

MSU, Russell Independent signs STARS Academy agreement

Morehead State University and the Russell Independent School System recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement for a new collaborative and cooperative Pilot Program to be called MSU's STARS Academy. This is an acronym for "Strategically Targeting the Advancement of Russell Students in a Pre-Professional Academy."

Selected Russell High School junior and senior students, who meet established eligibility requirements, can now elect to take dual credit courses in biology, math, chemistry and history. A student can take two courses per year and earn up to eight credit hours per year.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to begin a high quality college experience while in their home environment," said Dr. Susan Compton, superintendent of Russell Schools.

The courses are free of tuition from MSU and various other expenses are assumed by the Russell Independent School System.

Dr. Gerald DeMoss, dean of the College of Science and Technology, indicated a future schedule of courses to be offered in the pilot program will be determined in a collaborative effort between MSU and the school system.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews expressed his desire to see the program become a positive influence in keeping our energetic and talented students in the area to help serve the future needs of our region and state.

Representing Russell Independent at the signing were: Dr. Compton, superintendent; Sean Howard, assistant superintendent; Allan Thompson, principal; James Arthur, history teacher; Sharon Valentine, chemistry teacher; Pam Wright, assistant principal; Anna Chaffin, counselor; and Jenny Templeton, counselor.

Representatives from MSU were: President Andrews; Dr. DeMoss; Dr. Dale Duvall, special assistant to the president for the P-16 Program; and Dr. John Ernst, interim chair of the Department of geography, government and history.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Duvall at (606) 783-9379.

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CE offers line dancing at MSU at West Liberty

Have you been looking for a class in line dancing? Have you tried other lessons only to leave frustrated that you could not keep up with the pace of the class?

Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education is offering a class at MSU at West Liberty that may suit your skill level.

Some instructors show you the step, however, May Gilliam will teach you how to do the step. She invites interested parties to "come experience our style of teaching and put that frustration to rest."

Classes are underway every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. starting Oct. 7 in the Commonwealth Room. The classes are free to the general public and advance registration is not necessary.

A customer service representative will gladly assist you with registration, directions, or other questions you may have regarding the 6,000+ courses now available through the Office of Continuing Education. Visit us online at www.moreheadstate.edu/oce or call (606) 783-2875.
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Wellness Center announces October events

The Morehead State University Wellness Center has announced a variety of group fitness classes for the fall semester.

Beginning Oct. 21 and running through Dec. 4, a fitness yoga class will be offered under the instruction of Melinda Melendez, assistant director of the Wellness Center. The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 until 5 p.m. in the Center's aerobics room.

A hard "core" abs class, under the instruction of Carrie Griffith, is currently being offered. The class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 until 5:30 p.m. in the aerobics room.

Also currently being offered is step aerobics with instructor Megan Yates. The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 until 6 p.m. in the also in the aerobics room.

All group fitness classes are available to current members of the Wellness Center. There is no cost for these classes.

The Wellness Center also set its hours for the MSU fall break. The facility will be open on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 6 until 9 a.m., 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., and 4 until 7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 10, 6 a.m. until 11 a.m.; Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 12, from 4 until 9 p.m. Normal operating hours will resume on Monday, Oct. 13.

More information on the MSU Wellness Center and group fitness classes is available by calling (606) 783-2083.

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Excellence in Civic Engagement award winners honored

For the third year, Morehead State University partnered with the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce to recognize outstanding community members dedicated to making Rowan County a better place to live through their service to the community or a community organization.

The awards were given Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the Morehead Conference Center as part of MSU's fourth annual Constitution Days celebration. Winners received a plaque and the non-profit agency of their choice received a \$100 honorarium underwritten by the MSU Center for Regional Engagement.

Dr. David Rudy, associate provost for regional engagement and dean of the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, said "Recognizing members of both the MSU community as well as the Rowan County community is both vital and necessary. This year's awards were exceptionally competitive and illustrate the good work and commitment of Morehead citizens and MSU students."

Initially, nine categories were developed, including two new categories recognizing an elementary or middle school student and a high school student. Other categories included awards for a community member, community organization, community business, MSU student, MSU faculty or staff member, MSU student organization, and MSU service learning class. However, it quickly became apparent that a 10th category was needed.

"This year we received more nominations than ever before," said Randy Manis, an AmeriCorps VISTA member who served on the selection committee. "Based on the strength of the applicants, the selection committee recognized the need for a new category-that of Rowan County Schools Teacher."

Six community awards were given recognizing some of Rowan County's finest citizens. Brothers Charlie and Larry Whelan of McBrayer Elementary School won the "Elementary or Middle School Student" award for their work educating others about multiple sclerosis and raising money for research. Jared Stacy won the "High School Student" award for his extensive work with other students at Rowan County Senior High School to inform others about the genocide in Darfur. Joe Rowe, executive director of the Morehead Habitat for Humanity, was recognized as the "Community Member" for his leadership in providing affordable housing. The People's Clinic was the "Community Organization" winner for offering free and affordable health care to community members. The "Community Business" recipient was Good Shepherd Printing for providing family-friendly service and supporting area nonprofit organizations. Lisa Brown of Rowan County Middle School was named as the "Rowan County Schools Teacher" award recipient. Brown is retiring after 27 years of teaching.

Four awards were presented to Morehead State University recipients. Amanda Romito won the "MSU Student" award for her work with the Girl Scouts and Adult Learning Center. Denise Watkins, assistant professor of theatre, was the "MSU Faculty/Staff" recipient for coordinating a program for delinquent youth titled "Theatre in Diversion." The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi received the "MSU Student Organization" award for their work with Horizon Village and Push America. Dr. June Grice, assistant professor of music, was recognized as the "Excellence in Partnership for a MSU Service Learning Class." Her music education students facilitate monthly parent-child enrichment activities for clients at the Adult Learning Center.

Contact Dr. Janet McCoy, assistant professor of public relations and chair of the steering committee, at (606) 783-2603 for more information about the "Excellence in Civic Engagement Award" recipients. Other information can be obtained by visiting the "Constitution Days" Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/adp/index.aspx?id=35742 .
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Student Civic Engagement grant recipients announced

As part of Morehead State University's Constitution Days celebration, the Center for Regional Engagement sponsored a grant competition for students wanting to undertake projects fostering civic engagement on campus or in the region. The recipients were recognized at the main stage program for Constitution Days at the Morehead Conference Center on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Eight proposals were submitted to the selection committee and four were chosen to receive funding. Projects that fostered any aspect of civic engagement were considered including research, applied research, outreach and community service.

"The proposals represent very worthwhile projects and demonstrate the creativity and commitment of some of Morehead State University's finest students," said Dr. David Rudy, associate provost for regional engagement and dean of the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy.

The top prize, one \$400 grant, was awarded to Kyle Burnett and his classmates in the "Public Relations Principles" course. Their project with the MSU Adult Learning Center is titled "Rowan County Reads." The team will use their funds to implement monthly after-school activities for clients and their children.

Three other teams received grants of \$200 each. Daren Colegrove and his team are collaborating on a project with the Community Recycling Center titled "Green Halloween." Their grant money will be used to promote a three-day recycling event. Casey Hufford and his team will use their grant to assist the Leadership Development Program in preparing for the Rodburn Elementary School Fall Festival. Amanda Romito will use her funding to buy art supplies and rent space for a project titled "Egg-stravaganza Event," a joint venture with the Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road Council.

For more information about the "Student Civic Engagement Grant" recipients, contact Service Learning Coordinator Louise Cooper at (606) 783-9327 or Dr. Rudy at (606) 783-5420. Other information can be obtained by visiting the "Constitution Days" Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/adp/index.aspx?id=35742 .
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Student intern and internship employer award winners announced

Perry County 4-H Youth Development Intern Joshua Mullins and Jaime Liebert of the Cintas Corporation will be honored by Morehead State University's Alumni Association Inc. and Career Services as the 2008 Student Intern and Internship Employer of the Year on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

"This is the first year these awards have been presented and it was a difficult process for the panel since all of the nominees were excellent interns and mentors," said Julia Hawkins, career services director.

Selection of the Intern of the Year was based on quality and quantity of work, interpersonal skills, oral and written communications and other areas related to working in the real world. Employers were evaluated on how well the intern felt they were trained for a real-world experience, the quality of specific learning objectives set by their employers and whether or not they would work for the particular company if there were a position open.

Nominated for the 2008 Student Intern of the Year Award also included: Heather Butt, KPMG Audit intern, nominated by Sharon Walters associate professor of accounting; Brad McLean, IRAPP Washington Center intern, nominated by Dr. Michael Hail, associate professor of government; Daiquiri Adkins, Quest Advocacy intern, nominated by Jesse Howard and Vicki Young, IMG Associations; Michelle Staley, Environmental and Human Services Co-Op, nominated by Melanie Burzynski; Guardian Automotive Trim Inc; and Deepanishanthara Ramanayake, Natural Bridge Technologies SAP Basis intern, nominated by Don Stinson, Natural Bridge Technologies.

Employers nominated for the 2008 MSU Internship Employer of the Year include: Doug Wells, Natural Bridge Solutions, nominated by Deepanishanthara Ramanayake; Jesse Howard, IMG Associations, nominated by Daiquiri Adkins; Jerron Schmoll, Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. nominated by Kevin Dillon; and Doug Reeves, Greif Inc. nominated by Jared May.

For more information, contact Career Services at (606)783-2233.

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KFAC to host 'Kentucky Quilts Trails: Views and Voices' reception

The Kentucky Arts Council is assisting Kentucky quilt trails groups in the marketing and promotion of quilt squares that are popping up on barns, buildings, parks and tourist sites across the Commonwealth. The quilt squares are usually part of a quilt trail developed for travelers' enjoyment and to celebrate family and local heritage through the quilting tradition.

The Kentucky Arts Council has created a portal site to the many quilt trail projects throughout the Commonwealth. At this site, <http://www.artscouncil.ky.gov/QTrails/QTrails.htm> , you will find the history of the quilt trails, interviews detailing the personal stories behind particular quilt squares, interactive links to Kentucky quilt trails by county, resources for Kentucky quilt trail groups and links to quilt trails across the country. The site also introduces the book "Kentucky Quilt Trails: Views and Voices." Produced by the Kentucky Arts Council, "Kentucky Quilt Trails: Views and Voices," features 32 pages of photographs and writings by Kentucky's visual and literary artists with cover art by Emmy Houweling and

introduction by Silas House. Contributing writers are Annette Allen, Normandi Ellis, Christina Lovin, Davis McCombs, Deborah Reed-Downing, Joanne Seiff, Martha Bennett Stiles, Frank X. Walker, Jeff Worley and House. The photographers featured are Matthew Albritton, Patricia Brock, Ann W. Olson, Dinah Smiley, David Toczko, Ralph Tyree and Carole Shutt. Alfredo Escobar and Gwenda Lynn Huff (Kentucky Folklife Program Community Scholars) also have contributed to the book.

In October, the Kentucky Arts Council will host book release receptions in cooperation with the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, the Kentucky Folk Art Center in Morehead and the Museum of the American Quilter's Society in Paducah.

The reception at Morehead State University's KFAC will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Shutt and Gwenda Lynn Huff, community scholar, will be available to sign books. Light refreshments will be served and the event is free and open to the public.

"Kentucky Quilt Trails: Views and Voices" can be purchased for \$9.95 through the arts council's Kentucky Quilt Trails Web site, at many Kentucky State Park gift shops and the KFAC.

The Kentucky Arts Council is a state agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet that creates opportunities for Kentuckians to value, participate in and benefit from the arts. Kentucky Arts Council funding is provided by the Kentucky General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

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Three to be inducted into Alumni Hall of Fame

Three alumni will be honored in a special ceremony which will be held during Morehead State University's Homecoming 2008, set for Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 16-18.

New members will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center. Tickets are \$18 per person.

Entering the Alumni Hall of Fame will be:

George Kerr graduated from MSU in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and physics. He received a Master of Science degree in physics in 1965 from North Carolina University and a Ph.D. degree in Physics in 1971 from University of Tennessee.

From 1964 to 2000, Kerr worked as a health physicist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), and from 2000 to 2008 he was a self-employed health physics consultant, involving primarily government funded projects. He recently joined the staff of Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) as a senior health physicist.

In March, Kerr completed 35 years of service and was reappointed for another two-year term as a U.S. consultant for radiation dosimetry and radiation shielding to the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission (ABCC), now the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF) in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. The medical follow-up studies of the RERF are supported equally by the Japanese government through its Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare and the U.S. Government through the National Academy of Sciences under contract with the Department of Energy (DOE).

He served as the coordinator for the research carried out by a Joint Working Group that consisted of 20 U.S. and Japanese members plus an additional 60 contributing associate members from the U.S., Japan, and Europe. Kerr also was the coeditor of a 1,000 page, two-volume report on the basis for DS02.

In 2006, he was presented the Special Achievement Award by the United States Department of Energy in recognition of his outstanding service as the coordinator of the United States Working Group on the Reassessment of A-Bomb Dosimetry.

He is a member of Sigma Phi Sigma, the Health Physics Society and the International Radiation Protection Society. He also authored more than 150 book chapters, technical reports, and open literature publications in technical journals such as Health Physics, Radiation Research, Nuclear Safety, Physical Reviews, Reviews of Scientific Instruments, and Journal of Applied Physics.

Kerr and his wife, Sarah, currently reside in Knoxville, Tenn.

Joyce LeMaster, a 1954 graduate of Breckinridge Training School, is a two-time MSU graduate where she received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees. She also completed graduate studies at Miami University and postgraduate studies at Indiana University. She is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honor fraternities.

In 1961, LeMaster joined the Morehead State University faculty and retired in 1997. Following her retirement, she returned on a 4-year contract to teach one semester per school year. Aside from working with students in the classroom, she has also enjoyed authoring numerous professional papers, reviewing books for academic journals as well as for state and local newspapers. Her research and publications have been chosen for inclusion in the Annual Report of Research and Creative Productions by MSU faculty for 12 years, since its inception in 1980 until her retirement.

Throughout her career, she has received several awards, including the first annual Distinguished Faculty Service Award presented by MSU in 1992. She was nominated in 1994 and in 1995 for the MSU Distinguished Teacher Award. In 1992 and again in 1993, she was a nominee for the Advocates for Higher Education ACORN Teaching Award.

She also was elected to four three-year terms on the Faculty Senate and was elected to the Senate Executive Committee.

LeMaster served on many University search committees, tenure and promotion committees, and Presidential Inaugural Committees along with service on state boards, including the Kentucky Humanities Council Board of Directors, the Board of the Kentucky Mansions Preservation Society, the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Executive Board of the Democratic Women's Club of Kentucky. She is a charter member of Morehead Rotary Club International and a past president of the MSU Alumni Association.

She is currently the co-owner of JBL Properties and serving on the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Morehead-Rowan County Regional Airport Board of Directors, the State Parliamentarian for the Kentucky Federation of Women's Club of Kentucky, a member of the Performing Arts Trio with Jay Flippin and Doug Adams, and a member of the MSU Honorary Degree Committee and the MSU Gala Committee. She recently returned from the Democratic National Convention where she served as an alternate delegate for Kentucky.

LeMaster and her husband, Jim, reside in Morehead.

Lisa Palas graduated from Morehead State University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Music degree and 1974 with a masters degree in Higher Education with an emphasis in music. She is a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. In the field of education, she has held the positions of assistant to the director of admissions and assistant director of admissions at MSU and academic counselor for intercollegiate athletics at the University of Louisville.

In the field of entertainment, she was the first director for the Kentucky State Fair Youth Talent Contest. She moved to Nashville in 1981 where she worked for the Nashville Songwriters Association, International and MCA Records (promoting artists that included Reba McEntire, George Strait and the Oak Ridge Boys) before signing her first

songwriting deal with Alabama Band Music in 1984. She also has been a staff songwriter for Warner-Chappell Music and Rondor International (now part of Universal Music) and her own company, The Music Palas.

Recognition for her songs include ASCAP awards for major radio airplay and "Best Contemporary Ballad of 1985" for "There's No Way" recorded by Alabama. Other credits include #1 chart records and songs recorded in country, urban /R&B and inspirational/gospel genres.

Her songs have been recorded by many artists including Alabama, Oak Ridge Boys, Reba McEntire and Randy Travis. Palas' songs have been included in feature films.

Her own recording of her song "Smiley Pete" will be released in 2008 on CD as part of the book "Smiley Pete, Magnificent Moocher" written by Kentucky author, Margaret Price.

A lifetime member of the Nashville Songwriters Association International, she has served on their Board of Directors for 17 years. She helps new writers learn the craft as an NSAI workshop adviser, on the coaching staff at Songu.com and instructor for songwriting camps and classes.

Her volunteer work includes the Upper Room Prayer Center prayer line in Nashville; Habitat for Humanity; and most recently, Polk Senior Games - the Senior Olympics in Lakeland, Fla. She wrote and recorded the theme song and radio jingle for the 2008 Games and performed at events including the Closing Ceremonies. Palas currently resides in Lakeland, Fla.

Additional information, or to purchase tickets for the event, is available by calling the MSU Alumni Association at (800) 783-2583 or (606) 783-2080.

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David Bixler to perform on Oct. 7

Morehead State University Jazz Studies will present alto saxophonist David Bixler in concert on Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall.

One of the top jazz saxophonists, Bixler will be featured with Dr. Steven Snyder, assistant professor of jazz keyboard and music theory, Glenn Ginn, assistant professor of music, Dr. Gordon Towell, professor of jazz studies, Kevin Lampson, Harrodsburg graduate student, and Nick Diedrichsen of Morehead.

The concert is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by MSU's Arts and Humanities Council and Department of Music, the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Morehead State Public Radio and Vandoren Reeds.

A veteran sideman on the New York Jazz scene, Bixler has emerged as an accomplished, urbane bandleader and composer. Over the past 11 years, he has made a name for himself in the trenches of the New York City scene.

Bixler has performed and toured with the orchestras of Toshiko Akiyoshi and Duke Ellington at prestigious venues including the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., Symphony Center in Chicago, the Snow Mass Jazz Festival in Aspen, Colo., and New York's JVC Jazz Festival.

A native of Wisconsin, Bixler completed a Bachelor of Music degree and the prestigious performer's certificate from Indiana University. In addition to his talent as a musician and composer, he is also a jazz educator. Bixler also gives masters degree classes and presents clinics for students of all ages and is a visiting specialist in saxophone at Montclair State University in New Jersey.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Towell at (606) 783-2198 or g.towell@morehead-st.edu.

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ALLYance to host fundraiser Oct. 21

The group ALLYance will sponsor a drag show and fundraiser on Tuesday, Oct. 21, on the campus of Morehead State University.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. and will be held in the Reed Auditorium on the MSU campus. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 and open to the general public. All proceeds will benefit [AIDS Volunteers of Lexington](#) .

MSU students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the drag show and talent competition sponsored by ALLYance. Those interested can sign up at the information desk on the first floor of the Adron Doran University Center. There is no registration fee for participation.

"We hope that this will be both an eye opening and entertaining experience for MSU and the Morehead community," said Ashleigh Mullins, president of ALLYance. "Everyone should come out and show their support for diversity and AVOL during this event," she said.

ALLYance provides resources, education, awareness and support to MSU students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community. The organization works toward gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual and transgender equality throughout the community and envisions an institution where people are ensured of their basic human rights and can be open, honest and safe.

ALLYance meetings are held every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in ADUC 312 on the MSU campus. Meetings are open to the public and membership dues are \$10.

More information on ALLYance is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/orgs/allyance or by e-mailing Mullins at falconthat@gmail.com .

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Audible alert system test today

Morehead State University will conduct its monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, Oct. 6, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The system consists of three speakers that use an alert tone as well as voice messages to warn the campus during an emergency. The high powered amplifiers are located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium.

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Dr. LaFleur honored by KCA

Dr. Gary B. LaFleur, associate professor of speech at Morehead State University, recently attended the joint meeting of the Kentucky Communication Association and the Tennessee Communication Association in Burns, Tenn., where he was honored with the "Presidential Award for Distinguished Service."

Having served the profession in Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut and Kentucky in numerous leadership capacities for more than 30 years, he was honored by his colleagues with the award for longstanding service and leadership to the profession.

The Presidential Award is not given annually, but rather only in cases of significant accomplishment. The award was last given to Prof. Pamela Gray of Austin Peay State University. Dr. LaFleur also was invited to speak at the conference and chose as his topic, "The Rhetoric of the 2008 Presidential Campaign."

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Dr. Matthew Kerbel to visit MSU on Oct. 15

Dr. Matthew Kerbel will visit the campus of Morehead State University to discuss the media and the upcoming presidential election.

The presentation is part of a series of lectures and forums sponsored by the MSU Government Program. Kerbel, professor in the Political Science Department of Villanova University, will present "The Media, Bloggers and the 2008 Election" on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. The presentation will be held in Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Building.

Kerbel specializes in the areas of American government, political communications and the presidency. He is a graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton and the University of Michigan. He is the author of numerous books, including "American Government: Your Voice, Your Future" and "If It Bleeds, It Leads: An Anatomy of Television News."

Kerbel is a member of the American Political Science Association, the Midwest Political Science Association and the International Communication Association.

The presentation is sponsored by MSU's Arts and Humanities Council, Department of Geography, Government and History, Center for Regional Engagement, Appalachian Studies Program and the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities.

Details are available by calling MSU's department of Geography, Government and History at (606) 783-2655.

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Baccalaureate Nursing Program had 96 percent pass rate on NCLEX exam

Morehead State University's May 2008 graduates of the Baccalaureate Nursing Program have achieved a 96 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

Entry into the practice of nursing in the United States is regulated by the licensing authorities within each jurisdiction of the national council. The Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) is the licensing authority for this state.

To ensure public protection, the KBN requires a candidate for licensure to pass an examination that measures the competencies needed to perform safely and effectively as a newly-licensed, entry-level registered nurse.

The Kentucky Board of Nursing monitors the performance of each program of nursing to review the performance compared with the outcome achievement measure of an 85 percent pass rate.

MSU's May graduates achieved above the outcome measure for Kentucky and have exhibited superior accomplishments. "Achievement of successful learning outcomes is a positive reflection of the teaching-learning partnership that exists between faculty, staff and students," said Dr. Erla Mowbray, chair of MSU's Department of Nursing.

Several nursing programs, which combine general education with professional nursing theory and clinical education, are available at MSU. Each program has a selective admission procedure and enrollment is limited.

More information on the nursing programs at MSU is available by calling the Department of Nursing at (606) 783-2296 or by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing .
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Rachel Barton Pine to be guest artist at MSU

Acclaimed violinist and philanthropist Rachel Barton Pine will visit the Morehead State University campus Nov. 13-15.

As the guest artist in the String Residency Project in MSU's Department of Music, Pine will hold a variety of presentations, lectures, workshops and performances during her three-day stay on campus.

On Thursday, Nov. 13, a recital will be held featuring Pine in Duncan Recital Hall of the Baird Music Building on the MSU campus. The recital will begin at 3 p.m.

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Pine will lead a fiddling and classical violin workshop at the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music. KCTM is located at 149 East Main Street in downtown Morehead.

Pine will host a classical jam session on Friday evening, Nov. 14, at 8 p.m. The event will be held in Duncan Recital Hall.

The Tri-State Honors' Orchestras, with Pine as guest violinist, will perform on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. This fourth annual performance will be held in Button Auditorium on the MSU campus.

"It is an incredible opportunity for our students and audiences to have a violinist of this caliber on the MSU campus," said Dr. Gordon Towell, MSU professor of music. "She is going to share her talents with Rowan County students and high school students from the region. This event will energize string education and classical music in Eastern Kentucky."

Pine is one of the world's leading violinists and has soloed with the Chicago, Philadelphia, Atlanta, St. Louis, Dallas, Montreal, Vienna, New Zealand and Budapest Orchestras. She has enjoyed collaborations with the rock band Kansas; pianists Daniel Barenboim, Christopher O'Riley and Christopher Eschenbach; baritone William Warfield; and violinist/fiddler Mark O'Connor.

Pine is dedicated to community engagement and music education. Her charitable activities include serving as a trustee of the Music Institute of Chicago and president of the Rachel Elizabeth Barton Foundation.

Pine's Artist in Residency for String at MSU is funded, in part, by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Southern Arts Federation and the Kentucky Arts Council. Other sponsors include Virginia Harpham, the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Communications and Marketing, Morehead State Public Radio and the MSU Department of Music.

More information on Pine's visit to MSU is available by calling Dr. Towell at (606) 783-2198.

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EKSBDC to present 'Small Business Connections Town Hall Forum'

Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Pike County Chamber of Commerce and Pike County SCORE will present "Small Business Connections Town Hall Forum" on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Pike County Public Library, 119 College Street.
Community Trust Bank is sponsoring the event.

Participants will learn about federal, state and local organizations that provide financing, marketing and other services to help small businesses grow. They also will hear from a panel of local entrepreneurs about the challenges and successes of operating a small business.

The event is free and lunch will be provided.

The program is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance. Training programs, sponsored or cosponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

Seating is limited. For more information or to preregister, you can call Mike Morley, district director East Kentucky Small Business Development Center, or Linda Casebolt, secretary specialist, at (606) 432-5848.

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Former professor and coach, Dr. Nolan Fowler dies

Dr. Nolan Fowler, 94, a former Morehead State history professor and coach, died Monday in Cookeville, Tenn.

He instructed history at MSU from 1943 until 1962.

Dr. Fowler started the Track and Field program at Morehead State. His teams were very successful, winning the school's first Ohio Valley Conference title, even though MSU didn't have a track.

A member of the Morehead State University Athletic and Ohio Valley Conference Halls of Fame, Dr. Fowler also left his mark as an athlete as he participated in 10 world championships and held more than 30 national and world records. He held the title of the 1943 United States Junior Champion as a hammer thrower.

After leaving Morehead State, he taught at Tennessee Tech University from 1963 until his retirement in 1979.

He is survived by his daughter, Elaine and her husband Dr. Michael Palencia; grandson Andrew, granddaughter, Dr. Rachel Palencia Harper, her husband, Jeff Harper, and one great grandson, Michael Harper; and his wife, Janet Marks Fowler.

According to the Hooper-Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home, the family has chosen cremation and no services are planned.

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KY AHED awards checks to area high schools

The Kentucky Appalachian Higher Education Center (KY AHED) awarded checks in the amount of \$5,000 each to 20 high schools and four community and technical colleges during a ceremony recently at Morehead State University.

The schools applied for competitive mini-grants and were required to develop a one year college access program that they will implement in their schools to help raise college-going rates.

The 20 grantee high schools for this year are Prestonsburg, Elliott County, Buckhorn, Powell County, Wolfe County, West Carter, Owsley County, Lee County, Hazard Independent, Jackson City, Harlan County, Knott County, Knox County, North Laurel, Lawrence County, Leslie County, Letcher County, Lewis County, Magoffin County, and Morgan County. The four community and technical colleges are Ashland, Big Sandy, Hazard and Southeast.

The KY AHED Center, headquartered at MSU, works under a grant received from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) in Washington, D.C. and the Governor's Office of Local Government.

To receive a mini-grant, new high schools must compete for a one-year Access grant that is specifically designed to focus on activities to encourage students to pursue higher education.

The KY AHED Center will provide continued support to all of these schools to help them achieve significant increases in the number of graduates who go on to pursue higher education.

Additional information is available from Keith Walker, KY AHED grant coordinator, by calling (606) 783-9519.

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, Carol Johnson, 40; Dr. Gerald DeMoss, 40; Toni Hobbs, 5; and Dr. Victor Ballestero, 10. Second row from left: Eva Henderson, 10; Tami Jones, 25; Dr. Zexia Barnes, 20; Dr. Wayne Willis, 20; Dr. Tim Miller, 20; and Dr. Phil Prater, 10. Third row from left: Barry Brewer, 20; Michael Harford, 20; Tim Cornett, 5; Dr. Dan Connell, 20; Jeff Highley, 15; and Dr. James Gifford, 30.

CE to offer Microsoft Office Accounting Professional 2008 class

Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education has a program that makes it easy to take high-quality, non-credit online courses. The University offers hundreds of online, instructor-facilitated courses and is pleased to announce the launch of "Introduction to Microsoft Office Accounting Professional 2008."

The class teaches small business owners how to use Microsoft Office Accounting Professional 2008 for all their major accounting tasks-everything from balancing the company checkbook, to preparing financial statements, to creating listings on eBay.

This course is part of continuing education's growing catalog of more than 6,000 online courses. Through well-crafted lessons, expert online instruction, and interaction with fellow students, participants in these courses gain valuable knowledge at their convenience. They have the flexibility to study at their own pace combined with enough structure and support to complete the course. And they can access the classroom 24/7 from anywhere through an Internet connection.

The courses are entirely Web-based with comprehensive lessons, quizzes, and assignments. A dedicated professional instructor facilitates every course, pacing learners, answering questions, giving feedback, and facilitating discussions.

To enroll, call (606) 783-2875. A customer service representative will gladly assist you with registration, directions, or other questions you may have regarding the more than 6,000 courses now available through the Office of Continuing Education.

Additional information is available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/occe or call (606) 783-2875.

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Pair to discuss trip to Cuba

Morehead State University's Dr. Royal Berglee and William Salazar will discuss their recent trip to Cuba on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

The presentation will begin at 4:30 p.m. and in the Commonwealth Room of the Adron Doran University Center on the MSU campus.

Dr. Berglee, MSU associate professor of geography, and Salazar, research associate for the MSU Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, traveled to Cuba in June. During this trip, they examined how the Cuban government struggles to maintain the ideals of the 1958 socialist revolution and how Cuban citizens maneuver between the lack of material goods and the socialist doctrine.

They will share their experiences of living with a host family, meeting students from the University of Havana and talking with tourist officials. The presenters also will address how Cuban society is changing through the influence of foreign tourists, micro business enterprises and the Miami-Cuban connection.

More information on the presentation is available by calling MSU's Office of International Education at (606) 783-2096.

Posted: 10-9-08

Jones receives USDA grant

Brent Jones, director of information technology at Morehead State University, has been awarded a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture.

MSU's successful proposal for this grant, a project to fund the implementation of online distance learning pods, was one of 143 eligible applications in the 2008 fiscal year.

"This Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant is specifically designed to meet the educational and health care needs of rural America through the use of advanced telecommunication technologies," said Jones, project director for the grant.

The grant proposal is to place rich-media, synchronous learning workstations at the West Liberty, Jackson and Prestonsburg campuses of MSU. In addition, a synchronous, online learning tool such as Elluminate or Wimba will be implemented to these stations.

"The learning tool selected will provide capabilities for real-time advising, peer-to-peer collaboration and integration of synchronous content into the Blackboard course management system," said Jones. As part of the project, a Helix server with network attached storage (NAS) will provide for storage and streaming of media, podcasts and other services.

An ad hoc faculty committee is currently working on the selection of an online learning tool and the planning of a pilot project in the spring semester using the new technologies.

More information is available by calling Jones at (606) 783-5233.

Posted: 10-9-08

'An Ideal Husband' to be staged at MSU

Morehead State University theatre students will present the play "An Ideal Husband" this month in the Lucille Little Theatre.

This classic comedy by Oscar Wilde will be presented Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 16-18; Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 22-24, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 19, at 2 p.m.

"An Ideal Husband" features a story full of intrigue and blackmail, yet teaches valuable lessons concerning personal honor and integrity.

"An Ideal Husband' is sure to please," said Lisa Morse, director of the show. "Here we are in the middle of an historic presidential race. What could be more appropriate than some comic perspective on politics and society from one of Europe's greatest literary wits?"

Travis Clark, Ashland senior, will play Robert Chiltren and Emily Shaw, Dayton, Ohio freshman, will play Lady Chiltren, the leading role in the play.

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

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

"AN IDEAL HUSBAND" CAST AND CREW LIST

- Evan Blanton, Batavia, Ohio, sophomore, as Phipps
- Allie Cain, California senior, as Mrs. Marehmont
- Amanda Carter, Catlettsburg senior, as Mrs. Cheveley
- Travis Clark, Ashland senior, as Robert Chiltren
- Steve Dyer, Ashland sophomore, as Vicomte de Nanjac
- Kye Hardy, Ashland junior, as Lord Goring
- Brittney Justice, Morehead freshman, as Countess Basildon
- Tony Marin, Morehead sophomore, as Mason
- Katie Mooney, Louisville sophomore, as Mabel Chiltren
- Kasi Orr, Butler senior, as Lady Markby
- David Patton, Shelbyville freshman, as James
- Joshua Price, Poca, W.Va., freshman, as Harold
- Emily Shaw, Dayton, Ohio, freshman, as Lady Chiltren
- Bria Stacy, Hindman junior, as Lady Maryborough
- Nathan Wellman, Ashland sophomore, as Mr. Montford

Posted: 10-9-08

King and Queen candidates announced

Morehead State University will crown its 2008 Homecoming Queen and King during halftime ceremonies of the football game against Jacksonville that begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Jayne Stadium.

Ten candidates are vying for the title of Homecoming Queen and King.

Among the Queen nominees are:

Cagney Bellinger of Lexington, the daughter of Dennis Bellinger and Debbie and Gary Norsworthy. A senior communications major with an emphasis in electronic media, she is involved with Newscenter, Chi Omega sorority and the MSU dance team, her sponsor for the competition.

Sara Dean of Erie, Pa., the daughter of Charles and Cynthia Dean. A senior business administration major with an emphasis in marketing, she is a lab assistant in the computer lab, a member of the Future Managers Society and Chi Omega sorority, her sponsor for the competition.

Kim Defluiter of Dublin, Ohio, the daughter of Mary Carlton. An accounting major, she is a member of Kappa Delta sorority and vice president of the Residence Hall Association, her sponsor for the competition.

Yvette DeLaGuardia of Florence, the daughter of Federico DeLaGuardia and Francis Battista. An English major, she is involved with Student Support Services and the member educator of Chi Omega sorority. She was sponsored by Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

April Fannin of Grayson, the daughter of Roger and Betsy Fannin. A biology major, she is a member of Chi Omega sorority, the Chemistry Club, Students in Free Enterprise, Phi Eta Sigma, the American Chemical Society and the Order of Omega honor society, her sponsor for the competition.

Jamie Fay of Dry Ridge, the daughter of James and Tonya Fay. An elementary education major, she is a member of the Kentucky Education Association Student Program and Delta Zeta sorority, her sponsor for the competition.

Anna Johnson of Breathitt County, the daughter of Arch and Gail Johnson. A biology major, she is a member of the Student Alumni Ambassadors, the Pre-Med Club, Phi Eta Sigma and Delta Gamma sorority, her sponsor for the competition.

Beth Millard of Kennewick, Wash., the daughter of Dave and Gretchen Millard. A Spanish major, she is a member of the Order of Omega and the International Student Mentors. She was sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Rachel Nicole Miller of Pikeville, the daughter of Mickey and Barbara Miller. A health promotion major, she is a member of Delta Gamma sorority and Pink Ladies, her sponsor for the competition.

Dustin Withrow of Grayson, the daughter of Robert Withrow and Robin Trimble. An elementary education major, she is a member of Chi Omega sorority. She was sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Nominees for Homecoming King are:

Jason Allen of Morehead. A small business management and entrepreneurship major, he is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and Libertarians Unite. He was sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho.

Chad Butt of Cincinnati, the son of Cindy Davis and Douglas Butt. A business management major, he is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, his sponsor for the competition.

Nick Davidson of Beavercreek, Ohio, the son of Doug and Kim Davidson. An education major, he is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He was sponsored by the Pink Ladies.

David Goldman of Maysville, the son of Drs. Arnold and Rita Goldman. A philosophy and legal studies major, he is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, the Paralegal Club, the Pre-Law Society, the MSU club soccer team and the Philosophy Club. He was sponsored by Kappa Delta sorority.

Marcus Hundley of La Grange, the son of Beau and Diane Hundley. A psychology major, he is a member of Sigma Pi fraternity. He was sponsored by Chi Omega sorority.

Tom Sexton of Whitesburg, the son of Garnet R. Sexton. A journalism major, he is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, his sponsor for the competition.

Lee Sharp of Hamilton, Ohio, the son of Jeff and Sue Sharp. A computer information systems major, he is a member of Pi Kappa Phi, ROTC and Phi Sigma Pi, his sponsor for the competition.

Justin Smallwood of Pikeville, the son of Eddie and Joetta Case. A math major, he is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, the College Republicans and 342 (Baptist Student Union), his sponsor for the competition.

Maze Stallworth of Elizabethtown, the son of Maze and Lorrie Stallworth. A health and physical education major, he is a member of the MSU basketball team and Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He was sponsored by Delta Gamma sorority.

Kyle Yarawsky of Burlington, the son of Bill and Kim Yarawsky. A sociology major, he is a member of Student Government Association, the chair of Relay for Life, treasurer of Interfraternity Council and president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, his sponsor for the competition.

A variety of activities will be taking place throughout Homecoming weekend, which runs Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 16-18. Additional information on the schedule is available by calling the MSU Alumni Association at (606) 783-2080.

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Nursing will have two online classes in the spring

The Morehead State University Department of Nursing will soon offer online courses for those wishing to advance their nursing degree.

Two courses will be available in the spring semester to all active and unrestricted licensed registered nurses. Courses also will be available for the 2009 fall semester. Those wishing to take the courses do not have to be officially admitted into the MSU nursing program to take the classes.

NURB 326 - Advanced Nursing Assessment and NURB 327 - Transition to Professional Nursing Practice are available online for the spring semester.

To register for the online courses, students must apply and be admitted to MSU. For more information on how to apply, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions or call (800) 585-6781.

Applications are currently being accepted for the RN-BSN online program. The application deadline is Friday, Oct. 31, for the spring semester. The application deadline for the fall 2009 semester is Friday, March 27. Late applications will be considered until the classes are filled.

Information on the online nursing courses is available by calling Misty Lilley, regional academic counseling coordinator for the MSU Department of Nursing, at (606) 783-2639; by e-mailing m.lilley@moreheadstate.edu; or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing on the web.

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NPHC to hold Homecoming events

The Morehead State University chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council will sponsor a variety of activities during the [2008 Homecoming Week](#).

On Monday, Oct. 13, NPHC will hold a mocktails alcohol awareness activity from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event will be held in the Adron Doran University Center on the MSU campus.

NPHC Chapter Day will be Tuesday, Oct. 14. On Wednesday, Oct. 15, NPHC will hold a clothing drive from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in ADUC. Those wishing to give new or gently used clothing may drop off their donations in room 204.

On Thursday, Oct. 16, the Red, White and MSU Blue Homecoming parade will take place on Main Street in downtown Morehead. The parade will begin at 6 p.m.

A Homecoming student party and Stomp the Commons event will be held on Friday, Oct. 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the ADUC commons. The event is cosponsored by the MSU Student Activities Council.

Also that Friday will be the NPHC Unity Party from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. in the dance/mirror room on the second floor of MSU's Laughlin Health Building. Admission to the Unity Party is \$5, or \$3 for Greeks with paraphernalia.

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.

More information on the NPHC Homecoming 2008 Week activities is available by calling Terri Roberts, MSU student activities coordinator, at (606) 783-2071.

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Flu shots available in October

Morehead State University's Caudill Health Clinic has established a schedule for providing free influenza vaccinations to students, faculty and staff and their spouses, and retirees.

The dates, locations and times the flu shots will be given are:

- Monday, Oct. 27, 312 Adron Doran University Center, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, Oct. 29, Wellfest (ADUC), 9 a.m.-3p.m.;
- Friday, Nov. 7, 312 ADUC, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.;
- Wednesday, Nov. 12, Rice Building, 2-4 p.m.;
- Friday, Nov. 14, 312 ADUC, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

To obtain a flu shot, individuals must present their MSU EagleCard ID at the time of the vaccination and will be required to wait 15 minutes following the injection.

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

- Person who are at least 65 years of age.
- Persons with chronic medical conditions.
- Women who are pregnant.
- Health-care personnel who provide direct patient care and household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children less than six months of age.

To remain in the best of health, individuals are encouraged to exercise safety precautions by eating balanced meals, getting the proper amount of rest and washing their hands.

Additional information is available by calling the Caudill Health Clinic at (606) 783-2055.

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Open House set for Nov. 1

Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host an Open House on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. until noon, the events will be held in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

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

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

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

On one such measure of success, MSU graduates are consistently accepted into professional schools, including medical, dental and pharmacy programs, at rates well above state and national averages.

Students and families are encouraged to register for the Open House. To learn more about this event or to complete an online registration card, you may visit www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse . Additional information is available by calling Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

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SBDC and MACED to host workshop in West Liberty

Morehead State University at West Liberty Small Business Development Center and Mountain Association for Economic Development (MACED) will host "Bank on It" on Thursday, Nov. 6.

The free workshop provides an overview of the various traditional and non-traditional lending options available to small businesses as well as offers helpful insight to what is needed when applying for funding, what lenders are looking for and the important formulas to be aware of when considering funding.

The event will be held in 318 of MSU's Regional Enterprise Center, 151 University Drive, West Liberty. The program will begin at 1 p.m.

Those interested in attending may register by calling the West Liberty SBDC at (606) 743-4005 or by online at www.ksbdc.org.

This workshop is one of many provided by Morehead State University's Small Business Development Centers.

For a list of upcoming events you may visit the MSU SBDC 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: 10-13-08

Gilliam to receive Chaffin Award

Morehead State University's Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy and the Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) have announced that poet Diane Gilliam, author of "Kettle Bottom," a collection of poems written in the voices of people living in coal camps in the 1920s, is the recipient of the 2008 Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award for Appalachian Writing.

A celebration honoring Gilliam will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Kentucky Folk Art Center. She will read from her work, followed by music and a reception as part of the celebration.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Gilliam's was the daughter of Appalachian outmigration (her father from Johnson County in east Kentucky; her mother from Mingo County, W.Va.). She earned a Ph.D. degree in romance languages and literatures from The Ohio State University and an MFA degree from Warren Wilson College.

Her other books include "Recipe for Blackberry Cake" (Wick Poetry Series from Kent State University Press 1999) and "One of Everything" (Cleveland State University Poetry Center 2003).

"Kettle Bottom" and Gilliam won the 2005 Ohioana Library Association Book of the Year Award in Poetry, a Pushcart Prize and also an (2005) American Bookseller Association Book Sense Pick for the Top 10 Poetry Books.

The Chaffin Award, which includes a cash prize of \$1,000, recognizes outstanding Appalachian writers in all genres. Past winners of this award include Erik Reece, Sharon Hatfield, Ron Rash, John Sparks, Silas House, Crystal Wilkinson and Denise Giardina.

Additional information is available by calling KFAC at (606) 783-2204 or the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy at (606)783-2185.

Posted: 10-14-08

Dr. Samhat to lecture Oct. 28

Dr. Nayef Samhat will visit the campus of Morehead State University on Tuesday, Oct. 28, to present a lecture on the upcoming presidential election.

The presentation is part of a series of lectures and forums sponsored by the MSU Government Program. Samhat, the Frank B. and Virginia B. Hower associate professor of government and international studies at Centre College, will discuss "Global Dimensions of the 2008 Election" at 5 p.m. in room 002 of Breckinridge Hall on the MSU campus.

Samhat is a graduate of Bradford College, George Washington University, Columbia University and Northwestern University. He specializes in the areas of international relations, global society, geopolitical conflict and international organizations and institutions.

He is a member of the American Political Science Association, the Middle East Studies Association, the Kentucky Political Science Association and the International Studies Association.

Details are available by calling MSU's Department of Geography, Government and History at (606) 783-2655.

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UTVS festival to be held Oct. 20-25

The second Annual Until the Violence Stops (UTVS): Kentucky Festival will be held in Morehead, Oct. 20-25 . The festival is founded on the core belief that education, inspiration, thought, and action can have a far-reaching social and cultural impact. The weeklong festival, aimed at ending violence against women and girls, will feature a variety of events, all free and open to the public.

The Morehead UTVS festival will work to raise the awareness level in the community by educating people about the issue, and encouraging both men and women to take action to bring it to an end.

Events scheduled for this year's festival include:

Movement to Empower --A program featuring several Louisville-area dancers/choreographers will kick off the week of events at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium on Monday, Oct. 20. The performance will feature dances that include themes of violence against women, unfair stereotypes faced by women, as well as themes of empowerment.

Art as Activism with Ashley Cecil --A Louisville artist, Cecil will give a presentation on the use of her art to speak out about social issues, and will serve as an inspiration to attendees to use their own talents to make a difference.

Her presentation will be held in 111 Claypool Young Arts Building at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

Imagine a World Without Violence Community Art Show - The art exhibit will feature works by members of the community and campus that revolve around the theme "Imagine a World Without Violence." An opening ceremony will be Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Strider Gallery of Claypool-Young. Art will be accepted for the show through Friday, Oct. 17.

Community/Campus Self-Defense Workshop -- Sponsored by the Community/Campus Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF) of Morehead and Judy Carpenter, the workshop will equip attendees with the necessary skills to protect themselves in the event of an attack, and will be held Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Carl Perkins Center.

Take Back the Night March -- An annual event, the march will begin at the Little Bell Tower on MSU's campus at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23. It will feature presentations surrounding the issue of violence against women and will end with a march down Main Street.

While both men and women are encouraged to attend all festival events, events that are geared to involve men in the fight against violence toward women and girls are also included in the festival's activities, as men have a role in violence prevention because it's a community issue, not just a women's issue. Such specific events include:

Men Against Violence Breakfast - Sponsored and hosted by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews, the event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 8-9:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall of the Morehead Methodist Church.

Men as Mentors Workshop - Rus Funk will lead a workshop, Wednesday, Nov. 5, to help men see how they can take a stand against violence in their lives and encourage others to do the same.

For more information about the festival, contact moreheadutvs@yahoo.com.

Posted: 10-14-08

Environmental Education Center to provide workshop

Morehead State University's Environmental Education Center has been named a City Partner for Flying WILD and will soon hold a facilitator training workshop on campus.

Flying WILD is a national bird education program from the Council for Environmental Education (CEE), which provides programs and services across the country that promote responsible stewardship of natural resources.

As a City Partner for Flying WILD, MSU's Environmental Education Center and Flying WILD facilitators will train 200 educators, both formally and informally during a three-year period. MSU will offer this training to individuals within its service region as well as in the areas of Louisville, Cincinnati and Huntington, W.Va.

A Flying WILD facilitator workshop will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. in 243 Lappin Hall on the campus.

The facilitator's training is designed for those who would like to train other educators, both formally and informally. The fee for participating in the workshop is \$10. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Flying WILD introduces middle school students to bird conservation through standards-based classroom activities and environmental stewardship projects. Flying WILD encourages schools to work closely with conservation organizations, community groups and businesses involved with birds to implement school bird festivals and bird conservation projects. These festivals are events in which students take a leading role in teaching their classmates and community about migratory birds.

"Flying WILD is truly a unique environmental education program. It not only teaches great hands-on activities that work well with a variety of audiences using many different subject areas, it also really brings the knowledge home by incorporating a service learning aspect, such as the planning and organization of a birding festival with students," said Amanda Patrick, educator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Wolf Creek Fish Hatchery. "Few programs not only teach and call to action, but Flying WILD does," she said.

Lauren Dowell, special educator from Warren County and recent Flying WILD workshop participant, said "I had the best time at the training! Not only did I come away with great ideas for my classroom and the materials to pull it all together, the networking I experienced has prompted me to collaborate with other teachers."

MSU's Environmental Education Center is part of the Kentucky University Partnership for Environmental Education, a partnership of all the state universities. Kentucky is the only state to have an environmental education center at every public institution.

MSU's center provides funding for supplies and equipment to ensure that all preservice teachers at MSU may receive some training in environmental education. The MSU Environmental Education Center also performs outreach and research. Staff and faculty of the center are certified in Project WET, Aquatic WILD, Project Learning

Tree, Food, Land and People, Population Connection, WOW! Wonders of Wetlands and POW! Planning of Wetlands.

Funding for Flying WILD comes from the Center for Environmental Education, the MSU Center for Regional Engagement and the Kentucky Environmental Education Council.

More information on the center's programs and Flying WILD or the training schedule is available by calling April Haight, director of the MSU Environmental Education Center, at (606) 783-2455 or by e-mailing a.haight@moreheadstate.edu . Information also can be found at <http://eec.moreheadstate.edu> .

Posted: 10-14-08

Former professor Clyde Hackler dies

Dr. Clyde Hackler, 75, a former Morehead State University faculty member in Industrial Technology, died Sunday, Oct. 12, at his home in Bellingham, Wash.

A native of Corbin, he earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University, his master's degree from the University of Illinois and his doctorate from the University of Maryland.

After leaving MSU, he taught at Western Kentucky University and Western Washington University.

Dr. Hackler is survived by his mother, one son and three daughters.

Posted: 10-14-08 CERT event part of Make a Difference Day

Morehead State University has established free Certified Emergency Response Awareness Training (CERT), as part of the Morehead Make A Difference Day Project. The goal is to increase the number of community members, MSU students, and school age children involved in disaster preparedness and train them in basic disaster response skills.

Founded by USA Weekend Magazine, Make A Difference Day is the largest national day of helping others. Its goal is to inspire and encourage local residents to establish a sense of community spirit and caring for others as well as foster volunteerism for all ages.

In January 2002, CERT became part of the Citizen Corps, a unifying structure to link a variety of related volunteer activities to expand a community's resources for crime prevention and emergency response. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference. The CERT program is designed to help them do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger. Being prepared reduces fear and anxiety, reduces impact of disasters and empowers communities, families and individuals to know what to do in case of an emergency situation.

The CERT training is provided free of charge to anyone. As part of the AmeriCorps statewide can food drive, individuals are asked to bring a donation of can food. The purpose of the drive is to help stock food pantries and emergency feeding centers in the community.

There will be separate classes for adults and children. The children's classes will be taught by the Red Cross AmeriCorps Vista member and will be supervised by the Rowan County AmeriCorps workers.

The training on Saturday, Oct. 25, will be held in 111 Rader Hall on the MSU campus. The session will begin at 10 a.m. and will conclude by noon. Certification is presented upon attending.

This opportunity is provided in partnership with: American Red Cross, MSU Center for Regional Engagement, Division of Student Life, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and AmeriCorps Vista & National Programs.

Posted: 10-15-08

Upward Bound students advance in Web competition

Several regional high school students enrolled in a Morehead State University program have advanced in a national Web site design competition.

Each student is a participant in MSU's Upward Bound program, one of six federal TRIO outreach initiatives. TRIO programs are designed to help provide equal access to higher education for all Americans.

The MSU Upward Bound students are: Michael Bortles of Estill County High School; Brittany Halcomb of Lawrence County High School; Morgan Fultz of Mason County High School; Zach Crouch, Blake Mullins and Chad Wells, all of Menifee County High School; Meghan Davis and Crystal Smith, both of Montgomery County High School; Shannon Crouch of Morgan County High School; and Daniel Adkins, Nathan Hall and Kayla Parson, all of West Carter High School.

The students worked as members of ThinkQuest teams to build a Web site to be used as a learning tool by other students. The project promotes 21st century research skills and techniques, original writing and production skills and the Internet Style of Learning in a team atmosphere.

"This was a great learning experience for these students from East Kentucky," said Toni Hobbs, MSU's creative director and one of the coaches for the ThinkQuest team. "We should all be very proud of their achievements and the time they all invested in this competition. It was a tremendous opportunity for all involved," she said. As ThinkQuest members, the students were challenged to create high quality, innovative and content-rich educational Web sites that meet high standards. Students learn the value of intellectual honesty and the care that must be taken to apply the Fair Use standards of using images, audio, text and other media in an educational project.

For the competition, Davis, Fultz and Hall built and entered their Web site, "Eco-Friendly Shopping," which progressed to the semi-final round of competition. Bortles, Crouch and Parsons built and entered their site, "The Green Team: Ways to Recycle," which also made it to the semi-final round. Mullins, Smith and Wells built and entered the site "Men in Green," which advanced to the quarterfinal round of competition. Adkins, Crouch and Halcomb also built the site "Mountaintop Removal," but did not enter the Web site into the competition.

MSU ThinkQuest coaches for 2008 are Hobbs; Matthew Hyden, Upward Bound Counseling coordinator; and Megan Mitchell, MSU student and tutor counselor with the Upward Bound summer program.

In 2007, MSU had two teams that placed in the quarterfinals and were recognized in the February 2008 TRIO professional association, the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel conference in Atlanta.

These two teams then were eligible to be entered in the international competition. This was the first time that MSU Upward Bound students competed on the international level.

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

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Costume contest, movie set for Halloween in CY

Continuing a "time-warped" Halloween tradition, Morehead State University's Department of Art, with support from the MSU Arts and Humanities Council and Visual Arts Guild, will present its annual Costume Contest and Rocky Horror Picture Show film screening on Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 6 - 10 p.m. in the Claypool-Young Art Building.

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

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

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

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

The event is free and open to the public.

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

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Americana Crossroads Live slated for Oct. 24

Denice Franke, Lewis and Donna Lamb, and the Hazel Holler Band will perform at the next edition of "Americana Crossroads Live."

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) and the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will present the program on Friday, Oct. 24, 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.

Franke's music is rooted firmly in her gift for singing and an intuition for penning songs that touch every human emotion. A American songwriter from Texas, her songs are creative, vivid and compelling short stories set to music. She has recorded with Hal Ketchum, Robert Earl Keen Jr. and Nanci Griffith. In addition, Franke has appeared with David Olney and Eric Taylor at The Texas Song Theater, a song and spoken word stage performance of voices, imagery and emotion. She has recorded three solo CDs including her 2008 release "Gulf Coast Blue."

From Lancaster, the Lambs, a father and daughter duo, have been entertaining audiences throughout the world for more than 40 years, sharing their traditional, old-time tunes from Appalachia. Featured musicians with the Berea College Country Dancers, they have recorded several records, including "Dances From Appalachia," a compilation series designed especially for square dancing and clogging. In 2006, they were the recipients of the Folk Heritage Award from the Kentucky Arts Council and the Governor's Award in the Arts.

Formed in 2003, the Hazel Holler Band from east Kentucky features Greenup's Karen Yates (guitar/vocals), Ashland's Shirley Seim (fiddle/vocals), Sandy Hook's Michelle Wallace (bass/vocals) and Fleming County's Jackie Thacker (banjo/vocals). Performing their original songs along with traditional, Bluegrass and country favorites, the band has recorded two CDs, including their latest project "Wild Girl Blues."

"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, Ale-8-One and Papa John's.

The series is now heard on 35 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.msuradio.com or by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001 or (800) 286-9659.

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MSU receives \$10.1 million GEAR UP grant

Morehead State University has been awarded its largest federal grant in history - \$10.1 million - to continue helping middle and high school students in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan and Pike counties to prepare for college.

MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy received the grant from the U.S. Department of Education for another phase of its GEAR UP project. Funded at \$1,684,000 for the first year, the grant is anticipated for a six-year period.

The grant will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the various partners involved in the project, bringing the total expected amount of funding for the project to \$20,208,000.

The major focus will be mathematics and science. Beginning in the seventh grade, GEAR UP students participate in such activities as tutoring, mentoring, financial aid, college preparation workshops, college visits, career exploration and summer enrichment programs. The goals and objectives are based on a high need for both family and academic support mechanisms and will focus on student development, teacher/curriculum development, and parent development clusters with a special emphasis on parental awareness and involvement.

The highly competitive GEAR UP award will help project partners serve over 2,000 students in the first year alone, and by year six the project anticipates to serve and make a significant impact on more than 12,000 students in the six-county project service area.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. David Rudy at (606)783-5419 or David Sloan at (606) 783-5441.

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Phi Sigma Pi to hold Philanthropy Week

The Morehead State University chapter of Phi Sigma Pi will sponsor several events during their First Philanthropy Week, Oct. 26 - Nov. 1.

Phi Sigma Pi is a national honor fraternity that encourages scholarship, leadership and fellowship. MSU's Gamma Beta chapter of the honor fraternity was chartered in 1995.

On Sunday, Oct. 26, members of Phi Sigma Pi will conduct a trick or treat for the homeless canned food drive. Members of the group will visit neighborhoods in the Morehead community to pick up donations of canned foods to benefit a local homeless shelter.

On Friday, Oct. 31, Phi Sigma Pi will sponsor a Celebration of Teachers dinner. The event will begin at 6 p.m. in the Commonwealth Room on the second floor of the Adron Doran University Center on the MSU campus. The cost of the dinner is \$18 per person.

The Phi Sigma Pi 5K run will be held on Saturday morning, Nov. 1, beginning at 8 a.m. Runners will begin at Jayne Stadium on the MSU campus. The first 30 participants will receive a free T-shirt. A fun walk will also take place for nonrunners.

Proceeds from events held during Philanthropy Week will benefit Teach for America, all Rowan County school libraries and the MSU College of Education.

To purchase tickets for the Celebration of Teachers dinner, make checks payable to Phi Sigma Pi Gamma Beta fraternity and send to Joan Callaham, MSU teacher recruitment coordinator, 801 Ginger Hall. Checks also can be mailed to Phi Sigma Pi, UPO 2842, Morehead, KY 40351.

More information on Phi Sigma Pi is available by e-mailing Tim Gross at tagros01@moreheadstate.edu or Michelle Fiore at ml_fiore@yahoo.com.

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Collegiate Middle Level Association to host game show Oct. 21

Morehead State University's Collegiate Middle Level Association will host "Are You Smarter than a Middle Grader" game show on Tuesday, Oct. 21, in Button Auditorium at 7 p.m.

The event is open to the MSU campus and community.

A grand prize of \$100 will be given to the winner while the second place finisher will receive a \$30 gift certificate from La Finca Mexican Restaurant, along with a free hair cut from Great Clips.

Admission will be \$2 in advance in the Adron Doran University Center and \$3 at the door.

Community sponsors include: MSU's Office of Enrollment Services, Jim Day's Resale Bakery, Stucky's, Oceanwave Tanning, LA Nails, Holbrook's Embroidery, Ann's Hair & Body Studio, CiCi's Pizza, Root-A-baker's, Great Clips Salon & Spa, La Finca, E-Campus and Slone's Market.

Additional information is available by e-mailing Ashleigh Sidles at msucmla@yahoo.com.

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2008 FEA Regional Conference held on campus

Morehead State University's Teacher Recruitment Program and the Future Teacher Corps hosted Future Educators Association (FEA) Regional Conference on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

High school FEA students interested in teaching as a career attended the free conference, sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Education, to learn about careers in education.

Nearly 400 students participated in learning and social activities in which they interacted with honored educators, MSU faculty, staff, and students, learned teaching skills, and took a glimpse at issues surrounding education.

Students also participated in five competitions, including Banner, Essay, Impromptu Speech, Scrapbook, and T-shirt.

Representatives at this year's conference included: Jennifer Miller, Kentucky Department of Education; Jeffrey Wright, 2006 Teacher of the Year; Jennifer Stewart, Bracken County High School; Dr. Cathy Gunn, dean of the College of Education; Drs. Robert Boram, Roger Cleveland, Kevin Jones; and Sharon Benton.

Winners in the various categories included:

Banner: first place, Fleming County High School; second place, Greenup County High School; and third place, Elliott County High School.

Essay: first place, Kristi Potter, Menifee County High School; second place, Brooke Walters, Pike County Central High School; and third place, Olivia Thomas, East Carter High School.

Impromptu Speech: first place, Whitley Hill, East Carter High School; second place, James C. Woodard, Menifee County High School; and third place, Susan Ahmadi, Rowan County Senior High School, and Jonathan Hurt, Pike County Central High School.

Scrapbook: first place, Menifee County High School; second place, Elliott County High School; and third place, West Carter High School.

T-shirt Design: first place, Menifee County High School; second place, Pike County Central High School; and third place, Madison Central High School.

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CE offering EMT, Pharmacy Technician Certification programs

Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education is currently offering Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and a Pharmacy Technician Certification programs for those interested in comprehensive courses.

The EMT program meets on Fridays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. through Feb. 6 in 305 Allie Young Hall on the MSU campus. The fee for the course is \$1,599.

Emergency Medical Technicians provide vital services to those that require immediate medical attention. The technicians then must transport the sick or injured to a medical facility.

The 146-hour EMT training course focuses on following proper medical protocols and guidelines, providing appropriate emergency care and transporting the patient. All emergency treatment is carried out under the medical direction of physicians.

Two sections of the Pharmacy Technician Certification Program are also being offered. One section now underway meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m. in 31 Allie Young Hall.

The second section of the pharmacy technician program is currently underway in Maysville. The course meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 until 9 p.m. at the Housing Authority of Maysville, in the Amo Peters Building.

The fee for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Program is \$999. This comprehensive course will prepare students to enter the pharmacy field and to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's PTCB national exam.

Course content includes medical terminology specific to the pharmacy, reading and interpreting prescriptions and defining drugs by generic and brand names. Students will learn dosage calculations, IV flow rates, drug compounding, dose conversions, dispensing of prescriptions, inventory control and billing and reimbursement.

Information on registering for these or other courses is available by calling MSU's Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875 or by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/oce .
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2008 Student intern of the year award winner

Six Morehead State University students were nominated for the 2008 Student Intern of the Year award by the MSU Alumni Association Inc. and MSU Career Services. Pictured, from left, are winner Joshua Mullins, for his internship with the Perry County Cooperative Extension Service; nominee Michelle Staley, intern with Guardian Automotive Trim Inc; MSU Vice President for University Advancement James A. Shaw; nominee Deepanishanthara Ramanayake, intern with Natural Bridge Technologies SAP Basis; and nominee Daiquiri Adkins, intern with Quest Advocacy and IMG Associations. Not pictured are nominees Heather Butt, intern with KPMG Audit; and Brad McLean, intern with the Department of Homeland Security through the Washington Center. More information is available by calling Career Services at (606) 783-2233.

2008 Internship employer of the year award winner

Jaime Liebert of the Cintas Corporation was named 2008 Internship Employer of the Year by the MSU Alumni Association Inc. and MSU Career Services. Pictured, from left, is Liebert, receiving the award from MSU Vice President for University Advancement James A. Shaw. More information is available by calling Career Services at (606) 783-2233.

2008 Homecoming Queen, King crowned

Yvette DeLaGuardia of Florence, and David Goldman of Maysville, were named Morehead State University's 2008 Homecoming Queen and King Saturday.

DeLaGuardia is the daughter of Federico DeLaGuardia and Francis Battista. An English major, she is involved with Student Support Services and the member educator of Chi Omega sorority. She was sponsored by Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Goldman is the son of Drs. Arnold and Rita Goldman. A philosophy and legal studies major, he is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, the Paralegal Club, the Pre-Law Society, the MSU club soccer team and the Philosophy Club. He was sponsored by Kappa Delta sorority.

The announcement of the Homecoming Court was made during halftime ceremonies of the football game Saturday, Oct 18.

Among the nominees for the Homecoming queen were:

Cagney Bellinger of Lexington; Sara Dean of Erie, Pa.; Kim Defluiter of Dublin, Ohio; April Fannin of Grayson; Jamie Fay of Dry Ridge; Anna Johnson of Jackson; Beth Millard of Kennewick, Wash.; Rachel Nicole Miller of Pikeville; and Dustin Withrow of Grayson.

Nominees for Homecoming King were:

Jason Allen of Morehead; Chad Butt of Cincinnati; Nick Davidson of Beavercreek, Ohio; Marcus Hundley of La Grange; Tom Sexton of Whitesburg; Lee Sharp of Hamilton, Ohio; Justin Smallwood of Pikeville; Maze Stallworth of Elizabethtown; and Kyle Yarawsky of Burlington.

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MSPR to host CAB meeting Nov. 2

The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Sunday, Nov. 2, 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. MSPR serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available on MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com or from Paul Hitchcock, MSPR's general manager, by e-mail at wmky@moreheadstate.edu or by telephone to (606) 783-2001.
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Dr. Kraut to lecture, perform Oct. 24

Dr. Robert Kraut, professor of philosophy at The Ohio State University, will present a lecture titled "Playing and Saying: The Language of Jazz Performance" on Friday, Oct. 24, at 4p.m. in 405 Combs Building on the Morehead State University campus.

Dr. Kraut, the author of "Artworld Metaphysics" also is the lead guitarist of the Tony Monaco Trio, a jazz band that will perform that evening in the Duncan Recital Hall at 8 p.m.

Both events are free and open to the public.

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CE to offer crochet class

Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education has a program that makes it easy to learn how to crochet.

Crochet is the process of making fabric or lace using yarn and a hook. In this introduction to the art of crocheting, the beginner will learn the basic stitch techniques and how to read a crochet pattern.

During this eight-week course, each participant will complete a scarf. Possibly other projects may be completed as time and student skill level allow. Participants will need to purchase their own yarns and a crochet hooks. Patterns will be supplied. Class size is limited to eight.

General topics to be covered include: materials, equipment, abbreviations and reading patterns, slip knot and chain stitch, slip stitch, single crochet, half-double crochet, double crochet, triple crochet and finishing techniques.

The class will be held from Thursday, Oct. 23 through Dec. 18 in 305 Allie Young Hall. The class is from 5 -6 p.m. Fee for the class is \$49 and class size is limited to eight.

Preregistration and payment is needed prior to class. The instructor is Jean Jones.

For more information or a detailed list of materials, contact her at jeanjones@roadrunner.com .
To enroll, call (606) 783-2875. A customer service representative will gladly assist you with registration, directions, or other questions you may have regarding the 6,000+ courses now available through MSU's Office of Continuing Education. Visit online at www.moreheadstate.edu/occe .
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National Chemistry Week to be observed at MSU

Morehead State University's student affiliates of the American Chemical Society will celebrate National Chemistry Week, Oct. 19-25. "Having a Ball with Chemistry!" is this year's theme.

The club will accept donations to the American Cancer Society all week. Donations may be made in person at one of the events or sent through campus mail (checks made payable to "American Cancer Society") to Dr. Mark Blankenbuehler, 425F Lappin Hall. Any size donation is appreciated.

On Tuesday Oct. 21, the club will be at Lakeside Christian Academy to conduct chemistry demonstrations for elementary and middle school classes.

For Wednesday, Oct. 22, the group - in conjunction with "Geodogs" - will sell Periodic Cupcakes from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Come by and take a bite out of your favorite (or most despised) element. Buy multiple elements and make your own compounds.

On Thursday, Oct. 23, is "Mole Day" in honor of the mole unit in science corresponding to 6.022×10^{23} atoms or molecules. Lappin Hall social starts at 6:02 p.m. Food will be provided. Also on Thursday watch out for random nanomoles around campus. You might just get "moled"!

To round out the week, on Friday, Oct. 24, the club will host a "Pie-your-chem-professor" fundraiser and conduct the Soap Eruption demonstration at Lappin Lawn from 12:30-1 p.m. MSU chemistry faculty are eligible to get a pie-in-the-face. Dr. Herbert C. Hedgecock, assistant professor of chemistry, can be "pied" for \$5.

Other faculty can be "pied" by purchasing a raffle ticket for \$1 from the chemistry club.

You must be present to redeem your winning ticket on Friday. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

For additional information, contact Brandon Runyon, SAACS president, at rbrun01@moreheadstate.edu or Dr. Mark Blankenbuehler, SAACS faculty adviser and associate professor of chemistry, at m.blanken@moreheadstate.edu or call (606) 783-2915.

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MSU receives \$319,000 from U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-KY, has included \$319,000 in the new federal budget for Morehead State University to help improve Kentucky's height modernization infrastructure and development.

The funds will support MSU and its various partners to continue to strengthen Kentucky's "Height Modernization" program. Height modernization is a program within NOAA's National Geodetic Survey (NGS) that provides accurate height information by integrating Global Positioning System (GPS) technology with existing survey techniques. It is an important tool for community planning, flood plain mapping, mine remediation, and highway planning, design and construction.

MSU will partner on the project with partners such as the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Kentucky GIS Office, NOAA National Geodetic Survey Office, and the University of Kentucky.

Congressman Rogers works to secure funding for projects throughout Southern and Eastern Kentucky in his role as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee.

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Loan options for small business owners workshop in West Liberty

Morehead State University at West Liberty's Small Business Development Center and Mountain Association for Economic Development (MACED) are sponsoring a presentation titled "Bank on It" on Thursday, Nov. 6.

The free workshop provides an overview of the various traditional and nontraditional lending options available to small businesses, as well as offer helpful insight to what is needed when applying for funding, what lenders are looking for and the important formulas to be aware of when considering funding.

"Bank on It", which begins at 5:30 p.m., will be held in Room 318 of the Regional Enterprise Center, 151 University Drive, West Liberty.

Those interested in attending may register by calling the West Liberty SBDC at (606) 743-4005 or online at www.ksbdc.org.

This event is one of many provided by Morehead State University's Small Business Development Centers. For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the MSU SBDC Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc.

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

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President Andrews named to higher education task force

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews has been named to the President's Advisory Committee of Gov. Steve Beshear's Higher Education Work Group.

Gov. Beshear announced the formation of the Higher Education Work Group and signed an Executive Order authorizing its creation Tuesday during a press conference at the State Capitol in Frankfort.

"I am pleased to accept the governor's appointment to this important committee," Dr. Andrews said. "Access to college is a vital issue in this state and we must find new ways to enroll more Kentuckians of all ages."

The work group is a broad-based, bi-partisan group composed of business leaders, higher education policy experts, key legislators and senior administration officials.

"It's my belief that no person in this state with the drive and ability to succeed should be denied access to a college education because he or she can't afford it," Gov. Beshear said. "Yet because of cost, the door of opportunity is closed or beyond reach for too many of our children."

Gov. Beshear said the Higher Education Work Group will be co-chaired by business leaders Mira Ball of Lexington and Pete Mahurin of Bowling Green.

Dr. Andrews' committee will be asked to provide guidance, suggestions and ideas to the work group.

The group will be tasked with producing two reports with recommendations for Gov. Beshear. The first, due in January 2009, will among other things look at ways to reduce costs associated with college.

"We can't be content with baby steps when other places are taking giant strides, not when we're trying to compete with these states in the global marketplace," Gov. Beshear said. "Rather, we must pursue new solutions to old challenges. We need dramatic and focused strategies that lead to transformational and enduring change. Today, in the critical area of building tomorrow's workforce, we begin our important work."

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Howard named distance instruction librarian

Clay Howard has been named distance instruction librarian at Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library.

The Distance Instruction Librarian provides instruction to the university's regional campuses and distance learning students. He serves as a liaison to the regional campus libraries, local public libraries and community college libraries in the area.

Howard received his bachelor's degree from Centre College and a law degree from the University of Louisville. He earned his M.S. degree in library science in 2007 from the University of Kentucky.

Howard has worked in academic libraries in special collections and reference services. He has instructed courses for the government and paralegal studies programs at MSU.

In addition to his work with regional campuses and distance learning, Howard also will serve as the liaison to the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science and the Department of Information Systems.

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Still time to register for 15th annual MPATE Day

High school students who excel in math and science will converge at Morehead State University on Wednesday, Nov. 12, for the 15th annual Math, Physics and Technology Exploration Day.

Juniors and seniors who have demonstrated strength in mathematics, physics and other disciplines will gather at MSU for a day of competition and fun with students from other schools, as they explore the world of science.

Participants will be divided into groups from various school districts, to allow the team members to get to know MPATE students from other schools.

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

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

Each of the different activities is scored, and the team with the highest score at the end of the day's events will be declared the winner. Following the competitive portion of the day, a luncheon and awards ceremony will be held.

Dr. O'Brien said more than 500 students from MSU's service region and beyond are expected to participate in MPATE Day this year.

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

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MSU receives \$210,250 grant from NSF

Several Morehead State University faculty have been awarded a planning grant from the National Science Foundation.

"Enhancement of Science Education in Northeastern Kentucky" is a two-year grant in the amount of \$210,250. Its purpose is to work with regional school districts to develop a partnership and instructional strategies that enhance science education at the elementary and middle school level, specifically for students in grades 5-8.

MSU faculty involved include: Dr. Douglas Dennis, chair of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences; Dr. Carol Wymer, associate professor of biology; Jen O'Keefe and Elizabeth Roland, assistant professors of science; and Dr. Lesia Lennex, associate professor of education.

Rowan County will be the lead school district. Others involved are Bath, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Lawrence, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan and Wolfe counties.

The grant will include the partnership between the MSU faculty, led by Dr. Wymer, along with other colleges and schools, including administrators from Ashland, Maysville and Big Sandy community and technical colleges, elementary and middle school teachers and administrators from participating school districts.

Partnership strategies include documenting the educational needs of students in the region, and developing instructional units that can be directly implemented by classroom teachers.

At the conclusion of the grant, the partnership will apply for a larger grant to fund the implementation of the developed strategies.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Wymer at (606) 783-2956.

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Haunted Trail opens Oct. 28

Morehead State University's Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Delta Zeta sorority will sponsor a special event just in time for Halloween.

The Haunted Trail will open on Tuesday, Oct. 28, and will run through Friday, Oct. 31. The trail will be located at the Rodburn Hollow Park.

Open for visitors brave enough to venture through, the trail will be available beginning at dusk and open until midnight each night.

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for MSU students and \$2 for children ages 10 and under.

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Two Chinese scholars visit Morehead State University

Two Chinese scholars from Guangxi University are visiting the Morehead State University campus for the 2008-09 school year. Pictured, from left, are Tom McAlister, graduate assistant for the Office of International Education; Dr. Sam Faulkner, interim director of the Office of International Education; and Hong Wu and Fang Wang from the College of Foreign Languages at Guangxi University in Nanning, China. Both professors are teaching a class in conversational Chinese to Rowan County Middle School students. They also are offering an Introduction to Chinese class to MSU students. The two visiting professors from Guangxi University are at MSU as part of an on-going exchange program. More information on the visiting scholars or on the Office of International Education is available (606) 783-2096.

World Trade Center survivor to speak Oct. 28

World Trade Center survivor Sujo John will speak at Morehead State University's Button Auditorium on Tuesday, Oct. 28. The event, sponsored by Morehead State Campus Crusade for Christ, will begin at 8 p.m.

John was on the 81st floor of Tower I when the first airliner exploded into flames just above his office. John, whose pregnant wife's office was in Tower II, will recount the details of the incredible events he witnessed during his narrow escape.

His inspiring story has been covered in the New York Times, the BBC, and the London Times, The 700 Club, TBN, Billy Graham specials and other national and international media.

John has spoken nationwide and around the world to thousands since Sept. 11, 2001. For more information, visit www.sujojohn.com.

Information about the local event is available from Rich Duffield at (859) 285-0290 or e-mail rich.duffield@uscm.org.

Posted: 10-23-08

PR Boot Camp to be held at MSU

Morehead State University will host a "Public Relations Boot Camp" for nonprofit organizations in the Adron Doran University Center, Friday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There is no cost to attend but reservations are required. Space is limited to 50 participants.

The workshop will explore developing a systematic public relations plan to build community relations, maintain a positive image, educate the public and raise funds. Participants will learn to: 1) write news releases, fact sheets and backgrounders that editors want to publish; 2) supplement written text with photographs to create a positive image; and 3) build positive relationships with the media to increase press coverage.

Dr. Janet Rice McCoy, assistant professor of advertising and public relations, will teach and organize the event. She has more than 20 years of experience as a project coordinator, event planner, newsletter editor, grant writer, technical writer, and trainer before returning to the university to teach. Dr. McCoy also has worked in the government and for-profit arenas but her passion is serving nonprofit organizations.

Dr. Jeanette L. Drake, associate professor of public relations at Kent State University, will co-teach the sessions. Dr. Drake has served as president of the Akron area and Northwest Ohio chapters of the Public Relations Society of America. In 2008, at the national level, she was one of 19 elected to the organization's prestigious College of Fellows.

The workshop is supported by MSU's Department of Communication and Theatre and a grant from the Center for Regional Engagement. Each participant will receive a workbook and each organization will get a copy of "The PR Style Guide."

A continental breakfast and box lunch will be provided at no charge.

Additional information is available from Dr. McCoy at (606) 783-2603 or j.mccoy@moreheadstate.edu.

Posted: 10-24-08

Teacher Recruitment Program receives \$220,000 KDE grant

Morehead State University's Teacher Recruitment Program has received a \$220,000 grant from the Kentucky Department of Education for funding of the Minority Educator Recruitment and Retention Scholarship program.

The Minority Educator Recruitment and Retention Scholarship provides financial assistance for minority students pursuing an education degree. Students receiving the award must be a Kentucky resident, a full-time student at MSU, and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

The scholarship has a value of up to \$5,000 per year for four years.

Students, who did not achieve the required ACT composite score of 21 to be admitted to the MSU Teacher Education Program, can receive free ACT prep tutoring in all four content areas.

Applicants also are encouraged to attend professional development seminars and educational conferences and can work closely with the Teacher Recruitment Program staff.

Additional information on the scholarship and the teacher recruitment programs is available by calling Joan Callaham, teacher recruitment coordinator, at (606) 783-9446.

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Students with disabilities to meet Oct. 28

Morehead State University's students with disabilities, an informal group, will meet Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the Eagle Dining Room, third floor of the Adron Doran University Center.

Light refreshments will be served.

The group is open exclusively to students registered with Disabilities Services to provide an opportunity for students to meet and share common experiences.

The Disability Services office facilitates equal access to MSU's programs, activities and services in accordance with federal and state regulations and university policies. The office applies eligibility guidelines and coordinates the delivery of appropriate accommodations to students with disabilities while promoting greater awareness of disability issues in the larger campus community.

Inquiries about the group and other services are available by calling Evangeline Day, disability services coordinator, at (606) 783-5188.

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Halloween Film Night set for Monday

The Morehead State University Film Committee's annual Halloween Film Night will present Brian de Palma's "Carrie" on Monday, Oct. 27, at 8 p.m. at Chakeres University Cinema on Main Street.

MSU's Arts and Humanities Council and the Film Committee are sponsoring the event. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the movie is free and open to the public.

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

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Beaven named instruction and outreach librarian

Helen Beaven has been named instruction and outreach librarian at Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library.

Beaven received a bachelor's degree in English from Transylvania University. She earned a master's degree in secondary English education and a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Kentucky.

In her new position at MSU, Beaven will plan, deliver and assess library instruction and services. The instruction and outreach librarian develops outreach programs to promote library use, publicize library activities and resources and seeks financial support through grants and other opportunities.

Beaven has worked with the Learning Resource Center at the Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington and in the Library and Information Science Division at the University of Kentucky. She has also worked as a teacher and tutor.

Beaven is a member of the Kentucky Library Association, the Kentucky Council for Teachers of English and the National Council for Teachers of English. She has volunteered her time with the Alpha Omicron Pi AAC at Transylvania University.

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Registration for the spring semester set for Nov. 10-14

With the fall semester already at its midpoint, it's time to prepare for registration for the Spring 2009 term at Morehead State University.

Morehead State's spring semester classes begin Jan. 12, and registration will be available online Monday through Friday, Nov. 10-14, on MSU's Web site (www.moreheadstate.edu). Students may view course offerings and complete the registration process through the Datatel WebAdvisor.

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

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

Current students will register each day according to the established schedule. Graduate and postbaccalaureate students will begin the registration process on Monday, Nov. 10. Seniors, postbaccalaureates and graduate students can register on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Juniors, seniors, postbaccalaureates and graduate students can sign up for classes on Wednesday, Nov. 12. Sophomores, juniors, seniors, postbaccalaureates and graduate students can register on Thursday, Nov. 13. Freshmen and new transfer students will register on Friday, Nov. 14.

Students also will be able to view and pay their bill online via WebAdvisor. Those who are registered for the spring semester will receive monthly e-billing statements via their assigned MSU e-mail account. It is important for students to check their MSU e-mail account on a regular basis. Account balances are due in full one week prior to the start of classes, Jan. 5 for the spring term.

Although MSU does not offer 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 statement must be completed by Jan. 5 to prevent a student's class schedule from being cancelled. This also applies to any student who receives financial aid or scholarships, or whose college expenses are being paid by an outside agency.

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

Textbooks for the classes are available at 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 the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000, or the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008.

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STLP Showcase set for Nov. 19

Morehead State University will host the Student Technology Leadership Program's Regional Showcase on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

The showcase, sponsored by MSU's College of Education and College of Science and Technology, will run from 10 a.m. until noon in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center. Members of the community are invited to attend.

More than 600 students from 14 school districts will come to the campus to demonstrate instructional, entrepreneurial, training, technical support and community service projects. MSU students will be involved as facilitators, judges and presenters.

Additional information, or to register as a volunteer, is available from Dr. Sara Lindsey, assistant professor of education, by calling (606) 783-2837 or by e-mail at s.lindsey@moreheadstate.edu.

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'Appalachia: Yesterday and Today' will feature Jeff Biggers

Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) and Appalachian Heritage Program has announced the next installment of the speakers series "Appalachia: Yesterday and Today" will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Acclaimed author Jeff Biggers will discuss his book "United States of Appalachia: How Southern Mountaineers Brought Independence, Culture and Enlightenment to America."

Biggers' work examines how Appalachia and the region's people, despite the popular mythology, have been at the forefront of some of America's most important social, political, and cultural achievements.

He has worked as a writer, educator, radio correspondent, and community organizer across the United States, Europe, India and Mexico. His award-winning stories have appeared on NPR, PRI, and in scores of travel, literary and music magazines, and national and foreign newspapers.

"We're very excited to have Jeff Biggers back in Morehead," said Dr. John Hennen, MSU history professor. "His work on Appalachia stands as a testimony against the misconceptions about the region held by many in other parts of the country. This should be an enlightening evening and an interesting discussion."

A commentator on National Public Radio's Morning Edition and for Pacific News Service national syndication, Biggers is the author of "In the Sierra Madre" and "The United States of Appalachia." He has received numerous honors, including an American Book Award, a Lowell Thomas Award for Travel Journalism, a Field Foundation Fellowship and an Illinois Arts Council Fellowship.

"We're thrilled to have a writer of his quality visit KFAC," said Matt Collinsworth, director. "This is a unique opportunity for anyone in the region who's interested in the ideas of regional identity and the mythology that surrounds Appalachia or for anyone who simply loves good writing."

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

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Retirees plan November events

Two field trips for the Morehead State University's Retiree Association are planned for Thursday, Nov. 13. Retirees, both staff and faculty, will have an opportunity to tour the Lexington Herald-Leader's plant as well as the Jiff Factory with lunch at the Calistoga Cafe.

Transportation will be provided with vans leaving the gravel parking across from the Academic-Athletic Center at 8:30 a.m. The \$8 per person cost of the trip does not include the lunch. The reservation deadline is Nov. 6.

"We think this trip will be both entertaining and informative to our members," said Dr. Kent Freeland, president of the association. "The board members and I hope that you will join us for this event," he added.

Reservations may be made as well as additional information obtained by calling Tami Jones, director of alumni and constituent relations, at (606) 783-2080.

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SGA sponsoring Cans Across Campus

There will be a Cans Across Campus event on Thursday, Oct. 30, in the parking lot next to the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead State University campus.

The event is part of the Students Against Apathy week, sponsored by the MSU Student Government Association. Members of campus organizations are asked to team up and donate as many cans of nonperishable food as possible from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

All collected cans will be donated to Christian Social Services in Morehead. The organization who turns in the most cans will receive a \$100 prize.

Information is available by calling Jessica Hall, SGA vice president for public relations, at (606) 783-2298 or by e-mail at jdhall03@gmail.com.

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Kentucky Space to have satellite on NASA mission

Kentucky Space on Tuesday announced that its first orbital satellite, KySat-1, has been selected by NASA to fly on a mission projected for launch in mid-2009.

"The launch opportunity for KySat-1 is an incredible opportunity," said Dr. Ben Malphrus, Morehead State University professor of space science and director of the Space Science Center. "Its success will give our program viability and excite the next generation of students coming to MSU to study space science."

The selection of KySat-1 comes after a rigorous national review process by the NASA Launch Services Program of the Flight Projects Office at Kennedy Space Center. Satellites from the University of Colorado and Montana State University also were chosen for the mission.

"This highly innovative Kentucky effort is the epitome of the talent that lies within our state," said Gov. Steve Beshear. "The Commonwealth has been, and will continue to be, aggressive in its pursuit of technological and knowledge-driven economic opportunities."

KySat-1, the first satellite ever built in Kentucky, is a cube shaped pico-class satellite powered by solar energy, weighs 1 kg and measures 10cm on a side. Once KySat's on-board computers confirm its release into orbit, Kentucky Space ground controllers in Kentucky will operate the satellite for the duration of its expected 18-24 month mission. After proper operation is confirmed, KySat-1 will be made available to K-12 students throughout Kentucky, and the world, to allow them to issue select commands to the satellite and download the data received.

Kentucky has invested approximately \$850,000 over the last three years on this research and development of this project.

KySat is a joint enterprise involving public organizations, colleges, universities and private companies in a student-led initiative for the design, launch and on-orbit operation of small satellites to promote science, technology, engineering, innovation and education.

In addition to MSU, its members are: the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University, Murray State University, the Kentucky Space Grant Consortium, Belcan, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (managing partner), and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

The KySat team includes students, faculty, and staff from the six participating university systems. MSU team members are: Dr. Malphrus, Jeff Kruth, space science antenna engineer; Michael Combs, telescope operations engineer; and students Jason Smathers of Mt. Sterling; Jessamyn Delgado of Bardwell; Jennifer Carter of Olive Hill; Marc Beck of Owensboro and Badsoden, Germany; and Prabhakara Rao Eluru of Visakhapatnam, India. A historic first for the program and for Kentucky, this is the first time NASA will launch university built satellites into orbit.

The recommendations made by the launch panel and the NASA Flight Projects Office are being forwarded to NASA Headquarters for final approval and designation of the primary NASA mission. This announcement is expected as soon as December. The KYSat-1 team has been asked to be prepared for a June 2009 launch.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Dr. Malphrus at (606) 783-2212 or visit www.kentuckyspace.com .

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Wellness Center to host sessions on Weight Management Program

Morehead State University's Wellness Center has announced two free informational sessions for the Health Management Resources Program on Weight Management.

Informational sessions on the HMR Program will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 3 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 6, at 5 p.m. at the Wellness Center.

The program has a variety of diet options for participants and is open to anyone wishing to lose 10 to more than 200 pounds. The HMR Program is offered through the St. Claire Regional Outpatient Center.

The Wellness Center also has set its hours for upcoming November holidays. The Wellness Center will be open on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4, from 6 a.m.-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.

For the Thanksgiving break, the center will be open on Wednesday, Nov. 26, from 8 a.m.-noon. The facility will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28. On Saturday, Nov. 29, the Wellness Center will open from 4-9 p.m.

Additional information on the HMR Program on Weight Management and the MSU Wellness Center is available by calling (606) 783-2083.

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Students captured NATS awards

Three Morehead State University students were winners at the Kentucky Chapter Auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing held Oct. 17-18 at Murray State University.

They competed against 200 university students from all over the state.

Dustin Stevens of Morehead won first place in the junior men category while William Murphy of Hawesville finished second. Both are vocal performance majors. Kelsie Witham, a music education major from Shelbyville, won third place in the freshman women category.

All three study voice with Dr. Roma Prindle, associate professor of voice.

The National Association of Teachers of Singing is the largest association of teachers of singing in the world. It includes voice teachers from every U. S. state, Canadian province, and from more than 20 countries.

The mission of NATS is "to encourage the highest standards of the vocal art and of ethical principles in the teaching of singing; and to promote vocal education and research at all levels, both for the enrichment of the general public and for the professional advancement of the talented."

Dr. Roma Prindle holds a national office, governor of the Mid-South Region, in the organization.

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Battle of the Bands slated for Nov. 12

The annual Battle of the Bands competition will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 12, in Button Auditorium on the campus of Morehead State University.

The Kentucky Zeta chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at MSU will sponsor this philanthropic event. Bands of all genres are invited to participate in the competition. The entry fee is \$75.

Each band will have 10 minutes to showcase their talents. The first place prize is a \$500 cash prize. Second place is \$200 and third place will receive \$75.

The event will be hosted by Jenny Frazier, MSU online enrollment services counselor, and Jeffrey Liles, assistant vice president for enrollment services.

Advance tickets are \$3 and available for purchase at the Adron Doran University Center front desk. Tickets also will be available for \$5 at the door. Event T-shirts will be sold the night of the event.

All proceeds from the annual Battle of the Bands will benefit the YouthAIDS Foundation, an organization that uses education and prevention programs to impact the lives of more than 60 million children per year in more than 60 countries.

Details and registration information is available by contacting Ben Stewart at (513) 520-1751 or by e-mail at brstew02@moreheadstate.edu .

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Put Down Your Suitcase events scheduled

Morehead State University's Office of Student Activities encourages students to put the suitcase down during the month of November as a variety of weekend activities have been planned.

On Saturday, Nov. 8, a Hot Chocolate Soul: Love Jones Poetry Slam will be held in the Commonwealth Room of the Adron Doran University Center. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and free hot chocolate will be served. Those wishing to perform at the open mic poetry slam should e-mail Terri Roberts, student activities coordinator, at t.roberts@moreheadstate.edu .

On Friday, Nov. 14, the MSU Student Government Association and Sigma Gamma Rho sorority will host the Blue & Gold Ball. The event will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight in the Crager Room on the third floor of ADUC. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Jason "Porkchop" Allen will host the Comedy Explosion on Saturday, Nov. 15. The show will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the auditorium of Reed Hall.

Students are invited to enjoy their favorite childhood games at Be a Kid Game Night on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. in the lobby of ADUC. A variety of classic and popular new board games and activities will be featured.

Students are invited to enjoy Free Friday Movies every Friday at the University Cinema on Main Street in downtown Morehead. Students are admitted free on Friday evenings with their valid EagleCard.

A variety of athletic events are available during the month. A full schedule is available at www.msueagles.com .

Questions about or suggestions concerning Put the Suitcase Down weekend activities can be e-mailed to weekendfun@moreheadstate.edu .

Additional information on Put the Suitcase Down weekend activities is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/activities ; or by calling (606) 783-2810.

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MSUPD to conduct checkpoints

Morehead State University's Police Department will be conducting traffic safety checkpoints now through the New Year's holiday in an effort to make the roads safer. The checkpoints will take place at various times of the day and night.

"We want to do our part to help keep our community safe as students, faculty and staff, and visitors travel to campus," said MSU Police Chief Matt Sparks.

The checkpoints will focus on reducing the contributing factors involved in vehicle crashes such as impaired drivers, failure to wear seat belts and other traffic violations.

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

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Documentary Film Series to be held Nov. 11

Morehead State University's Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology will host the next installment of the Documentary Film Series on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The film, "In Pot We Trust," produced by the Showtime network, will be shown at 5 p.m. in 222 Rader Hall on the MSU campus. Light refreshments will be served.

This feature-length documentary profiles five patients who have been prescribed medical marijuana as a treatment for various chronic illnesses. The film includes interviews with many advocates and opponents of the legalization of marijuana for medical use.

Additional information is available by contacting Heather Kindell, assistant professor of sociology, at (606) 783-2441 or by e-mail ath.kindell@moreheadstate.edu.

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Organic club started

A group of dedicated Morehead State University students has started a club to spread the word about the benefits of gardening organically.

The group, Organic MSU, met officially for the first time in late August and defined three major goals for their project. They hope to learn more about different methods of organic food production and adapt those methods to the local climate. The group hopes to prove the gains possible from using organic methods and will demonstrate this to the community.

"Organic gardening, and more specifically, local, integrated organic gardening, holds the key to many benefits for the community," said Ezra Dike, a sophomore from Wellington, who is organizing the group. "The products produced are better nutritionally for the consumer and contain no chemical residue," he said.

Organic MSU contacted Clayton Perkins, who agreed to allow the organic gardening club the use of his land adjacent to the recycling center. This location near the Morehead City Park is within walking distance of the MSU campus and allows members of Organic MSU convenient access to their gardening plot.

Easy, visible access is important to Organic MSU. "We are fostering a sense of community merely by shifting the focus from plastic wrapped containers shipped from California to that garden down the street," says Dike.

The members of Organic MSU would like to build on their project to one day evolve into a permanent educational center stressing sustainability and the positive impact of organic gardening. "Organic gardening methods will produce natural, more nutritious food from a responsible and accountable source," says Dike.

More information on Organic MSU is available by e-mailing organicmsu@yahoo.com or visiting www.organicmsu.blogspot.com.

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MSU takes over Innovation Center

The Paintsville Area Innovation Center, located in the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center (KHEC) is now under new direction. The Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development - Department of Commercialization and Innovation - recently awarded a contract to Morehead State University's College of Business to operate the Innovation Center.

The KHEC is a mixed-use small business incubator owned by the City of Paintsville and which opened in 2004. The facility was built with a combination of state, federal and local funding and offering a comprehensive program of value added services to help entrepreneurs create, attract, expand and retain regional job opportunities. With a multi-county vision, the Area Innovation Center and the KHEC serves Johnson, Floyd, Knott, Letcher, Martin, Magoffin, Perry and Pike counties and will continue its focus on helping Kentucky entrepreneurs, scientists, and engineers perfect their business strategies and build successful high-performance businesses.

Paintsville Mayor Bob Porter, a KHEC advisory board member, worked with other City Council members, advisory board members and MSU officials to transition the Innovation Center to MSU's College of Business following the Big Sandy Community and Technical College's (BSCTC) decision to realign its economic development resources.

"Faced with significant budget cuts last year and this year, we decided to focus more on workforce development and training," said Bobby McCool, BSCTC's chief institutional officer. "The College will continue to provide the telecommunications and technology support to the Center and we are pleased that the operational partnership now includes Morehead State University."

"We are extremely grateful to the leadership and financial resources that President Edwards, his staff and the BSCTC has provided the Innovation Center and KHEC since the beginning. Without their leadership we would not have had the success we have had in bringing new opportunities to our community," Porter said.

KHEC Advisory Board Chairperson Mark McKenzie praised the college's past and continuing support.

"I can't say enough good things about the college and the leadership they have provided and are most appreciative of their continued involvement in the new partnership."

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews applauded the community's early vision and leadership in building the entrepreneur center and bringing the state supported innovation and commercialization program to the community.

"We are excited about MSU's new opportunity to serve Johnson and surrounding counties. Regional outreach has always been at the heart of MSU's mission and economic and community growth is more important than ever in our new global society. We look forward to a successful continuation of the Innovation Center program at the Entrepreneur Center and the partnership with the City and BSCTC," said Dr. Andrews.

The Paintsville Area Innovation Center (IC) becomes the second IC operated by the MSU College of Business. The MSU Regional Enterprise Center in West Liberty has been the host to the West Liberty Area IC since 2004.

Johnathan Gay is its director and has been meeting with Paintsville area clients at the KHEC until the new IC director can be hired. MSU expects to have the new director by Jan. 1.

If you have a technology or innovation based business or even an idea for one, or if you have an interest in locating your new or expanded business in the Paintsville KHEC business incubator, call (606) 788-6000 for an appointment. You also may qualify for grant funds from Kentucky's Rural Innovation Fund in regard to a new business. The MSU Small Business Development Center and Mountain Association for Community and Economic Development also are located at the KHEC.

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Dr. Perkins named Art Educator of the Year

Morehead State University's Dr. Emma Gillespie Perkins, associate professor of art, was named 2008 Kentucky Art Educator of the Year during the Fall 2008 KyAEA State Conference.

The Kentucky Art Educator is presented by the Kentucky Art Education Association (KyAEA) to individuals who significantly contribute to the organization, the discipline of art education and to art education in Kentucky.

A long term KYAEA board member, Dr. Perkins' service includes KAEA president, a Kentucky delegate to the NAEA delegates assembly, current divisional director of the KyAEA Burley Coal Region (MSU service region), MSU's KyAEA High School Art Day, coordinator of two state conferences and multiple professional development events for art educators.

Dr. Perkins is active on a national level as an author in several NAEA publications and in the past five years has delivered more than 22 presentations for state and national art educators. She also is a board member of the Kentucky Alliance of Arts Educators, the Kentucky Department of Education Arts Advisory Committee, and the Kentucky Folk Art Center "Friends" advisory group.

She will advance to the National Art Education Association competition for Art Educator of the Year for 2009.

The KyAEA is an affiliate of the National Art Education Association (NAEA). The NAEA, headquarter in Reston, Va., includes more than 22,000 of the nation's art teachers, art supervisors and museum educators.

The mission of the Kentucky Art Education Association (KyAEA) is to advance art education through professional development, service, advancement of knowledge and leadership. The KyAEA, established in 1945, is a nonprofit, all volunteer, non-salary art educational organization with its own constitution and elected board of directors. Members are comprised of active and retired P-12 teachers, art advocates, and higher education art students and educators statewide.

Each year, members gather to participate in a two-day convention for sharing and professional development; smaller regional professional development meetings are presented throughout the school year. The organization also sponsors special shows for students within the state to compete and exhibit artwork, provides an ongoing mini-grant opportunity for its members, and supports its student chapter members.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Perkins at (606) 783-2548.

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Dr. Decker, Little win KLA awards

Morehead State University's Dr. Mattie Decker and Jennifer Little were recently presented the 2008 Kentucky Libraries Award.

Dr. Decker, MSU associate professor of education, and Little, user services librarian at the Camden-Carroll Library, received the award at the recent Kentucky Library Association annual conference in Louisville. The KLA produces the journal "Kentucky Libraries" and the award is chosen from all articles published in the journal in 2007.

The article, "EDEE Award: An Academic Library Honors Student Achievement - A Collaborative Case Study," was published in the summer edition of the journal.

"Dr. Decker and I are very pleased to receive the award from the Kentucky Library Association and we look forward to future collaborative work," said Little.

The article highlighted the creation of the EDEE Award, an award created between the Camden-Carroll Library and the College of Education at MSU. The EDEE Award was established to recognize the superior work by students enrolled in the Literature and Materials for Young Readers class who create their own illustrated children's book as part of the course requirement. The award is given to the student who creates the best original picture book in each of the two sections of the class.

As with the nationally known Caldecott Award chosen as the 'best picture book of the year', there also is an Honor Book award, second-runner up. Both winners have a copy of their original book purchased by the library and catalogued for check-out and also listed on WorldCat, available worldwide.

The article explored the effectiveness of creating this award program as a partnership between the university's library and the College of Education. Overall, the research found the program to be a success. The program will be continued each semester in a student awards celebration with all students included, as their 'final' presentation.

Information is available by contacting Dr. Decker at (606) 783-2507, or Little at (606) 783-5352.

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Stock Market workshop to be held in West Liberty

Morehead State University at West Liberty's Small Business Development Center and Citi Smith Barney are sponsoring a seminar titled "Investing During Volatile Market" on Thursday, Nov. 20.

With the stock market as it is, this can be a confusing time for many. The informative discussion will explain how to navigate these challenging markets and make sense of your investment options.

The free workshop will be held at 5:30 p.m. in 318 of the Regional Enterprise Center, 151 University Drive, West Liberty. It is one of many provided by Morehead State University's small business development centers.

For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the MSU SBDC Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc. Training programs, sponsored or cosponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

Additional information or to register, call the West Liberty SBDC at (606) 743-4005 or online at www.ksbdc.org.

Jackson, Rust to be inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Two individuals who made outstanding contributions to Eagle athletics will be inducted into the Morehead State University Athletic Hall of Fame during the MSU-Valparaiso football game on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The game kicks off at 1 p.m. EST, and the newest members of the Hall of Fame will be honored at halftime.

The newest members of the Hall of Fame are Willie "Hobo" Jackson (basketball) and Lauren Mackey Rust (volleyball).

Jackson was a three-year starter and letterman (1966-69) for the Eagles at a time when freshmen were not eligible to play varsity competition. He is commonly regarded as one of the most outstanding athletes to ever play basketball for the Blue and Gold. MSU's record during his three varsity years was 46-26, and the Eagles were Ohio Valley Conference co-champions his senior season.

He scored 1,049 points and still ranks 23rd on MSU's all-time scoring list. His 16.9 point average in 1968-69 was tops on the squad. Jackson had 793 career rebounds and still ranks ninth on MSU's all-time rebound list.

Jackson and three other natives of Birmingham, Ala., Lamar Green, Bruce King and Howard Smith, were among the early African-American basketball players at MSU and in the OVC. They were known as the "Birmingham Four" and led Eagle basketball to much success in the 1960's.

Rust is one of the most honored volleyball student-athletes in the history of Eagle volleyball. She was a four-year starter and letterwinner (1995-98) who earned First Team All-Ohio Valley Conference honors three times, Second Team All-OVC once and All-OVC Tournament once. Rust is the all-time conference leader in kills and ranks in the top 25 all-time nationally in that category.

She holds MSU career and single-season records for kills in total attacks and led the team in those categories for four consecutive seasons. Rust was an Academic All-District selection and was one of 30 student-athletes to be selected for the NCAA's National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Tickets for the Hall of Fame Weekend game can be purchased in advance at the MSU ticket office in the Academic-Athletic Center or at the Jayne Stadium ticket windows on game day.

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