSU receives Non-Point Source Pollution grant

Morehead State University has been awarded a five-year Non-Point Source Pollution grant from the Kentucky Division of Water and United States Environmental Protection Agency. The total of the grant, including match, is \$1.1 million.

This project represents a major collaborative effort between the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP), Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences and Earth System Science at MSU. An important element of this project involves collaborative partnerships between MSU and the City of Morehead, Rowan County Fiscal Court, Rowan County Health Department, Morehead Utility Plant Board, Kentucky Division of Water, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Agricultural Extension Service, Licking River Basin Team, Licking River Watershed Watch, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the USDA Forest Service.

The goal of the grant is to improve the quality of surface waters in the Triplett Creek watershed, hopefully to the extent that impaired streams can be removed from the state's Division of Water's impaired waterways list. Triplett Creek has been listed as impaired under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and is on the state's first priority list. It does not support primary contact (swimming), but partially supports aquatic life.

Documented pollutants include pathogens, nutrients, organic enrichments/low dissolved oxygen, and sediment. Sedimentation has resulted in the degradation of the waterway's ability to support aquatic life and has reduced the amount of water that channels are able to carry during flood events.

Two of the tributaries of Triplett Creek, Christy Creek and Dry Creek, are on the state's second priority list. Both partially support aquatic life and are polluted by sediment. Dry Creek also is polluted by nutrients and Christy Creek is listed as being polluted by unknowns. The North Fork of Triplett Creek is not listed; however, observations by citizens and measurements by MSU biologists and geologists suggest that serious water quality issues exist and that stream bank instability and erosion is common.

The primary means of achieving the stated goal will be the development and implementation of a watershed-based plan that prioritizes best management practices designed to reduce pollutants. IRAPP will coordinate efforts by all partners and arrange educational and participation workshops for interested citizens in Rowan County.

MSU biologists and geologists, who have studied water quality in the Triplett Creek watershed for the past 20 years, will monitor water quality before and after implementation of best management practices. The grant is a significant contribution to fulfilling MSU's mission to assist regional partners in efforts to act as better stewards of our natural and human resources. In this way, MSU can give back to the community while simultaneously providing practical, hands-on educational opportunities for students in the fields of ecology, environmental science, geography, geology, microbiology, and public policy.

The grant was co-written by April Haight, director of the Center for Environmental Education; Dr. Geoffrey Gerner, professor of biology; Dr. Steven Reid, associate professor of geology; and Dr. Christine McMichael, IRAPP assistant professor of geography.

Haight, who will serve as the project director, can be reached at (606) 783-2455 or by e-mail to a.haight@moreheadstate.edu.

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Lovely to give presentation, booksigning Nov. 7

Morehead State alumnus and Regent Sylvia Lovely jokes about how she was born in city hall, but she's only half kidding. The small hospital in Menifee County where she was born was, indeed, transformed years later into the city hall.

Nobody is better suited to have such a symbolic birthplace. She grew up in Appalachia, fueled by a drive to improve her life and community. She has risen to become a nationally recognized champion of cities and the power of people to create positive change.

Her first book, "New Cities in America: The Little Blue Book of Big Ideas," is published by Minerva Publishing and Butler Books and her second book "The Little Red Book of Everyday Heroes" is published by Clark Publishing.

Lovely will be on the Morehead State campus Wednesday, Nov. 7, for a presentation to MSU students and a booksigning. Her appearance is sponsored by MSU's Student Government Association. Her speech, "How we the people can become Community Patriots" will start at 8 p.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

The booksigning is scheduled for 9 p.m.

Her passion for civic engagement began long before she graduated from law school. Lovely speaks across the country, encouraging citizens to take similar action in building the kind of world and future they seek. She believes in the power of people, no matter whom they are or where they live.

Lovely is a regular contributor to newspapers and publications and a featured commentator on various TV and radio programs. She has appeared on the "Lou Dobbs Tonight" show on CNN, offering solutions to increase voter participation, and also is publisher of City magazine, a community issues publication.

She has been actively involved with cities since 1988, when she started as a staff attorney with the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC), a membership organization of more than 380 cities across the commonwealth. Since 1990, she has been executive director and CEO of KLC. In addition to her work at the Kentucky League of Cities, Lovely also is president of the NewCities Institute.

Named one of Kentucky's Top Women of Influence and Appalachian Woman of the Year, Lovely has participated in the Wye River Retreat, hosted by the MacNeil/Lehrer Group. In 2006 she was awarded Kentucky's highest honor for public service, the Vic Hellard Award.

Additional information is available by calling Mike Esposito, director of student activities/Greek , at (606) 783-2071.

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Outdoor alarm system to be tested Nov. 2

Citizens living near the Morehead State University campus are advised that a new outdoor, audible alarm system is being installed and will be tested on Friday, Nov. 2.

The test, which will involve a siren and voice message, will take approximately an hour.

Established in response to the University's review of its campus safety procedures, the system includes electronic tones and PA systems located atop Cartmell and Ginger halls.

"The contractor is required to test the new system to demonstrate that it functions properly," said Harry Gunn, MSU's risk and compliance manager. "We anticipate that other tests will be conducted periodically in the future to maintain the system's readiness for weather and other safety warnings."

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ROTC salutes Sharon Hall

Elliott County native Sharon Hall retired recently after 27 years of service to Morehead State University's Army ROTC program.

Her retirement reception was attended by faculty, staff, cadets and students from across the University. During her retirement dinner, sponsored by the Department of Military Science, she was presented the Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Award by Maj. Maxwell J. Ammons, battalion commander.

She also was presented with a framed print of Button Auditorium from the cadre with signatures of cadre, cadets and friends, received a plaque and flowers from the cadets, and was presented a Battalion Commanders Coin by 7th Brig. Sgt. Maj. Anderson from Fort Knox. Her husband, Elijah Hall, sponsored a surprise dinner at Reno's from her children, grandchildren and family.

The Army Superior Civilian Service Award read: "Her contributions were innumerable and her service shaped this program. More than anyone assigned to the Eagle Battalion in the last two-and-a-half decades, she has without reservation, totally dedicated herself to assisting, preparing and transitioning more than 300 Cadets into our nation's service as commissioned officers of the United States Army."

In addition to her indispensable efforts at aiding cadets to becoming officers, she also supported, assisted, and trained nine professors of military science. She routinely functioned as a one-person administrative, finance, security, and logistics specialist and provider. Beyond the innumerable military and administrative tasks that she so diligently and perceptibly performed, she dedicated herself as a

constant and all caring mentor and friend to cadre and cadets alike. She remembers every cadet that graduated from MSU's program and remains in contact with the vast majority of "her" officers.

Hall will always be affectionately and respectfully regarded by everyone ever associated with Morehead State University ROTC as "Ms. Sharon," the mother of the Eagle Battalion.

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Meal memberships available for spring term

Beginning with the upcoming registration days at Morehead State University, Nov. 5-9, students also may select or change their meal memberships for the spring semester.

Students are encouraged to look at their current meal membership and determine if it fits their eating habits. To make changes, those with memberships should visit the Eagle Express Lane (step 5) online for instructions, or stop by the EagleCard office, located in room 107 of the Adron Doran University Center.

Unless specifically changed by the student/owner, existing meal memberships will remain the same for the spring semester once a student registers for the term. Meal package costs are applied to students' accounts for the spring semester along with tuition, housing and other fees.

Regardless of their account balances, students must complete a Statement of Intent by Jan. 7 in order to activate their meal plans, which begin Jan. 10, according to Doug Snedegar, EagleCard coordinator.

Additional information is available by calling the EagleCard office at (606) 783-2701, or by accessing www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglecard .

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Appalachian Festival Faiths slated for Nov. 1

The second annual Appalachian Festival of Faiths will be held Thursday, Nov. 1 at the Morehead Conference Center. The festival is sponsored by Morehead State University's Arts and Humanities Council and the Philosophy and Religious Studies Program

The festival celebrates the diversity of the faith traditions in Kentucky and Appalachia, and draws upon these traditional wisdoms as guidance for cultivating ecological and social stewardship.

It is an interfaith, intercultural forum dedicated to expressing gratitude for the unity and to strengthening the role of cosmological, religious, and spiritual traditions in the communities. The Festival creates an opportunity for people to gather together, share in meaningful dialogue, and identify commonly held beliefs with the collective goal of honoring and reciprocating the Earth's bounty.

This year's themes are Birth, Creation, and Water through the Eyes of Faith.

The event is free and open to the public. The schedule of the events will be:

8-9 a.m., breakfast and welcome; 9-10:30 a.m., Morning panel: Birth and Creation through the Eyes of Faith ; 11-noon, Morning Film: *The Essence of Life* (world premiere); 1-2:30 p.m., Afternoon panel: Nurturing Wonder, including world premiere of *La Pachamama's Path* ; 3-4 p.m., Afternoon Film: *Baptism in the River Jordan* (world premiere); 5-7 p.m., Evening panel: Re-Sanctifying Our Water; and 7-9 p.m., Evening Meal: Harvest Supper and Concert .

Additional information is available by calling Paul Lovelace at (606) 356-2539 or visiting the festival's Web site at www.appff.org

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Emergency procedures handbook now available

In case of an emergency in your workplace, would you know what to do? In an effort to provide an even safer environment for faculty, staff, students and visitors at Morehead State University, an emergency procedures handbook has been prepared.

Available to all employees of the University, the quick reference guide lists safety procedures for more than a dozen potentially life threatening situations, including earthquakes, tornadoes, hostage situations, fire, hazardous materials, threats such as terrorists or bombs, and severe weather.

The handbook includes telephone numbers for University personnel, what to do once the emergency situation has passed and how to report a crime.

MSU employees are asked to become familiar with its contents, then keep the handbook in a readily accessible location, preferably near a phone. Everyone is encouraged to review the evacuation route from one's office, classrooms and residence hall. Copies of the handbook also will be available in each workspace.

The University is continually updating its safety procedures to make the campus safe and to prepare to respond when emergency situations develop. The MSU Police Department participates in the new student orientation programs and other events to promote crime awareness; safety alerts are issued when the situation warrants; and blue emergency phones are located throughout the campus. Members of the department are constantly on patrol by automobile, bicycle and foot while a dispatcher answers calls 24/7.

For additional information about campus safety or to report a crime, contact the MSU Police Department at 783-2035.

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MSU to compete in International Collegiate Programming Contest

Morehead State University students will sharpen their programming skills as they compete in the world's most prestigious computer programming competition. The 32nd ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC), sponsored by IBM, will gather the best and brightest computer programmers for an all-out "battle of the brains."

Teams of three students will be challenged to use their programming skills, creativity and business sense to solve complex, real world problems under a grueling five-hour deadline.

This year's regional competitions of the ICPC are expected to include 6,099 university teams from 82 countries on six continents, all vying for a spot at the Contest's World Finals. Ninety talented teams will compete for awards, prizes, scholarships, and bragging rights to the "world's smartest trophy" April 8-12 in Banff Springs, Alberta, Canada, hosted by the University of Alberta which is celebrating its 100th year.

Morehead State will have two teams competing against nine universities or colleges Saturday, Nov. 3, at the University of Kentucky's William Young Library.

One of the MSU squads will be coached by Dr. Biswajit Panja, assistant professor of computer science. Team member include: Andrew Crowe, **Morehead** junior; James Gibbs, **Lawrenceburg** sophomore; and John Mosley, **Morehead** junior.

The other MSU teams will be coached by Dr. Sherif S. Rashad, assistant professor of computer science. Team members are: Michael Rigdon, **Morehead** junior, Kyle Sweeney, **Cedarville**, **Ohio**, sophomore, and Jaison Wattula, **Ashland** junior.

With the rapid pace of change in today's IT industry, integrated approaches to business and technology at the university level are essential. Through this collaboration between business and academia, the Contest exposes the brightest college and university information technology students around the globe to open source technologies being adopted by innovative businesses and organizations.

In an increasingly competitive global economy, the IT leaders of tomorrow will be pursuing innovations which will come from a fusion of several different disciplines at the intersection of business and technology -these innovations might include designing an instant translation device to enable people of different languages to overcome language barriers, helping commuters get to work faster through burgeoning mass transit systems, or protecting consumers from theft.

IBM's sponsorship of the ACM-ICPC is just one of the company's many university-facing programs focusing on open standards skills. The IBM Academic Initiative is another, offering colleges and universities a wide range of technology benefits including free access to IBM software, discounted hardware, course materials, and training and curriculum development to better educate millions of students for a more competitive IT workforce.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Panja or Dr. Rashad at (606) 783-2194.

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