

'When the Gays Move in to Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood' discussion is Sept. 21

How does it feel to be discriminated against? To be called names or threatened because of your sexual orientation?

Morehead State University will present a diversity program, "When the Gays Move Into Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m. in Button Auditorium which will deal with these issues.

In their program, Dr. Joe Bertolino and Bil Leipold talk about the realities of living in a world of heterosexual privilege. They draw on personal experiences as gay fraternity men and student affairs professionals as well as highlighting the reactions of their families and friends to their homosexuality. This real-life, down-to-earth program emphasizes the humanity of being gay.

"It is not a lecture. We don't spout statistics. It isn't about theory," Bertolino said. "It's about us, about our life, about real people, and the experiences we've had."

The duo realizes that the subject matter may make some people uncomfortable, so they use humor to lighten the mood.

"We don't take ourselves too seriously," Bertolino said. "We laugh at ourselves, because there is humor in everything if you look for it hard enough. Plus, we really enjoy presenting on a topic we feel is important. We hope this may help break down the stereotypes that people often associate with the gay community," Bertolino added, "Gay Americans are not just the drag queens, but also the guys in the suits and ties carrying briefcases, having families, and working along side of you in the office."

The pair presents serious subjects in a funny, interactive, and challenging style that gets students and professionals thinking about homophobia/heterosexism and diversity from a new perspective.

Dr. Bertolino currently serves as the vice president for student life and chair of the Department of Student Personnel at Queens College in New York. Leipold is the assistant dean for academic affairs in the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University, Newark, and tennis coach.

The program is sponsored by the University's Diversity Initiative, Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program, Student Government Association, Office of First Year Program, Office of Student Housing, Office of University Marketing and Life Enhancement Office. The event is free and open to the public.

Additional information is available by calling Judy Krug, MSU student wellness coordinator, at (606) 783-5248.

Advisory to potential Katrina volunteers

Individuals desiring to travel to the Gulf Coast as volunteers to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina should not do so on their own initiative, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews said today.

"We have been told by FEMA and state officials that no one should go to the affected areas as a volunteer unless they are part of an organized relief program," he said. "Hundreds of well-intentioned volunteers are becoming stranded in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi because they do not have approved access to the damaged areas. Gasoline and housing shortages are adding to the problems of these 'self deployed' volunteers."

Dr. Andrews encourages those who want to volunteer to contact the [American Red Cross](#) * or any of the other accredited organizations involved in hurricane relief.

"The need for volunteers will be there for a long time and there will be many opportunities to help after the situation has been stabilized by the relief workers already in place," Dr. Andrews said.

Volunteer opportunities:

- [American Red Cross](#) *
- [Habitat for Humanity](#) *
- [katrina.louisiana.gov](#) *
- [Kids Need to Be Kids](#) *
- [USA Freedom Corps](#) *
- [Volunteer Match](#) *

Appalachian cultural studies conference is Sept. 16

Morehead State University will host its first Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies Appalachian Conference: "Cultural Intersections and Connections," on Friday, Sept. 16.

The event, which will be held in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC), will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The cost is \$12, which includes lunch with pre-notice registration.

"Cultural Intersections and Connections" will celebrate our living heritage of Cultural Diversity, exploring historical, educational, artistic, social and emerging issues found within Appalachian Culture.

The conference is a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary forum that unites researchers, historians, health care and social service personnel, artisans, educators, and culturists from all facets of professional/practical knowledge. A special emphasis will be placed on diversity, acceptance, and awareness of Latino/a, Afrilachian, and our popular Appalachian Culture.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Pat Beaver, director of the Center for Appalachian Studies. The address of this North Carolina native will focus on the Allen School Story and the Appalachian stereotypes and images of whiteness, gender, and the northern Protestant mission movement in the mountains.

Also making presentations will be: Dr. Sheida Shirvani, Ohio University-Zanesville; Dr. Lisa A. Wallace, Ohio University-Chillicothe; Marta Miranda, L.C.S.W., social work educator, activist and community organizer from Eastern Kentucky University; Dr. Marjorie Manifold, Indiana University; Dr. Miwon Choe, Western Kentucky University; A.

Cruiz, editor LaVoz Magazine, Lexington; Tomi Warren, coordinator/advocate, McCracken County Public Schools Migrant Education Program (MEP); Carolyn Franzini, Rowan County Schools; and several from MSU: Dr. Judith Stafford, Dr. Cynthia Faulkner, Dr.

Samuel Faulkner, Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, William Salazar, Maurice White, Deanna Barnes and Deepa Oommen.

There will be panel discussions with Dr. Sylvia Henneberg, Judy Krug, and Dr. Ann Andaloro of MSU; poster sessions by MSU students representing sociology, social work, the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, and art education; area resources; multicultural opportunities; grant information and discussion; and a tour of the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

Presentations by various guests will deal with a range of issues that encompass how 'new immigrants' are faring in Appalachia, challenges and opportunities for organizational development and community building, Latin cultural issues and resources, "cultural metaphors," civic engagement, international and intercultural reflections and perspectives, "reality television," teaching across cultures, and expanding horizons.

"Cultural Intersections and Connections" will provide six hours of Professional Development credit. Sponsors of the conference are MSU's Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies Program, Campus Partnership Fund, Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy and the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for the Humanities.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Emma Perkins, director of Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies Program, at (606) 783-2548 or (606) 783-2766.

Broadcast Unity Day to raise money for hurricane victims

Morehead State Public Radio will join the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) in an industry-wide effort to raise a minimum of \$100 million for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The "Broadcast Unity for Katrina Relief" initiative will involve thousands of local radio and television stations from coast to coast voluntarily donating airtime for special fundraising appeals.

The NAB has designated Friday, Sept. 9, as "Broadcast Unity Day," when broadcasters will air special fundraising messages throughout the day.

"Broadcasters are a lifeline to communities in times of crisis, and Hurricane Katrina has touched America's soul like no natural disaster in our history," said NAB President and CEO Edward O. Fritts. "I'm confident that local radio and television stations will exceed our \$100 million target."

Help is needed now and many charitable organizations, such as the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army, are accepting donations. A list of these organizations is available at <http://www.nvoad.org/members.php>.

Morehead State Public Radio encourages everyone to do their part by making a donation to support the relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The MSPR network includes WMKY (90.3 FM), WOCS (88.3 FM) in Booneville and a translator (88.3 FM) in Inez. MSPR serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (800) 286-9659 or

(606) 783-2001; or log on to MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com.

Carpooling offered to help students deal with high gas prices

Morehead State University today announced that it would try to help commuting students cope with the strain of higher gasoline prices in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

MSU Provost Michael R. Moore announced that efforts would be made to accommodate such students by moving them to classes at MSU's regional campuses or to online classes. Commuting students desiring schedule changes should contact Dr. Mike Hopper by phone at (606) 783-2233 or by e-mail tom.hopper@moreheadstate.edu.

To make it easier for commuting students to share transportation, MSU will post carpooling notices in the Adron Doran University Center and at the five regional campuses.

"This is a more efficient means of connecting students who want to carpool to save money in these times of very high gasoline prices," Dr. Moore said. "We hope our students will take advantage of this opportunity."

Dr. Moore said students wanting to share transportation should complete the carpool form on MSU's Web site.

Carpooling Request Form

Copies of each form will be posted at each of the six locations, starting this week.

In addition, on-campus housing is available on a pro-rated basis for the balance of the fall semester. Students needing housing should contact Dallas Sammons, director of housing, by phone at (606) 783-2060 or by e-mail by to d.sammons@moreheadstate.edu.

The provost also said that MSU's institutional Web site would be used to facilitate carpooling by students commuting to regional campuses or to the Morehead campus.

Cave Run Storytelling Festival is Sept. 23-24

Enjoy America's best loved storytellers in a beautiful mountain lakeside setting for the seventh annual Cave Run Storytelling Festival set for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23 and 24.

Eight talented artists will take you away to other times and places through the intrigue of storytelling. Stories will be told in large tents on the shore of Cave Run Lake in the Daniel Boone National Forest, which is located eight miles west of Morehead.

Ghost stories and fireside are slated for Saturday evening while family storytelling will be offered on Friday and Saturday evening.

Performers scheduled to appear are:

- Donald Davis: Appalachian culture is now familiar to people throughout the United States thanks to Davis. This North Carolina native makes his stories of family and friends appeal to listeners on a very personal level.
- Bill Harley: He is "fun personified." Kids from pre-school to octogenarians who still retain the "kid" in us admire and adore him. As a singer/songwriter/storyteller he has no equal. When he chronicles the lives of kids with humor, he touches the funny bone in all of us as we relive our own childhood foibles.
- Baba Jamal Koram: Koram is a master storyteller, author and educator. He brings to life the history, language, humor, music and folklore of world cultures through music and storytelling. Blending contemporary and traditional storytelling techniques, his wit and wisdom help teach decision-making, problem solving, and conflict resolution. African values and mores presented in story, song, rhythm and rhyme address universal issues and relate to communities and individuals throughout the world.
- Judith Black: Awards, citations, publications and recognition for a career in its third decade do not adequately convey the virtuosity of this storyteller. She studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London and has performed to standing ovations around the country and six times at the National Storytelling Festival.
- Peter Cook: Shhh. The "Sound of Silence" is overwhelming. The lyrics of Simon and Garfunkel hardly match the evocative performance of internationally known deaf performing artist, Cook. His original stories are told in American Sign Language with equally dynamic spoken English translations. Audiences will likely find the stories so captivating that Cook's dynamic, humorous and often poignant facial expressions hardly need interpretation.
- Mary Hamilton: What an honor and a treat it is to have Kentuckians claim "one of our own" as a storyteller of national stature. Hamilton's appearances at the National Storytelling Festival have brought her legions of fans and recognition far beyond the borders of the Commonwealth. She has told her stories in venues from Washington to Florida.
- Syd Lieberman: Small in stature but huge in heart, that is Lieberman. Harvard graduate, Peace Corps volunteer, humanitarian and chronicler of historical events, his stories glue listeners to their seats rapt in reverie only to find themselves rising to applaud and acknowledge a master storyteller after his performance.
- Antonio Rocha: A native of Brazil, he came to the U.S. to earn a B.A. degree in theater in 1992. He studied under masters Marcel Marceau and Tony Montanaro as he polished his performance skills. As a mime, he has performed around the world and is familiar to audiences from Singapore to Vancouver, in Austria and Holland, as well as at major festivals and performing arts centers throughout the U.S. There

will be group rates for school students, family camping within walking distance of the festival, special hotel and motel packages. The festival area is handicapped accessible and food vendors will be on the grounds.

The full weekend family rate is \$50 for those who register before Sept. 10; or \$65 at the game. Adults who register early may do so for \$30 while the rate for children is \$10 prior to Sept. 10. Rates for Friday or Saturday only are available and the \$5 charge for individuals attending an evening performance.

Morehead State Public Radio is a sponsor of the event and will broadcast live from the festival on Friday, Sept. 23.

Additional information is available from Carolyn Franzini, whose show "A Time For Tales" airs at 4 p.m. every Sunday on MSPR, at (606) 783-1420; the Morehead Tourism Commission at (606) 780-4342 or (800) 654-1944; or by visiting MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com.

Ellis publishes Rowan County history

A local historian and Morehead State University retiree has published his fourth book - a history of his native Rowan County.

Dr. Jack D. Ellis' "Kentucky Memories: Reflections of Rowan County 1856-2006," is a special sesquicentennial edition celebrating the county's upcoming 150th birthday. In it, he chronicles the lifestyle of the early pioneers of the area and the development of the timber and mining industries. Dr. Ellis takes a look back at many Rowan institutions, including the establishment of businesses, and devotes a chapter to the historic Breckinridge Training School on the MSU campus.

The book includes an introduction written by the late Dr. Thomas D. Clark, professor emeritus of the University of Kentucky and the state's History Laureate for Life. "Kentucky Memories" also is filled with many historical photographs, depicting everything from Boy Scout troops to brickmaking.

Dr. Ellis retired as director of libraries, chair, and professor of the former Department of Library Science at MSU. He has 34 years of library experience in Kentucky and Florida, and served on both states' library advisory committees. He is a member of the American Library Association, and has been a member of the Kentucky Archives Commission for 34 years.

He holds degrees from MSU, Vanderbilt University and the University of Southern Mississippi. A retired Methodist minister, he was a pastor at six churches in East Kentucky. Dr. Ellis is a veteran of World War II.

He is married to the former Janis Caudill and they have four children and 11 grandchildren.

He is the author of three other books: "Morehead Memories: True Stories From Eastern Kentucky;" "Patriots & Heroes: Eastern Kentucky Soldiers of WWII;" and "Alpha M. Hutchinson: The Biography of a Man and His Community." The Ellis books are available for purchase locally at the University Bookstore, CoffeeTree Books, the Kentucky Folk Art Center, St. Claire Regional Medical Center gift shop, the Mustard Seed and Baldwin & Associates. Signed copies may be ordered from Dr. Ellis at 215 Knapp Ave., Morehead, KY 40351.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Ellis at (606) 784-7473.

Family Weekend is Sept. 23-25

For more than a quarter of a century, Morehead State University has welcomed students' parents, grandparents, sibling and other friends and neighbors for a weekend of events and good times.

This year marks the 26th annual Family Weekend which is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Sept. 23-25, on the campus.

"We would like to invite everyone to take part in our Family Weekend," said President Wayne D. Andrews. "For more than 25 years, this has been a tradition which allows everyone to see our beautiful campus, get a taste of what college life is all about, and to spend time with their loved ones who are here in school."

A variety of activities are planned for the special weekend, including a golf scramble, dinner with instructors and peers, athletic games and much more. The weekend provides an opportunity for families to visit campus, have fun and share a taste of MSU student life.

The weekend kicks off on Friday evening, Sept. 23, at 5 p.m. as the Eagle Soccer team plays Jacksonville State in an Ohio Valley Conference match-up at Jayne Stadium. This is a free event and will offer a view of first-year head coach Erin Aubry's squad.

From 6-7:30 p.m. there will be a dinner for all new students enrolled in MSU 101 and their families in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). During the meal, parents will be introduced to their son or daughter's Discovering University Life instructor and classmates.

Following the evening meal, everyone is invited to join the entertainment of the Student Talent Show in Crager Room of ADUC at 8 p.m. The duo of Alfred and Seymore will serve as hosts for the show, which is sponsored by the Student Government Association.

There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted at the door with proceeds benefiting the Student Emergency Loan Fund managed by the MSU Foundation, Inc.

Saturday morning, Sept. 24, will start with the annual Family Weekend golf outing. The event will get underway with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. at the SunnyBrook Golf Course, located on U.S. 60 East, approximately two miles from the campus.

The nine-hole, best ball tournament, sponsored by the University's Family Association, is open to MSU students, accompanied by parents or family members. Pre-registration is necessary and is limited to the first 72 entrants.

The evening activities will kickoff at 5 p.m. with the pre-game tailgate party on the Academic-Athletic Center (AAC) lawn. In case of rain, the picnic meal will be held in the AAC lobby.

Head coach Matt Ballard's football Eagles will square against Pioneer Football League rival the University of Dayton Flyers at 7 p.m. at Jayne Stadium. Students may purchase tickets for their family members in advance in the director of athletics' office in the AAC, or in the Student Activities Office, located in 204 ADUC.

For all those who choose to attend Sunday morning worship services, area churches will welcome MSU visitors to their congregations. At 1 p.m., MSU's Soccer Eagles will host Samford in an OVC tilt.

One of the best parts of Family Weekend is that family members may spend the night with their son or daughter in their residence hall room. To do so, arrangements must be made through the student's residence hall director. Various motels, inns and camping facilities are available for those who prefer to stay off-campus.

The University Bookstore will be open special hours to accommodate Family Weekend shoppers. The store will remain open until 6 p.m. on Friday, and from noon-6 p.m. on Saturday. During the weekend, students can sign up for a \$250 book scholarship for the spring term. The drawing will be held at halftime of the MSU football game.

In addition, various residence halls and other student organizations will be hosting activities for students to enjoy with their families.

Parents of MSU students are automatically members of the Family Association, and during the weekend, they will be given an opportunity to volunteer to serve on the association's advisory committee.

When parents register during Family Weekend, their son or daughter becomes eligible to win one of four \$250 scholarships, to be used during the spring 2006 semester. Winners will be announced during the football game on Saturday, and must be present to claim the award.

During the weekend's activities, Lester, the professional fool, will make balloon sculptures and Body Art by Susan will be available without charge during the family picnic and during the football game on Saturday.

The University Bookstore will host a continental breakfast on Saturday morning from 10 a.m. until noon. The bookstore will offer extended hours on that day, remaining open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Additional information about Family Weekend is available by calling Gerome Stephens, student activities coordinator, at (606) 783-2071; or by e-mail to g.stephens@moreheadstate.edu.

Hurricane benefit set Saturday at Wetherby Gym

"Fish, Fiddlin' and Funds" is the purposeful name of a special community benefit concert, fish fry and auction planned Saturday, Oct. 1, at Morehead State University's Wetherby Gymnasium to raise money for the victims of the hurricanes along the Gulf Coast.

Scheduled from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the event was suggested by MSU students and will involve volunteers from a score of community organizations, according to Terri Cline of Morehead Tomorrow, who is chairing the planning committee.

"This benefit will be a wonderful opportunity for all members of our community to come together as Rowan County responds to those disasters by raising money for the American Red Cross," Cline said. "We will have great music, tasty food and good fellowship, all to raise funds for an important cause."

A suggested donation of \$10 will be accepted at the door. Participating will be several community leaders, members of local fire departments, the Morehead Shrine Club and other volunteers, as well as faculty, staff and students from MSU.

Activities include a fish fry with deep-fried fish, cole slaw, baked beans, bread and drinks, with desserts baked by members of local churches. Silent and live auctions will feature several items donated by Morehead-area businesses including 18 holes of golf at Sheltolee Trail, overnight lodging at Comfort Inn & Suites, rocking chair, Cave Run Lake guided muskie fishing trip, a clothes dryer, TNT fitness package, vinyl kitchen floor, jewelry, clothing and many other items. The live auction begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be conducted by Steve and Mark Lewis.

Live music will be provided by several local performers, including Madjeje, Hazel Holler, Tina Northcutt, Salvation Rain, Don Rigsby, Tony Pence and Big Ugly, Clyde Bowling and Bottomline.

The music schedule:

3 p.m. - Madjeje

3:50 p.m. - Hazel Holler

4:35 p.m. - Tina Northcutt and Friends

5:20 p.m. - Salvation Rain

6:05 p.m. - Don Rigsby

6:50 p.m. - Tony Pence and Big Ugly

7:30 p.m. - "Live Auction"

8:00 p.m. - Clyde Bowling

8:45 p.m. - Bottomline

Additional information is available from Morehead Tomorrow at 780-7441, the office of Mayor Brad Collins at 784-8505, the office of Judge-Executive Clyde Thomas at 784-5151 or [Morehead State Public Radio](#) at 783-2001.

MSU alumnus named to veterinary board

Dr. Samuel B. Vaughn of Crestwood, a graduate of Morehead State University and Auburn University, has been appointed by Gov. Ernie Fletcher to the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners.

Dr. Vaughn practices veterinary medicine with the Veterinary Associates of Stonefield. He is a member of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, the Association of Amphibian and Reptile Veterinarians, the Association of Avian Veterinarians, the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The eight-member Board of Veterinary Examiners is responsible for the control and licensing of veterinarians in Kentucky.

MSU and Pike Central partner to improve students' college opportunities

Eddie McCoy may have found the cure for what some might call "senior-itis," the mysterious malady that often affects high achieving high school students, resulting in lower grades and test scores and diminished college opportunities in their senior year.

The principal of Pike County Central High School has a theory that such students have completed most of their graduation requirements and aren't academically challenged in their last year of high school.

His theory caught the attention of Pike County Schools Supt. Frank Welch, Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews, Big Sandy Community and Technical College President George D. Edwards and Kentucky Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit.

As a result, the school district and the two higher education institutions today announced that they have agreed to sponsor an innovative pilot program in which MSU will provide 15 semester hours of tuition-free, dual credit classes to 20 top PCCHS juniors and seniors each year for the next four years. As dual credit courses, the classes also count toward high school graduation requirements.

Following graduation, the students could be eligible for up to 30 semester hours of tuition-free courses at BSCTC. If successful to that point, the students would be eligible to transfer to MSU on scholarship to complete their undergraduate degrees.

"We're excited about the prospect of seeing our top students being motivated to do their best at the college level," said McCoy. "It also will be beneficial to our faculty who will teach the MSU classes in our school."

"This is a great opportunity for Pike County students and we intend to do our part to make this program successful," added Supt. Welch. "We don't want to see any promising student miss out on college."

President Andrews described the PCCHS pilot program as "a wonderful example of cooperation in P-16 education." He also expressed confidence that the program will be successful at Pike County Central and be expanded to other East Kentucky high schools.

"We are pleased to be partnering with another institution and a local school district to help more students succeed in college," said President Edwards.

The idea began developing when President Andrews visited Pike Central last spring as the commencement speaker. Principal McCoy shared his theory about "senior-itis" and Dr. Andrews was intrigued. He later pursued the matter with Supt. Welch and President Edwards, both of whom liked the concept and their ensuing conversations resulted in today's agreement.

The program idea also was shared with Commissioner Wilhoit who had this reaction: "I applaud the new cooperative venture among Morehead State University, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, and the Pike County Public Schools that will provide 20 high school students the opportunity to engage in college level courses while in high school.

"Moreover, the commitment to provide tuition-free education will open doors of opportunity for students who may not be able to afford tuition and put high school students on a path to higher education success. This is a major step forward and a model for others to emulate in our efforts to provide a world-class education for all students."

The first students selected for the program will start their college classes next January.

MSU celebrates Constitution Day with SeptemberFest

Morehead State University will be the site of SeptemberFest on Thursday, Sept. 22, when the campus and surrounding area come together to celebrate democracy and the American community.

The public is invited to visit the University for this celebration of American values in honor of Constitution Day.

The event is devoted to the history of democracy in the United States with a special program for middle and high school students during the day. The evening program, geared toward developing community interest in civic engagement, will feature music, presentations by historical figures and a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Kicking off the festival will be the Morehead Tea Party, a replication of the Boston Tea Party-Southern style, which begins at 5 p.m. with refreshments at the Adron Doran University Center. Everyone is encouraged to come and listen to the music and visit the volunteer fair before attending the celebration program at 7 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by faculty and students in the Department of Music. Among the performing groups are: Chamber Singers, Faculty Jazz Ensemble, Faculty Jazz Ensemble I, Fusion Band, Black Gospel Ensemble, Vanilla Joe and the Flavor Decafs, the Mystic Cat Tuba/Euphonium Quartet and The Perfect 6th Saxophone Quartet. The program is free and open to the public.

The formal SeptemberFest celebration will begin with the Golden Eagles Fife and Drum Corps and the MSU ROTC Color Guard leading the procession to the Crager Room for the program. The specially formed Golden Eagles group, which includes members of the MSU Marching Band, are: Professor Brian S. Mason, director; Jonathan Sharp, Frankfort junior, and Dan Rumer, Edgewood junior, snare drums; Calvin Schmiege, Hamilton, Ohio, senior, bass drum; Lydia Stamm, Wauseon, Ohio, junior, cymbals; and Alicia Kmit, Alexander sophomore, fife/piccolo.

The program will begin with traditional patriotic music. Dr. Richard Miles will conduct the MSU Symphony Band; Dr. Greg Detweiler will conduct the combined choirs from MSU and the community, accompanied by Professor Larry Keenan on keyboards.

A highlight of the event will be the reading of the Declaration of Independence by 33 voices which include prominent individuals of all ages from the campus and the community. At the conclusion of the program, the campus guests will follow the Golden Eagles Fife and Drum Corps across the street for the Democracy Walk.

During the guided stroll, festival attendees will see historical characters, depicted by MSU theatre students, as they make presentations that were important to the country's history. Making a campus appearance will be: Molly Pitcher portrayed by Stephanie Adams, Florence freshman; Susan B. Anthony by Molly Maynard, Catlettsburg freshman; Merriweather Lewis by Matt Lause, Louisville freshman; George Rogers Clark by Shade Chafin, Louisa sophomore; Benjamin Franklin by Anthony Sublett, Flat Gap sophomore; Casey at the Bat, Kenny Riffe, Greenup senior; Maya Angelou by Ebony McCoy, Louisville junior; and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by Justin Story, Cadiz sophomore. Directing the students will be Dr. Bob Willenbrink, chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre, and Greg Carlisle, instructor of communication and speech.

The luminaries and lanterns along the path are the creative works of students in regional school systems and the University's MSU 101 classes.

During the event there will be a collection to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The SeptemberFest celebration is being coordinated by a group of MSU faculty and staff members under the leadership of Dr. Beverly McCormick, assistant provost and campus liaison for the American Democracy Project, and Dr. Dora Ahmadi, chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science who is heading the committee.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Ahmadi at (606) 783-2930 or Dr. McCormick at (606) 783-5156.

MSU earns top OVC academic honors

Morehead State University is the recipient of the 2004-05 Ohio Valley Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award presented by Aeropostale. The award, which was previously named the OVC Academic Achievement Banner, is presented annually to the member institution with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for that academic year.

This marks the sixth academic honor for MSU in the coveted award's 19-year history.

Morehead State was represented 83 times on the Honor Roll which requires at least a 3.25 grade point average for the academic year. MSU also had thirteen student-athletes earn the 2004-05 Ohio Valley Conference Medal of Honor. The Medal of Honor is given annually to the student-athlete(s) who achieves the highest grade point average in a Conference-sponsored sport. All 101 student-athletes honored conference-wide achieved perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

The league also announced the recipients of 17 OVC Team Academic Achievement Awards presented by Aeropostale, which are presented annually in each Conference-sponsored sport to the member institution's team with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. MSU earned the awards in men's and women's tennis.

"We're extremely proud of the academic accomplishments of our student-athletes," said MSU Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson. "This honor is a tribute to the efforts of the student-athletes, our coaches and our administration, especially Valerie Ousley, our athletic academic coordinator, and those who assist her in operating the Eagle Academic Success Center, supervise study halls and computer labs and monitor the academic progress of our student-athletes."

The OVC has entered into a multi-year corporate sponsorship agreement with Aeropostale, Inc., that will list the clothing retailer as the presenting sponsor of the Conference's academic awards program.

"We're pleased Aeropostale has joined us in recognizing the academic achievements of our student-athletes," said OVC Commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher. "The conference takes great pride in the success of its student-athletes, not only on the playing field, but more importantly, in the classroom.

"Morehead State University deserves to be proud of this significant accomplishment by its student-athletes. The Academic Achievement Awards presented by Aeropostale are a very visible reminder of the values of the Ohio Valley Conference and its member institutions."

Morehead State's individual honorees were:

Medals of Honor

- Jessie Plante (Women's Basketball)
- Lindy Collins (Rifle)
- Twila Hall (Soccer)
- Jennifer Miller (Soccer)
- Jennifer Rinehart (Soccer)
- Trista Stark (Soccer)
- Lyndsey Jackson (Softball)
- Rebecca King (Softball)
- Tomi Simola (Men's Tennis)
- Ian Smith (Men's Tennis)
- Georgia Vanos (Women's Tennis)
- Brian Babcock (Men's Track and Field)
- Sarah McClellan (Women's Track and Field)

OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll

- Baseball
 - Nicholas Bobrowski
 - Kevin Bryant
 - Donald Cheney
 - Matthew Clark
 - Mark Ford
 - Christopher McCaslin
 - Jeffrey McGuffey
 - Marc Midden
 - Nicholas Nail
 - Todd Sharrock
 - Cody Sorrell
 - Blain Williams
- Men's Basketball
 - Brent Hottell
- Women's Basketball
 - Natalie Collins
 - Tarah Combs
 - Megen Gearhart
 - Jessie Plante
 - Stacey Strayer
 - Patrisha White
- Men's Cross Country
 - James Clements

- Alexander Hagan
- Victor McHenry
- Joshua Sheets
- Jose Solis
- Steven Thieme
- Men's Golf
 - Chad Carroll
 - Matthew Gann
 - Casey Wade
 - Derek Williams
- Rifle
 - Lindy Collins
 - Megan Frey
 - Rachel Ontrop
- Women's Soccer
 - Jenna Adams
 - Erin Ceddia
 - Sarah Graf
 - Megan Guinan
 - Twila Hall
 - Betsy Holbrook
 - Rachel Kendall
 - Rebekah Kendall
 - Laurie Lacroix
 - Jennifer Miller
 - Amy Noble
 - Natalie Peterson
 - Jennifer Rinehart
 - Trista Stark
- Softball
 - Brandy Bucher
 - Lauren Cook
 - Lyndsey Jackson
 - Rebecca King
 - Amanda McCrady
 - Michelle McCrady
 - Sarah McGonnigal
 - Kacy Walker
 - Tessa Young
- Men's Tennis
 - Kim Kachel
 - Tomi Simola
 - Ian Smith
 - Adam Storti
 - Damian Storti
- Women's Tennis
 - Alexandra Becka
 - Ariana Gracia-Medrano
 - Leah Lobnitz
 - Georgia Vanos
- Men's Track and Field
 - Brian Babcock
 - Alexander Hagan

- Marcus Hundley
- Victory McHenry
- Joshua Sheets
- Jose Solis
- Steven Thieme
- Women's Track and Field
 - Stacie Beyer
 - Jessica Bodimer
 - Alicia Brown
 - Sara May
 - Sarah McClellan
 - Shawna McCowan
 - Kimberly Reiland
- Women's Volleyball
 - Megan Buck
 - Kelsey Cronin
 - Casie Garland
 - Jennifer Kennedy
 - Diana Zipp

MSU opens hearts and hands to hurricane victims

Morehead State University is opening its heart and its hands to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews announced that the institution would allow college students displaced by the giant storm to enroll for the fall term. He also said faculty members from Gulf Coast institutions would be offered office space and housing if they need to continue their research or other responsibilities.

"Although our fall semester began two weeks ago, we will do our best to accommodate any student whose is unable to attend an institution in the area affected by the hurricane," Dr. Andrews said.

Students interested in transferring to MSU should contact Enrollment Services by phone at 1-800-585-6781, by e-mail to admissions@moreheadstate.edu or online at www.moreheadstate.edu/hurricane .

Faculty members displaced by Katrina are invited to contact the Office of the Provost by phone at 606-783-2002, by e-mail to t.davis@moreheadstate.edu or online at www.moreheadstate.edu/hurricane .

"We are trying to reach out to our colleagues whose lives have been so terribly impacted by the hurricane," Dr. Andrews added.

MSU also announced that its faculty, staff and students are being encouraged to support hurricane relief efforts with cash donations to the American Red Cross. Those donations will be handled by SHARE, a student organization created last year to coordinate tsunami relief efforts. Donations should be delivered to Room 204 of the Adron Doran University Center or mailed to SHARE, 150 University Blvd., UPO 2464, Morehead, KY 40351.

Teacher of the Year, Billie Travis, visits Washington, D.C.

Morehead State University graduate Billie Travis has traveled many miles and addressed many future educators since being named the 2005 Kentucky Teacher of the Year.

Since winning the award last fall, she has visited Dallas to meet the rest of the 51 winners and accept her prize: a year sabbatical or \$25,000. Travis selected the money and has used it to help her school with several projects.

The veteran educator even took the math department of Georgetown Middle School to a educational conference in California but the highlight might have come in April when Travis, and the other state winners, visited Washington, D.C. and the White House. There the Scott County native met with President George Bush and his wife, Laura, at a special gathering in the Rose Garden to honor America's finest teachers.

"We like to say in our household, teaching is more than a job; it is a calling," President Bush told the crowd. "You know what I'm talking about. You wouldn't be sitting here if you had not heard the calling. By helping every child realize his or her potential, our teachers show their students that dreams can become reality.

"What a fantastic job, isn't it, to help somebody realize a dream can become a reality. All who answer the call to teach deserve our support, our respect, and our affection," the president added.

Travis was the first of her family to get a chance of a college degree. She didn't have it easy. Like many students, she had to work but always knew that she wanted to teach. And after 25 years, she still loves her job. After obtaining her teaching degree from MSU, Travis went back to her home county to begin her education career. For the past 23 years, she has been shaping student's lives at GMS.

On one of her visits to the MSU campus, the seventh-grade math teacher imparted some advice for the future educators. "Don't be afraid to ask someone for help," she said. "In this field, sometimes the younger teachers are afraid to ask for help but the veterans are there for you. We want to help you succeed, so that the students will succeed as well."

Active in various professional organizations, she holds education memberships in The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the National Middle School Association.

Travis was regional board director for the Kentucky Middle School Association and has been named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers and is a past recipient of the Ashland Inc. Golden Apple Achievement Award.

"Teaching is very rewarding. Don't let people discourage you," Travis added to the group. "Think of that teacher who inspired you. The one that made you want to become a teacher, and think of inspiring another generation."

Additional information on a career in teaching is available from MSU's College of Education by calling (606) 783-2040.

Traffic flow, shuttle route changing

Starting Monday, Sept. 12, normal traffic flow on Battson-Oates Drive will be subject to interruptions at the intersection with Fourth Street behind the Combs Building.

Traffic will be rerouted west on Fourth Street to Tippet Avenue to accommodate construction work on realignment and widening of Battson-Oates between Fourth and Fifth streets.

The project will result in two changes in the shuttle bus route.

Those headed to Ginger Hall will be dropped in front of the building.

The Lappin Hall bus stop will move to the corner of Battson-Oates and Second Street in front of the Garrard House.

The street project is scheduled for completion before the end of the fall semester, according to Gene Caudill, director of physical plant.

