

John Mulaney to perform April 17

John Mulaney, one of the nation's most popular up-and-coming comics, will perform at Morehead State University in April.

Mulaney has been featured on VH-1's "Best Week Ever," and has appeared on Late Night with Conan O'Brien. He is a regular on the stand-up circuit, performing on the "The Comedians of Comedy" tour and on college campuses.

He will bring his brand of humor to the Button Auditorium stage on MSU's campus on Thursday, April 17, at 8 p.m.

Mulaney grew up in Chicago and began performing at age seven with a children's sketch group called The Rugrats. He is the co-writer of the award-winning short film "Cavalcade of Personalities" which was shown on Comedy Central channel's "Jump Cuts," and is the co-creator of the "I Love the 30s" comedy video.

His show, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by MSU's Student Activities Council (SAC).

Additional information is available by calling the SAC office at (606) 783-2071; or by accessing the SAC Web page at www.moreheadstate.edu/sac/.

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SBDC holds eBay workshop at REC

Morehead State University's [Small Business Development Center](#) recently hosted "Getting Started on eBay" for 13 local participants, many of whom are already operating small businesses. The workshop, presented at MSU's Regional Enterprise Center in West Liberty, was conducted by Mark Johnson, a manager in the Small Business Services Division of the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

The event introduced the basic concepts and components of setting up a business on eBay. Participants were shown the process of listing, selling and receiving payment for items sold.

"People today are more skilled at computers and technology than ever before so there is a natural interest in wanting to learn about online business opportunities," said Michael Rodriguez, SBDC consultant, headquartered at the Enterprise Center.

The participants described that the workshop as being very informative and providing great detail. According to West Liberty resident Sharon Brown, "I enjoyed this presentation. I received a great deal of information to study and comprehend."

Some of the participants were interested in learning how they could benefit from selling their products on eBay. Steve and Sharon Conway, owners of Grey Gables Ceramics, located west of Sandy Hook, were in attendance.

"This class is a must for anyone interested in eBay sales. The class was well organized and the presentation made it easy to follow the steps needed to expand a small business," they said.

The eBay workshop is one of many provided by MSU's Small Business Development Center. For a list of upcoming events, visit the Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc or call Rodriguez at (606) 743-4005.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.
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SGA candidate forum set for April 2

Morehead State University's Student Government Association will present an executive candidate open forum/debate on Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m.

The event will take place in the lobby of the Adron Doran University Center.

The election will be Tuesday, April 8 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and only on the second floor of ADUC. Absentee voting will be April 3-7 at the Student Life office in 211 ADUC during regular business hours. Requirements and information should be reviewed at www.moreheadstate.edu/sga prior to absentee voting; proper documentation is required.

Due to the discontinuation of the AIMS, Web online voting will not be available this year. Students must cast their ballots on the second floor of ADUC during regular voting hours or via absentee ballot if they meet the requirements to do so.

The positions that will be elected during the 2008 Executive Election are: president, executive vice president, vice president for administration, vice president for finance, vice president for public relations and vice president for campus involvement.

Additional information about the election can be obtained by contacting Neil Arnett, SGA election commissioner, at neil.arnett@gmail.com or by visiting the SGA Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/sga.

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Combs selected for three-point championship

Morehead State senior guard Tarah Combs has been selected as one of the participants for the 20th Annual State Farm College Three-Point and Slam Dunk Championships. This year's event, in conjunction with the men's Final Four, will be held on Thursday, April 3 at Greehey Arena on the campus of St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

The event will air on ESPN at 9 p.m.

Combs will be one of several contestants in the women's three-point championship.

"I'm so proud to have the opportunity to represent Morehead State and the Ohio Valley Conference. To be able to compete with the nation's best three point shooters is an honor and says a lot about our women's program here at Morehead State," said Combs. "Representing Morehead State in this competition is just one way I can repay the university for four great years of academics and athletics."

Combs set a single season school record with 95 three-pointers this year and ranked second among all NCAA Division I women's players in total three-pointers made and three-pointers per game with 3.1.

In her career, the Eubank native finished second in career three-pointers with 234 and finished tied for third in career games played with 115.

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Financing small business workshop in Paintsville

A " Financing Opportunities for Small Business " workshop will be offered by Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center. The workshop will be held at the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center, 120 Scott Perry Drive, Paintsville, on Tuesday, April 22, from 1-3 pm.

Topics to be covered are: The 5 C's, financial terms, loan requirements, and application process and loan proposal.

The workshop will be free to the public but limited to available space.

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

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Registration for summer, fall underway

Now that spring break is over, current and future Morehead State University students are looking ahead to the summer and fall academic terms.

To accommodate a wider range of students, there will be four summer terms offered this year, including an intersession.

Registration for the general Summer term, Summer Intersession, Summer I and II, as well as Fall 2008 will be available online at MSU's Web site (www.moreheadstate.edu). Students may view course offerings and complete the registration process through [Datatel WebAdvisor](#) , Monday through Friday, April 7-11. It may be accessed from the MSU home page's current student link, then by selecting online services and finally WebAdvisor from the Quick Login drop-down box. Classes for the summer and fall will be offered online and/or at the Morehead campus according to the following schedule:

- Summer Intersession: Monday, May 19 through Friday, May 30.
- Summer: Monday, June 2 through Friday, July 25.
- Summer I: Monday, June 2 through Friday, June 27.
- Summer II: Monday, July 7 through Friday, Aug 1.
- Fall: Monday, Aug. 18 through Friday, Dec. 12.

Registration can be made easier by planning ahead. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic adviser prior to registering, and then to register as early as possible while there is the best variety of classes available.

For those not yet enrolled who are considering attending MSU, there is still time to submit an application for the summer or fall terms. 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 and other post baccalaureates will begin the registration process on Monday, April 7.

Seniors may register on Tuesday, April 8 and juniors on Wednesday, April 9. On Thursday, April 10, registration will be open to sophomores, and freshmen and transfer students may register on Friday, April 11.

Students also will be able to view and pay their summer bill(s) online via WebAdvisor. Fall 2008 billing will be available for viewing and payment shortly after July 1. Those who are registered for the summer and/or fall terms 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 for each semester attending.

Although MSU no longer offers a deferred payment plan, students may 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 an online Statement of Intent, which explains payment requirements. The online statement must be completed by set deadlines 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. Students may access the Statement of Intent via WebAdvisor.

The pay-in-full or Statement of Intent deadlines are as follows: May 12 for intersession; May 27, Summer and Summer I; June 30 for Summer II and Aug. 11 for Fall.

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 and at the regional campuses, 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. Posted: 4-2-08

'Jungle Jive' slated for April 11

Morehead State University students will soon be moving and grooving for a good cause as they host the fifth annual Dance Marathon.

The theme for this year's marathon is "Jungle Jive," and it will be held in Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) on Friday, April 11.

Dance Marathon is a six-hour fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) at the Kentucky Children's Hospital. Established in 1983, the CMN raises money and awareness about certain diseases. It also sponsors children with birth defects, cancer, heart disease, muscular dystrophy, AIDS and other serious diseases.

The marathon is the largest student-led philanthropy at MSU. From 6 p.m. until midnight, participant "dancers" may play games, eat, dance, enjoy entertainment or simply hang out - anything except sit down.

Money raised by MSU helps CMN purchase new equipment, fund public education, patient care and new facilities. Registration materials for "Jungle Jive" are available at the Office of Student Activities, located in 204 ADUC, or online at www.moreheadstate.edu/dancemarathon. The fee is \$20 per person, with group rates available.

Donations by individuals or businesses will be accepted, and may be sent to the Dance Marathon Committee, 150 University Blvd., UPO 797, Morehead, KY 40351.

Additional information is available by sending an electronic message to sac@moreheadstate.edu, or by calling the student activities office at (606) 783-2071.

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Celebration of Student Scholarship Showcase to be held April 12

The third annual Celebration of Student Scholarship Showcase will be held Saturday, April 12, on the third floor of the Adron Doran University Center.

The annual event showcase's the scholarship, research, and creative productions of Morehead State University students.

Throughout the day (9 a.m.-3 p.m.), students from all academic disciplines will be presenting their scholarly work in various formats including paper and poster presentations and lecture/ performance.

This showcase provides an excellent opportunity for the university and public communities to see the quality of the work produced by these young scholars working with their faculty mentors.

Complete program, abstract, and schedule information may be found at www.moreheadstate.edu/files/units/rgc/UGProgramLayout2008.doc .

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Bruce Mattingly, associate provost for research and sponsored programs, at (606) 783-2010 or e-mail him atb.mattingly@moreheadstate.edu .
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Sparks new police chief at MSU

A former Kentucky State Police Post Commander with 21 years of law enforcement experience has been named police chief at Morehead State University.

James Matt Sparks will succeed Joe Cline, who retired in January.

"We were pleased when we evaluated the qualifications of the pool of applicants. The fact that Matt was the successful candidate is an endorsement of his character and ability to lead as well as the law enforcement experience he brings to the position. We look forward to welcoming Matt to the Morehead State family and working with him in his role of Chief of the MSUPD," said Madonna Weathers, vice president of Student Life.

A Rowan County native, Sparks started his career as a trooper in 1986 and worked his way up the ranks of the KSP. He has served as lead detective, field sergeant, assistant commander of the internal affairs section and assistant commander at both Post 8 in Morehead and Post 14 in Ashland.

In June 2004, he was promoted to Commander of Post 13 in Hazard and later was named Commander of Post 14 in Ashland.

From 2005-2007, Sparks was the Commander of Kentucky State Police Human Resources Section until his retirement in August 2007.

He is a certified law enforcement instructor and has taught classes in interview and crime scene investigation at the Kentucky State Police Academy. He also has trained social workers in the area of child abuse investigations and assisted the Attorney General's office in state wide trainings.

Sparks and his wife, Tracy, reside in Morehead with their two children, Matthew and Caitlin Martin.

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MSU employees honored for service

Several Morehead State University employees were honored recently for attaining milestones in their years of service with the University. MSU President Wayne D. Andrews congratulated each employee as he presented them with a service pin symbolic of the achievement. Among those participating in the ceremony were, front row from left: Dr. Andrews, Cindy Thompson, 20; Gaylena Cline, 15; Donna Calvert, 5; Paula Black, 5; Sharon Reynolds, 5; Shellie Hallock, 15; Wilma Tate, 15; and Janie Poston, 5. Second row from left are, Mike Walters, 30; Doug Snedegar, 15; Rusty Thurman, 10; Jennifer Madden, 20; Laraiisa Davis-Morris, 5; Johnda Flora, 10; and Linda Nickell, 5. Back row from left are, Mike Biel, 30; Chris Hampton, 10; Troy Wistuba, 5; and Barbara Willoughby, 5.

Agriculture student takes third in National Science Meeting

Morehead State University's Brad Galbreath, **Flemingsburg** graduate student, took third place in the graduate student competitive research papers, M.S. poster division at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Section of the American Society of Animal Science.

The meeting was held March 17-19 at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting encompassed more than 1,000 animal scientists from the Midwest.

Other schools competing in the competition were Kansas State University, Purdue University, University of Nebraska, University of Wisconsin, North Dakota State University, South Dakota State University and University of Wyoming.

Galbreath's poster was titled "The effect of the Kentucky Beef Cattle Improvement Program on real-time ultrasound carcass traits, performance and pelvic measurement of heifers enrolled in the Eastern Kentucky Heifer Development Program."

The co-authors included Heather Nauman, **Hurricane, W.Va.**, graduate student, Dr. Phil Prater, associate professor of veterinary technology, Dr. Kim Peterson, assistant professor of veterinary tech, Dr. J. Michael Phillips, chair of the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences, and Dr. Troy Wistuba, (mentor) assistant professor of agricultural science.

This research was a culmination of seven years of data collected from heifers in eastern Kentucky.

Additional information about programs in agriculture or veterinary technology is available by calling the department at (606) 783-2662.

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'College for a Day' to be held at MSU at West Liberty

Morehead State University at West Liberty will host "College for a Day" on Wednesday, April 23.

The event is for any adult interested in beginning the process to get into college or to finish their degree. The day will include question and answer sessions such as preparing for the ACT, getting into college, paying for college and planning your career. Participants will be able to attend two sample class sessions.

Registration will be held from 9:30-10 a.m. The program will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided and door prizes will be given at the end of the day.

MSU at West Liberty, Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center and Project Graduate are sponsoring the event.

To register call Sherry Fannin, regional campus assistant, at (606) 743-1500, (606) 783-5381 or (800)-648-5371.

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MSUPD conducts training exercise

Morehead State University's campus may seem serene, but recently, gunshots were fired inside Lappin Hall. Simulated gunshots.

MSU Police Department conducted several "active shooter" training scenarios during Spring Break. Using semi-automatic weapons loaded with special ammunition known as "simmunitions" officers responded to realistic scenarios over a five-hour session.

Four MSU officers - Leah Whitney, Jarred Hunt, Greg Wells and Sgt. David James - have been certified as instructors by the National Tactical Officers Association (N.T.O.A.).

This was the third phase of the Patrol Response to Active Shooter course, which was developed by N.T.O.A.

All 15 MSUPD officers have been trained in the tactical techniques of rapid deployment. The group also has completed training in the National Incident Management System. NIMS is a national program designed to bring all stakeholders together in a coordinated fashion to manage any critical incident.

"What we tried to do is simulate a real-life situation where officers would have to enter a building, how they would enter as a team of officers, how they go through doors, how they secure areas, how they identify the hostile targets, how they identify friendly targets in the area," said Scott Barker, MSU interim police chief.

Assisting the police were Madonna Weathers, vice president for student life, Kevin Koett, dean of students, Dr. Gerald DeMoss, dean of the College of Science and Technology, and Dr. Mike Fultz, assistant professor of biology.

This training is just one component of a comprehensive ongoing initiative to keep the Morehead State campus safe and informed in emergency procedures and responses.

Morehead State has installed a new outdoor, audible alarm system. The warning device includes electronic tones and PA systems and is located atop Cartmell and Ginger halls. In addition to online resources, MSU has published an Emergency Procedures Handbook distributed to all campus offices. Emergency posters have been installed in classrooms.

Additional information on MSU's emergency procedures can be found on the MSU Web page at www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency or by calling the MSU Police Department at (606) 783-2035.

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MSU students to present 'Reflections: A Dance Concert'

Morehead State University students will celebrate music and motion as they present "Reflections: A Dance Concert," Thursday through Sunday, April 10-13.

Choreographed by Ashley L. Suttler Martin, assistant professor of dance, the third annual dance concert will be performed at 7:30 p.m. each evening in the Lucille Little Theatre within Breckinridge Hall.

In addition to Martin's works, the choreography of students and of Taurus Broadhurst, an accomplished dancer, choreographer and instructor, will be showcased.

Broadhurst, a company member of Ezibu Muntu African Dance Company, previously danced in the companies of Rennie Harris Puremovement in Philadelphia, Ronald K. Brown/Evidence in New York and Chuck Davis' African-American Dance Ensemble in Durham, N.C.

He has taught at New York University's Summer Intensive and The Bridge for Dance Studios in Manhattan, N.Y. Broadhurst recently served as outreach coordinator for City Dance Ensemble in Washington. He also will perform at

Reflections.

The "Reflections: A Dance Concert" cast and crew includes these students:

Stephanie Adams, **Florence** junior. A theatre major, she is active in Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary and the dance ensemble. She is the daughter of Richard and Sarah Adams.

Jordan Blair Brown, **Russell Springs** freshman. She is the daughter of Karen Brown and Baxter and Irma Brown.

Lindsay Buckingham, **Louisville** freshman. An elementary education major, she is a member of the Dance by Trish studio and the MSU dance ensemble. Her parents are Dennis and Carol Buckingham.

Allie Cain, **California** junior. A theatre education major, she is a member of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary and the Methodist Student Center. A scene shop employee with the Little Company, she is the daughter of Tim and Karen Cain.

Amanda Garyette Carter, **Catlettsburg** senior, costume designer and dancer. A theatre major, she is secretary of Theta Alpha Phi. Her parents are Gary and Nancy Carter.

Dustin Caudill, **Bellevue** sophomore, dancer. An English/secondary education major, he is active in the Methodist Student Center. He is the son of Marc and Pam Caudill.

Nikki Conley, **Catlettsburg** sophomore, lighting design. A theatre major, she is the daughter of Terry and Caroline Conley.

Kyrsten Daugherty, **Mt. Sterling** junior, dancer. A theatre major, she is a member of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary and the daughter of Jeff and Sonya Daugherty.

Shawna Esposito, **Webster, Mass.**, junior, dancer. A social work major, she is active in Pink Ladies and the Student Association of Social Workers. She is the daughter of Catherine Esposito.

Karen Figlestahler, **Lawrenceburg** freshman, choreographer. A theatre major, she is the daughter of Bob and Cathy Figlestahler.

Lee Ann Fryman, **Cynthiana** sophomore, dancer. A theatre major, she is a member of the Little Company theatre troupe. She is the daughter of Dale and Karen Fryman.

LaKeisha Lucille Gayle, **Cincinnati** freshman, choreographer. A sociology major, she is the daughter of Clifford Gayle and the late Jennifer Lucille Gayle.

Caulden Harris, **Cincinnati** junior, dancer. An electronic media major, he is a member of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. His parents are Marc and Sharon Harris.

Sarah Hudson, **New Concord, Ohio**, sophomore, dancer. A music education major, she is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota and the dance ensemble. Her parents are Paul and Amy Hudson.

Christina Jeans of **Falmouth**, choreographer and dancer. A theatre major, she is a member of Theta Alpha Phi and the dance ensemble. She is the daughter of Randy and Debbie Jeans.

Terrill Kucera, **Austin, Texas**, sophomore, costume designer. A Spanish and theatre major, he is a member of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. His parents are Neil Kucera and Selene Crosby.

Daniel Land, **Walton** freshman, lighting. A theatre major, he is the son of Patrice Land and Joseph Land.

Mary Linehan, **Findlay, Ohio**, freshman. A theatre major, she is the daughter of Michael Linehan and Helen Jamantas.

Zach March, **Falmouth** junior, dancer, choreographer. A theatre major, he is the son of Matt and Tina Shearer.

Molly Maynard, **Catlettsburg** senior, costume designer. A theatre and music major, she is a member of the Little Company theatre troupe and Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. She is the daughter of Paul and Shirleen Maynard.

Kristen McDonald, **Nicholasville** freshman, dancer. A health promotions major, she is a member of the George M. Luckey, Jr. Academic Honors Program. She is the daughter of Jeff McDonald.

Kayla Meadows, **Lawrenceburg** sophomore, choreographer. A theatre major, she is a Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary pledge, a member of the Little Company theatre troupe and the George M. Luckey, Jr. Academic Honors Program. She is the daughter of Cheri Meadows of Lawrenceburg and Kelly Meadows of Los Angeles.

Morgan Meaney, **Columbus, Ohio**, sophomore, lighting designer. A Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary pledge, she is a theatre major and daughter of Jim and Wendy Meaney.

Jessica Moulis, **Maysville** senior, dancer, costume and lighting designers. A theatre major, she is a member of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. Her parents are Scott Moulis and Betsy Palmer.

Kasi Orr, **Butler** junior, dancer and costume designer. A theatre major, she is a member of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. She is the daughter of Rick and Lynn Orr.

Patrick Adam Poe, **Maysville** junior, gel changer and assistant stage manager. A theatre major, he is a member of the Maysville Players. He is the son of Rick and Tina Poe.

Sarah Beth Robinette, **Catlettsburg** junior, dancer. A theatre major, she is a member of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary and the daughter of Keith and Julie Robinette.

Tyler Sandfoss, **Alexandria** freshman, dancer. A nursing major, he is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Savannah Varble, **Lexington** sophomore, dancer. An electronic media production major and host and producer of MSU Weekly, she also is an anchor for Newscenter and an undergraduate fellow. Her parents are Bill and Debbie Varble.

Kayla Walker, **Corbin** junior, dancer. An animal science major, she is a member of Phi Sigma Pi national honors fraternity. She is the daughter of Jim and Brenda Walker.

Lacey Whitley, **Frenchburg** senior, dancer. A theatre and art major, she is a member of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary and Phi Kappa Phi honor society. She is the daughter of Howard and Diane Whitley.

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

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

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Dr. Miles elected to ABA

Morehead State University's director of bands has been chosen for membership in a prominent professional organization.

Dr. Richard Miles was elected to the American Bandmasters Association (ABA) at the group's recent 74th Annual Convention in Miami.

Kentucky native Dr. Edwin Goldman, a prominent band composer, scholar and conductor of the early 20th century, founded ABA in 1929. The purpose in creating the ABA was to help foster better bands and performance venues, music education, and improved repertoire for musicians through the combined efforts of those within the profession. It also was formed to enhance comradeship among band directors.

Membership into ABA comes through an application process where potential members are thoroughly screened. Only those with a strong record of professional achievement are invited to join.

Dr. Scott McBride, chair of MSU's Department of Music, said the ABA membership rolls "is clearly the ultimate 'Who's Who' of professional, college, university and school band directors," and described Dr. Miles as "deserving of this honor."

On MSU's faculty since 1985, Dr. Miles is a graduate of Florida State University, where he earned the Ph.D. degree. He also holds degrees from Appalachian State University and the University of Illinois. In addition to the supervision and administration of the MSU bands, he teaches undergraduate and graduate conducting. The Symphony Band, under his direction, has received national and international recognition. He has held leadership positions in the Kentucky Music Educators Association and the College Band Directors National Association-Southern Division. He is in demand as a guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator, and has conducted concerts and clinics around the world.

Dr. Miles recently served as editor and compiler of two new texts in the internationally recognized series, "Teaching Music through Performance."

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Miles at (606) 783-2485. Details about the ABA are available online at www.americanbandmasters.org.

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Dr. Hail part of Bush expert panel

Morehead State University's Dr. Michael W. Hail, assistant dean in the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy and director of the Masters in Public Administration program, was part of a national panel of experts for a "Symposium on the Legacy of the Presidency of George W. Bush" at Mount Union College.

Mount Union College is a private, liberal arts college located in Alliance, Ohio.

The event featured a full day of assessment by faculty from across the U.S. whose research presentations cover the breadth of presidential policy and leadership. He addressed the Bush Presidency with focus upon Federalism and Domestic Policies.

Dr. Hail, a national expert in Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, edits The Federalism Report and serves on the governing council for the Federalism Section of the American Political Science Association.

He has published substantial contributions to the reference work Federalism In America as well as the C.Q. Press Encyclopedia of the U.S. Constitution, and his work forthcoming in the journal P.S. Political Science and Politics.

Dr. Hail also is associate director of the Institute for Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations at the University of Kentucky.

"Overall, President Bush has been a very good president. He has the vision and character that define executive leadership," Dr. Hail said. "Though President Bush has had lower opinion poll numbers for several months, history will record George W. Bush as one of our great presidents and, in time, there will be a collective acknowledgement of his superb leadership in a time of war, international pressure, and economic challenge."

His paper, "Bush's New Nationalism: The Life and Death of New Federalism," examines the policies of the Bush Administration in the context of the era of devolution.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Hail at (606) 783-5407.
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MSPR students win state AP awards

Three Morehead State Public Radio students have been recognized for their work in the newsroom as they received top honors in the annual Kentucky Associated Press Awards.

"We are very proud of each one," said MSPR News Director Chuck Mraz. "We demand a lot out of the students who work here, but their hard work pays off in moments like these."

Nicole Back, **Mt. Sterling** senior, captured first for "Best Light News Feature" while MacKenzie Bates, **Raceland** junior, won first place for "Best Sports Feature." Shayla Menville, **Morehead** junior, won an honorable mention for "Best Hard News Feature."

Mraz won a first place for "Best Sports Reporting" and finished second in "Best Newscast" while Mountain Edition with Dan Conti, assistant news director, Back and Menville earned an honorable mention as "Best Newscast."

Kentucky Public Radio's Tony McVeigh was named "Best Radio Reporter" and won first place for "Best Political Coverage."

"I'm very proud of our news staff," said Paul Hitchcock, general manager of MSPR. "Competing against professionals from across Kentucky, these are very high honors for our fulltime staff and students. It's just another example of our commitment to quality at MSPR."

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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TRIO students advance in Web competition

Four regional high school students enrolled in a Morehead State University program have advanced in an international Web site design competition.

The students worked as members of ThinkQuest teams to build a Web site to be used as a learning tool by other students. Each member is a participant in MSU's Upward Bound, which is one of six federal TRIO outreach initiatives. TRIO programs are designed to help provide equal access to higher education for all Americans, including low-income and/or first-generation college students.

As ThinkQuest members, the students were challenged to create high quality, innovative and content-rich educational Web sites that meet high standards of intellectual honesty, according to Jennifer Cady, director of MSU's Upward Bound Programs and the Upward Bound Math and Science Center.

"A major objective of the project is to introduce students to the challenges of conducting and expressing solid academic research through the exciting tools offered through the Web," she said.

The activity is a multi-purpose learning experience. It encourages original writing, multimedia content creation and presentation of educational material, while teaching the students about collaboration skills and the promotion of interactive learning. In building their sites, they learned to cite their sources and apply the Fair Use Rules to education-based projects.

The MSU Upward Bound students are: Chad Wells of **Wellington**, Menifee County High School junior; Morgan Fultz of **Maysville**, Mason County High School junior; Michael Bortles of **Irvine**, Estill County High School sophomore; and Tanner Stevens of **Louisa**, Lawrence County High School sophomore.

For the competition, Wells and Stevens built and entered their site, "Remodeling Mars," which progressed to the semi-final round of judging. Bortles and Fultz' site, "Greek Mythology," made it to the quarter-final round of the competition. Both teams have now advanced to the international competition tier, and must add another team member before their sites are completed.

The University of Washington TRIO Training Grant organization, which oversees the ThinkQuest competition, invited both teams to participate in a workshop in Atlanta in February, where they were given instruction in how to improve their Web sites and bring them up to international competition standards.

While in Atlanta for the conference, the students toured points of interest, including the Coca-Cola facility, the Georgia Aquarium and other sites.

Additional information about Upward Bound at MSU is available by calling Cady at (606) 783-9300.

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Ensemble will play on campus before Spain trip

Morehead State University's Symphony Band and Percussion Ensemble will be traveling to Spain in May for its third international concert tour. The group traveled to the People's Republic of China in 2000 and Brazil in 2003.

Eighty-five students and faculty will participate in the eight-day concert tour May 11-18 which will center primarily in the region of Valencia.

Under the direction of Dr. Richard Miles, MSU director of bands, and Frank Oddis, associate professor of music and coordinator of percussion, the groups will visit and perform in some of Spain's finest concert halls. Performances will be hosted in Denia, Utiel, Betera, and Buñol.

The band will be hosted by Maestro Frank De Vuyst, international public relations director for Piles Music and artistic director of the internationally renowned CIM "La Armónica" Wind Band from Buñol. Maestro De Vuyst visited Morehead State in February and served as the guest conductor of the Directors Band at the 50th Anniversary MSU Band Clinic.

The percussion musical program will include arrangements of "The Bells" by William Byrd; "Rainbow Ripples" and "The Humming Bird" (Xylophone features) by George Green; "Bonham" by Christopher Rouse; "Dialogue Poteau-Moderne" by William Smith (featuring MSU professor of piano - Dr. Steven Snyder); "Afta-Stuba" by Mark Ford; and two works featuring the MSU Steel Band and Percussion Ensemble - "Burnin'" by Chris Tanner and "Axé Axé" by Caetano Veloso. Selections performed by the MSU Symphony Band will include "Vanity Fair" by Percy Fletcher; "Fantasy Variations On a Theme by Niccolo Paganini" by James Barnes; and additional works by Grainger, Sousa, Alford, and a New Orleans flavored encore titled "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."

The tour also will include many educational activities to allow the performers to experience the culture, scenery and people of Spain. Students are planning several tours to music schools and conservatories as well as visits to tourist sites in Valencia (the third largest city in Spain).

Special sites include the City of Arts and Sciences, the Valencia Cathedral (believed to hold the Holy Grail), Virgin Square in the city of Old Valencia, Plaza Redonda or Round Square, The Central Market, and in Denia - the 12th Century Castle of Denia, adjacent to the Mediterranean coasts.

Frances Lotz, **Pikeville** senior, is looking forward to the trip.

"By traveling to different countries, I feel I will gain knowledge first hand about the culture and music and it will be easier for me to convey those ideas to my future students," said Lotz.

Jessica Crittendon, **Kenova**, **W.Va.**, graduate student, agrees.

"I am looking forward to experiencing all of the customs of the Spanish people - performing for all of the professional Spanish musicians - and having a deeper understanding of the rich musical culture of the Spanish people," Crittendon said.

MSU's Symphony Band and Percussion Ensemble will perform its "Spain Tour Concert" on the MSU campus Thursday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in the Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Hall.

It is open to the public. There is no admission charge, however, donations will be accepted to assist with expenses for the tour. Additional information may be obtained by calling (606) 783-2486.

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Americana Crossroads Live set for April 18

Americana singer Mark Fosson, folk duo Wil Maring and Robert Bowlin, and old-time group, the Red State Ramblers 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, April 18, 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.

Fosson, a songwriter and guitarist, grew up in Kentucky, where he began writing songs

in his early teens. His songs deal with life on the road, love and heartache and living in small towns. Now living on the West Coast, he tours throughout the U.S., performing his blend of folk, blues and Americana music. He has recorded several projects with his latest CD titled "Jesus On A Greyhound."

Maring and Bowlin create original Americana music which moves between Bluegrass, folk and country music. Maring's vocal style and heartfelt lyrics can be heard on several solo CDs and recordings with her band Shady Mix. She also is a previous winner of the Chris Austin Songwriting Contest from Merlefest. Bowlin is a two-time National Fingerpicking and Flatpicking Guitar champion. He has performed with Bill Monroe, Kathy Mattea, Ricky Skaggs, Tom T. Hall and the Osborne Brothers.

Members of the Red State Ramblers met as students at the University of Kentucky. Their mutual interest in traditional, old-time music carries on in their performances proving that Kentucky's rich history lives on vibrantly in their music. The Red State Ramblers perform traditional songs from native and adopted Kentuckians. Their self-titled debut CD features favorite old-time tunes with an emphasis on Kentucky traditions, both old and new.

"Americana Crossroads Live" is supported by Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky, Morehead Conference Center, Morehead Tourism Commission and EAT Gallery. 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.

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OperaWorks to celebrate 15th anniversary

It will be a grand night for singing when Morehead State University OperaWorks and the groups alumni gather on Wednesday, April 23 to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the creation of the performance ensemble.

Dr. Roma Prindle, founder and director of OperaWorks, invites anyone who has been in an OperaWorks performance to become a part of the show by dressing in your finest stage apparel and meeting in Duncan Recital Hall within the Baird Music Hall at 7 p.m. to rehearse some signature operatic excerpts from over the years.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Tickets will be available at the door, or may be reserved by calling (606) 783-9464.

Highlights from some of the world's most famous and best-loved operas will comprise the performance. They include scenes from Johann Strauss' Viennese comedy Die Fledermaus, Mozart's The Magic Flute, Bizet's Carmen, Puccini's Gianni Schicchi, and Verdi's Rigoletto.

Several graduates of the opera program at MSU have gone on to careers in vocal performance. Two of them will appear as guest artists during the performance. Andrea Trusty, a 2004 graduate, mezzo-soprano who recently performed with the Aspen Music Center, Music Academy of the West and Opera Santa Barbara, will reprise her 2003 role of Carmen by joining the ensemble in a performance of the famous Habañera. She also will perform Mon couer s'ouvre a ta voix, from Samson et Dalilah.

Christopher Conley, a 2003 graduate, counter-tenor, also will appear. Conley has won the District Level Metropolitan Opera Council Auditions for the past two years, and has sung with several Baroque opera companies. He will perform the aria Vivi tiranno from Handel's Rodelinda and I know a bank where the wild thyme blows from Benjamin Britten's opera A Midsummer's Night Dream.

MSU professor emeritus Dr. Mark Minor, who has appeared in several OperaWorks productions, will be the emcee for the evening.

OperaWorks was created in 1993 by Dr. Prindle to provide stage experience for MSU voice majors. The ensemble immediately began touring throughout the region, taking opera into public schools and presenting it in ways that were easily accessible to audiences that had little or no familiarity with the genre. A new generation of audiences has gained an appreciation and love for the magic of opera.

As part of a mission to preserve Appalachian heritage, Dr. Prindle created two new works for the stage. In 1998 OperaWorks premiered "A Kentucky Mummer's Play," a winter holiday celebration of Celtic and Appalachian folk music, dance and ritual. The work was presented in three performances at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort in 1999 and in a 12-day performance tour to Ireland in 2000. Prindle's second ritual play, "Wild Mountain Thyme," was premiered in April 2004 and toured throughout England and Wales. A tour to Scotland is being planned for 2010.

Fundraising is currently underway to endow several Opera Fellowships and create a Young Artists Studio at MSU. This endowment, along with the ongoing development of the new regional opera company, Highlands Light Opera, will work in conjunction to provide the most promising voice students from this region and beyond with opportunities to work with world-class artists and to gain professional experience in opera.

The faculty pianist for OperaWorks is Chia-Ling Hsieh, instructor of music. Students appearing in the production include Kyle Bentley, **Pikeville** junior; Kristen Brown, **Richmond** junior; Jewelie Casteel, **West Liberty** sophomore; Stacey Kennard, **Chillicothe, Ohio**, freshman; Matthew Leonard, **Cherry Fork, Ohio**, graduate student; Merritt McElroy, **Knoxville, Tenn.**, graduate student; Henry McGuire, **Union** graduate student; Will Murphy, **Hawesville** junior; Amy Painter, **Morehead** junior; Lori Patterson, **Harrodsburg**; Michael Ratulowsky, **Morehead** sophomore; Greg Purvis, **Mt. Sterling** junior; and Dustin Stevens, **Morehead** junior.

Anyone who wishes to join in the alumni sing should contact Dr. Prindle at

(606) 783-2481 or at r.prindle@moreheadstate.edu
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Alumnus awarded NSF grant

Morehead State University alumnus Robbie Johnson of **Morehead** has been awarded the prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctorial Dissertation Improvement Grant, to finish his Ph.D. work in biology at the University of Louisville.

The NSF grant award provides research support "To allow doctoral candidates to conduct research in specialized facilities or settings away from the home campus." The grant also provides opportunities for Johnson to significantly extend data collection and analysis well beyond locally available resources.

Johnson's dissertation, titled "Secondary Production in Urban Stream Food Webs: From Pattern to Process," focuses on changes that occur in watershed hydrology due to increase impervious surfaces i.e. roads, buildings, and parking lots and how these affect and decrease biological diversity of stream dwelling organisms.

Johnson's study will address physical and chemical changes that occur as a result of multiple disturbances in community watershed use. Current urban land use and future urban development pose a threat to nature's ecosystems. Urban streams serve as water conduits for a city's municipal waste water disposal. The decrease of biological diversity of urban streams affects nutrient cycling and stream food webs, two processes that have profound consequences in urban water use.

"Dissemination of the results will facilitate the future planning, management, and restoration of urbanized streams," Johnson said. "This study will address the unanswered question as to how reductions in community richness and diversity affect the ecosystems and in-stream water quality of these communities."

Johnson is a two-time MSU graduate. He earned a bachelor's degree in environmental science and a master's degree in science-biology, with an emphasis in regional analysis, from the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP).

Johnson and Jessica McCarty of Morehead, another IRAPP alum, are two of four graduates from the original IRAPP cohort that are finishing Ph.D degrees at tier one research institutions. McCarty is currently finishing dissertation work in geography at the University of Maryland.

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Cattle sale set for April 14

Morehead State University agriculture students will get involved in the "business" side of raising livestock when they participate in an upcoming cattle sale on Monday, April 14.

Student and staff representatives from MSU's Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences will take part in the Seventh Annual Grass Time Partners Registered Angus Bull and Female Sale at the Chenault Agricultural Center in Mt. Sterling. The sale is slated to begin at 7 p.m.

MSU will bring 66 Angus bulls, 30 registered females and 20 commercial females to the sale.

The University's agriculture students get much of their academic training at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex, MSU's multiple-enterprise teaching farm, located on KY 377 (Cranston Road).

Additional information is available by calling Joe Fraley, farm manager, at (606) 783-2802.

Campus Safety Walk set for April 15

Morehead State University's Student Government Association and MSU Police Department have teamed up for their annual Campus Safety Walk.

The event will be held Tuesday, April 15, from 7:30-10 p.m. Participants will meet at the Laughlin Health Building parking lot by the police station to begin the walk.

Students are invited to walk with MSU officers, physical plant representatives, student housing and other campus administrators to see what problems exist on campus. After dark, testing of all "Blue Light" safety call boxes will occur.

After the safety check, all recommendations are forwarded to the proper departments for investigation and repair.

Additional Information may be obtained by contacting the MSUPD, SGA office or by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/sga .

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Black Gospel Ensemble to perform April 16

Harmonious sounds of praise and worship will fill Duncan Recital Hall at Morehead State University on Wednesday, April 16, as the members of the Black Gospel Ensemble present their Spring Concert.

The ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, Assistant Director of Choral Activities, will perform at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall, located within Baird Music Hall on campus. The concert is free and open to the public.

Members of the ensemble, listed by voice, position or instrument, as well as hometown, are:

Soprano : Kristin Black, **Maysville** ; Crystal Cooley, **Morehead** ; Valencia Dickerson, **Franklin** ; Lanika Freeman, **Chillicothe, Ohio**; Rebecca Jefferson, **Germantown** ; Thelma Prysock, **Columbus, Ohio** ; Tiffany Smalls, **Newport** ; and Danielle Wilson, **Lexington** .

Alto : Erin Bohannon, **Fairfield, Ohio** ; Kalle Cole, **Hamersville, Ohio** ; Steelee Danyelle Jordan, **Portsmouth, Ohio**; Martha Grace Duncan, **Flemingsburg** ; Terresha Gardner, **Louisville** ; Ashia Garrett, **Cincinnati** ; Bethany Gordon, **Lebanon** ; Ericka Hibner, **Radcliff** ; Aryn Howland, **Bellevue** ; Sharnetta O'Bannon, **Carlisle** ; Afton Perry, **Fort Walton, FL** ; and Kayla Watts, **Latonia** .

Tenor : Dwight Harris, **Lexington** ; Matt Overstreet, **Mt. Sterling**; Greg Neblett, **Radcliff** ; Lexington Nevels, **Cincinnati** ; Keith Nunn, **Louisville** ; and Craig Smith, **Nicholasville** .

Drum: Kendall Guischart, **Trinidad and Tobago** , and Daniel Murphy, **Ironton , Ohio** .

Trumpet : Danielle Cirelli and Brian Harding, both of **Aberdeen , SD**

Saxophone : Carl Pickering, **Louisville** .

Guitar : Chris Kimmons, **Charleston , WV** .

Director and keyboards : Dr. Escalante, **Ft. Myers , FL**.

Adviser : Dr. Ritta Abell, **Louisville** , MSU assistant professor of speech.

The event will feature solo performances by several ensemble members: Duncan, singing "On Calvary and Heaven;" Smith with "He Won't Fail;" Gordon singing "Glorious;" Overstreet and Freeman with "No Other Choice;" and Bohannon and Smalls singing "Lord, You Are."

Also slated to be performed are "One More Time," "Broken Hearted," and "Since Jesus Came Into My Life."

The Black Gospel Ensemble, founded in 1968 on MSU's campus, musically celebrates Christian doctrine. Its members perform at campus events, churches, as well as various venues in the community. The "BGE" takes pride in contributing to the educational, social and cultural needs of the University's service region. The mission of the organization is to provide an environment in which students may interact with others for the stimulation of intellectual, creative and spiritual growth.

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

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Hill's film part of the Mainline Film Festival

A film by Jeffrey Hill, a Morehead State University faculty member, has been accepted as an official selection at the Mainline Film Festival in Wayne, Penn., which is approximately 15 miles west of Philadelphia.

His latest documentary "Serendipity Studios" is about Elliotville artist Sam McKinney. The event will take place on Saturday, April 26, at the historic Clearview's Anthony Wayne Cinema.

The same documentary will air on Kentucky Educational Television's Kentucky Life program on Saturday, May 31. The documentary received a Kentucky Arts Council Professional Assistant Award that helped fund the project.

"I am so pleased that KET and the Mainline Film Festival recognized this work about Sam McKinney," said Hill.

Hill is an associate 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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President's Spring Concert April 15

This year's President's Spring Concert will be a swinging good time.

"iSwing ² " will be an evening of big band music ² and an opportunity to get out and enjoy the spring weather. The event will be held on Tuesday, April 15, on the commons area in front of the Adron Doran University Center.

SACyard BBQ, sponsored by the Student Activities Council, also is April 15 and begins at 4:30 p.m. with food and activities.

All events are free and open to the public.

MSU's Jazz Ensembles I and II will perform big band favorites from the 30s, 40s and 50s at 6:30 p.m. The Jazz Ensembles are under the direction of Dr. Gordon Towell, professor of jazz studies.

An annual event, the President's Spring Concert provides an opportunity to showcase the talent of MSU students and faculty.

The event is sponsored by the Office of the President, Caudill College of Humanities, Department of Music, Arts and Humanities Council, Morehead State Public Radio, Student Activities Council, Residence Hall Association, MSU Concessions and Vending, University Bookstore and Aramark. Additional information is available by calling the University's Office of Student Activities at (606) 783-2071.

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'Tap-n-go' EagleCard set for summer launch

Morehead State University's EagleCard (ID) system will be going through a change this summer which will offer improvements that will make it easier for students.

The new system, a networked contactless "tap-n-go" solution, will utilize the University's current system that controls meal plans and declining balance accounts. This transition should create a more structured and secure environment on campus and take advantage of current and new technology which will benefit students, faculty and staff, and the University.

"The need for the change began with the decision to replace the current SmartChip system and the 200 associated readers currently installed on vending, laundry, computer lab printers and selected copiers on campus," said Doug Snedegar, EagleCard coordinator.

Perhaps the most visible change during this implementation process will be the redesign and replacement of some 12,000 EagleCards held by students, faculty and staff.

Current card holders will have the opportunity to update their EagleCard photos beginning April 21-May 9 at the EagleCard Office, room 107, Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Only students who have registered for the fall 2008 term and have a photo on file will have a new pre-activated EagleCard produced in advance for the event. Summer II students will have the opportunity to pick up their new EagleCard beginning July 7. Faculty and staff, who will be employed for the summer, will be able to pick up their new IDs also on July 7. Faculty and staff who will not be employed for the summer, but will be returning for the fall, will have a new EagleCard produced in advance for the main recarding event.

Current IDs will no longer be valid and will need to be turned in when picking up the new one. Every effort is being made to have primary components live and utilize the new system during the summer, specifically Dining Services, University Bookstore and student computer labs.

All other locations and services utilizing the new technology will be coming online continuously over the summer months and students, faculty and staff will have the option of using cash/coin at these locations until the implementation is complete.

Students, faculty and staff should continuously check the EagleCard implementation page (beginning April 14) for updated production/recarding dates, active locations and system information as the implementation proceeds.

Another change will be the lack of an external contact smartchip that has been used for the CampusCash account. Due to the proprietary nature, CampusCash funds will not transfer to the new system. Every effort should be made to spend the CampusCash (chip) convenience account before July 1.

"The EagleCard Office will continue the use of chip technology as the new cards will feature an internal contactless chip that will be used to access student on-campus accounts, including student Meal Plans and other declining balance accounts. By utilizing this tap-n-go contactless technology, MSU students will be better served," said Snedegar.

Visit the EagleCard Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglecard for added locations, implementation status, recarding timelines and important dates.

Additional information is available by calling the EagleCard office at (606) 783-2701.

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Barnwell to give lecture at KFAC

Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center announces a gallery talk by North Carolina photographer Tim Barnwell on Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. Barnwell's current exhibition "On Earth's Furrowed Brow: The Appalachian Farm in Photographs" is on display in KFAC's Adkins Gallery.

On Earth's Furrowed Brow presents 30 photographs and accompanying oral histories, depicting traditional farming life in the southern Appalachian region. Barnwell's works document and celebrate the people and the land of Appalachia. He began working on this photographic project in the late 1970s while chief photographer for Mountain Living magazine.

His photography is widely collected and is included in the permanent collections of The Metropolitan Museum of Art (N.Y.), New Orleans Museum of Art, High Museum of Art (Atlanta); R.J. Reynolds Industries; Bank of America; and The Mint Museum in Charlotte.

His images have appeared in scores of magazines and books including Time, Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report, American Craft, Travel South, House Beautiful, U.S. Air, Blue Ridge Country, National Parks, Black and White Photography and Outdoor Photographer. His work can be viewed at www.barnwellphoto.com.

Barnwell's photographs from the region were collected in The Face of Appalachia: Portraits from the Mountain Farm and On Earth's Furrowed Brow: The Appalachian Farm in Photographs. Both books are available at the KFAC Museum Store.

Barnwell will sign copies following his presentation.

"Tim is a great photographer and one of the finest contemporary photographic documenters of Appalachian life and culture," said KFAC's Artistic Director Adrian Swain.

"His visit to Morehead is a special opportunity for our student community and the general public. I know we have many amateur and professional photographers who will have a distinct interest in hearing what Tim has to say."

Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University. The center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1-5 p.m. April-December. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2204.

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Communication students present paper

Three communication students and a faculty member at Morehead State University recently presented research papers at a professional meeting in Georgia.

Allen Fitzpatrick, **Lexington** senior history major, and Kristin Hausstein, **Berlin, Germany**, sophomore communication major, presented their joint paper at the Southern States Communication Association's

78th Annual Convention, held April 2- 6 in Savannah. Their work compared U.S. and German political cartoons on China.

David Tarvin, **Cincinnati** graduate student in communication, also took part in the convention, presenting his essay, "The Devil Speech: An Investigation of Hugo Chavez's Speech to the U.N."

Also at the meeting, Dr. Robert E. Frank, associate professor of speech and speech communication director, delivered his paper "Crafting an Identity: Angela Merkel as First Female Chancellor of Germany."

According to its Web site (www.ssca.net), the Southern States Communication Association promotes the "study, criticism, research, teaching, and application of the artistic, humanistic, and scientific principles of communication.

Additional information about the MSU research papers is available by calling Dr. Frank at (606) 783-9369.

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MSU students present research

Imaging sciences students at Morehead State University took first and third place honors at the 4th Annual MRI Conference hosted by The Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus.

Two of the four computed tomography/magnetic resonance component seniors joined Cyndi Gibbs, associate professor of imaging sciences, to present their research poster projects at the "Key Concepts to MRI Success" meetings.

The poster presentation component of the conference was open to MR technologists and students enrolled in a program. Presenters included students and professionals from not only Kentucky and Ohio, but from several other states throughout the U.S.

The competition was judged by internationally-renowned experts in the field, including Bill Faulkner, Carolyn Roth and Dr. Frank Shellock.

Two of the seniors, Beth Wilburn of **Firebrick** and Megan Gilliam of **Isonville** , placed first for their poster, "The Effect of OxyContin on the Brain: Is there a correlation between increased usage and brain atrophy/dementia?" In developing their poster, the students cited the use of a current medical imaging technique, functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) which can demonstrate neurological changes that lead to brain degeneration or dementia as a result of the use of the drug.

Third place honors went to conference attendees Brooke Solloway of **Smyrna, Del .**, and Leslie Martin of **Langley** for their poster "Sports Concussions and Depression: A correlational study utilizing functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) in assessment and diagnosis." Their research revealed that while the application of fMRI

technology is still a relatively new diagnostic tool, it may prove useful in the connection between concussions and depression.

All the MSU students' research was part of the coursework for CTMR 443: Imaging Procedures. Gibbs served as the faculty mentor for the research poster projects.

"During the poster presentation reception, it was recognized that two of the three awards went to Morehead's State University's Department of Imaging Sciences Program," Gibbs said.

The conference chair personally approached the MSU students and encouraged them to submit their work to the international/national MR conference in May. Additionally, according to Gibbs, the MSU group has already been invited to submit posters at next year's meeting.

"This is a wonderful accomplishment for our program, considering that there were more than 290 MR technologists from all over the country attending this meeting," she said.

The students also presented their research in January at the annual "Posters at the Capitol" event, hosted collaboratively by Morehead State and other public universities in Kentucky to underscore the importance of involving students in scholarly productions.

Additional information on imaging sciences programs at MSU is available by calling the department office at (606) 783-2646.

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EFLP to host panel discussion

Morehead State University's Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy will host a panel of distinguished writers, editors and publishers from across Kentucky on Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m. in room 312 of the Adron Doran University Center.

The discussion, titled "The Art and the Business: Interactions among Writers, Editors and Publishers," examines how collaborations and conflicts help produce the finished journals and books that we read. All those interested in creative writing are invited to attend.

The panel discussion also will be available at the department's Web site and via podcast for those who are unable to participate in the discussion.

Panelists expected to participate include: George Eklund, Chris Holbrook, Rebecca Howell and Crystal Wilkinson, creative writers on the MSU faculty; Nickole Brown, marketing director and acquisitions editor, Sarabande Press; Sydney England, editor, The Pikeville Review; Charlie Hughes, Wind Publications; and Laura Sutton, acquisitions editor, University Press of Kentucky.

This event is supported by a grant from the Kentucky Humanities Council, Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities and by the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2726; or e-mail p.krummrich@moreheadstate.edu .
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CPE names Cowgill permanent president

In something of a surprise, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education has appointed Bradford L. Cowgill as its permanent president, effective May 1.

Cowgill became interim president Sept. 1, replacing former president Thomas Layzell. His election came over the objection of Gov. Steve Beshear who had insisted that a new, national search be conducted.

CPE Chairman John Turner said of the decision:

"We are extremely pleased to offer this position to Brad. He has proven himself to be a very capable leader and has served with distinction during the past eight months."

Among Cowgill's accomplishments cited by Turner include leading a vigorous recommitment to the goals of postsecondary and adult education reforms by advancing a system-wide plan, issued in October, 2007, to "Double the Numbers" of college graduates in the state by 2020. The goals and objectives of the plan were the focus of a "performance based" budget request for postsecondary and adult education, drafted within 65 days following Cowgill's arrival at the CPE.

Also under Cowgill's leadership, the CPE convened the Kentucky Adult Learner Initiative, funded by the Lumina Foundation for Education. The initiative will create a comprehensive framework for adult learner policies and increase the responsiveness of postsecondary institutions to the needs of adult learners. A related initiative, Project Graduate, launched last fall and is a system-wide effort to re-enroll students with 90 or more credit hours.

Cowgill said that he is looking forward to serving the commonwealth as president of the Council. "I am very grateful for this opportunity. I pledge to work hard to maintain the momentum toward meeting the goals of postsecondary and adult education reforms," he said.

Prior to coming to the Council as interim president, Cowgill served as the state budget director under former Gov. Ernie Fletcher. Earlier, Cowgill practiced law with Stites and Harbison, PLLC, where his practice was concentrated in corporate matters and commercial litigation, with emphasis on construction-related claims and clients.

The CPE president received a bachelor's degree in political science and economics from Vanderbilt University and a law degree from the University of Kentucky.

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Women's bowling team ready for USBC championship

Morehead State University will be represented by its women's bowling teams during the 2008 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships, which is set for April 16-19 at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan.

A total of 16 women's and 16 men's teams will compete in the event. Teams were selected to participate based on the top qualifiers at each of the four sectionals.

The MSU women took top honors in 1989, 1998, 2000 and 2002, were runner-ups in 1993 and third place in 2006. The Sectional Qualifier competitions were held March 15-16. The top four in the men's and women's divisions at each sectional advanced to championships.

Qualifiers from the women's division, which features five former champions and 12 returning teams from 2005, include sectional champions Fresno State, Central Florida, Lindenwood and Wichita State, the defending national champion.

In the women's division, Wichita State, which defeated McKendree for its eighth national title last season, won the Fairview Heights Sectional to advance for the 27th straight year dating back to 1982 and a record 33rd appearance.

Other qualifiers from the women's division, which features four former champions and 10 returning teams from 2007, include sectional champions Central Florida, Lindenwood and Pikeville. Joining them will be Bellarmine, Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.), Florida State, Fresno State, Martin Methodist, Maryland-Eastern Shore, McKendree, Newman, Purdue, Robert Morris College (Ill.) and Shippensburg.

The MSU women's team consists of: Stephanie Brownie, **Chester, Va.**, senior; Megan Buress, **Louisville** sophomore; Amy Corbin, **Cincinnati** senior; Deirdre Criddell, **Huber Heights, Ohio**, sophomore; Kami Ebersole, **Eldorado, Ohio**, sophomore; Tiffany Murray, **Cincinnati** sophomore; Annie Orobono, **Jackson, N.J.**, freshman; Michelle Snyder, **Alamogordo, N.M.**, freshman; and Lauren Swanson, **Freeport, N.Y.**, senior; and Megan Williamson, **Cynthiana** freshman. Seven schools qualified both their men's and women's teams from sectionals, which consisted of 32 Baker System games each day for a total of 64 Baker games.

The USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships is the pinnacle event of the college bowling season. The tournament brings together the top 16 men's and women's teams in the country to compete for national titles on national television (CBS College Sports Network).

Morehead State's Amy Corbin also qualified for a spot at the 2008 USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships, which will be held May 19-20 at Olympic Lanes in Milwaukee.

During the tournament, additional information will be available on the www.Bowl.com Web site.

Posted: 4-15-08

No higher ed funding affected by vetoes

Gov. Steve Beshear vetoed 11 line items in the new \$19 billion state budget for 2008-10 on Monday but none apparently affected public postsecondary education's share of the two-year spending plan.

The General Assembly is meeting today (Tuesday) in its final day of the 2008 session to consider overriding the vetoes and to vote on other legislation left pending when the 10-day veto recess began on April 3.

For Morehead State, the new budget has about \$2.9 million less in state funds than the current budget from last July 1. But the new spending plan does provide \$5.7 million in state funds to replace environmental controls at the central heating plant and authorize the issuance of MSU revenue bonds for the \$39 million student recreation center project, a \$4.6 million renovation of Alumni Tower and a \$5.6 million renovation of Mignon Tower, all to be financed with student fees.

MSU and the five other regional institutions will share a total of \$10 million in new "Bucks for Brains" matching funds to stimulate private giving.

By not vetoing the entire bill or not signing it, the governor allowed it to become law without his signature, a symbolic way of expressing his general displeasure with its provisions.

Posted: 4-15-08

Shaw an American Idol Songwriter finalist

American Idol started a nationwide search for a song to fit this year's winner. A Morehead State University graduate has had her song selected as one of the finalists.

"Stronger" is co-written by MSU graduate Mendy Byrd Shaw and Jason Phelps.

A 1991 alumnus, Shaw earned her bachelor's degree in communications. While at MSU, she was active in the Greek system and in many campus activities and lives in the Cincinnati area.

Individually, they have been writing, recording and performing music for more than 10 years.

"Stronger" was picked from thousands submitted nationally to American Idol.

If chosen, "Stronger" will be performed live in front of millions of viewers on this season's American Idol finale and recorded on the Idol winner's first album. The winning songwriter also will walk away with a highly-prized publishing deal.

The 20 songs and artists are being showcased online at <http://songwriter.americanidol.com/> and America will vote to determine the winner.

Voting will be open until Wednesday, April 23.

Posted: 4-16-08

Dr. Hare to present women's issues lecture

A Morehead State University anthropologist will offer a special lecture on women's global issues on Tuesday, April 22.

Dr. Timothy Hare, assistant professor of anthropology, will present "A Cross-Cultural Exploration of Values Related to Women & Women's Issues" at 4:30 p.m. in room 111 of the Claypool-Young Art Building. He will be assisted by Dr. Ann Andaloro, assistant professor of mass communication, and students who were enrolled in the Fall 2007 course COMM 682: Media Criticism.

The event is sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program at MSU.

"In the spirit of the women's studies program theme of addressing women cross-culturally, I will present a geographic examination of values and beliefs regarding women and women's issues around the world," Dr. Hare said. He will use data from a long-term global survey of people's views on culture, religion, economics, health and family to examine stereotypes and challenges facing women.

"I hope to provoke thoughtful debate about who we are and how we relate to people across the world," he said.

Dr. Hare is a 2001 Ph.D. degree graduate of the State University of New York at Albany. In addition to anthropology, he teaches geography, development and public health. His research interests include the geography of economic and public health disparities.

The event is free and open to the public, and will be followed by a reception.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Sylvia Henneberg, associate professor of English and director of the IWSP, at (606) 783-5288.

Posted: 4-16-08

Gibson, Bates win MSPR awards

Morehead State Public Radio has named Carl Gibson, **Elizabethtown** junior, the recipient of the 2008 Community Advisory Board Student Achievement, and MacKenzie Bates, **Raceland** junior, the winner of the 2008 Outstanding Student awards.

The pair will be recognized at the Caudill College of Humanities Awards.

Gibson has worked for MSPR as a news reporter, feature producer and board operator. He is active on campus and in the community, including MSU's theatre department and the Morehead Theatre Guild.

Bates has worked for MSPR as a news reporter, feature producer and board operator. He has served as an announcer for high school and women's basketball games along with MSU's Blue and Gold Marching Band Festival.

The Student Achievement Award is presented to an individual who has worked at MSPR for at least one semester, maintained an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 and demonstrated achievements and leadership at MSU and in the community.

The Outstanding Student Award is presented to an individual who has worked at MSPR for at least one semester, maintained an overall GPA of at least 3.0, and demonstrated leadership abilities, dependability, initiative and personal development, showing quality work and an overall commitment to MSPR.

The winners will receive a gift certificate from the University Bookstore, their name placed on a plaque and an individual gift from MSPR.

MSPR relies on the help of many MSU students. An average of 20 students work at the station each year, performing a variety of tasks including as reporter, copy editor, board operator, music host, and production and marketing assistants.

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.

Posted: 4-17-08

CE to offer dental assistant program

Looking for an exciting career in the health field?

Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education may just have the answer, a 60-hour dental assisting program. The course prepares students for entry level positions in one of the fastest growing health care fields.

The class will start on Monday, April 28, in Allie Young Hall on the Morehead campus.

Dental assistants are responsible for assisting dentists and dental hygienists with patient care as well as providing certain administrative support to the office. They work in a variety of health care settings including dentist offices, hospitals and other similar facilities.

Additional information on these courses, which are a part of a growing catalog of more than 1,000 classes, including face-to-face and instructor-facilitated online courses, may be obtained by calling MSU's Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875, or on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/occe.

Posted: 4-17-08

Dr. George Tapp, former psychology chair, dies at 72

Dr. George S. Tapp, a former chair of Morehead State University's Department of Psychology, died Tuesday, April 15. He was 72.

He attended Transylvania University and the University of Kentucky. Dr. Tapp served as professor of psychology at MSU for 33 years.

He is survived by his wife and former MSU faculty member Elizabeth "Betty," three children: Roy Michael Tapp, David A. Tapp and Laryn Ann Martin; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals on Friday, April 18, from 5-8 p.m. Dr. Tapp will be interred in the Lexington Cemetery.

Expressions of condolence may be made at the funeral home, or in lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to St. Claire Hospice and Palliative Care, 222 Medical Circle, Morehead, KY 40351.

Posted: 4-17-08

Baseball to host free Kid's Clinic on Sunday

Morehead State University's baseball coaches and players will hold a free Kid's Clinic at Allen Field following Sunday's (April 20) Ohio Valley Conference game against UT Martin.

The game begins at 1 p.m. and the clinic will begin shortly after the end of the contest. Children in the eighth grade and younger in uniform and youth league coaches will be admitted free to the game.

Free inflatable bats will be given away.

MSU also will play host to UT Martin for a doubleheader at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Posted: 4-17-08

SBDC to offer workshop at Salyersville Renaissance Center

Morehead State University at West Liberty's Small Business Development Center will be conducting a workshop on "Starting Your Own Business" on Wednesday, April 30, in Salyersville.

The workshop will be held at the Salyersville Renaissance Center in downtown from 10 a.m. until noon.

The free workshop will introduce the basic concepts of opening your own business. Topics to be discussed will include: business planning, business types, financing, taxes and licensing.

Those interested may register by calling the Paintsville SBDC at (606)788-6022 or by online at www.ksbdc.org.

This training event is being co-sponsored by the MSU Small Business Development Centers, Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center and Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

It is one of many workshops provided by MSU's Small Business Development Centers. For a list of upcoming events you may visit its website at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

Posted: 4-18-08

MSU announces new tuition model

Nearly 80 percent of Morehead State University's 9,000 students will face a smaller tuition increase than expected in 2008-09 because of a change in how tuition will be assessed, according to MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

"We originally had planned an across-the-board increase of 9.5 percent to deal with the loss of \$3 million from our state appropriation and continuing inflationary increases in operating costs. However, our commitment to be compassionate yet creative in helping students and their families has produced a very positive result," Dr. Andrews said. "This new approach means that the vast majority of our students will have a maximum increase of just 7.4 percent and for some it will be much less. In fact, the weighted average represents an increase of only about five percent."

The MSU president noted that the new tuition model, which requires students to pay for each course in which they enroll instead of the traditional flat rate for full-time students, still must be approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education and the University's Board of Regents. At present, none of Kentucky's public universities use the pay-per-credit model for tuition.

Historically, MSU and the state's other public universities have charged a per-credit rate for part-time students and a flat rate for full-time students that covered from 12 to 18 credits per semester for a single price. To minimize the impact of this "pay-for-what-you-take" model on returning students, MSU will offer an 80 percent discount on all credits beyond 12 per semester. Students receiving full tuition scholarships will be covered up to 18 credits per term.

MSU's full-time students usually complete an average of 15 credits per semester. Currently, the flat rate for a full-time load is \$2,640 per semester for Kentucky undergraduates. Under the new model, they would pay \$225 per credit for the first 12 and \$45 per credit for additional courses. Hence, the tuition for a full-time student with 15 credits this fall would be \$2,835, an increase of \$195 per semester which is 7.4 percent above current rates.

"About 20 percent of our students will pay a higher percentage increase but that impact has been significantly reduced by the discounted rate," Dr. Andrews added. "We believe that it is important to encourage students to take as many credits as they can handle so they can stay on track to graduate in four years, if possible. Finishing on schedule means that students and their families will pay less, on the average, for a college education. We are in the midst of changing our academic degree requirements to make that more achievable for the majority of our students."

MSU currently requires 128 credits for most of its bachelor's degrees. Plans are underway to reduce that figure to 120 over the next few years.

Dr. Andrews noted that the impact of tuition increases across the state also would be lessened next year because of the largest-ever increase in the federal Pell Grant - \$421 per year - and by the preservation of KEES scholarship funds by the General Assembly in the new state budget.

He added:

"MSU is not unique in its budget challenges. Most other schools in the Commonwealth have raised or are expecting to raise tuition. Morehead State is committed to being the best tuition value in the state. The quality academic experience a student receives here for the associated tuition cost is one of the best values not only in Kentucky but also our entire nation."

Additional information is available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/bestvalue or by calling the MSU Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000.

Posted: 4-18-08

Eden is Academic Honors Convocation speaker

For Brandy Eden her college graduating class will be a little larger than her high school class. Eden was homeschooled and has made the most of her time at Morehead State University. Eden, the daughter of the Rev. Lonnie Sr. and Barbara Eden of Flemingsburg, will be the student speaker at the 24th annual Academic Awards Convocation on Sunday, April 27. During the program, which begins at 2 p.m. in Button Auditorium, the University will recognize the scholarly achievements of its students, faculty and staff.

She is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in government and plans to attend Salmon P. Chase School of Law at Northern Kentucky University next fall.

"The government program and the Academic Honors Program were more than just papers to write and books to read. It was a life experience," said Eden. "An experience that somewhere along the way I found a passion for theory and law.

"I cannot put into words how the geography, government and history faculty and the honors faculty really care about their students. I was encouraged to really put myself out there in my writing. I think that's how I ended up where I am now, which is, I think, a really good place."

Eden won't have much time to celebrate, she is scheduled to leave the afternoon of graduation (May 10) to travel to Canada for five weeks for an internship with Canadian Parliament.

A member of the George M. Luckey Jr., Academic Honors Program, she also is active in Societas Pro Legibus and Phi Kappa Phi. Eden has done several presentations over the last four year including two Honors roundtable presentations -- "Capital Punishment and Societal Influence" and "Growing Up Girl: The Manufacturing of a Domestic Goddess." She also presented at Kentucky Political Science Association last spring and with that paper became the recipient of the Judy Rogers' Prose Award for Non-Fiction Writing.

She will be receiving the Margaret Patton Scholarship from Phi Kappa Phi.

Eden received an undergraduate fellowship working for Dr. William Green, professor of government.

"I've had a lot of really great professors here at MSU and I'm really going to miss it here, but I'm looking forward to law school," she added.

Students with perfect grade point average, student authors and presenters, and graduating seniors from the Academic Honors Program will be honored at the convocation, which will launch a weeklong tribute to academic excellence, April 28-May 2.

Each academic department will present awards to its outstanding graduate and undergraduate students, and recipients of the University's most prestigious faculty and staff honors - Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished Researcher and Distinguished Creative Production awards - will be recognized at the convocation.

Morehead State University has been recognized as one of the top public universities in the South in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 issues of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report.

Additional information about the Academic Honors Convocation is available by calling (606) 783-2807.

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Senior exhibit now through May 7

Morehead State University's Claypool-Young art gallery will host the annual "DEFT: 2008 Annual MSU Juried Senior Art Exhibition" April 23 - May 7.

All art students of senior rank are required to participate in the exhibition, allowing them an opportunity to exhibit their work in the professional realm. An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, April 23 from 6-8 p.m. with live music and refreshments.

It is free and open to the public.

In 2008, the Department of Art developed a new initiative to jury the exhibition in order to select artworks best representing the quality of the program's student output, as well as awarding cash prizes to meritorious pieces.

The art faculty committee awarded the following student artists: Kendrick Holbrook of **Olive Hill** , Best in Show; Tammy Staton of **Salt Lick** , first place; Joelle Schultz, **Cincinnati** , second place; and Stephen Rodgers of **Olive Hill** , third place.

Other students participating in the 2008 exhibition are:

Thomás Ayala, **Miami** ; Laura Ball, **Walton** ; Kimberly Baker, **Peebles, Ohio** ; James Carr, **Paintsville**; Colin Daugherty, **Roanoke, Va .**; Brandi Gault, **Mt. Sterling** ; Jordan Hampton, **Pikeville** ; Dwight Harris, **Lexington** ; Susan Hawkins, **Morehead** ; Rachel Hayes, **Grayson** ; Rachel Kendall, **Charleston, W.Va .**; Katie Kunkel, **Cincinnati** ; Dusti Lewis, **West Liberty** ; Frances Mayo, **Shelbyville** ; Adora Miller, **Xenia, Ohio** ; Ryan Newberry, **Cincinnati** ; Tiffany Oldaker, **Hilliard, Ohio** ;

Caleb Spencer, **Mt. Sterling** ; Stephen Rodgers, **Olive Hill** ; Heather Utterback, **Morehead** ; Stephen Waddles, **Ashland** ; Jacqueline Underwood, **Foresyth, Ga.** ; Kyle Wattuta, **Seattle, Wash.;** and Nick Woods, **Manchester** .

The main gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building features contemporary art for the Morehead State University community as well as the University's service region of East Kentucky. The gallery is open weekdays, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment. There is no charge for viewing. Parking is available on Main Street and Elizabeth Avenue, behind Claypool-Young.

Additional information on the exhibit is available by calling Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at (606) 783-5446.

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Highlands Light Opera to hold auditions in May

Eastern Kentucky's new opera company, Highlands Light Opera, will hold auditions for Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*, May 5 and 7 from 7-9 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Hall on the campus of Morehead State University.

Men and women over the age of 16 are invited to audition with a prepared solo. All parts are open and include six leading roles, three supporting roles, a women's chorus and two men's choruses. Singers should bring a copy of the music they will sing to the audition. An accompanist will be provided.

Highlands Light Opera is the first opera company to be established in central Appalachia. Its mission, according to founder and director, Dr. Roma Prindle, associate professor of music , is to function as a regional organization. Recognizing that there is an abundance of musical talent in this part of the country, efforts will be made to draw all personnel from eastern Kentucky, West Virginia, and southern Ohio. The company also will serve the surrounding community in diverse ways. It will seek to bring performances to as many people as possible, presenting them in various venues throughout the region. The *Pirates of Penzance* will be performed in late July at three different sites, which include Morehead, Sandy Hook and Mt. Sterling.

All music performed by the company will be sung in English. It will include lighter operatic fare, such as works by Gilbert and Sullivan, Victor Herbert, Sigmund Romberg, Johann Strauss and Franz Lehár.

Dr. Prindle acknowledges that opera production can be an extremely expensive undertaking. Performances during the first year or so will, more than likely, will be grass root efforts, calling for volunteers at all levels of production.

She will volunteer her time and services, and hopes to attract singers who will be generous with their talents as well. The company also will seek to identify volunteers from the community willing to serve in roles such as box office help, set and costume construction, as well as business and legal services.

Efforts are already underway to secure major grant funding. Dr. Prindle is confident that a project such as Opera in Appalachia is bound to appeal to foundations. Once a board of directors for HLO is established, an aggressive fund-raising campaign will target support from corporate, business and private sectors

A unique aspect of Highlands Light Opera will be the Heritage Series. In addition to standard light opera repertoire, the mission of the company will include a series of concerts and works for the stage that include or are based on traditional folk music, dance and instruments of Appalachian and Celtic origin. One of these shows will embark on an international performance tour to Scotland in 2010.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Roma Prindle at r.prindle@moreheadstate.edu .
Posted: 4-21-08

Textbooks buy back schedule announced

College textbooks are expensive. Although students may deem some of their books valuable and keep them for future reference, most books end up back in the system.

Students at four of Morehead State University's regional campuses will have an opportunity to sell back their spring 2008 semester books.

The following schedule will be followed:

MSU at Ashland, Tuesday through Thursday, May 6-8, from 3-7 p.m.

MSU at Mt. Sterling, Monday, May 5, from 4-6 p.m.; Tuesday, May 6, from 2-5 p.m.; and Wednesday, May 7, from 3-6 p.m.

MSU at Prestonsburg, Wednesday, May 7, and Thursday, May 8 from 3-6 p.m.

MSU at West Liberty, Monday, May 5, from 3-6 p.m.; Tuesday, May 6, and Wednesday, May 7, from 4-6 p.m.

Buy backs on the Morehead campus will be held on the first floor of the Adron Doran University Center:

Wednesday, April 30, through Friday, May 2, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, May 5-8, from 8 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Friday, May 9, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, May 10, from 8 a.m. - noon.

Student ID is required.

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

Posted: 4-21-08

Rigsby to receive award at EKLC

Morehead State University's Don Rigsby, director of the [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#) , will be honored during this week's East Kentucky Leadership Conference.

The conference will be held Thursday and Friday at the Morehead Conference Center.

Rigsby will receive the 2008 East Kentucky Leadership Award for Media at the award banquet, which will be taped by Hazard's WYMT-TV and aired at a later date.

Additional information on the EKLC, you may call Joy Brown, manager of the Morehead Conference Center, at (606) 780-9694.

[View WYMT feature on Rigsby.](#)

Retirees plan visit to North American Racing Academy

Retired Morehead State University faculty and staff members are going to the horses with a trip to the North American Racing Academy and famed Three Chimneys Horse Farm on Friday, May 9.

"We invite all retirees, both faculty and staff, to join us on this excursion into Kentucky's beautiful horse country, where we can learn first hand about one of our state's premier industries," said Dr. Kent Freeland, president of MSU's Retirees Association. "We also welcome guests of the retirees," he added.

Cost of the trip will be \$15 for transportation with lunch not included. Buses will leave from the Academic-Athletic Center at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m. Reservations are due by Tuesday, May 6 and may be made by calling Paula Black at (606) 783-2373 or toll-free at (877) 690-4483. Reservations also will be accepted by e-mail to p.black@moreheadstate.edu.

The first of its kind in the United States, the North American Racing Academy was established in 2006 as a partnership between the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and the Kentucky Horse Park with the well-known former jockey Chris McCarron as executive director. NARA's goal is to provide career pathways through formal training for jockeys and others interested in all aspects of the horse industry.

Three Chimneys is one of the nation's preeminent thoroughbred race horse breeding farms, where the Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew stood at stud for 17 years. Among the prize breeding stock standing at stud there today is Smarty Jones.

"All in all, we think this trip will be fun as well as informative," said Freeland. "We really want to encourage not only our faculty retirees, but also MSU's retired staff members to join us on this trip."

Plans for a tour of Lexington gardens are being developed for a June 12 trip. Past excursions have included a tour of WKYT-TV, Keeneland for the races, Red River Gorge, the Cincinnati Art Museum and the Stearns coal mining camp.

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Eagle bowlers finish third

Morehead State University women's bowling team finished third during the 2008 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships held Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19, at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan.

On Friday, Morehead State opened the tournament and beat Shippensburg, 4-2, but lost to Purdue, 4-3, in the second round. The Eagles regrouped and beat Florida State, 4-0, in the third round, Martin Methodist, 4-2, in the fourth round and avenged the earlier loss as they eliminated Purdue, 4-1, in the fifth round.

In the semifinals, Morehead State was knocked out by Wichita State, 4-0, on Saturday.

The MSU women took top honors in 1989, 1998, 2000 and 2002, were runner-ups in 1993 and third place in 2006.

The team consists of: Stephanie Brownie, **Chester, Va.**, senior; Megan Buress, **Louisville** sophomore; Amy Corbin, **Cincinnati** senior; Deirdre Criddell, **Huber Heights, Ohio**, sophomore; Kami Ebersole, **Eldorado, Ohio**, sophomore; Tiffany Murray, **Cincinnati** sophomore; Annie Orobono, **Jackson, N.J.**, freshman; Michelle Snyder, **Alamogordo, N.M.**, freshman; and Lauren Swanson, **Freeport, N.Y.**, senior; and Megan Williamson, **Cynthiana** freshman.

Morehead State's Corbin also qualified for a spot at the 2008 USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships, which will be held May 19-20 at Olympic Lanes in Milwaukee.

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President Andrews speaks at Epsilon Pi Tau initiation

Morehead State University President Wayne Andrews played a key role at the chartering ceremonies and the initiation for 46 new members into Epsilon Pi Tau, the international honor society for professions in technology, on April 12.

The historic event chartered the Gamma Mu Field Chapter from Central-Northern-Eastern Kentucky and included 16 new initiates from MSU, nine members from Eastern Kentucky University and 19 inductees from Berea College.

Dr. Andrews observed the initiation ceremony, and participated in the program and awards presentations which included a spring banquet luncheon provided at EKV.

The coordination of the centralized field chapter will rotate on an annual basis over a four-year cycle to each of four satellite institutions involved.

Dr. Andrews was awarded the Distinguished Service Citation by the Epsilon Pi Tau Board of Directors for his outstanding contributions and leadership in promoting excellence in preparation and excellence in practice in technology professions throughout his illustrious career. This reward is reserved for those members who have distinguished themselves in a long and consistent accumulation of professional leadership activities and contributions in scholarship, research, teaching, administration and exemplary service to the community.

The recognition cited his contributions and service to Epsilon Pi Tau as a member of the advisory group, along with Dr. James Benson, president emeritus, Bemidji State University; and Dr. Thomas Harden, president of Clayton State University, whose report proposed a "Future Direction for Epsilon Pi Tau."

In his speech, Dr. Andrews challenged the initiates about their role in becoming a leader in the technical professions. His theme was "Leadership in a Complex World-Making a Difference."

He used stories, quotes from books and references as well as cited personal examples that the new members should consider as they try to make a difference in the world in which we live today.

Dr. Andrews concluded this historic day for Epsilon Pi Tau and for four Kentucky campuses by congratulating the new initiates, and wishing them much success as he would observe them in leadership roles "down the road."

Posted: 4-22-08

Barker wins KLA for 'Kentucky Waltz'

Morehead State University retiree Garry Barker's latest book, "Kentucky Waltz," won the 2008 Kentucky Literary Award for fiction presented by Western Kentucky University and the Southern Kentucky Book Fest.

The award and \$1000 honorarium were presented during the Book Fest April 19 in Bowling Green. Other first place winners were Davis McCombs for "Dismal Rock" for poetry and, for nonfiction, Robert Morgan for "Boone: A Biography."

Two other Wind Publications authors were finalists in the fiction competition: Normandi Ellis for "Fresh Fleshed Sisters" and Billy C. Clark for "To Find a Birdsong."

"Kentucky Waltz," a collection of short fiction, was published by Wind Publications in Nicholasville in late 2007. It is Barker's 10th published book, and will soon be followed by "Head of the Holler: Volume 1," a collection of newspaper columns dating back to the late 1980s.

"I write what I live, past and present," said Barker. "My fiction is based on real people, real places, and real events, but the fun and the challenge is taking all that and turning it into a story that works."

Barker was born in Otway, Ohio, in 1943 but grew up in Kentucky and his family moved to Fleming County in 1946. He attended the Goddard, Hillsboro and Tilton schools before graduating from Fleming County High School in 1961. Barker attended Berea College while working summers at the Flemingsburg Lumber Company, and earned his B.A. degree in English in 1965.

He has been an arts administrator in Asheville, N.C., and in Berea and Morehead and retired from Morehead State University in 2005.

He is a Life Member of the Southern Highland Handcraft Guild, and has been honored with the Kentucky Arts, Education and Humanities Cabinet Service Award and the Arts and Culture Award from the East Kentucky Leadership Conference. He currently is publisher of the Flemingsburg Gazette and lives at Bald Hill in Fleming County.

Barker's first book, "Fire On The Mountain," was published in 1983, followed by "Copperhead Summer," "Mountain Passage & Other Stories," and "All Night Dog," all fiction, then two University of Tennessee Press books "The Handcraft Revival in Southern Appalachia, 1930-1990" and "Notes From A Native Son: Essays on the Appalachian Experience."

His poetry collection, "Bitter Creek Breakdown," has been revised and published three times. He has written for regional and national magazines, newspapers, and book publishers, including works in four anthologies and several encyclopedia entries. His column, "Head of the Holler," had been a Kentucky newspaper fixture since the late 1980s.

Barker is married to Danetta Barker, a Morehead State graduate and editor of the Flemingsburg Gazette, and has two children and six grandchildren.

"Kentucky Waltz" can be ordered from online booksellers such as Amazon.com or directly from Wind Publications, www.books@windpub.com.

Posted: 4-22-08

MSU students attend National FEA conference

Morehead State University was well represented at the recent 19th Annual Future Educators Association National Conference in Chattanooga, Tenn.

College of Education students and staff participated in the event, and FEA students in MSU's service region took home several awards during the competitive segments.

Hosted by the national Future Educators Association and sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa, one of the world's leading associations of educators, the conference offered programming for students interested in exploring careers in education. This year's conference theme, "Engineer your future...become a teacher," inspired students to change the world and their own lives by choosing a career in teaching.

Students and their advisers heard remarks by speakers Ben Glenn, an author, comedian, and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) life specialist, and Richard Pringle, a high school administrator, author, lay minister and coach. Participants were invited to attend workshop sessions where they learned about teaching as a career and the role of an educator in the classroom.

Representatives from Morehead State's Teacher Recruitment Program, including Joan Callaham, program coordinator, and Leah Rucker, program assistant, took part in the conference and recruited FEA high school students to the College of Education during sessions.

Members of the MSU's Future Teacher Corps attended, and participated in the FEA Conference College Fair as well as a variety of workshops and seminars. The FTC is composed of distinguished MSU education students who assist with recruitment and retention activities, both on and off campus.

FTC students from MSU who were at the conference included: Amanda Cartmel, **Catlettsburg** junior, P-5/LBD (learning and behavior disorders) major; Hailee Bramel, **Flemingsburg** senior, P-5; Rebecca Jefferson, **Germantown** freshman music education; Medetria Gipson, **Lexington** freshman business education; Tamera Bald, **Louisville** sophomore interdisciplinary early childhood; and Steelee Jordan, **Portsmouth, Ohio**, junior P-5.

Students competed in seven divisions, including Chapter Scrapbook, Essay, Impromptu Speech, T-Shirt Design, Inside Our Schools, Public Service Announcement, and 2009 Theme Development. FEA groups and/or individuals in MSU's 22-county service region placed as follows:

- Fleming County High School, first place, Public Service Announcement and top six finisher, Scrapbook;
- Pike County Central, Lauren May, first place, Impromptu Speech and Essay;
- Menifee County High School, top six finisher, Scrapbook;
- Menifee County High School, Cassandra Murphy, chosen to share FEA moment.

Additional information about the teacher recruitment program is available by calling Callaham at (606) 783-9446.

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McAndrews wins CCL's undergraduate research contest

Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library rewarded the quality use of library resources in the scholarly writing process with the prize for Undergraduate Research.

Journey McAndrews, **Mt. Sterling** senior, will receive \$500 during the 24th annual Academic Awards Convocation at Button Auditorium on Sunday, April 27.

She completed the winning paper for her English 322 class. Her faculty sponsor was Dr. Glen Colburn.

To view McAndrews' winning entry and details on how she used the CCL in the process of writing her paper is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/library/index.aspx?id=31780.

Channing Richardson , Grayson senior, received honorable mention for his paper "An Inventory of the Pteridophytes of Carter Caves State Resort Park" and will receive \$200. Additional information is available by calling Ray Bailey, librarian, at (606) 783-5106.
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Kappa Delta Pi holds lock in for young readers

Morehead State University's Epsilon Theta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, sponsored "Literacy Alive! lock in" as part of its community service mission to "encourage lifelong learning through literacy."

Sixteen Rowan County elementary school children enjoyed an evening of games, pizza, and dancing at Rodburn Elementary School on Friday, April 11.

The activity held in the gymnasium and cafeteria, was supervised by KDP student volunteers. The event was free of charge for the participating young readers. KDP student volunteers planned and organized the event with assistance from their adviser, Dr. Kimberlee Sharp.

Among the activities were: basketball horse, madlibs, vocabulary cornhole, word - blends twister, and Aesop's Fables telephone. Readers also enjoyed singing with the karaoke machine and dancing the Electric Slide and the Macarena.

Readers participating were:

Harper Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Haley Banks, Cali Fannin, Drew Mabry, Summer Mabry, Emily May, Kiersten May, Peyton Money, Annie Shy and Kennedy Scott, all of Tilden Hogge Elementary.

Kyra Baldrige, Amber Kronmueller, Savannah Owens, David Pennington, and Brad Thomas, all of Rodburn Elementary.

Additional information concerning Kappa Delta Pi is available by contacting Dr. Sharp at (606) 783-2853 or by e-mail at k.sharp@moreheadstate.edu
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SBDC to host business workshop in Jackson

Morehead State University's at West Liberty Small Business Development Center will conduct a workshop on "Starting Your Own Business" on Thursday, May 22, at MSU at Jackson.

The free event will introduce the basic concepts of opening your own business. Topics to be discussed will include: business planning, business types, financing, taxes and licensing.

The workshop will be held on the MSU at Jackson campus at the Breathitt County Life Skills Center, 1127 Main Street. MSU's Small Business Development Center and Hazard Community and Technical College are sponsoring the event.

For a list of upcoming events, visit the Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc or call Michael Rodriguez, SBDC consultant, at (606) 743-4005. For the Jackson workshop, you also may register by calling Laura Thomas at (606) 487-3531 or by e-mail at laura.thomas@kctcs.edu .

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

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11th Annual Piano Monster Concert set for May 3

The traditional spring musical event at Morehead State University will celebrate the piano.

The 11th Annual Piano Monster Concert will feature the talents of amateur and professional pianists, teachers and students playing in ensembles and as solo artists. The concert will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, in Duncan Recital Hall within Baird Music Hall.

Musicians of all skills levels will be showcased, and several four-hand and six-hand works will be presented.

Selections for the ensemble's performance will include for beginners, works by Beethoven, Schubert and Stravinsky. For intermediate pianists, the "Cantina Song" from "Star Wars," and two songs from the video game "Final Fantasy" and "Linus and Lucy."

Advanced musicians will play "Hero and Villian Suite" for six hands, an original composition by Jake Wise, **Shepherdsville** junior and piano major and the music of Bach.

The Monster Concert which is free and open to the public, and is coordinated by Dr. Paul Taylor, associate professor of music. Piano teachers who are interested in performing or in having their students participate in the concert may contact him via e-mail at paultaylor@pianofreelancer.net , orp.taylor@moreheadstate.edu .

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Taylor at (606) 783-2405, or (606) 207-4647.

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Dr. Pannuti receives grant for space science research

Morehead State University's Dr. Tom Pannuti, assistant professor of Space Science, has been awarded a research grant to investigate the X-ray source populations of spiral galaxies from the Kentucky NASA EPSCoR program.

His research will focus on the properties of discrete X-ray sources in the major spiral galaxies of the nearby Sculptor Group of galaxies, which is the nearest group of galaxies to the Local Group of galaxies, to which our own galaxy (the Milky Way) belongs. These discrete X-ray sources include massive black holes in the centers of galaxies, X-ray binaries (XRBs -- binary star systems where one star siphons mass from its companion star) and supernova remnants (SNRs - the expanding shells of material associated with supernova explosions). The latter class of object is Dr. Pannuti's primary research interest. X-ray emission from astronomical sources originate from some of the most violent and highest temperature processes in the universe: they are also associated with stellar deaths, so this study will help provide vital constraints on the endpoints of stellar evolution.

The analysis of X-ray data (which will be funded by this research) from several orbiting observatories that collect X-ray light will allow Dr. Pannuti and his students to develop a catalog of X-ray sources in these galaxies, classify these sources based on their spectral characteristics, and search for their counterparts at other wavelengths (primarily optical and radio). This work (which will be conducted with collaborators in Maryland, Texas and Australia) will complement ongoing research at the Space Science Center and will lend insight into the nature and properties of SNRs in the local universe.

Additionally, he leads a research effort using the Morehead State 21 Meter Space Tracking Antenna manned by undergraduate space science and astrophysics majors. Research pursued by Dr. Pannuti and his students includes

not only observations of SNRs in the Milky Way galaxy but also monitoring the variability of active galactic nuclei (AGNs). Four of these undergraduate students have served as co-authors on research presentations given by Dr. Pannuti at national astronomy conferences that were held in 2007 and 2008.

Since his arrival at MSU in August 2006, Dr. Pannuti has been awarded five research grants totaling more than \$200,000 from NASA's Chandra X-ray program, KY NASA EPSCoR, and the Kentucky Space Grants Consortium. Dr. Pannuti also has published eight papers in refereed scientific journals and given numerous presentations at scientific conferences while at MSU, including co-chairing the Splinter Session at the 210th meeting of American Astronomical Society in Honolulu in 2007.

A native of Irvington, N.Y., Dr. Pannuti earned a B.S. degree in physics with a minor in astrophysics cum laude from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, N.Y.) in 1994. He pursued graduate studies in physics at the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of New Mexico, earning a M.S. degree in 1998 and a Ph.D degree in 2000.

From 2000-03, he worked as a postdoctoral associate at the Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. He served as a postdoctoral scholar at the Spitzer Science Center at Caltech in Pasadena, Calif., from 2003-06.

He has served as first author or co-author on more than 20 publications in refereed journals since 2000 and has conducted observations as primary investigator with optical telescopes in the United States and radio telescopes in Germany and Australia, as well as the orbiting Chandra X-ray Observatory.

Additional information is available on the Web at www.kyscience.org or by calling Dr. Ben Malphrus, professor of space science and director of the [Space Science Center](#), at (606) 783-2212.

Plants for sale at MSU Farm

Sale of plants (ferns, bedding plants, vegetable transplants and perennials) from Morehead State University's greenhouses is being conducted this year at the MSU Farm (Derrickson Agricultural Complex) on KY 377. Sales are scheduled Monday through Fridays, April 30 - May 2, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

To reach the MSU Farm, go north on KY 32 past I-64, turning right at the junction of KY 377. Proceed approximately one mile; the farm is located on the left. At the farm, turn left on the second road and continue to the greenhouse.

Plants are produced through student classes and labs in the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2662.

Posted: 4-24-08

Sparks assumes MSU police chief duties

James Matt Sparks is officially the new police chief at Morehead State University. Sparks, a former Kentucky State Police post commander with 21 years of law enforcement experience, was sworn in during a Monday morning ceremony.

He succeeds Joe Cline, who retired in January.

"I am excited about returning to law enforcement, especially in my hometown," said Sparks. "I worked out of town during the last few years of my career in the State Police and even after my retirement. I look forward to working with MSU faculty, staff and especially the students."

A Rowan County native, Sparks started his career as a trooper in 1986 and worked his way up the ranks of the KSP. He has served as

lead detective, field sergeant, assistant commander of the internal affairs section and assistant commander at both Post 8 in Morehead and Post 14 in Ashland.

In June 2004, he was promoted to commander of Post 13 in Hazard and later was named commander of Post 14 in Ashland.

From 2005-07, Sparks was the commander of Kentucky State Police Human Resources Section until his retirement in August 2007.

He is a certified law enforcement instructor and has taught classes in interview and crime scene investigation at the Kentucky State Police Academy. He also has trained social workers in the area of child abuse investigations and assisted the Attorney General's office in statewide trainings.

"We welcome Matt to the Morehead State family and we look forward working with him in his role of chief of the MSUPD," said Madonna Weathers, vice president of student life.

"The fact that Matt was the successful candidate is an endorsement of his character and ability to lead as well as the law enforcement experience he brings to the position."

Sparks and his wife, Tracy, reside in Morehead with their two children, Matthew and Caitlin Martin.

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Wellness Center to present FitEagle 5K

Morehead State University's Wellness Center FitEagle 5K will be held on Saturday, May 3.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Jayne Stadium, with the race to start at 9:30 a.m.

The activity is open to the MSU and surrounding communities. Participants will be required to sign a waiver.

Awards will be given to the top three male and female runners in each age group. T-shirts will be available for the first 25 participants.

Age groups will be: 16-25, 26-35, 36-45, 45 and older. A course map will be available at the registration table and viewable via the Wellness Center Web site (www.moreheadstate.edu/wellness).

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

The center has announced its hours of operation for the coming month: May 1-10: 6 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday; and 4-8 p.m. Sunday; May 11-31, 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Friday; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday, and 4-7 p.m., Sunday.

The center will be closed on Saturday, May 10, and Monday, May 26.

Contemporary Music Festival slated for April 28-May 1

Morehead State University's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present the final evening concert of the Third Annual Contemporary Music Festival on Thursday, May 1 at 8 pm.

The concert will be held at First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street, Morehead. The featured composer, Morten Lauridsen, will be present and a reception in his honor will immediately follow the concert.

In speaking of Lauridsen's sacred works in his book "Choral Music in the Twentieth Century," musicologist Nick Strimple describes Lauridsen as "the only American composer in history who can be called a mystic, (whose) probing, serene work contains an elusive and indefinable ingredient which leaves the impression that all the questions have been answered... Byron Adams calls Lauridsen's music "sonorously beautiful and immaculately crafted." He says that Lauridsen "has created a body of vocal and choral music that enriches the experience of performers and listeners alike through its remarkable ability to communicate clearly what Wordsworth once identified as 'thoughts too deep for tears.'

From 1993, Lauridsen's music rapidly increased in international popularity by century's end, he had eclipsed Randall Thompson as the most frequently performed American choral composer. His works have been recorded by ensembles on more than a hundred CDs. Maestro Paul Salamunovich and the Los Angeles Master Chorale received a Grammy nomination in 1998 for their CD of his compositions titled *Lux Aeterna* on RCM Records.

The Lauridsen pieces on the evening's program are "Sure on This Shining Night" from his choral cycle "Nocturnes," "Madrigali: Six 'Fire Songs' on Italian Renaissance Poems", and "Lux aeterna."

National Public Radio (NPR) has called Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna," a five-movement, non-liturgical requiem, "a rich, complex, intensely moving piece that people will be listening to for a long time to come." The first recording of the work "demonstrates that it is possible for important contemporary music to speak directly to the human heart." Larry Keenan will be the organist for this work.

In his choral cycle "Madrigali," Lauridsen paints a very different emotional landscape. The light, hope and serenity of "Lux aeterna" are replaced by yearning, and, at times, despair. The stunning cycle has been featured at major choral festivals throughout the world.

"Sure on This Shining Night" is a heartrendingly lovely interpretation of James Agee's famous poem. Bryon Adams finds the piece "filled with deep emotion" as "the luminous sonorities of the piano surround the intertwining voices with a halo of mellow resonance." Chia-Ling Hsieh will be the pianist for this work.

Concert Choir also will perform "I Will Greatly Rejoice" by Knut Nystedt and "The Conversion of Saul" by Z. Randall Stroope.

Sponsors for the annual Contemporary Music Festival include, Province 25 of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the Theta Pi Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Morehead State University's Department of Music and Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities. Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is a national fraternal society of music. All concerts and lectures in the festival are free to the public. Other Lauridsen events include an 8 p.m. concert by University Chorus on Tuesday, April 29 at First Baptist Church and an 8 p.m. faculty recital and lecture by Lauridsen on Wednesday, April 30 in Duncan Recital Hall within the Baird Music Hall on the MSU campus.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Greg Detweiler, associate professor of music, at (606) 783-2480. Posted: 4-24-08

MSU's Kappa Delta Pi inducts 10 into honor society

Ten Morehead State University education honor students were inducted into the international honor society, Kappa Delta Pi on April 15. These students were recognized for their academic achievement and for evidence of leadership in the field of education.

The inductees of KDP represented several program areas in the College of Education: early childhood, elementary education, middle grades education, secondary education and special education.

Kappa Delta Pi's mission is to foster service, scholarship, and professional growth among its members. The Epsilon Theta Chapter of KDP at MSU achieves this by involving its members in community service, fund raising, and professional development activities.

The ceremony was held in the Commonwealth Room of the Adron Doran University Center and was attended by the 2007-08 KDP officers, members, and the inductees and their families. Also in attendance was special guest Dr. James Knoll, chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, who provided the welcome address. Dr. Kimberlee Sharp, adviser of the Epsilon Theta Chapter, along with officers Michelle Back, **Franklin , Ohio, junior** president, and Natalie Peterson , **Beavercreek, Ohio**, senior treasurer, also spoke.

Spring inductees were: Audra Brooks of **Owingsville** ; Evan Coleman of **Flat Gap** ; Pam Hutchinson of **Sandy Hook** ; Stephanie Jones of **Morehead** ; Cindy Michael of **New Madison, Ohio** ; Ashley Parsons of **Sitka** ; Tammy Rutherford of **Mt. Sterling** ; Kerri Skerchock of **Morehead** ; Elizabeth Slone of **Clearfield** and Robert Ward of **Ashland** .

Additional information concerning Kappa Delta Pi is available by contacting Dr. Sharp at (606) 783-2853 or by e-mail at k.sharp@moreheadstate.edu
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Kulick ready for tough task of defending USBC Queens title

Even without a professional women's bowling tour, defending United States Bowling Congress Queens champion and former Morehead State University bowler Kelly Kulick says the fields are getting stronger each year in the few major women's events that remain.

Kulick, of Union, N.J., will take on a tough field of more than 300 of the best women bowlers in the world when she attempts to defend her Queens title starting April 26 at Super Bowl Lanes in the Detroit suburb of Canton, Mich. The finals of the event will be televised live from Skore Lanes in Taylor, Mich., by ESPN2 on April 30 at 7 p.m.

"I believe the fields today are stronger than they used to be with international bowlers coming over and the incredible number of tough collegiate bowlers," said Kulick, a current Team USA member. "There are so many talented players that there are no easy matches in the Queens anymore. It's a tough road to the top, and hopefully I'll be prepared enough."

She was a three-time All-American and the 1997 and 1998 Collegiate Bowler of the Year while at MSU. In 1998, she helped guide then coach Larry Wilson's squad to the National Championship. Heading into last year's Queens, Kulick was by far the most tested and practiced player in the field. She had just come off an historic season in which she was the first woman to earn an exemption on the Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour and was as sharp as she had ever been in her bowling career.

"Bowling on the men's tour for a full season gave me a lot of on-lane preparation," said Kulick, who will automatically be seeded into match play as defending champion. "I don't feel like I've spent as much time on the lanes leading up to this year's Queens, but mentally I feel like I'm ready. I've taken the last few months to get in the gym and train. Hopefully, I'll be able to get to the point I was at last year and walk into those shoes to find the same level of success."

Should Kulick come away with another victory, she would become just the fifth woman to successfully defend a Queens title, joining Katsuko Sugimoto (1981, 1982), Donna Adamek (1979, 1980), Dorothy Fathergill (1972, 1973) and Mildred Ignizio (1970-71). Kulick also would become the seventh woman with multiple Queens titles.

The Queens kicks off with 10 qualifying games over two days before the field is cut to the top 100 for five additional qualifying games. The top 63 then advance to join Kulick in double-elimination match play, which begins at 1 p.m. April 28. The final five players will advance to the televised stepladder finals.

Courtesy of Bowl.com
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Interstate 64 closed at Rowan-Carter line

An accident involving an overturned tractor-trailer at the Rowan County-Carter County line has closed all four lanes of Interstate 64 at mile marker 149. Westbound lanes are closed temporarily; however, eastbound lanes are likely to remain closed throughout the day.

At this time, motorists should take the following detours:

EASTBOUND TRAVELERS: Exit 137 at Morehead to KY 32 east to US 60 east to KY 2 east at Olive Hill, and re-enter I-64 at Olive Hill Exit 156.

WESTBOUND TRAVELERS: Exit 156 at Olive Hill to KY 2 west to US 60 west to KY 32 west at Morehead, and re-enter I-64 at Morehead Exit 137.

Mosser is 2008 Gallaher winner

Patrick Mosser of **Louisville** won the 21st annual Frank and Bethel C. Gallaher Memorial Music Performance Competition at Morehead State University. The award, presented each spring to a junior music major, includes a \$1,000 cash prize and the honor of performing at MSU's Academic Awards Convocation.

Mosser is a saxophonist and student of Dr. Nathan Nabb. He performed the Concertino da Camera by Jacques Ibert as his competition piece.

The Gallaher competition, endowed in 1987, was named for the late Ashland businessman A. Frank Gallaher and his wife, who were the parents of Dr. Christopher Gallaher, former chair of MSU's Department of Music.

All full-time junior level music majors, with at least a 2.5 grade point average, may compete for the Gallaher Scholarship. To participate, a student must perform from memory a work that is eight to 10 minutes in length. Preliminary auditions are held in December with the final competition in April.

Contributions to the A. Frank and Bethel C. Gallaher Memorial Music Performance Competition may be made through the MSU Foundation Inc., by calling (606) 783-2033.

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

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'Distinguished' awards presented at convocation

Three Morehead State University faculty members who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields were honored during the University's Academic Awards Convocation on Sunday, April 27.

Presentations were made to **Dr. Philip E. Prater**, associate professor of veterinary technology, Distinguished Teacher Award; **Dr. Beverly McCauley Klecker**, associate professor of education, Distinguished Researcher Award; and **Dr. Robert "Bob" Willenbrink**, chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre, Distinguished Creative Production Award.

Dr. Prater received his DVM degree from The Ohio State University in 1984, with an internship in Large Animal Ambulatory Medicine at OSU from 1985-86. He continued his education with a residency in animal reproduction at the University of Tennessee from 1986-89. While at UT, his research projects focused on assisted reproductive techniques in domestic animals, and reproductive endocrinology associated with the performance of these techniques. He became a Diplomat of the American College of Theriogenologists in 1989.

After nine years in private practice, Dr. Prater joined the faculty in Morehead State University's Veterinary Technology Program in 1998, where his primary responsibilities include teaching large animal clinical procedures and health maintenance of the equine and food animal herds on the University Farm. He also has developed a large animal referral center for patients from veterinarians in the region. His current research interests lie in beef heifer development programs, ultrasound pregnancy diagnosis in beef cattle, and estrous synchronization programs in beef cattle and small ruminants.

Dr. Prater serves on the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association's Food Animal Committee, Emergency Management Committee and on the advisory board of the Kentucky Cattleman's Association and the Kentucky Beef Network. He has served on the board of directors of the American College of Theriogenologists, an international veterinary society which studies reproduction in animals, and currently serves as the organization's secretary. He has authored and co-authored several peer reviewed articles and four book chapters on large and small animal reproduction.

Dr. Prater serves as faculty adviser to Pre-Veterinary Medicine students and the Pre-Vet club at MSU. He has served as a faculty mentor for several undergraduate research students, and has co-authored numerous abstracts with those students. In 2006, Dr. Prater was named the Outstanding Veterinarian of the Year in the State of Kentucky by the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association. Also in 2006, he was named the Outstanding Senior Teacher in regional university agricultural education by the American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources.

Dr. Klecker received her B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University. As a Graduate Research Associate, she completed doctoral work in the Quantitative Research, Evaluation, and Measurement in Education program. Her dissertation was a survey of the 10,544 teachers and 307 principals in restructuring Venture Capital Schools in Ohio. The dissertation provided a baseline snapshot of the schools and received a 1996 Phi Delta Kappa outstanding dissertation award. Her dissertation chair was Professor William E. Loadman.

She taught at Eastern Kentucky University as an assistant professor from January 1996 through August 1999 when she joined the Kentucky Department of Education as team leader to design and carry out validation studies for the then-new Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS).

She joined Morehead State University's faculty in July 2001 and received tenure and promotion to associate professor in 2007. At MSU, opportunities beyond teaching have included serving as internal evaluator on two U.S. Department of

Education multi-year grants, serving as NCATE Assessment Coordinator; evaluating the Professors in the Schools Program for three years; and working with Dr. Mary Anne Pollock and professors from MSU, Murray State University and Pikeville College on a two-year reading research grant.

Dr. Klecker is currently a Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) "Faculty Fellow" for the Kentucky Adult Learner Initiative and is working with a statewide team to design an evaluation plan for Kentucky's educational leadership master's degree redesign pilot. She has authored/co-authored more than 30 published research articles and has presented more than 50 conference papers. Her scholarly work has been cited by international and national researchers.

She recently served as vice president for e-Folios and Assessment for the international Society for Instructional Technology and Teacher Education (SITE), and currently serves as a member of the Mid-South Educational Research Foundations Board. Other memberships include the American Educational Research Association, Kentucky Counseling Association, Phi Kappa Phi, American MENSA, and the Ohio State University Alumni Association (life member).

Dr. Willenbrink also is the interim director of MSU's George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program for the spring and summer terms of 2008.

A two-time MSU graduate, Dr. Willenbrink received his bachelor's degree in theatre and a master's degree in communications. He holds a doctoral degree in theatre from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Since 2002, he has served as professor and department chair at MSU, and as the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little endowed chair of theatre since 2004.

In addition to directing a number of plays at MSU, he has written and directed plays for MSU Theatre's Little Company. The troupe has performed and conducted workshops for hundreds of schools throughout the region and the Commonwealth. This year the troupe will perform at more than 105 schools for more than 32,000 students.

He was the founder of ACTS, a performing arts troupe for disabled artists he has directed at Jenny Wiley Theatre and presently serves as a director for the Kincaid Regional Theatre in Falmouth.

Prior to his employment at MSU, Dr. Willenbrink was chair, director of theatre and professor in the Department of Speech, Theatre and Mass Communication at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

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MSU students not affected by loan problems

Incoming and returning students at Morehead State University are not affected by the student loan problems which have been receiving statewide and national attention, according to MSU's chief financial aid officer.

Jeffrey Liles, assistant vice president for enrollment services, says that federal loans will continue to be available to the 95 percent of MSU's students currently holding them. The five percent with loans from the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (The Student Loan People) can replace those loans, if necessary, with federal direct loans.

"Our students and their families should have no worries about student loans," Liles said. "As a direct lender, we are processing loans each day and can accommodate all eligible students."

For the 2007-2008 school year, Morehead State has 5,197 students and families with federal loans totaling nearly \$30 million. Of that number, 264 students have loans totaling nearly \$2 million through KHESLC, the loan agency of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

"We believe the direct lending program works best for those we have served historically and that position is even stronger today," said Liles. "We encourage our students and families not to borrow unless absolutely necessary but, if those extra resources are needed, we stand ready to help today as a direct lender of federal loans."

MSU, UK and Kentucky State are the state's only public higher education institutions in the Federal Direct Student Loan Program where loans are processed through each institution with funds provided by the U. S. Department of Education. Students at other institutions rely on loans administered by outside lenders which, in turn, are affected by national economic conditions and the resulting impact on credit availability in the financial marketplace.

Most federal student loans, regardless of funding source, are handled through the Stafford Loan Program. Parents can utilize the PLUS (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) loan program. The Perkins Loan program, also federally-funded, is also available. Perkins loans have forgiveness provisions for students who enter certain professions such as teaching.

More information about student loans at MSU is available at 606.783.2000 or on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/finaid/ .
Posted 4-27-08

MSPR to host CAB meeting May 4

The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Sunday, May 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 the board are open to the public.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the MSU campus. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as 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 on MSPR's Web site at www.msradio.com or from Paul Hitchcock, MSPR's general manager, by e-mail at atwmky@moreheadstate.edu or by telephone to (606) 783-2001.

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SGA will host Modernize Morehead forum

Morehead State University's Student Government Association will host a Modernize Morehead Forum on Thursday, May 1, at 11:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

The event is designed for students to make recommendations on products, services, and businesses that we wish to see in our community. All suggestions are strongly encouraged.

The questions the forum hopes to answer are:

- What businesses and services would you like to see in Morehead? Where?
- Why do some students leave Morehead on weekends?
- What do other communities offer students that interest students?

Morehead Mayor David Perkins and several other community leaders will be present to engage in a discussion with students. Following the event, community leaders will join students in the ADUC cafeteria for lunch and informal conversation on issues regarding service and community development.

Additional information is available by contacting SGA at (606) 783-2298, or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/sga

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Dr. Lauridsen to be honored during Contemporary Music Festival

Morehead State University's Theta Pi chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity will host its third annual Contemporary Music Festival, Monday, April 28, through Friday, May 1.

The festival was designed to provide MSU students, faculty and guests with an opportunity to interact and work with a contemporary composer. This year's composer-in-residence is Dr. Morten Lauridsen, an internationally known composer of inspirational choral works and professor at Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California.

Dr. David Gillingham (2006) and Dr. Dana Wilson (2007) have served as previous composers-in-residence for the festivals.

The week will kick off on Monday, April 28, at 9 p.m. with the Theta Pi chapter giving its annual American Composers Recital in Duncan Recital Hall in Baird Music Hall.

The University Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, will perform on Tuesday, April 29, at 8 p.m. while the Concert Choir and Chamber singers, directed by Dr. Greg Detweiler, will be performing on Thursday, May 1, at 8 p.m. Both performances will be at the First Baptist Church in Morehead.

Dr. Lauridsen's guest lecture recital will be Wednesday, April 30, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. At the lecture, Dr. Paul Taylor, professor of piano, will perform one of Dr. Lauridsen's piano pieces.

Sponsors for the annual Contemporary Music Festival include Province 25 of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the Theta Pi chapter, Morehead State University's Department of Music and Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities.

Additional information on the Contemporary Music Festival is available by calling (606) 783-2473.

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Former MSU student regent appointed judge in Louisville

Gov. Steve Beshear has appointed David L. Holton II to the office of District Judge for the 30th Judicial District, Division 16, in Jefferson County.

Holton has served as a prosecutor with the Jefferson County Attorney's Office for the past 19 years. He also has a private law practice that consists primarily of probate and family law. Holton received his bachelor's degree from Morehead State University, where he served as student regent and president of the Student Government Association during the 1983-84 school year. He holds a law degree from the University of Kentucky.

Judge Holton and his wife, Stephanie, reside in Louisville. He will serve until the general election on Nov. 4.

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MSU's American Chemical Society receives award

Members of Morehead State University's Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) chapter along with two MSU chemistry faculty, Dr. Mark Blankenbuehler, associate professor, and Dr. Silvia Atim, assistant professor, attended the National American Chemical Society (ACS) meeting in New Orleans.

Six students - Parker Banks, **West Liberty** junior; April Fannin, **Grayson** junior; Eric Hamilton, **Morehead** senior; Sable Janney, **Germantown, Ohio**, senior; Brandon Runyon, **Belfry** junior; and Miranda Smith, **Sandy Hook** senior; - attended seminars about new activities and professional development, and networked with other students and professionals in the chemistry field.

Members presented research results and information about chapter activities. SAACS conducts community service activities such as demonstrations at area elementary schools and participates in community events such as the Pride Campus Cleanup and Relay for Life.

It also provides free tutoring and hosts seminars and panel discussions to help chemistry majors learn about opportunities in pharmacy, medicine, industry and teaching.

MSU's chapter earned a "Commendable Achievement" award from the ACS for its efforts in 2006-07. This places the chapter in the top 10 percent of all active chapters across the nation.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Blankenbuehler at (606) 783-2915.

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MSU police offers campus safety tips

As the spring semester begins to wind down, Morehead State University's Police Department offers this advice to the campus community: Be aware of your surroundings and take the necessary precautions to avoid loss of your belongings.

"It is not uncommon to see an increase in crime at this time of year," said MSU Police Chief Matt Sparks. "On the campus, everyone is busy with the end of the year activities and fail to adhere to the safety rules that they usually follow."

Purses, wallets, cell phones, I-pods and textbooks are among the list of items that are reported missing most often. Always on the lookout for suspicious activity, an increase in the number of reports of theft has police officers being ever more vigilant. Students, as well as faculty and staff, are urged to take all necessary measures to secure and protect personal belongings in residence halls, offices and vehicles, in addition to office equipment and other vulnerable items.

"We want to remind you to take the extra time to secure items in the trunk or under the seat before leaving your automobile," Chief Sparks said. "The threat of a break-in is reduced if your belongings are not visible. Remember to lock your vehicle before leaving it in the parking area."

University police remind students to also practice safety in the residence halls:

Make sure your door is locked when leaving your room, even if you are only going next door. It takes less than 10 seconds for a thief to enter an open room and steal property.

Do not leave messages on phones, My Space or other computer accounts, indicating how long you will be away or when you expect to return.

Follow the safety in numbers rule when going out at night and arrange to go with friends/roommates. It is a good practice to scan your surroundings whether walking on campus, traveling by automobile or enjoying a shopping excursion.

Do not leave valuables or property (purses, backpacks, books, personal identification, etc.) visible in or around the office or living area.

Keep emergency numbers by the phone. Call 911 to report any suspicious person or activity.

Everyone should take the time to be aware of their surroundings and any unusual activity.

Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at (606) 783-2035.

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Nursing to offer information seminar May 8

Morehead State University's Department of Nursing will present an informational seminar on Thursday, May 8, from 3-7 p.m. in 312 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Participants are asked to bring their transcripts as academic advisers will be present for an evaluation. There will be free parking and door prizes will be given away.

Nursing programs at MSU include: associate degree nursing program (ADNP); and bachelor degree nursing program (BNP).

For LPNs and RNs, the programs are: licensed practical nurse - Associate Degree Nursing program (LPN-ADNP); registered nurse - Bachelor of Science in Nursing online program (RN-BSN); registered nurse - Bachelor of Science in nursing online program - Masters of Science in nursing (RN-BSN-MSN) cooperative program offered by MSU and University of Kentucky's College of Nursing (adult clinical nurse specialist, family nurse practitioner, nurse management specialist, public health nurse specialist).

Additional information is available by contacting Misty Lilley, regional academic counseling coordinator, at (606) 783-2639 or by e-mail tom.lilley@moreheadstate.edu.

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Five receive 'Distinguished Awards' at MSU

Morehead State University's annual Academic Awards Convocation honored achievements by outstanding students as well as the recipients of the distinguished faculty and staff awards. After the ceremony, the honorees posed for an official photograph with MSU President Wayne D. Andrews, far left, and Provost Karla Hughes, far right. They included, from left, **Dr. Robert "Bob" Willenbrink**, chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre, Distinguished Creative Production Award; **Kim Jenkins**, director of the Ashland's Small Business Development Center, Distinguished Staff Service Award; **Dr. David Rudy**, associate provost for engagement, Distinguished Faculty Service Award; **Dr. Philip E. Prater**, associate professor of veterinary technology, Distinguished Teacher Award; and **Dr. Beverly McCauley Klecker**, associate professor of education, Distinguished Researcher Award.

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McWhorter is Commencement speaker

Robert McWhorter did not take a normal route to a college degree. For the Georgetown native, the quest began after serving five years of active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps.

And it will end on the podium addressing his fellow classmates.

McWhorter will be the student speaker for Morehead State University's Spring Commencement on Saturday, May 10.

During the ceremony, that begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center, President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on more than 1,000 graduate and undergraduate students.

McWhorter is a candidate for a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the College of Business. He will pursue a career in accounting and plans on taking the CPA exam shortly after graduation.

He has been recognized for his distinguished achievements throughout his college experience by attaining a 3.9 grade point average (summa cum laude). He is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, Scabbard and Blade, National Scholar's and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies.

McWhorter received a ranking of 22 out of 4,099 cadets throughout the nation, and is ranked number one throughout Kentucky and Ohio.

He was ranked top in his platoon at LDAC, and received the Recondo and Warrior Ethos awards. A recipient of the George C. Marshall award for leadership, he has branched into the Corps of Engineers and will serve six years in the Kentucky National Guard.

McWhorter is married to the former Heather Handshoe of Hueysville, a May 2007 graduate in business administration from MSU. He is the son of Ray and Cindy McWhorter of Georgetown.

For the commencement exercises, the grand marshal and mace bearer will be Dr. Phillip Prater, associate professor of veterinary technology, who received the 2008 Distinguished Teacher Award.

Faculty marshals will be Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English, and Dr. Dora Ahmadi, chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences.

Student marshals will be Joel Charles of **Ashland** and Bradley Galbreath of **Morehead**, Graduate Programs; Megan Sammons of **Louisa** and Savannah Slone of **Pikeville**, College of Science and Technology; Erica Belmont of **Ft. Thomas** and Nathan Mills of **Pikeville**, College of Business; Amber Hillerman of **Pikeville** and Scott Murphy of **Morehead**, College of Education; and Kimberly Gibson of **Prestonsburg** and Ryan Miller of **New Carlisle, Ohio**, Caudill College of Humanities.

Following the ceremony, the newest alumni will be inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Gary Adkins of Morehead.

Refreshments for graduates and their families, hosted by each college's dean and faculty, will be served immediately after the ceremony. The reception is co-sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Earlier in the day, the ROTC program will hold commissioning ceremonies at 8:30 a.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

MSU's Nursing Program will host a pinning reception Friday, May 9, from 2-4 p.m. in Reed Hall for those students who have completed degree requirements.

Additional information on Spring Commencement exercises is available by calling (606) 783-2008.

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Adkins receives TRiO award

Gary Adkins, assistant commonwealth attorney, recently received the Southeastern Association of Educational Program Personnel's (SAEOPP) TRiO Achiever Award at its annual conference in Atlanta.

Adkins is an alumnus of the Upward Bound program at Morehead State University.

The TRiO Achiever Award is designed to recognize and honor former TRiO participants who have demonstrated exemplary accomplishments in their professional pursuits and for whom TRiO played a fundamental role in their educational achievements. Each year, a former TRiO participant from the SAEOPP region is selected as the award recipient who embodies the spirit of excellence and achievement of one of the TRiO programs.

Adkins fondly recalls his time at Upward Bound and how it helped him overcome his own impoverished background. After he graduated from high school and Upward Bound, Adkins continued his education by earning a degree from MSU.

From there he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and married his wife, Sherry who also had been an Upward Bound student. After leaving the Army, Adkins enrolled in the University of Louisville School of Law and received his law degree in 1989.

Since then, Adkins has held several prestigious positions in the community including his current position as assistant commonwealth attorney. He credits Upward Bound and the other TRiO programs for helping make him a productive citizen who wanted to add something to his community.

He feels that TRiO is about helping our citizens become potential leaders in the community and that these programs truly improve lives and benefit our country.

Annette Hines, president of Kentucky Association of Educational Program Personnel and student support services counselor at MSU, nominated Adkins for the award.

Additional information about Upward Bound at MSU is available by calling (606) 783-9300.
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NPHC announces new officers

Morehead State University's National Panhellenic Council (NPHC) has elected new executive officers for the 2008-09 school year.

Named to leadership positions were:

Jonathan Pearson-Brown, **San Antonio , Texas** , junior, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity , president;
Ashley Britt, **Bowling Green** junior, Delta Sigma Theta sorority , vice president;
Ray Sheen Hopkins, **Louisville** freshman, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, recording secretary;
Crystal Courtney, **Orlando , Fla.** , junior, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority , corresponding secretary; and
John Kenneth Rice II, **Maysville** junior, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, treasurer.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is the official coordinating agent for nine historically black Greek letter fraternities and sororities. NPHC and its member organizations have a profound commitment to providing community service and promoting the welfare of the campus and community.

MSU's chapter of NPHC serves as the communication link among the affiliate organizations.

The NPHC organizations currently represented on the MSU campus are: Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and Sigma Gamma Rho sorority. Additional information is available by calling Terri Roberts, student activities coordinator, at (606) 783-2071.
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CPE launches search for permanent president

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education is looking for a president to replace Bradford Cowgill, who resigned this week in the face of opposition from Gov. Steve Beshear.

Cowgill had served as interim president since last September and had been appointed to the job permanently, effective May 1, before his selection was challenged by the governor. State Attorney General Jack Conway issued an opinion that the CPE was required to conduct a national search for the position and hire someone with recognized credentials in postsecondary education.

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews issued the following statement in response to Cowgill's resignation:

"We are very grateful to Brad Cowgill for the service he provided to the Council on Postsecondary Education at a very challenging time. We are confident the CPE will move forward to find the most qualified person available for this important position."

WKU President Gary Ransdell will represent the universities and KCTCS on the search committee for Cowgill's successor. By law, the CPE president is the senior official of Kentucky's public postsecondary education system and must be paid more than any institutional president.

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