

Memorial for MSU student Paul Jones on Dec 1

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

Student's poster takes first place at KAS

Jerry L. Henderson, Olive Hill senior studying in Morehead State University's Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences, placed first in the Agricultural Sciences Poster Division at the 2005 Kentucky Academy of Science's meeting, held recently at Eastern Kentucky University.

Henderson conducted research in the production of basil in float-bed systems utilizing the technology currently used to produce transplants for tobacco production. Drs. Debby Johnson and C. Brent Rogers, associate professors of agriculture, served as faculty mentors for Henderson during the course of this project. Dr. Rogers also is his academic adviser.

The poster presentation was titled "Effects of Media Composition and Spacing on Hydroponic Float-Bed Production of Basil, *Ocimum Basilicum* (Large Leaf Italian)."

In the months ahead, Henderson will continue his studies in the department and plans to continue researching herb production in float systems.

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

Posted 12--2-05

Lundergan represents Kentucky Angus Association

Edward Lundergan, farm manager at Morehead State University's Derrickson Agricultural Complex, was elected to represent the Kentucky Angus Association membership at its 2005 American Angus Association Annual Meeting.

The four-day event, held in Louisville, will host leaders of the Angus Beef Industry to form policies governing the beef industry in numerous areas for the upcoming year.

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

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Nicholas Payton to conduct music clinic Dec. 8

Jazz artist Nicholas Payton will conduct a music clinic at Morehead State University's Duncan Recital Hall on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 9:10-10:10 a.m.

The clinic is free and open to the public.

Payton, a native of New Orleans, La., was influenced by his parents; his mother was an operatic singer and classical pianist, while his father was a respected bassist and retired school teacher. As a boy, he benefited from musicians coming to the house for rehearsals which his father allowed him to watch.

Payton began gigging at eight with his dad, eventually playing with the All-Star Brass Band. His trumpet heroes are Wendell Brunious, Leroy Jones, Clyde Kerr Jr. and Theodore Riley.

He enrolled at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts and studied with Ellis Marsalis at the University of New Orleans. Payton has performed and recorded with some of the most respected giants of jazz, including Joe Henderson, Clark Terry, Jimmy Smith and Elvin Jones, who appointed him musical director of his renowned Jazz Machine at the age of 19.

In 1995, he launched his recording career as a leader with From This Moment. The follow-up, 1996's Gumbo Nouveau, was the maiden voyage for a quintet (featuring Tim Warfield on sax, Anthony Wonsey on piano, Reuben Rogers on bass, and Adonis Rose on drums).

Payton portrayed legendary trumpeter Oran "Hot Lips" Page in director Robert Altman's film "Kansas City" in 1996.

A year later, Payton, at age 24, earned a Grammy Award in the Best Solo Jazz Performance category for "Stardust." His most recent recording was a centennial tribute to Louis Armstrong for big band.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Gordon Towell, associate professor of music, at (606) 783-2198.

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Rigsby's song featured in highway safety campaign

Brian Fouch and his family were enjoying Don Rigsby and his band during the Williamson County (Tenn.) Fair this summer when he heard Rigsby belt out a tune; once he heard it, he knew he wanted to do something amazing with it.

Rigsby, director of the [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#) at Morehead State University, performed a song from his "The Midnight Call" album - a song written by Tom T. and Dixie Hall called "Little White Cross out on Highway 13" that caught his attention.

"As soon as I heard the song, I knew that I wanted to use it," said Fouch, safety and traffic operations team leader for the Tennessee Division Federal Highway Administration in Nashville.

"After talking with Don along with the Halls and Sugar Hill Records, we knew it's something that we had to do."

Rigsby's song will be featured in a highway safety presentation that will be shared with agencies nationwide to promote reducing highway fatalities, set for distribution this month.

The song tells about a young girl that is killed in an automobile accident by a drunk driver and the little white cross that was placed in her memory.

"The song provides a very strong message of how we can lose loved ones on our highways and through our presentation and the song, we can focus on saving lives," said Fouch.

Rigsby said he felt honored just to be asked.

"Dixie and Tom T. Hall wrote a great song that hits home to a lot of people who might have lost loved ones in an accident," said Rigsby. "I am just happy that Brian and his staff liked our version enough to do the safety campaign with it.

"If it saves one life, then it has worked," he said. "As an artist, if you can change people's lives or decisions with your voice, then that's what we are put here to do."

Rigsby, an internationally-recognized Bluegrass musician and singer, has been the full-time director of KCTM since 2001.

With more than 20 years of experience in the music industry, Rigsby has released four solo albums and performed with several groups, including Longview, Bluegrass Cardinals, J. D. Crowe and the New South, Lonesome River Band and Rock County.

The 2001 male vocalist of the year named by the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America (SPBGMA), Rigsby also has been nominated by the International Bluegrass Music Association for album and song of the year. He shared two IBMA awards while performing with Longview and also sang on a Grammy-winning album by rocker John Fogerty.

In October, Rigsby captured two International Bluegrass Music Association awards during the 16th annual awards show at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville. He took home honors as Larry Sparks' "40" was tabbed as Recorded Event of the Year and Album of the Year. Rigsby produced, played and sang on the album.

Additional information is available by calling KTCM at (606) 783-9001. To review Rigsby's recording career, visit his Web site at www.donrigsby.com .
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Morgan County Adult Ed. hosts Open House on Dec. 12

Morehead State University at West Liberty's award winning Adult Education and Career Center will host an Open House on Monday, Dec. 12.

The center, which was located on Highway 1084, Route 7, in West Liberty, has moved to the second floor of [MSU West Liberty](http://www.msu.edu) , located at 155 University Drive.

The Open House will run from 2-5 p.m. and there will be refreshments and music at the event.

A GED examiner and Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center (CEOC) counselor will be in attendance to answer any questions.

The Adult Education and Career Center is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.; on Tuesdays, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.; and on Fridays, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

In the spring, the center was honored as it was one of only 40 adult education programs in the Commonwealth to surpass its performance goal for the last four years. In 2004, the Morgan County program served 486 people, 20 more than its goal, for which it received \$7,745 in performance incentives.

Additional information is available by calling the MSU West Liberty regional campus at (606) 743-1599.

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Photojournalism class views Columbus' Nina

Several Morehead State University communications students got an unexpected history lesson recently when they visited Maysville.

The beginning photojournalism students, led by Dr. Ken Sexton, assistant professor of journalism, were surprised to encounter a full-sized reproduction of the Nina - one of the three ships Christopher Columbus used to sail to the New World.

The MSU group toured the ship, which was moored at a Maysville dock on the Ohio River.

The Nina, said to be Columbus' favorite vessel, has been sailing as a floating museum, on display as a historically accurate 15th-century caravel (trading freighter). The reproduction ship was built in Brazil from 1988-91, and was then sailed to Costa Rica where it was featured in the film "1492."

Since then, the ship has visited more than 400 ports of call, where visitors have viewed the small vessel and the history it represents. The design of the Nina, measuring approximately 45 feet long by 15 feet wide, has been described as "probably the best open-water sailing vessel of its time." Columbus reportedly survived illness while on board, then the ship escaped a killer hurricane in the West Indies. News of the original ship was last received in the year 1501.

The MSU students who toured the Nina with Dr. Sexton were: John Behrendt, **Cincinnati** junior; Christopher Bryant, **Paris** sophomore; Angel Corbitt, **Pikeville** senior; Megan Goforth, **Ft. Thomas** junior; Sarah Grooms, **Seaman, Ohio**, junior; Kara Langham, **Lynch** junior; and Trista Mabry, **Morehead** sophomore.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Sexton at (606) 783-2737.

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Apply now for 2006 scholarships at MSU

It is the time of year that high school and transfer students are deciding which college to choose to further their education.

Morehead State University wants that choice to be easy and has a wide variety of scholarships for which qualified students may be eligible.

MSU's institutional scholarship program is designed to recognize and assist qualified students who have demonstrated scholastic excellence and leadership without regard to financial need and also to encourage diversity in the student body.

"We would like every student that wants to come to Morehead State to have that opportunity," said Dr. Dayna Seelig, special assistant to the president. "Applying early for scholarships increase the student's chances of receiving one."

Priority deadline is Feb. 15. All scholarship applicants must submit a completed Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarship application. All scholarships are subject to the availability of funds.

"The process is simple. Students can complete the application online or call Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000," Dr. Seelig said.

The following scholarships are offered at Morehead State:

Presidential Scholarship -- Full tuition and housing; **Commonwealth Scholarship** -- Full tuition; **Regents Scholarship** - \$2,500 per year; **KCTCS Transfer Scholarship** -- \$2,500 for college GPA from 3.6 to 4.0; \$2,000 for college GPA from 3.2 to 3.59; **Transfer Scholarship** -- \$2,000 for college GPA from 3.6 to 4.0; \$1,500 for college GPA from 3.2 to 3.59; **Alumni Scholarship** -- \$1,000 per year; **Diversity Scholarship** -- \$1,000 per year; **Tuition Scholarship for Non-Residents** -- Waiver of non-resident tuition differential except for \$250 per semester.

In addition to general scholarships, there are a limited number of departmental scholarships related to specific disciplines, such as accounting, agriculture, art, journalism, music, regional analysis and public policy, science and speech.

A variety of privately-funded scholarships are administered by the University with the assistance of the MSU Foundation Inc.

Applicants can apply online at <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions/> .

Additional information is available from the Office of Enrollment Services, Morehead State University, 100 Admissions Center, Morehead, KY 40351-1689, online at <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships/> or call (800) 585-6781.

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Pre-Business Orientation Workshop set for Dec. 20

Do you want to own and operate your own business, but you don't know how to get started?

Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center and the Pike County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Support Committee are offering a workshop to help potential entrepreneurs do just that.

A "Pre-Business Orientation Workshop" will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 120 S. Riverfill Drive in Pikeville, from 6-8 p.m.

Topics to be covered at this workshop will include structure, financing, marketing, taxes and licenses.

The workshop will be presented by Michael Morley, director of the East Kentucky Small Business Development Center. There is no charge, but advance registration is necessary due to limited seating.

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

Additional information and pre-registration are available from Linda Casebolt or Morley at EKSBDK at (606) 432-5848

Posted 12-6-05

MSPR sponsors holiday ticket giveaway

Morehead State Public Radio , as a gift to its listeners during the holiday season, is offering a chance to win two tickets to the Russian National Ballet's performance of "Swan Lake" at Ashland's Paramount Arts Center. The performance is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. The Russian National Ballet was formed by graduates from the great choreographic schools of Moscow, St. Petersburg and Perm. The Russian National Ballet is its own institution, with more than 50 dancers of singular instruction and vast experience, many of whom have been with the company since its inception.

"Swan Lake," danced to Tchaikovsky's score, is one of the major artistic exports of Russia. It is a full-length ballet in four acts. The enchanting love story tells of an evil sorcerer who conceals maidens he has changed into swans. The sorcerer and his spell can be destroyed only if a young man falls truly and faithfully in love with the most beautiful of the swan maidens.

To register for the ticket, send a postcard or letter to: Holiday Giveaway Package, Morehead State Public Radio, 132 Breckinridge Hall, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY 40351-1689. Include your name, address and daytime phone number with entry.

Participants also may signup online at www.msuradio.com . Registrations by phone will not be accepted and a person must be at least 18 to enter. Limit one registration per household.

The winner of the tickets will be announced during "Classical Music" with Greg Jenkins on Tuesday, Dec. 20. All entries must be received by noon Monday, Dec. 19.

MSPR broadcasts 24 hours a day and the network includes WMKY (90.3 FM) in Morehead, WOCS (88.3 FM) Booneville and a translator (88.3 FM) in Inez.

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

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FreeHand MX online course available

Current training trends typically require students to take multiple courses in user applications and design fundamentals to produce professional quality publications.

While these are viable and necessary skills for students pursuing a career in graphics design, they leave the average user overwhelmed.

"Everyone should be able to produce a professional publication, complete with original illustrations," said Kathy Marrs, author and instructor of a new online course titled "Introduction to FreeHand MX" that is being offered through Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education.

Having the ability to publish documents for use in print or on the Web is not only commonplace, it's becoming necessary in the workplace. Family and friends are finding desktop publishing a great way to share greeting cards, or keep each other informed through e-mailed newsletters and published Web pages.

"From hobbyists to entrepreneurs to employees, these people want to create simple yet impressive designs they can publish in a variety of formats," said Marrs, who promises to have students creating original publications in just a few lessons. "My course offers an alternative."

"Introduction to FreeHand MX" can be taken online from the convenience of a person's home or office, and at any time of the day or night. The cost of the class is \$89.

Additional information about this course, which is part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses, is available from MSU's Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875, or on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/oce.

Posted 12-6-05

Christmas food drive will benefit needy

The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, the Kentucky Folk Art Center and Morehead State Public Radio will conduct a Christmas food drive, through Monday, Dec. 19.

KCTM will collect various non-perishable food items and deliver them to God's Pantry at Christian Social Services in Morehead on Tuesday, Dec. 20. God's Pantry and Christian Social Services provides a variety of services for families throughout east Kentucky.

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

Christmas food drive donations will be accepted during weekday hours from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. at the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, located at 149 East Main Street in downtown Morehead.

Additional information can be obtained by calling KCTM at (606) 783-9001 or MSPR at (606) 783-2001.

Posted 12-6-05

Two faculty and staff members make presentations at conference

A Morehead State University professor and a staff member each made presentations at a conference for Appalachian women, held recently in Ohio.

Christina Walton, assistant professor of education, and Sonja Castle, secretary in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, were among those attending the Women of Appalachia: Their Heritage and Accomplishments 7th Annual Conference at Ohio University-Zanesville. The conference featured nationally recognized speakers, Appalachian authors and art.

The session, "Telling the Stories of Appalachia," featured Walton's work, "Greater Cincinnati's Women Professional Storytellers: Life History Informs Performance Content." Her presentation was based on research findings from a two-year study of the Professional Storytellers of Greater Cincinnati.

In the same session with Walton, Castle related life experiences and read from her international award-winning poetry in her presentation, "Kentucky's Appalachian Poetry: Sad Eyes Crying: Impressions through Poetry." Both presentations were published in the conference proceedings.

Earlier this year, Walton also reported on her research findings at the Appalachian Writers Association Conference at King College in Bristol, Tenn. That presentation was titled "How Does Life History Inform the Oral Stories of Greater Cincinnati's Professional Storytellers' Performances?"

At the Bristol meeting, Walton discussed the findings of her ethnographic study of 22 professional storytellers, who were interviewed and observed in performance at community events, festivals, social gatherings or in educational settings. Her research was designed to determine to what extent the storytellers interpret their past through stories, and the factors that influence their social, cultural and historical interpretations.

Walton served as a judge for the Appalachian Children's Book of the Year for 2005 and will continue as judge in 2006 for both that book award and for the Poetry Award of the Year.

Additional information is available by calling Walton at (606) 783-2852.

Posted 12-6-05

Office of Enrollment Services adds new admissions counselor

Morehead State University alumnus Kinda L. Hall of Frankfort has joined the University's Office of Enrollment Services as an admissions counselor.

In her new position, she will provide information on the University's programs to prospective students, parents and school administrators in the MSU service region. She will represent Morehead State in a variety of marketing activities, including college nights and fairs, high school programs,

individual school visits, Meet Morehead State programs, Open House and SOAR programs. She also will plan, organize and execute special recruiting/orientation activities that will assist the University in accomplishing its educational mission.

Hall has previously worked as an executive secretary to the commissioner for the Kentucky State Police and as a site manager for Greenup County Schools 21st century community learning center. She also has worked as a legislative correspondent for U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell.

A 2003 graduate, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in government and history. While at MSU, she was involved in Gamma Beta Phi honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, Pi Sigma Alpha, and Phi Kappa Phi national honor society. She served as a peer adviser with the Office of Retention.

Additional information is available by calling enrollment services at (606) 783-2000.

Posted 12-6-05

Preece to be Winter Commencement speaker

Matthew Preece, of **Ft. Wright**, will be the student speaker for Morehead State University's Winter Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 17.

During the ceremony that begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on more than 600 graduate and undergraduate students.

Preece is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Department of Geography, Government and History, within the Caudill College of Humanities. A history major, he has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average during his college career.

While at MSU, Preece worked closely with his adviser, Dr. Adrian O. Mandzy, assistant professor of history. During the summer of 2003, he joined Dr. Manzy on a three-week archeological dig to the Ukraine.

For his undergraduate education, Preece chose Morehead State because it was a smaller school and he believed he would get individual attention. For his graduate degree, he plans to attend a larger school where there are a greater variety of programs and research in his field, possibly Indiana University, University of Pittsburgh or Harvard, a school that has a Central or Eastern European Studies degree program.

Preece plans to put his studies on hold for a year. He has accepted a position to teach English in Slovakia for the 2006-07 academic year where he can "apply the knowledge he has gained at Morehead State."

The son of Kevin Preece of Ft. Wright and Megan Preece of Crescent Springs, he is a Dean's List student. On the campus, he is a member of Phi Alpha Theta history honor society, Gamma Beta Phi honor society, and College Republicans and is a resident adviser in Fields Hall.

During the semester, he worked in the gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building where he gained museum experience by assisting with the mounting and display of art exhibits.

In his spare time, Preece likes to read and participate in outdoor activities such as fishing, camping and hiking. He is an avid weight lifter.

As he enjoys traveling, he hopes to see more of the world. His visits to the Ukraine and Poland have provided the incentive for him to do more.

Dr. William C. Green, professor of government and recipient of the University's 2005 Distinguished Teacher Award, is the grand marshal and mace bearer. Faculty marshals are Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English, and Kathryn C. Mincey, associate professor of English.

Student marshals will be Stacy Campbell of **Olive Hill** and Nakisha Pergram of **Winchester**, Graduate Programs; Sara Perkins of **Clearfield** and Cynthia Martin of **Milford**, College of Science and Technology; Carrie R. Coleman of **Phelps** and Lorna O. Stephens of **Salyersville**, College of Business; Natalie Collins of **Indianapolis, Ind.**, and Tara Jo Duncan of **Grahn**, College of Education; and Jared Arnett of **Salyersville** and Mindy McElfresh of **Mayslick**, Caudill College of Humanities.

Once degrees are conferred, the new alumni will be inducted into the MSU Alumni Association by its president, Chuck D. Charles of Ashland.

Refreshments for graduates and their families, hosted by each college's dean and faculty, will be served immediately following commencement in the lobby area. The receptions are co-sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association Inc.

The commencement exercises are free and open to the public.

Additional information on the graduation program is available by calling the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008.

Posted 12-8-05

Classes cancelled for Dec. 8

Morehead State University has cancelled night classes at its MSU at Mt. Sterling and MSU at West Liberty regional campuses for Thursday, Dec. 8, because of inclement weather.

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Legislators back bonds for housing improvements

Five Morehead State University alumni who serve in the Kentucky General Assembly told a student forum this week that they will support a bill to make it easier for MSU to issue its own revenue bonds to renovate or replace campus housing.

"We in the House approved that bill in the 2005 session and we're going to work even harder to get it through the entire legislature in 2006," said House Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins (D-Sandy Hook). "MSU and the other public universities need the flexibility to issue their own bonds to finance projects that will generate revenue to repay the debt. It's clear that authority is needed on this campus now to help improve your housing."

Also participating in the Student Government Association-sponsored event and echoing Adkins' comments were State Sen. Walter Blevins (D-Sandy Hook) and Reps. John Will Stacy (D-West Liberty), Robin Webb (D-Grayson) and Carolyn Belcher (D-Owingsville).

Passage of the bill, sponsored in 2005 by Rep. Robert Damron (D-Nicholasville), would move Kentucky into the ranks of 44 other states which permit public universities to issue bonds against their own credit. At present, state institutions in Kentucky must utilize bonds issued by the state which are limited by the total state debt.

The lawmakers voiced support of the Damron bill in response to a question from a student who asked how MSU's residence halls could be improved. MSU President Wayne D. Andrews noted that, other than an apartment building opened in 2003, the University's student housing units are 35-40 years old. He said a housing consultant soon would be recommending which buildings to improve, replace or demolish. Dr. Andrews estimated that as much as \$15 million might be needed to bring the housing up to what today's students say they want at MSU.

Enactment of the Damron bill is among five major issues on MSU's legislative agenda for the 2006 session which opens Jan. 3 in Frankfort.

Posted 12-9-05

Board of Regents quarterly meeting Dec 15

EVENT: Board of Regents meeting
DATE: Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005
TIME: 10 a.m.
SITE: Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

The Board will discuss a variety of activities at its regular quarterly meeting. They will approve the 2005 winter graduates; revision to Pac-1, definition of academic titles; and 2006-08 executive branch budget request. Also on the agenda is acceptance of the 2004-05 audit report and amended operating budget; and first quarter financial report and amended operating budget.

The Regents will ratify personnel actions; confirm new members of the Friends of Kentucky Folk Art Center Inc.; and hear reports on fall 2005 enrollment, 2006 health insurance and gift income.

Prior to the board meeting, the Audit Committee will meet at 9 a.m. in the Riggle Room.

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Media representatives planning to attend the Board meeting should call the Office of University Communications at (606) 783-2030 before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14, so that sufficient support materials will be available.

Posted 12-12-05

MSU to host 2006 Governor's Scholars

Morehead State University will be a host campus for the 2006 Governor's Scholars Program.

"We are excited about having several hundred of Kentucky's top high school students on our campus next summer for this prestigious activity," said President Wayne D. Andrews. "The GSP leadership knows that we are committed to providing outstanding staff and facility support and to sharing our famous Morehead hospitality. We also are honored to be the only public campus hosting GSP in 2006."

The Governor's Scholars Program is a five-week, residential summer program for outstanding Kentucky students completing their junior year in high school. Established in 1983, the program provides academic and personal growth in a challenging, non-traditional environment that balances a strong liberal arts program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience.

Students must complete an application and compete with others from across the state. Those selected attend the program free of charge. Additional information is available online at www.kygsp.org. Other host campuses will be Centre College in Danville and Bellarmine University in Louisville. The deadline for faculty applications at all three sites is Jan. 5. The resident adviser and office staff application deadline is Jan. 12. Employment applications can be submitted online.

Al Baldwin, assistant to the provost, will coordinate MSU's hosting of the Governor's Scholars Program.

Posted 12-13-05

Holiday closings

Administrative offices at Morehead State University will close at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22, for the holiday break. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 8 a.m.

The University Post Office will be open to distribute mail from 8 a.m. until noon Monday, Dec. 26, Wednesday, Dec. 28, and Friday, Dec. 30. Window service will be available during this period. Regular hours of operation will resume on Jan. 3.

The Kentucky Folk Art Center will be open on a regular schedule for most of the last week in December. The center will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 and 2. Regular hours of operation will resume on Jan. 3.

The MSU Wellness Center will be open Friday, Dec. 23, and Tuesday, Dec. 27 through Friday, Dec. 30, from 6 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 4 - 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 31, 9 a.m. until noon. The center will be open on Tuesday, Jan. 2, from 6 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 4 - 7 p.m. December calendars are available at the Wellness Center.

The Camden-Carroll Library will close on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 4:30 p.m. and reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 8 a.m.

During the holiday break, any questions or concerns should be directed to the MSU Police Department at (606) 783-2035. They will direct all calls to the appropriate units.

The MSU Foundation will continue to accept contributions through the holiday break, and the development staff will be available to assist donors with tax deductible contributions through the end of the calendar year.

For information, leave a message at 783-2033 or (877) 690-4483 and a staff member will return your call.

Posted 12-13-05

SIFE students place third

Morehead State University's Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) chapter recently placed third in the "Dual in Appalachia" competition held at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va.

Students In Free Enterprise is a global non-profit organization active in more than 40 countries and territories. SIFE is funded by financial contributions from corporations, entrepreneurs, foundations, government agencies and individuals. Working in partnership with business and higher education, the organization establishes student teams on university campuses.

For the competition, each team was presented a case study of a family in financial trouble which was developed by Take Charge America, Inc. and the University of Arizona SIFE.

MSU's team was presented with a scenario that involved a family that the husband was a member of the military, a wife and two children. The four-member squad had to create a short, mid and long term budget for a fictional family living in Huntington.

The team had approximately 36 hours to find a solution for that family's problem. They used research facilities on campus and visited banks, investment agencies, public libraries and day care centers.

The judging consisted of an approximately 20-minute PowerPoint presentation to the panel that explained their answer to the problem.

With the third place finish, MSU won \$1,500 that will benefit future SIFE projects.

Members of the team, who are all pursuing Bachelor of Business Administration degrees, are: Carrie Coleman, **Phelps** senior; Lorna Stephens, **Salersville** junior; Dennis Trousdale, **Middletown, Ohio**, sophomore; and Emily Ryan, **Jamestown, Ohio**, senior.

Additional information on SIFE is available by calling Darla Hunt or Janet Ratliff, MSU SIFE advisers, at (606) 783-2743 or (606) 783-2390.
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MSU graduate participates in USDA funded study

Jessica McCarty, a 2003 Morehead State University graduate from the [Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy](#) (IRAPP), is now participating in a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-funded study of air quality emissions from cropland burning.

In her third year of doctoral work at the University of Maryland, McCarty will serve as co-investigator of the \$465,115 project, "Remotely Sensed Measurements of Air Quality Emissions from Cropland Burning in the Contiguous United States."

Other participants in the study include University of Maryland Drs. Stefania Korontzi, principal investigator, and Chris Justice, co-investigator.

While at Morehead State, McCarty completed a double major in geography and Spanish. She earned her master's degree in geography from Maryland in 2005. While working on her masters, McCarty completed her thesis project on "Seasonal and Inter-annual Variability of Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Crop Residue Burning in the Contiguous U.S."

She is the daughter of Benny and Josephine McCarty of Farmers.

Additional information on the specifics of the study can be found on the Web at <http://www.geog.umd.edu/news/usdagrant.html> while information on IRAPP's academic programs and opportunities can be found at <http://irapp.morehead-st.edu/> or by calling (606) 783-5419.

Posted 12-16-05

Rigsby to perform at Eagle basketball games

One way or another there will be some "string music" at Morehead State University's Academic-Athletic Center on Dec. 19 and 21.

Kyle Macy's basketball Eagles will open up their Ohio Valley Conference home schedule by entertaining the University of Tennessee Martin Skyhawks (Monday, Dec. 19) and the Eastern Illinois University Panthers (Wednesday, Dec. 21) at Johnson Arena.

In addition to exciting basketball action, internationally-recognized Bluegrass musician and singer Don Rigsby and Midnight Call will perform at each game.

Both games will tip off at 7 p.m.

Rigsby and Midnight Call will perform during pre-game festivities, at halftime and during breaks throughout the two games.

With more than 20 years of experience in the music industry, Rigsby has released four solo albums and performed with several groups, including Longview, Bluegrass Cardinals, J. D. Crowe and the New South, Lonesome River Band and Rock County.

The 2001 male vocalist of the year named by the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America (SPBGMA), Rigsby also has been nominated by the International Bluegrass Music Association for album and song of the year. He shared two IBMA awards while performing with Longview and also sang on a Grammy-winning album by rocker John Fogerty.

In October, Rigsby captured two International Bluegrass Music Association awards during the 16th annual awards show at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville. He took home honors as Larry Sparks' "40" was tabbed as Recorded Event of the Year and Album of the Year. Rigsby produced, played and sang on the album.

Reserved seats and general admission tickets for Eagle basketball games are available at the AAC ticket windows on game nights or call (606) 783-2088.

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More than 600 graduate at MSU

More than 600 graduate and undergraduate students were degree candidates at Morehead State University's Winter Commencement today (Dec. 17). Family and friends cheered the newest alumni who were congratulated by President Wayne D. Andrews during the ceremony.

The student speaker, Matthew Preece of Ft. Wright, said that he and his fellow graduates were now ready to face the real world and put into practice what they have learned.

"When you are in college, it is very clear what you have to do to succeed," he said. "But life does not follow a college curriculum. Forge your own path and set your own standards for success," he added.

Preece noted that numerous historical figures, such as Van Gogh and Beethoven, were not considered to be professionally successful during their lives, but today are considered archetypes for perfection in their respective fields.

He asked his audience to face the challenges and to transcend the artificial environment of perfectionism. "Do not be afraid of failure, accept it and learn from it," he said.

A history major, Preece was a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Department of Geography, Government and History, within the Caudill College of Humanities. During his college career, he maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

He is the son of Kevin Preece of Ft. Wright and Megan Preece of Crescent Springs.

Once degrees were conferred, the graduates were welcomed into the MSU Alumni Association by its president, Chuck D. Charles of Ashland.

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MSU education majors bound for England

Three Morehead State University students will spend their last semester of undergraduate college in England.

The students will participate in an exchange program MSU's Educational Service Unit has with the University of Sunderland. For 12 weeks in the spring semester, they will work towards completing the clinical component of their teacher education in public schools in Sunderland, under the supervision of the faculty at that university. For one week during the students' practicum, an MSU faculty member will be in England to observe them applying their knowledge in the classroom.

During the fall semester, Sunderland students do the same, working with Morehead State faculty, and serving their practicum in area schools.

More than 75 education majors from England and MSU have taken advantage of the exchange program, which fosters cultural, personal and professional growth for participants.

The newest MSU exchange students are: Jared Rosselot of **Fayetteville , Ohio** ; Morgan Smith of **Halfmoon , N.Y .** ; and Laura Sollenberger of **West Alexandria , Ohio** .

Smith and Sollenberger are pursuing a degree in primary through grade five (P-5) education, with Sollenberger also working on a specialization in primary through grade 12 (P-12) special education. Rosselot is a P-12 education major, with a health and physical education component.

All are May 2006 bachelor's degree candidates, and will earn 15 academic credit hours for their work at Havelock Primary School and/or St. Aiden's Secondary School in northeast England.

Additional information about the program is available by calling MSU's Educational Service Unit at (606) 783-2065.

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MSPR adds station in the Philippines

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) has added another station to the list of affiliates carrying the "Americana Crossroads Live" radio series. The new station gives MSPR a "worldwide" appeal as it is located in the Philippines.

DZWR broadcasts at 99.9 FM in Baguio City, Philippines. The station offers a variety of Americana music styles including country, blues, folk and gospel.

A total of 36 stations across the United States and Canada now carry the "Americana Crossroads Live" radio series.

First started in 2000, the series was nominated as a finalist in 2003 as "Best Local Music/Entertainment Series" by the National Federation of Community Broadcasters. Some of the performers who have appeared on the series include The Fairfield Four, Tim O'Brien, Open Road, Darrell Scott, Kate Campbell, The Rarely Herd and Steve Forbert.

Paul Hitchcock, general manager of MSPR and producer of the "Americana Crossroads Live" radio series, said plans are underway to bring the monthly concert series back in 2006.

"We took 2005 off to do some other things in celebration of WMKY's 40 years of broadcasting. We were involved with several projects and festivals during 2005, which focused our attention of those activities. We're excited about the possibility of renewing the Americana Crossroads Live concert series in 2006 and an announcement should be made soon regarding reviving the live monthly concerts."

Archived audio from past programs of "Americana Crossroads Live" is available on MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com . The series features regional and national performers of various forms of Americana music including Bluegrass, folk, traditional, celtic, blues and country music. Musicians and songwriters interested in performing on the series should contact Hitchcock at (606) 783-2334.

Additional information on the series or MSPR is available by calling (606) 783-2001.

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MSU employees recognized

Several Morehead State University employees who have completed milestone years of service were honored in a special ceremony recently on the campus. President Wayne D. Andrews congratulated each person. Among those recognized and their years of service were, front row from left, Dr. Andrews; Jeff Jordan, 5; Donna Sloan, 5; Peggy Overly, 20; and Rosemary Hinton, 15. Middle row from left, are Tom May, 10; Frances Glover, 5; Kristie Jenkins Williams, 5; Lisa Adkins, 5; and Granuaile O'Flanagan, 15. Back row from left, are Tim Holbrook, 10; Gabria Sexton, 5; Joe Hunsucker, 5; Debbie Abell, 10; Debbie Stinson, 20; and Jo Jennings, 15.

(MSU photo by Guy Huffman)

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Mraz named news director

Morehead State Public Radio has announced that Chuck Mraz has been promoted to news director. Mraz, who has been with MSU since 1986, succeeds Charles Compton, who left in September.

"Chuck is an excellent news reporter. He is dedicated to our mission and the time he spends with our students shows his passion to journalism," said Paul Hitchcock, general manager of MSPR. "He will lead our news department well in providing a higher standard of news reporting in this region. I'm very pleased to have Chuck with us at MSPR."

Mraz is the local host of "Morning Edition" that airs weekdays from 6-9 a.m. and host of "Front Page" weekdays at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

He most recently captured two first place awards in the 2005 Kentucky Associated Press Awards for "Best Newscast" and "Best Sportscast" and has served as play-by-play voice of the Eagle Sports Network for 16 years.

"I think my highlight is working with students, it's the part of the job I think I enjoy the most. It's really great to see them work their way from being newcomers in the news department to being polished professionals," said Mraz.

"I also enjoy seeing how they turn out, whether it's in broadcasting or not. The large majority of them have become very productive members of our society and a real credit to themselves, their families, friends and Morehead State University. I'm looking forward to building on the success we have enjoyed in recent years, giving students an opportunity to learn skills they will need to take with them later."

Mraz and his wife, Joni, live in Morehead. They have two daughters: Elizabeth Hamm of Cincinnati and Megan, a sophomore at MSU.

The MSPR network includes the flagship station 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.

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MSU celebrates the holiday season

The Moreheads State University family of alumni, faculty and staff, students and friends from near and far joined together during the first week in December to spread some holiday cheer.

The University's holiday dinner party, "Ye Olde Madrigal Feaste," was presented in the Craiger Room within the Adron Doran University Center. Guests were treated to singing, dancing and a delicious dinner fit for a king or queen.

Sculpture Concourse adds "Parachute Game"

Morehead State University has added a fourth sculpture to its Sculpture Concourse. The latest work, titled "Parachute Game" was dedicated during the University's Homecoming 2005 activities earlier this year.

Whether it is in elementary school, high school or college, students remember a special teacher--that exceptional person who took the extra time that made all the hard work seem worthwhile. Lynn Stastyshyn was that person for students in Central Ohio.

Stastyshyn, who graduated from MSU in 1966 with an education degree, touched thousands of lives during his teaching career. His likeness has been depicted in the newest sculpture recently completed by Stephen Tirone, associate professor of art.

"Parachute Play" is a tribute to all children who ever played the parachute game with their teacher. It includes a teacher (Statyshyn) holding one end of the parachute while the other end is held by a student, modeled after Claudine Zachary, a sixth grade student at Franklin Woods Intermediate School in Southwestern City School District of Columbus, Ohio.

The piece, sponsored by the Stastyshyn Family, bears an inscription that reads, "A teacher instills lessons about body movement and kinetics in this bronze work in memory of Lynn Statyshyn, who represents Morehead State University alumni, career teachers and parents of MSU students."

During the dedication ceremony, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews welcomed the crowd and introduced Dr. Wayne Willis, assistant dean of education, who recapped the history of the sculpture concourse.

Dr. Willis offered thanks to those involved in getting the projects started and praised the artist for his contribution.

"Steve makes a grand sum of zero for all his hundreds of hours involved in each piece. Without Steve's generosity, this sculpture could not exist," Dr. Willis said.

MSU's Sculpture Concourse, a joint project of the Caudill College of Humanities and the College of Education, was established in 2002 to visually demonstrate the link between the fine arts and education and to recognize the University's historic mission of teacher training. The first statue, "Carefree," honored the

memory of former MSU President Adron Doran. "Education's Gift" was dedicated in memory of Alpha and Mildred Hutchinson, and "Beauty Heard" honored Jane Caudill for her contributions to education.

Dr. Michael Seelig, dean of the Caudill College of Humanities, welcomed the Stastyshyn family and friends from Ohio who were in attendance. He then spoke on the late educator's career and life.

"He was loyal to Morehead State. He assisted the University in its efforts to establish an alumni chapter in Central Ohio," said Dr. Seelig.

Jim Voyles, principal at Finland Middle School and longtime colleague of Stastyshyn, paid tribute to his friend by sharing memories.

Members of the Stastyshyn family in attendance included wife Krista Stastyshyn; and daughters Courtney, a senior education major at MSU, and Kristen; and son Aaron Stastyshyn, and his wife Rachel. Also at the dedication ceremony was his brother Steve Stastyshyn.

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Wellness Center offers new classes

Morehead State University's [Wellness Center](#) is offering faculty, staff and students a program to help drop those extra holiday pounds. As an added incentive, participants just might win a prize. The goal of Live Well 2006 is to decrease body fat percentage.

The program will run Monday, Jan. 23, through Friday, April 21. Registration is underway now through Jan. 20.

To spice things up a bit, the competition will be held in teams with each faculty/staff team(s) consisting of two people. A current member of the wellness center will join a non-member for each team.

The student team (s) will consist of two people. The team may be current members or new members or a combination.

All team members must complete the appropriate paperwork and orientation and/or assessment as necessary. The winning team will be decided by the greatest relative amount of body fat percentage lost per team.

As \$50 gift certificate per teammate will be the winner's prize. Second place is scheduled to receive a drawstring backpack, while third place will receive MSU Wellness Center water bottles.

All participants will receive a T-shirt and an MSU Wellness Center wristband.

The center also will offer a "Strength Bar" class Jan. 23 through May 3 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:45 -5:20 p.m. in the aerobics room.

Strength Bar is a strength training class that incorporates the use of the Versa Bar® in a total body strength training workout. A variety of equipment will be used to help achieve a more toned look.

The class will be free for current wellness center members and the instructor will be Melinda Oakley, assistant director.

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

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You still have time to register for the spring semester

For students who did not pre-register, there is still time to enroll in classes for Morehead State University's spring semester.

Online registration is available via MSU's Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu . Students may view the 2006 schedule of classes, transfer course equivalencies and academic policies. Many other services are available to current students who have an official checksheet on file, including paying fees and holds, ordering textbooks, and viewing transcripts, grades and official academic checksheets through Eagle Express Lane.

Registration for the spring term will be held Thursday and Friday, Jan. 12 and 13, from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each day in the University's academic departments and at each of MSU's regional campuses.

Students who have registered for classes may view their Spring 2006 billing online. Payment or deferment of fees can be made by accessing Eagle Express Lane on MSU's Web site, in person at the cashiers' window located in 207 Howell-McDowell Administration Building, or at any regional campus center. Deferment of fees cannot be completed by phone. Payment or deferment of fees is due by the close of business on Jan. 13. A \$75 late fee will be in effect beginning the first day of classes which is Tuesday, Jan. 17. Online deferment will end on Thursday, Feb. 2.

Morehead State responds to the areas' demand for a quality education by offering a number of classes through an assortment of delivery modes. MSU offers a wide variety of degrees to allow its students to try something new, improve a career or achieve a dream.

Details on the registration process are available on the Registrar's Web site or by calling the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008; or one of the five regional campuses: MSU at Ashland at (606) 327-1777 or (800) 648-5370; MSU at Jackson at (606) 666-2800 or (800) 729-5225; MSU at Mt. Sterling at (859) 499-0780 or (866) 870-0809; MSU at Prestonsburg at (606) 886-2405 or (800) 648-6372; or MSU at West Liberty at (606) 743-1500 or (800) 648-5371.

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Art exhibit titled 'Fragmentations' on display through Feb. 24

The works of six artists from across the nation will be featured in an exhibition coming to Morehead State University in late January.

"Fragmentations: A Group Exhibition" will be showcased in the main gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building, Jan. 25-Feb. 24.

The pieces included in the show were selected because of the works' exploration of fragmenting forms, organic or inorganic, human or material object, realistically or abstractly. The artists have investigated this concept of fragmentation through painting, ceramics, sculpture, drawing, and installation artwork.

The six artists participating in the exhibition include: Cheryl Coon of San Francisco; Joyce Jablonski of Warrensburg, Mo.; Matthew Kolodziej of Akron, Ohio; Millicent Straub Larson of Cincinnati; Kurt Nicaise of Cincinnati; and Yvette Kaiser Smith of Chicago.

The exhibition opens with a reception on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 6-8 p.m., with refreshments and live music. The event is free and open to the public.

In association with the exhibition, MSU's Department of Art will host two of the artists, Jablonski and Kolodziej, for campus events.

Jablonski, ceramic sculptor and associate professor at Central Missouri State University, will be on campus Feb. 27-28, visiting studios and meeting with students. She will present two artist lectures on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 10:20 a.m. and 12:40 p.m., both in 111 Claypool-Young.

Kolodziej, painter and assistant professor at University of Akron in Ohio, will be visiting MSU on Thursday, March 2, to give two artist lectures, also set for 10:20 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. in 111 Claypool-Young.

The Claypool-Young art gallery features contemporary art for the MSU community as well as the University's service region of East Kentucky. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays, or by appointment. There is no admission charge.

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

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Competition opens for First Book Award

Morehead State University, in a publishing partnership with the Jesse Stuart Foundation Inc., has announced its second annual First Book Award.

In 2005, the award was presented for fiction manuscripts, including short story, novel or novella. The winning manuscript, "Rock Big and Sing Loud" by Tamara Baxter, is awaiting publication by the Jesse Stuart Foundation Inc.

The 2006 winning entry also will be published by JSF under its standard contract. This year's competition will accept book-length collections of poetry. All authors in the Morehead New Writers Award competition will receive a copy of the published winning entry.

The competition is open to all authors from the southern Appalachian region who have not previously published a full-length book of poetry. Online publication or publication with a run of fewer than 300 copies does not apply to this requirement; poets who have published chapbooks also are eligible.

To enter, submit a book-length manuscript (at least 80 pages) of original poetry on a diskette or compact disc. The author must not be identified on the manuscript; however, the author's name and contact information and the title of the manuscript should be listed on a separate sheet. Manuscripts and information sheets must be received by **Friday, Jan. 27**.

A \$20 non-refundable entry fee should accompany all submissions. Checks should be made payable to MSU Foundation Inc. Current employees of Morehead State or the Jesse Stuart Foundation Inc. are not eligible to participate.

Submissions should be sent to: The Morehead New Writers Award, 150 University Blvd., UPO 630, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY 40351. Include a request if you would like to be notified of contest results.

The winning manuscript will be chosen by a panel of judges appointed by MSU and JSF. While manuscripts may be under consideration elsewhere, MSU/JSF must be notified if a manuscript is accepted for publication.

Authors may submit one manuscript only. The winner will be announced in May. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.

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Comments invited on strategic plan

Morehead State University is inviting its students, faculty, staff, alumni and other constituencies to help chart the institution's future.

President Wayne D. Andrews has announced that a draft outline of the University's new strategic plan - *Aspiring To Greatness, 2006-2010* - has been posted on the Internet for public review and comment through Feb. 15.

"We invite everyone with a stake in the future of Morehead State University to read the draft outline carefully and offer suggestions for improvement," Dr. Andrews said. "The response process has been simplified with the creation of an online comment form. We encourage members of our University family, as well as other friends, to be candid in their suggestions for strengthening our key objectives to help move this institution steadily from good to better to great."

The document is online at www.moreheadstate.edu/aspire.

Dr. Andrews noted that "Aspiring To Greatness" is being developed as the successor to "Pride & Promise," MSU's strategic plan for the period of 2001-2005. It also is intended to be responsive to "The Public Agenda for Postsecondary and Adult Education, 2006-2010," the latest strategic plan of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

"We have a mandate to work within the parameters of the state plan but we also are committed to addressing the University's unique challenges and opportunities," Dr. Andrews added. "Details will be developed by individual units as they determine how their operations can contribute to the success of the overall plan."

He added:

"We will include our various master plans, including campus physical development, student housing, enrollment management, diversity, and athletics facilities. Coordinating all of this planning will be a major step toward achieving our vision of becoming the top public, regional university in the South."

The final version of "*Aspiring To Greatness*" will be submitted to the University's Board of Regents for approval in the spring.

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