

Henderson poster winner

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 Sciences 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.

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Gov. Fletcher visiting MSU Thursday

Gov. Ernie Fletcher will make his first visit to the Morehead State University campus this Thursday for a luncheon address to the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon starts at 11:45 a.m. in the Main Street lobby of the Academic-Athletic Center. Luncheon reservations should be telephoned to the Chamber office at 784-6221 by noon Wednesday.

"We are pleased that Governor Fletcher will be on campus this week and I am looking forward to hearing his remarks at the luncheon," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "He has shown considerable interest in public postsecondary education and we are anxious to talk with him about his upcoming budget proposal to the General Assembly."

Fletcher became Kentucky's first Republican governor in 32 years when he was elected in November 2003. A native of Mt. Sterling, he grew up in Lexington and earned bachelor's and medical degrees at UK. In addition to being a family physician, he also has served as a fighter pilot, lay minister, state legislator, and U. S. congressman.

The governor will be introduced by President Andrews.

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Students offer free ultrasounds

Imaging sciences students at Morehead State University will offer a free fetal ultrasound program to expectant mothers beginning later this month.

The fetal scans will be conducted by appointment on selected days from Jan. 19 through March 7 at the University's sonography lab in Reed Hall. Performed by students, the scans will be supervised by faculty who are registered in obstetrics and gynecology through the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS).

Students performing the scans have already successfully completed MSU's radiologic technology initial program and are pursuing sonography as a fourth-year specialty.

The exams are non-diagnostic and are being conducted specifically as a learning experience for MSU students. Neither the University or its faculty and students are responsible for interpretation of the exams.

Women who would like to have a scan conducted may call for an appointment. All participant mothers must sign a consent form allowing students to perform the scan. On their exam day, volunteer mothers should bring a towel, as well as a VHS tape if they wish to record the ultrasound images.

Additional information and appointment times are available by calling MSU's Department of Imaging Sciences at (606) 783-2646.

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Former VP Johnny Duncan dies

Dr. John R. "Johnny" Duncan, 67, former vice president, faculty regent and a retired professor at Morehead State University, died Jan. 2 in Seattle, Wash.

The funeral will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, at 1 p.m. at Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals in Morehead. Visitation will begin after 5 p.m. on Friday.

A Glasgow native, Dr. Duncan came to Morehead State University in 1964 as assistant professor of sociology. He served in various administrative posts, including dean of graduate programs and vice president for academic affairs, before retiring in 1991.

Dr. Duncan served from 1981 to 1987 as the faculty representative on MSU's Board of Regents.

He was director of admissions from 1967-68, dean of graduate programs, 1968-1975, and vice president and dean of the faculty from 1975 until he returned to full-time teaching in 1978.

A two-time MSU graduate, he earned a bachelor's degree in 1960 and the master's degree in 1961. He continued his education at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he was a part-time graduate student, and Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind., as a General Electric Fellow. He completed the Doctor of Education degree at Indiana University in Bloomington in 1967.

On campus, Dr. Duncan was chair of the Faculty Senate for two years; served a year as second vice president and a year as first vice president of the MSU Alumni Association; and a member of the steering committee of the NCATE Self-Study and co-chair of the Southern Association Self-Study.

He was director of Region 9 (Kentucky) White House Conference on Children and Youth, chapter delegate and Kentucky coordinator for Phi Delta Kappa, president of Southwestern Ohio Council for the Social Studies, speaker at various conferences across the United States and a semifinalist to the White House Fellows Program.

Dr. Duncan was a former president of the Rowan County Young Democrats, state chaplain for the Kentucky Jaycees, listed in "Who's Who in American Education" "Personalities of the South" and "Outstanding Community Leaders in America," and a Kentucky Colonel. He served two terms on Morehead City Council.

A former high school teacher, Dr. Duncan taught in Paducah and Jackson, Ohio, and MSU's University Breckinridge School.

He is survived by his wife, the former Gretta Ann Brown of Sandy Hook, a retired MSU faculty member; and a daughter and son-in-law, Laura Lee and Michael Duncan-O'Connell; and three grandchildren.

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IET's Robotics Team takes third place

The Morehead State University Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology's Robotics Team captured third place in the nationwide Tele-Operated Robotic Manipulator Contest held in conjunction with the 2005 NAIT Convention in St. Louis, Mo.

MSU was well represented as 17 faculty and students attended the conference and President Wayne D. Andrews, was the keynote speaker.

Dr. Andrews spoke on "Journey to Higher Education Administration: the Important Skills of the Industrial Technologist." The audience was composed of approximately 500 industrial technologists and educators.

The IET Robotics Team was required to design and build a robotic manipulator without using any robotic kits or off-the-shelf robot manipulators and prepare a flat poster regarding the manipulator.

The robot had to run an obstacle course, pick up and carry an 8-inch long piece of 1.5 inch EMT conduit and place it through a 3-inch hole at the end of the course.

The team was comprised of: Casey Brown, **McDowell** freshman; Bill Lindberg **Flemingsburg** senior, David Nickel, **Greenup** junior; Brandon Osborne, **Virgie** junior; and Dwayne Yeary, **Morehead** freshman.

In the contest, MSU competed against teams from Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Kentucky University, Indiana State University, Iowa State University, Millersville University, Ohio Northern University, Purdue University, Spoon River Community Technical College, University of North Dakota, and the University of Wisconsin - Platteville.

Faculty members from the department attending the conference were: Dr. Farouq Al-Hourani, associate professor; Dr. Yudi Gondokaryono, assistant professor; Dr. William Grise, associate professor; Sam Mason, instructor; Dr. Charles Patrick, professor; Dr. Myoungsu Sin, assistant professor; and Dr. Ahmad Zargari, department chair.

Along with the faculty, five graduate students attended: Sharon Austin of **Morehead**, Joseph Barker of **Grahn**, Roy Gentry of **Winchester**, Yogesh Patil of **Morehead** and Keith Roe of **Olive Hill**.

Several graduate students and faculty members made presentations at the convention. They included:

- "Superplastic Forming of Aluminum Alloys via Equal-Channel Angular Extrusion (ECAE)," by Barker, Roe and Dr. Grise.
- "Acceleration of artificial Neural Network Computation using PVM in a Beowulf Cluster," by Dr. Gondokaryono and Dr. Grise.
- "Performance Analysis of Heterogeneous Embedded System Using OPNET," by Dr. Gondokaryono and Gentry.
- "New Techniques in Delamination," by Dr. Grise, Roe and Barker.
- "Development of 4-Axes Camera Positioning Using NI-7344 Motion Controller, NI-IMAQ and Labview 7.1 Software Applied in Visual Based Automatic Inspection System," by Patil, Dr. Gondokaryono, Dr. Rachmawati Wangsaputra, former assistant professor.
- "Investigation of Electro-Mechanical Behavior of Nickel-Coated Carbon Fibers for Use in Structural Health Monitoring," by Austin, Dr. Sin and Dr. Patrick.
- "Industrial Technology Program Effectiveness from a Graduate Perspective: A National Survey of Industrial Technology Graduates of 2000," by Dr. Zargari and Dr. Patrick.
- "Industrial Technology Faculty: A Four-Year Demographic Perspective AZ." by Dr. Patrick and Dr. Zargari.

The National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) has professional and student members at more than 500 community colleges, universities and companies throughout the U.S. and is the accrediting agency for the Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology at MSU.

Four faculty members have been named to leadership positions. NAIT officers include Dr. Zargari, chair of NAIT Executive Board; Dr. Grise, president of NAIT Research Division; Dr. Patrick, chair of Board of Journal of Industrial Technology; and Steve DeFazio (MSU IET graduate student), president of NAIT Industry Division.

Additional information is available by calling the Department of IET at (606) 782-2013.

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Cheerleading showcase

A Morehead State Cheerleading Showcase will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, beginning at 2 p.m. in the University's Academic-Athletic Center.

MSU's co-ed and all-girl cheer squads, as well as the University of Kentucky co-ed team will present their routine before heading off to the national competition. Area high school and all star teams also will perform.

Admission is \$5, with children under 5 years of age admitted without charge. Doors open at 1 p.m.

The University's cheer squads will defend their national title at the College National Cheerleading Championships, Jan. 13-16, in Orlando, Fla.

Additional information is available by calling Tony Nash, MSU spirit coordinator, at (606) 783-2071 or sending a message to t.nash@moreheadstate.edu.

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Register now for healthcare certification programs

Registrations are now being accepted for the three new healthcare certification programs beginning in March by Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education: Pharmacy Technician, Medical and Billing Coding, and Dental Assisting.

The Pharmacy Technician certification will prepare individuals to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's (PTCB) exam. This 50-hour course will teach students medical terminology, how to read and interpret prescriptions, and how to define drugs by generic and brand names.

The class will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 6 - 9:30 p.m., March 13 - May 8. The fee for the program and textbooks is \$999.

Medical Billing and Coding certification will be offered March 14 - May 9. This 50-hour program provides the skills necessary to solve billing problems, file claims, complete insurance forms, trace delinquent claims, appeal claims, streamline billing procedures, and find service and codes using manuals.

After the individual completes this course and obtains the practical work experience, the student could be qualified to take several national certification exams, such as Certified Professional Coder Exam (CPC or CPC - H Apprentice).

The class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 9:30 p.m. The fee for the program and textbooks is \$1,299.

A 60-hour Dental Assisting Program will prepare the student for entry level positions in one of the fastest growing healthcare positions. The course will provide students with information in all areas of pre-clinical dental assistance, as well as training in the professional skills necessary to assist in a dental practice. Key areas covered in the program include administrative and clinical aspects.

This program also is ideal for students interested in becoming a dental hygienist.

The class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 9:30 p.m., March 14 -May 16. The fee for the program and textbooks is 1,199.

Additional information and registration are available by calling the Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875, or on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/oce/.

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KFAC opens history of Rowan County exhibit

The [Kentucky Folk Art Center](#) has announced the opening of its "150: A History of Rowan County, Kentucky" exhibition which will be on display at the center through Feb. 26.

An opening reception will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12, from 5 - 7 p.m. Morehead State Public Radio will broadcast from the Kentucky Folk Art Center from 10 a.m. - noon that same day.

The exhibit explores the history of Rowan County through episodic text and historic photographs and other artifacts and images. This show will be of particular interest to those who wish to learn more about the history of Rowan County and Appalachia. The exhibition was conceived to kick off Rowan County's Sesquicentennial, which will be celebrated locally throughout 2006.

Assisting KFAC staff with the exhibition was a local committee, which included Dr. Yvonne Baldwin, Dr. Jack Ellis, Fred Brown, Helen Surmont and Juanita Blair. James Johnson and David Bartlett also contributed to the exhibition.

"The history of Rowan County is unique and fascinating," said Matt Collinsworth, the center's director. "The stories and images presented in this exhibition are moving, entertaining and informative. If you want to learn more about Rowan County, how this place and its people fit into a broader historical context, this exhibition is a wonderful place to start."

"The exhibition does not pretend to cover all aspects of the county's history," said Adrian Swain, KFAC curator. "Instead, we tried to look at the major forces that shaped the county and the events that had the most significant impact. The exhibition also examines some things just for the fun of it."

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

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Honors Program has new emblem

A concrete emblem representing the ideals of its students has been installed at the headquarters of Morehead State University's George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program.

In 2003, the program's students were asked to create a symbol that would reflect the values and attitudes of the program. After considering many options, the students decided that the symbol should be a partially opened gate.

The layers of meaning behind the symbol of the gate are many, according to Dr. Marshall Chapman, associate professor of geology and program director.

"Morehead, Kentucky, has always seen itself as the gateway to the mountains, and MSU has seen itself as the gateway to higher education within its service region and beyond," he said. "The George M. Luckey Jr., Academic Honors Program has seen itself as a gateway to our highest potentialities."

The gate, now a sculpture on the front lawn of the Honors House, is fashioned after "Anne's Gate," an actual gate to a garden in Brook Green Botanical Gardens in coastal South Carolina.

"The gate is partially open, or partially closed, to represent our approach to critical thinking," Dr. Chapman said. "We in the honors program feel that our values and attitudes should be like this gate, and that a gate stuck open is just as useless as a gate stuck closed." He added that the gate in the partially open position encourages the viewer to consider the reasons why it is in such a position, and the gate opens towards the Honors House in a welcoming gesture.

The gate, designed by alumnus Lee Busick of **Wilmore**, a 2003 honors program graduate, was sculpted by senior Jason Barker of **Olive Hill**. Barker worked under the supervision of Stephen Tirone, MSU associate professor of art.

"They chose the location, color and the position of the sculpture with great care and thought to its meaning," Dr. Chapman said. "We are delighted with the crafting of the sculpture by Mr. Barker."

Appalachian Goldsmith Co. of Morehead is rendering the image of the gate in silver, according to Dr. Chapman. This rendition will be given to each graduating senior at the annual Awards Convocation, and worn on a ribbon during commencement ceremonies. The gate can then be used as a broach or lapel pin, signifying that alumni never leave the honors program.

The Honors House (officially known as the Evans House), is located on Elizabeth Avenue. Additional information about the honors program is available by calling Dr. Chapman at (606) 783-2807.

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MSU freshman dies

Morehead State University freshman Sarah Christine Shay, 19, of Clearfield, died Jan. 4 at St. Claire Regional Medical Center in Morehead.

A graduate of Rowan County Senior High School, she was an art major.

She is the daughter of Dr. Karen Engels Shay and the late Phil Shay.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 7, at Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals. Entombment will follow in Forest Lawn Mausoleum.

Visitation begins at 3 p.m. today (Jan. 6) at the funeral home.

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Seed money from a trial program awarded

Morehead State University's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy has announced the seed money awards from a trial program initiated last semester.

The program's objective was to facilitate and focus on the research and creative agendas of new and junior faculty and professional librarians who were hired between January 2003 and August 2005, according to Dr. David Rudy, dean of IRAPP.

The recipients and their project titles are:

M. Noelle N'Diaye, assistant professor of government, was awarded \$1,627 for her study "Identity or Issues? A study of the mobilization and engagement potency of ideology and issue salience among African American electoral advocacy organizations."

Dr. Stephanie Welter, assistant professor of biology, was awarded \$2,998 for "Pigment expression in wild populations of larval salamanders in eastern Kentucky."

Dr. Roger Cleveland, assistant professor of education, was awarded \$1,600 for "Black voices: African American students' educational experiences in Appalachian schools."

Dr. Myoungsu Sin, assistant professor of industrial technology, was awarded \$3,000 for "Evaluating shear strength of reinforced concrete beam-column joints by strut-and-tie model."

Contingent upon funding, IRAPP plans to make the awards available on an annual basis. Next year's competition would be open to faculty hired between January 2004 and August 2006 with an estimated proposal deadline of Sept. 22.

These awards further IRAPP's goal of increasing the research capacity of the university. Since 1999, IRAPP has allocated \$30,000 to \$40,000 annually to support faculty research and creative productions via the IRAPP-Funded Regional Research and Creative Production Grants Program.

Additional information on its academic programs and research capacity is available by calling (606) 783-5420 or the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/irapp/.

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Prater selected as an admissions counselor

Morehead State University alumnus Anthony Keith Prater of Morehead has joined the University's Office of Enrollment Services as an admissions counselor.

In his new position, he will provide information on the University's programs to prospective students, parents and school administrators in the MSU service region.

Prater 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.

He also will plan, organize and execute special recruiting/orientation activities that will assist the University in accomplishing its educational mission.

Prater previously worked as coordinator of patient relations and as a patient representative assistant at St. Claire Regional Medical Center.

He earned a Bachelor of University Studies degree in 2003 and was named to the dean's list five times during his college career.

The Lewis County High School graduate attended Clinch Valley College, Maysville Community and Technical College and Ohio University's Southern Campus in Ironton, Ohio.

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

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Students present research paper in Washington, D.C.

Morehead State University students Shon Simpson, **Salt Lick** senior, and Stephanie Webb, **Prestonsburg** junior, presented a research paper, "Does Travel Time and Distance to Institutions of Higher Education Affect Participation?" to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) in Washington, D.C.

The students are government majors in MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP).

In their research, Simpson and Webb used data obtained from the U.S. Census, Kentucky's school report cards and an Internet mapping program to examine the effects of travel time and distance to the nearest public university or community/technical college on post secondary participation after high school.

The two discovered that in the Appalachian portion of the Commonwealth, time and distance are significantly correlated with participation, but found that participation increased with increasing travel time and distance to the nearest public university but decreased with increased travel time and distance to the nearest community /technical college.

The project was mentored by Dr. Zack Bortolot, assistant professor of geography.

The presentation was part of the Appalachian Teaching Project, an annual event in which students from throughout Appalachia conduct research and present results to policy makers in Washington.

The Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy was designated as Morehead State's Program of Distinction by the Council on Postsecondary Education in 1999. Additional information on its academic programs and research capacity is available at (606) 783-5420 or the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/irapp/.

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Future students will learn about careers and attend Open House, Feb. 25

Sophomores, juniors and seniors of area high schools, along with their parents, are invited to visit Morehead State University's College Reality Store on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Adron Doran University Center.

The MSU College Reality Store will focus on preparing students for jobs that use math, science or technology either as their main focus or as a part of the job. Students and parents can "shop" together for the best post-high school "products" to fit the student's career needs and explore the many resources available to help pay for them.

Representatives from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), admissions and financial aid counselors, guidance counselors and departmental representatives from the College of Science and Technology will be on hand to answer questions.

Other resources also will be available for planning careers focused on math and science.

Following their "shopping" trip, student/parent teams will be treated to a brief program, an opportunity to win door prizes and lunch. Every student in attendance will receive an MSU T-shirt provided by the Office of Enrollment Services.

Students and parents are invited to attend MSU's Open House, which will be held on the second floor of ADUC from 1-3 p.m. Campus tours will be available. Follow the "Open House" signs for directions and parking.

The College Reality Store is a free event sponsored by the Appalachian Mathematics and Science Partnership (AMSP), a project funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and offered through the University of Kentucky. Information about AMSP is available from its Web site (www.appalmsp.org).

Additional information is available from Robin McDonald, AMSP regional program coordinator for MSU, by calling (606) 783-2329, by e-mail to r.mcdonald@moreheadstate.edu; or by visiting local guidance counselors or principals.

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Business record keeping seminar to be held in Pikeville

A free seminar, titled "Small Business Record Keeping," is being offered by the Morehead State University/East Kentucky Small Business Development Center on Thursday, Feb. 9.

This seminar will be presented from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 120 S. Riverfill Drive in Pikeville. The instructor for this session will be Lynette Schindler, certified public accountant with the firm of Lynette Schindler, CPA, PSC.

Topics to be covered are basic business records, business structures, and taxes and financial statements.

Additional information and pre-registration are available from Linda Casebolt or Michael Morley at the East Kentucky Small Business Development Center by calling (606) 432-5848.

EKSBDC programs are funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance.

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Camden-Carroll Library to host discussion group

Kentucky author Bobbie Ann Mason's "Clear Springs: A Family Story" has been selected as the initial book to be discussed by the newly established group to learn more about the Commonwealth's authors and their works.

Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library is inviting members of the Morehead community as well as University students, staff and faculty to join this voyage through the literary world.

The group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. on the fifth floor of the library to discuss the Mayfield native's work. The book is a memoir of Mason's experiences growing up in rural Kentucky.

"Clear Springs" discusses life on the family farm in the 1950s when things were simpler. The Cleveland Plain Dealer describes it as "a call to action as much as it is a personal story, and it could inspire you to learn more about your own family history before it is too late.... A bittersweet story of a time and place irrevocably lost."

The library received a grant to sponsor the discussion and to purchase additional copies of the books for public use. The discussion will be moderated by local author and commentator, Bob Sloan.

This is the first in a series of four book discussions sponsored by the Camden-Carroll Library; the Kentucky Humanities Council; MSU's Women's Interdisciplinary Studies Program; Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy; Office of Multicultural Student Services; and MSU's Appalachian Studies Program.

Future titles to be discussed include, Frank X. Walker's "Affrilachia" (poetry), Morris Grubbs' "Home & Beyond" (short stories), and James Baker Hall's "Yates Paul, His Grand Flights and Tootings" (fiction).

A limited number of copies of the book are available for borrowing. They are located near the Circulation Desk on the first floor of the library.

Additional information and registration are available by calling (606) 783-5352. Free parking is available near the library in the evening.

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President challenges faculty and staff to meet enrollment goal

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews has challenged MSU's faculty and staff to meet the goal of a fall 2006 enrollment of 9,700 students as set by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Addressing a convocation audience at the official opening of the spring semester, Dr. Andrews described the student recruitment marketplace as "fiercely competitive" and said enrollment growth could produce additional state support and tuition revenue to help MSU move "from good to better to great."

He identified development of additional online courses and degrees and the recruitment of more associate degree graduates from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System as priorities for MSU's enrollment plan for 2006-07. The new goal represents an increase of 638 students over last fall's enrollment of 9,062.

As a result of help from the legislature and MSU personnel, the University now has a funding formula in place to receive funding at the same rate as other state institutions.

"However, all new funding will be enrollment driven," Dr. Andrews explained. "The plain, unvarnished truth is that we cannot become a great institution by the sheer force of our collective will or by the sheer force of our combined intellect," he said. "We're going to have to have more money."

The president cited state funding gains as one of the key components behind MSU's successes. The cooperative efforts of Gov. Ernie Fletcher, the General Assembly - including several MSU alumni legislators - and others resulted in MSU not only receiving more state money in its current budget, but restorations of cuts made in the previous fiscal year.

"The good news didn't end with an increased operating budget," Dr. Andrews said. "The governor recommended and the legislature funded construction of the space science center at \$12.2 million in state bonds and authorized use of \$5 million in federal funds." Additional monies were secured to plan a new health education and research facility in partnership with St. Claire Regional Medical Center, and to expand the Mt. Sterling regional campus.

Dr. Andrews said the University must continue to recruit and retain academically strong students because they are more likely to complete degree programs and graduate. MSU's fall 2005 freshman class was the strongest ever, in regard to ACT scores.

He charged faculty and staff to assist all MSU students with their academic goals, whether it is through providing quality academic instruction, guiding them through financial aid processes, or mentoring them through difficult periods in their lives.

"KCTCS has thousands of students in online courses at the lower division level," he said, adding that many of those students will seek a baccalaureate or other "completer" degree. "We literally are in a race with other public institutions...to get into this market."

Access to education for all students is and must remain a priority for MSU, Dr. Andrews said. "I hope all of us have an appreciation for the five regional campuses and how important they are to our future. I'm proud that we have more regional campuses than any institution in the Commonwealth," he continued. "I feel strongly that our students are equally important - regardless of where they enroll or what mode of teaching they receive.

"The growth of our regional campuses and the online programs shows clearly that adult student participants expect the delivery system to come to them."

Dr. Andrews invited everyone to review and comment on the draft of the University's new plan, "Aspiring to Greatness," which focuses on six strategic goals: Academic Excellence, Student Success, Productive Partnerships, Improved Infrastructure, Resource Enhancement and Enrollment and Retention.

He asked faculty and staff to then determine "if this plan outlines the Morehead State University with which we want to be associated."

Classes for MSU's spring semester begin Tuesday, Jan. 17. Additional information about enrolling is available by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000; or toll-free at (800) 585-6781.

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King march will be held Monday

Morehead State University's annual community tribute to slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held on his official birthday holiday on Monday, Jan. 16.

This year's theme is "In the spirit of unity and service: A day on...not a day off!"

The 20th annual celebration will begin with the traditional candlelight march, starting at the Little Bell Tower on the MSU campus. Participants will gather at 6:30 p.m. for welcoming remarks.

After receiving candles, they will march across campus and downtown to a service at the First Baptist Church, located at 123 East Main Street.

The 7 p.m. program will include prayers, music and special performances.

The evening's events are sponsored by MSU's Office of Multicultural Student Services.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Francene Botts-Butler, director of multicultural student services, at (606) 783-2668.

Offices at Morehead State University will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of the national holiday in remembrance of Dr. King's birthday.

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MSPR advisory board to meet

The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 3 p.m. MSPR's studios, located in Breckinridge Hall on the Morehead State University campus.

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

Additional information is available from MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com or Paul Hitchcock, MSPR's general manager, by e-mail to wmkky@moreheadstate.edu or by phone at (606) 783-2001.

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Entrepreneurship class to be held in Mt. Sterling

What makes someone an entrepreneur? Is it a mindset, skills or both?

You can find out in the special Entrepreneurship Class to be held at Morehead State University's regional campus center at Mt. Sterling.

Jonathan Gay, director of MSU's Innovation Center, will be the instructor for the Entrepreneurship Class to be offered for three hours of college credit at MSU at Mt. Sterling beginning Feb. 24.

The Innovation Center is located in West Liberty and works with technology, innovation based business owners and inventors to help them commercialize and grow their business.

The class is specifically designed to accommodate the working person's schedule since it will meet on Friday nights from 5-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for three consecutive weekends, Feb. 24 through March 11.

Whatever career path you are considering, from lawyering to accounting, making and selling crafts to starting your own business or from computer work to running a beauty salon, you should take the time to learn about the skills necessary for you to be a successful entrepreneur.

Among the topics covered in the class are organizing a small business consistent with the law and in a way that best fits your individual needs, finding dollars necessary to fund your business, preparing a budget, and developing price structures.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn how to adapt your skills to the new 21st century business marketplace. Additional information is available by calling Dr. Janet Kenney, director of MSU-Mt. Sterling, or Jill McBride, regional campus assistant, at (859) 499-0780 or toll free at (866) 870-0809.

Posted: 1-18-06

MSU cheerleaders claim their 21st national title

Morehead State University's cheerleaders continued their tradition of excellence by capturing an extraordinary 21st national title in Florida this weekend.

The coed squad placed first in Division I at the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) competition held at Walt Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando on Sunday, Jan. 15. This marked the fifth consecutive win and 16th overall national title for the squad.

The all-girl squad also had an impressive finish, placing third in competition Saturday, Jan. 14. Overall, the all-girl team has taken the national title five times.

To get to nationals, both squads had placed first in the qualifying round, which consisted of a cheer video, as well as an 1 1/2-minute video that demonstrated the teams' stunts, pyramids, basket tosses and tumbling.

The University's cheer squads are coached by Tony Nash, spirit coordinator. Brandon Armstrong of Morehead is the squads' trainer.

(A list of squad members may be found at [MSU cheerleaders heading to nationals](#) .)

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MLK celebration at MSU

Morehead State University paid tribute to slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday as the community and campus came together to celebrate his life.

With this year's theme of "In the spirit of unity and service: A day on...not a day off!", the 20th annual celebration began with the traditional candlelight march at the Little Bell Tower and marched across campus and downtown to a service at the First

Baptist Church.

The four keynote speakers included: Dr. Randall Swain, assistant professor of government, reflected upon Dr. King's impact on civil rights; Dr. Shondrah Nash, assistant professor sociology, spoke on Dr. King's impact on education; Maurice White, ESL professional development specialist, Adult Education Academy, talked about Dr. King's impact in regard to spirituality; and LaRaissa Davis, coordinator of Multicultural Student Services, discussed Dr. King's impact on community involvement.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrew presented the closing remarks.

The event was sponsored by MSU's Office of Multicultural Student Services, the Black Student Coalition and the Rowan County Ministerial Association.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Francene Botts-Butler, director of multicultural student services, at (606) 783-2668.

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MSU students to offer free income tax assistance

Morehead State University accounting students will once again offer free income tax assistance to students and low-income families during the 2006 filing season.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistant (VITA) program is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and MSU's Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance. The income tax returns will be prepared by the University's accounting students, under the supervision of Sharon T. Walters, associate professor of accounting and a certified public accountant.

Families with income less than \$35,000 qualify for the free assistance. However, returns that involve self-employment income, rental income, or capital gains and losses, may not be prepared. Individuals are encouraged to check with a VITA volunteer for details.

The VITA site, in 311 Combs Building, will be open on Tuesdays, 3-5:30 p.m., from Feb. 7- April 11. The service will not be offered when the University is on spring break (March 20-24) or on March 8. No appointment is necessary.

Taxpayers should bring all tax documents for 2005 and a copy of their 2004 tax return. Students also should bring information regarding scholarships, tuition, fees and books for the 2005 calendar year, specifically the total amount of scholarships/grants awarded, total tuition and fees, and total cost of books.

International students may contact Pam Jaisingh, international student services coordinator, in 329 Allie Young Hall for information sheets and scheduled dates.

In accordance with IRS rules, VITA will require that taxpayers provide photo identification and documentation of social security numbers for taxpayer/spouse and dependents.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Walters at (606) 783-2725.

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Kentucky artists invited to participate in exhibition

Kentucky artists are invited to participate in The Bluegrass Biennial, a juried exhibition of contemporary artworks of Kentuckians, which will be on display in the main gallery of Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building.

The opening and award reception will be held on Saturday, June 3, from 3 - 5 p.m., in conjunction with the "Bluegrass 'n More" festival. The exhibition, which will run through July 28, is a collaborative effort of the University's Department of Art and the Arts and Humanities Council, Cave Run Arts Association and the Morehead Art Guild.

The Bluegrass Biennial exhibition is open to all artists 18 years who are residing in Kentucky. Awards will be presented for Best in Show (\$300) and Merit (\$100 each).

David Knight, director of exhibitions and collections at Northern Kentucky University, will be the juror for the exhibition. He also is a part-time faculty member in NKU's Art Department where he teaches classes in gallery administration/installation.

Knight has been actively involved in the arts in Cincinnati and the Northern Kentucky region for more than 17 years. He worked at several private galleries early in his career and has served as curator and juror for numerous exhibitions in the Midwest.

Artists interested in participating in the exhibition may submit slides or digital images (jpeg, mac format, 300 dpi, 4 x 6") of up to three artworks completed since 2003. The submissions, along with an entry form and \$10 entry fee, must be postmarked by March 17. Insurance will be provided.

A prospectus pdf is available on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/art/ or by sending an e-mail to Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at atj.reis@moreheadstate.edu.

The inaugural Bluegrass Biennial exhibition was held during the summer of 2004 and featured the works of more than 40 artists from across the Commonwealth.

The gallery in Claypool-Young features contemporary art for the Morehead State University community as well as the University's service region of East Kentucky. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. There is no charge for viewing. Parking is available on Main Street and Elizabeth Avenue, behind Claypool-Young.

Additional information is available by calling Reis at (606) 783-5446.

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Campus giving campaign reaches \$1.17 million

In a year when charitable causes and relief efforts strained the budgets of many donors, the Morehead State University family generously gave to the 2005 campus campaign, even surpassing the previous year's totals.

Barbara Ender, vice president for development, told MSU faculty and staff attending the spring convocation (Jan. 11) that 68 percent of employees made a contribution to the annual campaign, mostly through cash or payroll deductions.

The contributions, made by MSU faculty, staff, students and retirees, exceeded gifts made during the 2004 campaign. For that year, 446 employees elected to give through payroll deductions, and that number jumped to 488 this year, an increase of 9 percent.

Overall, hurricane and mudslide relief donations and other worthy causes were initially expected to adversely effect academic giving nationally, but Ender said she was pleasantly surprised by MSU's results.

"The effect of the natural disasters really seemed to sensitize folks, causing them to give more, and causing others to give," she said. "I am pleased to say that Morehead State University's campus campaign seems to mirror these projections."

The total for the 2005 campaign was just over \$170,491 - the third highest total in campaign history. It brought the eight-year total for the campaigns to \$1.17 million. Proceeds benefit various college and departmental funds, as well as scholarships and many other priorities of the University.

During convocation, campaign co-chairs Dr. Dayna Seelig, special assistant to the president, and Jeffrey Liles, assistant vice president for university relations, presented a symbolic check representing the campaign total to MSU President Wayne Andrews.

Additional information about giving to MSU is available by calling the development office at (606) 783-2033.

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Trombone Day 2006 slated for Feb. 4

High school musicians will have a unique opportunity to rehearse and perform with expert trombonists at an upcoming special event at Morehead State University.

Trombone Day 2006, slated for Saturday, Feb. 4, will bring together the best trombonists in the region for instruction, showmanship and camaraderie. Participants will perform with the Festival Trombone Choir, and hone their techniques at clinics with guest artist Tony Baker, a C. G. Conn artist and clinician, and Dr. Jeanie Lee, MSU professor of trombone.

Baker is currently a faculty member at the University of North Texas College of Music. He has performed with orchestras such as the Minnesota Opera Orchestra, the New Hampshire Music Festival Orchestra, and the Columbus, Akron, Arkansas, and Duluth-Superior symphonies. Baker is currently the second trombonist of the Dallas Opera Orchestra.

A faculty member at a number of summer jazz workshops, Baker is widely regarded as one of the finest trombonists of his generation. He was director of the 2002 International Trombone Festival at the University of North Texas and a guest artist at the 2003 and 2004 International Trombone Festivals, held in Ithaca, N.Y., and Helsinki, Finland, respectively.

Dr. Lee has performed with groups such as the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra, the Midland-Odesa Symphony Orchestra, and with popular acts Natalie Cole, the Moody Blues and Manhattan Transfer. She performs as a regular member of the Horizon Brass Quintet, an ensemble of Morehead State professors, and freelances throughout Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. She has performed recently with the Lexington Philharmonic, Huntington Symphony Orchestra, Kentucky Jazz Repertory Orchestra and the DeMartino Osland Jazz Orchestra.

MSU Trombone Day 2006 has been made possible through the sponsorship of C. G. Conn, Don Wilson Music Co. Inc., MSU Arts and Humanities Council through Buckner & Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, and MSU's Department of Music. Organizers plan to make it an annual event.

High school trombonists, grades nine through 12, are eligible to participate in MSU Trombone Day 2006. Registration information and a schedule of events are available by accessing the Department of Music's page on MSU's Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/music.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Lee at (606) 783-2477.

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Police officers assist in theft ring investigation

Two Morehead State University police officers were among the law enforcement personnel whose combined efforts netted two arrests and the recovery of more than \$250,000 in stolen property.

Lt. James E. Frazier and Officer David C. Gavin contributed to the ongoing investigation of a theft ring that reached into at least seven Kentucky counties, Michigan and Indiana. As a result of the police work of nine enforcement agencies, including the MSU Police Department, two Magoffin County men have been charged with felony theft and receiving stolen property.

The MSU officers became involved when a trailer loaded with two motorcycles, with a total value of \$13,710, was stolen from a University parking lot in November. Part of that property was recovered when Michael Porter and Jerry Saylor were arrested last week by Magoffin County Sheriff Randall Bob Jordan.

Police recovered vehicles, trailers, a grill and many other items believed to have been stolen within the past several weeks.

"Our officers have the training and experience to perform all types of investigative work," said Joseph S. Cline, MSU police chief. "We have a first class police operation and seeing how their work has accomplished a mission, it is good for the officers and the University.

"Watching them work through the process, as they followed up on every lead--they are a credit to the department," he said.

Frazier, of Olive Hill, is a graduate of the basic police training program at the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Police Academy in Richmond. He has been an MSU police officer since 1999. Gavin, of Morehead, is a graduate of the Hampton Roads Regional Academy of Criminal Justice and the Department of Criminal Justice Police Academy in Richmond, Va. He came to the University in 2002, transferring from the Portsmouth (Va.) Police/Sheriff's Office.

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Gunn named to Forward in the Fifth board

Dr. Cathy L. Gunn, dean of the College of Education at Morehead State University, has been named to the Forward in the Fifth board for the 2006-08 term.

The organization's mission is to raise educational levels in the region; encourage life-long learning by providing opportunities for parents, educators and community members; and to foster partnerships between communities and schools. The group's leaders come from eastern and southern Kentucky and were selected because they recognize the specific educational needs of the region.

Forward in the Fifth was created after the 1980 census revealed that Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District had the lowest educational attainment in the nation. The goals, established by the founders, are to lower dropout rates; increase the number of students who graduate from high school and go on to college; get the business community involved in education; reward educational excellence; and help schools do what they can't do themselves.

The group has a storied history of rewarding schools, providing professional development for teachers and parents, and helping students become better prepared for the future. Projects associated with Forward in the Fifth include School-to-Work, Student Leadership Initiative Program, Technology Opportunities Program (also known as Cyber Parents), and Improving Schools from the Grassroots.

Dr. Gunn came to MSU last year from Naperville, Ill, where she was executive director of the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory at Learning Point Associates. An educator with more than 35 years of experience, she served as director of the Illinois Virtual Campus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and was a professor of educational technology at Northern Arizona University.

She earned her Ph.D. degree from the University of Oregon at Eugene, the M.A. degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield, and a B.S. of Education degree from Illinois State University at Normal.

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Davis named Office of Multicultural Student Services coordinator

LaRaissa Davis of Radcliff has transferred to Morehead State University's Office of Multicultural Student Services as the multicultural student services coordinator.

In her new position, she will serve as an advocate of cultural diversity and facilitator of individual achievement in the educational, vocational, cultural and social areas for minority students.

Davis also will develop, organize and facilitate the diversity component of new student orientation programs in the fall and spring semesters in collaboration with the Office of First Programs. In addition, she will collaborate with the Office of International Education in increasing cross-cultural understanding for the University community.

She will promote student leadership by serving as the adviser to the Black Student Coalition, and assist with the Black Gospel Ensemble and the National Pan Hellenic Council.

Davis had previously worked in the University's Office of Enrollment Services as an admissions counselor for South Central Kentucky.

An MSU alumnus, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2002 and a Master of Arts degree in 2005, both in special education. During her college career, she was involved in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., National Pan Hellenic Council, Minority Teacher Education Program, and Kappa Delta Pi.

Davis also served as a resident assistant, resident adviser, Peer Tutor and Peer Adviser, and was active on the Student Government Association.

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

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Flippin honored by Kentucky Arts Council

Morehead State University faculty retiree Jay Flippin has been awarded the Artist Award by the The Kentucky Arts Council.

Flippin and the other honorees will be honored by Gov. Ernie Fletcher and Glenna Fletcher at a public ceremony and celebration on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 10 a.m. in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort.

An Emmy-Award winning musician, Flippin is an accompanist, arranger, composer and teacher. He has provided more than four decades of service to the Lexington Singers and Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra. A well-known jazz pianist, he has toured and performed with some of the biggest names in the entertainment business.

A Virginia native, Flippin earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Mars Hill (N.C.) College and a master's degree from MSU. He retired in 2001 after teaching full-time for more than 31 years but continued to teach one class while writing, keeping a vigorous performance schedule and pursuing other avenues in music.

"The individuals and organizations selected for these awards have made Kentucky a better place to live through their tireless contributions to the arts," said Gov. Fletcher. "They exemplify the unbridled spirit of Kentucky and make us all proud to be Kentuckians."

The Governor's Awards in the Arts recipients are selected annually in nine categories, with the Milner Award being the first established, recognizes individual commitment to the arts. This year's recipient is Glema Mahr of Madisonville.

Lexington's Artique, with two galleries of contemporary craft, will receive the Business Award. The Baker Hunt Foundation, a nonprofit arts school in northern Kentucky won the Community Arts Award. The Education Award honors music teacher Hazel Carver of Russellville. Marvin Finn of Louisville will receive the Folk Heritage Award. The Government Award recipient is the Governor's School for the Arts.

Kentucky Monthly, the magazine that celebrates the people, places and events of the Commonwealth to more than 40,000 subscribers, receives this year's Media Award for its notable commitment to bring the arts to the attention of the public.

Additional information about the Kentucky Arts Council or the Governor's Awards in the Arts is available online at www.artscouncil.ky.gov .
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Activities set for Black History Month

From online trivia games and cardio workouts to discussion groups and an MSU Apollo Night, students, faculty and staff at Morehead State University will have a chance to participate in a variety of Black History Month events on campus.

During February, which is Black History Month, the Office of Multicultural Student Services and Morehead State Public Radio will provide opportunities that are intended to help educate everyone about black history and heritage.

Among the highlights will be an exhibit and lecture on Wednesday, Feb. 15, about the Tuskegee Airmen.

The three-dimensional exhibit includes scale model planes, video and book references, military ribbons and decorations, a wide assortment of fact sheets, unit badges, Gubernatorial Proclamation, U.S. Flag and flight head gear used by pilots of that era.

The seminar and workshop will cover the overall general history of the Tuskegee Airmen and their training environment of the Tuskegee Experiment. Other topics include the Freeman Field Mutiny and a review of combat heroes like Col. B.O. Davis Jr, Lee Archer, Charles McGee, Roscoe Brown and others.

The exhibit will be available for viewing from 3:30-6:30 p.m. with the lecture to run from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Eagle Meeting Room and Eagle Dinning Room in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

All month long students may test their knowledge in the Black History Month Online Trivia Contest (www.moreheadstate.edu) while all residence halls can take part in the Black History Month Bulletin Board Contest. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

A number of other free activities are being planned to celebrate Black History Month. Here is a recap:

Wednesday, Feb. 1 - Soul Food Dinner, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Button Drill Room; Think Fast Trivia Game, 7 p.m., Button Drill Room.

Sunday, Feb. 5 -Purpose Passionately, a motivational seminar, with MSU alums Meichelle and Curtis Gibson, 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.; 312 ADUC.

Monday, Feb. 6 - MSPR: "Classically Black 2006 - Florence Beatrice Smith Price," 2 p.m. This is an hour showcase of the music of African American composer Florence Price.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 - TONCise, Cardio Pump, 6-7 p.m.in 117 Fulbright Room, Baird Music Hall. Class repeated on Feb. 14, 21 and 28.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 - Shades of Brown Poetry Night, 7-8 p.m., Multicultural Student Services. The poetry evening is an event where students can come and read their original works or works from other great poets.

Sunday, Feb. 12 - Queen Aishah, comedienne, 7 p.m., Duncan Recital Hall.

Monday, Feb. 13 - MSPR: "Remembering Jim Crow," 2 p.m. This documentary, Americans (black and white) remember life in the Jim Crow times.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Health Fair, Second Floor, ADUC, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15- Tuskegee Airmen Lecture and Exhibit, Exhibit 3:30-6:30 p.m.; Lecture 6:30 -8 p.m.; Eagle Meeting and Eagle Dinning Rooms, ADUC.

Sunday, Feb. 19 - Discussion: Men on the Down Low, 3 p.m., 121 Baird Music Hall; Discussion: The Safer Sex Social, 5 pm., 203 Baird Music Hall.

Monday, Feb. 20 - MSPR: "Thurgood Marshall Before the Court," 2 p.m. A documentary tracing Marshall's life as a lawyer and a justice on the Supreme Court.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 -Book Club Discussion: Frank X. Walker, Affrilachia (poetry), 7 p.m., 5th floor, Camden-Carroll Library.

Sunday, Feb. 26 - MSU Apollo Night, 5 p.m., MSU Grill, ADUC. The evening allows MSU students to showcase their artistic talents through song, dance, poetry, etc. There will be judges for a variety of categories that students can choose to participate in. Students will be required to sign up to participate. Sign ups will be held at the Office Multicultural Student Services.

Monday, Feb. 27 - MSPR: "Say It Plain: A Century of Great African American Speeches," 2 p.m. A documentary featuring speeches from famous black orators, including Martin Luther King Jr.

Additional information on the activities is available by calling multicultural student services at (606) 783-2668; or MSPR programming at (800) 286-9659 or (606) 783-2001.

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CCL group to discuss Frank X. Walker's 'Affrilachia'

The Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University will hold its second book discussion group meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 22, to discuss "Affrilachia" by Frank X. Walker. The book is a compilation of poetry and speaks to the African-American experience in rural Appalachia. The discussion will begin at 7 p.m. on the fifth floor of the library. Members of the Morehead community as well as Morehead State students, staff and faculty are invited to join the newly established book discussion group to learn more about the state's authors and their works.

Walker, a leading black poet in Kentucky, coined the word "Affrilachia" which is now considered part of our literary vocabulary. Kentucky author Gurney Norman writes: "The poems in 'Affrilachia' are funny and sad, tragic and hopeful, angry and determined, and as filled with generosity and love as poetry by any American writer in a generation. This book is powerful and beautiful. It is honest and true."

The library received a grant to sponsor the discussion and to purchase additional copies of the books for public use. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. John Hennen, MSU associate professor of history and a noted historian.

A limited number of copies of "Affrilachia" are available for borrowing. The books are located near the Circulation Desk on the first floor of the library.

This is the second in a series of four book discussions sponsored by Camden-Carroll Library; Kentucky Humanities Council; MSU's Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program; Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy; Office of Multicultural Student Services; and MSU's Appalachian Heritage & Studies Program.

Other titles to be discussed are Morris Grubbs' "Home & Beyond" (short stories), and James Baker Hall's "Yates Paul, His Grand Flights and Tootings" (fiction).

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-5352. Free parking is available near the library in the evening.

Posted: 1-25-06

Funds allocated for MSU mapping initiative

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-KY, has included \$500,000 in the federal budget for Morehead State University to help improve the mapping of elevations in Kentucky.

The funds will support MSU's "height modernization" program, which seeks to develop accurate, reliable elevation information by using Global Positioning System (GPS) technology in conjunction with more traditional mapping methods. Height modernization is an important tool for community planning, flood plain mapping, mine remediation, and highway planning, design and construction.

"Although it is a complicated subject, height modernization plays an important role in all of our lives," said Congressman Rogers. "Accurate mapping information is critical to predicting, preparing, and even preventing flooding in our communities. Reliable mapping saves time and money when it comes to locating and constructing highways or public infrastructure sites such as industrial parks. This project also has a potentially big impact in Eastern Kentucky, where new technology could help map out the location of old, abandoned mines."

MSU will partner on the project with the Kentucky GIS Office, NOAA National Geodetic Survey Office, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Campbellsville University, Southeast Community College, and The Center for Rural Development.

Funding for the MSU initiative was included in the final version of the Fiscal Year 2006 Science, State, Commerce, Justice appropriations bill.

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

Posted: 1-26-06

Register now for MSPR's Valentine giveaway

Morehead State Public Radio loves its listeners; and for one lucky listener, Valentine's Day will be special. MSPR will offer the listeners a chance to win a fantastic collection, a \$200 value of romantic gifts to celebrate the occasion.

Included in this package are two tickets for dinner and a performance of "Bourbon Ball Belle," a drama that tells the story of Rebecca Ruth Candies and the woman behind its creation. The dinner and show take place on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, at Greenbo Lake State Park in Greenup. Dinner will be served from 5- 8 p.m., with the performance to begin at 8 p.m.

The winner also will receive: one dozen roses from Creative Touch of Morehead; a collection of fine, handmade Kentucky chocolates; a Rhapsody Candle gift set from A. Baldwin and Associates of Morehead; and a hand-selected bottle of Kentucky wine.

To register for the special gift, send a postcard or letter to: Valentine Day's 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 sign up online at www.msradio.com. Registrations by phone will not be accepted and a person must be at least 21 to enter. Limit one registration per household.

The winner of the tickets will be announced during "Classical Music" with Greg Jenkins on Friday, Feb. 10. All entries must be received by noon Thursday, Feb. 9.

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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Deadline nears for PKP literacy grant

Phi Kappa Phi will allocate \$30,000 this year to support ongoing literacy projects or to aid in creating new initiatives. The deadline to apply for a literacy grant from The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is Wednesday, Feb. 1.

"The Phi Kappa Phi Literacy Grant Program is symbolic of our mission to recognize and promote academic excellence and to engage the community of scholars in service to others," said Donna Clark Schubert, a vice president on the Phi Kappa Phi board of directors and chair of the Literacy Grant Program committee.

"These literacy programs include not only books and reading initiatives, but also technological, cultural, financial and family literacy programs."

The maximum award per applicant will be \$2,500. The project director must be an active member of Phi Kappa Phi.

The application process is simple and includes a section for applicants to describe the purpose, intent and scope of the project in 500 words or less. Interested members can download an application packet

online at PhiKappaPhi.org

or www.phikappaphi.org/pdfs/2005_Awards_Applications/LiteracyInitiativeGrant_2006-2007.pdf .

Additional information concerning the literacy grant competition may be obtained from Deanna Landry at (800) 804-9880, ext. 15, or by e-mail to todeanna@phikappaphi.org .

Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually more than 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. The Society has chapters at nearly 300 select colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines.

Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify.

Since its founding, more than 1 million members have been initiated. The Society has awarded approximately \$11.5 million since the inception of its awards program in 1932.

Posted: 1-26-06

Volunteers needed to 'Spring Back'

Hurricane Katrina was devastating to the Gulf Coast region.

The rebuilding will be a long slow process; however, Morehead State University students, faculty and staff will have an opportunity to lend a hand.

Maybe even both hands.

During the University's Spring Break (March 19-25), a group will travel to Gulfport, Miss. The crew's focus will be toward service to those directly affected by the hurricane and learning the needs that have been created by these recent natural disasters.

The group will be doing general construction, rebuilding and clean up in the city of Gulfport and the surrounding area.

President Wayne D. Andrews will lead the volunteer efforts that includes other University personnel.

"I am really excited about the possibility of bringing a hammer and saw and not having to deal with paperwork for a week," said Dr. Andrews. "I hope those of you who are going with us will return with a personal commitment to service learning and to volunteerism."

The cost for individuals on the trip is \$125, which includes travel, most meals and lodging. The University will be subsidizing the trip to keep it affordable for students. For those who cannot participate but wish to donate, contributions may be dropped off at Room 204 in the Adron Doran University Center.

A \$50 deposit to reserve space for the trip is due by Feb. 3 with the remaining \$75 to be paid by Feb. 24. Spaces will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

The accommodations and food for the trip are being supplied by the North Carolina Baptist Men who have committed to house, feed and coordinate job assignments for the next two years in the Gulf Coast area. The MSU entourage will be housed in an old armory where the rooms have 10 to 20 bunk beds each.

The Office of the President, Office of Student Activities, and Student Government Association are sponsoring the trip.

Additional information and registration are available from Gerome Stephens, MSU student activities coordinator, by calling (606) 783-2071; by e-mail to g.stephens@moreheadstate.edu ; or by visiting the Morehead State Spring Break: Spring Back Web page at www.moreheadstate.edu/springbreak/ .

Posted: 1-26-06

Research and creative production grants awarded

Several Morehead State University faculty members have been awarded research or creative production grants to further academic exploration.

Research grants are available to faculty members for special research within their disciplines. The competitively award grants are designed to assist the researcher in meeting the costs of the proposed project.

The awards, ranging from \$2,016 to \$5,000 were granted by the Research and Creative Productions Committee in MSU's Office of Research, Grants and Contract. Two projects were funded by the University's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP).

The awards are:

Dr. Kathryn Carlson , assistant professor English, \$4,776 for "Pitch Accents and Comprehension."

Dr. Michael E. Fultz , assistant professor of biology, \$4,744 for "Effect of Kinase Inhibitors on A7R5 a- and b- Actin Remodeling."

Dr. Janelle Hare , assistant professor of biology, \$4,919 for "Mechanisms of Action of the Regulatory Protein, UmuD."

Dr. Cathy L. Hammond , instructor of health, physical education and sports science, \$3,627 for "Establishing the Prevalence of Obesity on the Morehead State University Campus as a Baseline Measure for a Treatment Protocol of Weight Control."

Dr. Gilbert Remillard , assistant professor of psychology, \$2,016 for "Attentional and Nonattentional Associations."

Greg Penner , assistant professor of art, \$4,749 for "Exploring Psychological Self-Portraiture Through Ceramic Sculpture."

Erin McLaine-Bishop , assistant professor of theatre, \$5,000 for "The Real Door (A New Play Script)."

Drs. Zachary J. Bortolot and **Christine E. McMichael** , assistant professors of geography, for \$2,429 "Developing and Testing a Procedure for Estimating Impermeable Surface Area Using Panchromatic Aerial Photographs."

Drs. McMichael and **David Smith** , associate professor of biology, for \$4,890 for "Remote Sensing of Watershed Condition: Triplett Creek, KY."

Grants funded by IRAPP were:

Dr. David Peyton , assistant professor of biology, \$4,750 for "Sunfish Species Identification Using Molecular Markers."

Jeffery Hill , assistant professor of mass communications, \$4,379 for "Sorghum."

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts at (606)-783-2010.

Posted: 1-26-06

Information provided on special internships available with the federal government

Morehead State University students will soon have an opportunity to learn about and apply for special internships with the federal government.

Dr. Joseph Johnston, senior vice president at the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC), will visit the MSU campus on Tuesday, Jan. 31, to share information about his organization.

For 30 years, TWC has served colleges and universities by placing hundreds of students in the nation's capital to work for experience and/or academic credit.

Dr. Johnson will visit selected classes Jan. 31 to discuss the available internships, as well as the application process and the scholarship program. He also will be available at an informational session on these opportunities that day at 3 p.m. in 211 Allie Young Hall, according to Dr. Mike Hopper, director of [academic and career services](#) .

Students who apply for and get the internships will be placed with government agencies whose work is related to the student's major.

"For example, a biology major may be placed with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) in Washington," Dr. Hopper said.

Internships for the summer and fall 2006 will be available, as well as for the spring 2007 term. Successful applicants may be awarded a \$4,000 scholarship for tuition and housing through the Kentucky Initiative Scholarships program.

TWC has more than 33,000 alumni in the United States and around the world.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Hopper at (606) 783-2233.

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SBDC in Paintsville will offer free 'Business Start-up Basics' workshop

A free workshop for prospective small business owners, " Business Start-up Basics," will be offered by Morehead State University's East Kentucky [Small Business Development Center](#) (SBDC) in Paintsville. The workshop will be presented by Neil Fisher, director of the Paintsville SBDC, on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The two-hour session will begin at 1:30 p.m., at the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center, located at 120 Scott Perry Drive which is off of Teays Branch Road in Paintsville.

Topics to be covered at this workshop include: how to write a business plan, name registration, license and permit requirements, loan and lender requirements and legal forms of business structure.

The workshop is free for all participants, however, seating is limited and advance registration is preferred.

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

Additional information and pre-registration are available by calling Sabrina Jude or Neil Fisher at the Paintsville Small Business Development Center at (606) 788-6008.

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Hudson achieves National Board Certification

Morehead State University alumnus Alicia R. Hudson earned the teaching profession's top certification by achieving National Board Certification in 2005. Hudson, formerly of Jackson, teaches music at Overdale Elementary in the Bullitt County School District.

She has been a teacher for seven years and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU. Hudson also has national certification in early and middle childhood music.

While in college, Hudson was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity, Marching and Symphonic bands, and Horn Choir. She also was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma social sorority.

The NBPTS announced that 166 Kentucky teachers earned the teaching profession's top recognition this year by achieving National Board Certification, an achievement that promises to improve student learning in classrooms statewide. The number of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) in Kentucky now totals 899.

"Attracting and retaining competent and talented teachers is the most important ingredient in providing a sound education for all our children," said Gene Wilhoit, Kentucky commissioner of education. "National Board Certification is one of the most significant education reforms in recent years, and it has provided a way for Kentucky policy makers to recognize and provide additional compensation to those teachers who meet these rigorous standards. Those who attain National Board Certification are strengthening the teaching profession in the Commonwealth and across the country."

Nationwide, 7,289 teachers achieved National Board Certification this year, bringing the total number of teachers certified to 47,500.

National Board Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession. A voluntary process established by NBPTS, certification is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment that typically takes more than a year to complete and measures what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. This process requires teachers to demonstrate how their activities, both inside and outside of the classroom, improve student achievement.

"Teachers who earn National Board Certification represent the gold standard in teaching and are among the most effective teachers in our nation's classrooms today," said former Georgia Gov. Roy E. Barnes, chair of the NBPTS Board of Directors. "While research has clearly demonstrated that National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) have a greater impact on their students' success, and quickly become instructional leaders in their schools and communities, it is also important to realize that NBCTs are helping their fellow teachers understand and promote high-quality teaching and learning. This 'multiplier effect' is making a positive difference nationwide in increasing student achievement and improving the performance of our nation's schools."

Barnes noted that 43 percent of schools with at least one NBCT are Title I schools. "The percentage of Title I schools now served by NBCTs represents the National Board's commitment to ensuring that all teachers have access to National Board Certification and that all students have access to National Board Certified Teachers."

National Board Certification not only identifies accomplished teachers, but it is also a profound professional development experience for all candidates who go through the process, whether or not they achieve certification. "National Board Certification continues to be reported by candidates to be the most important and valuable professional development of their careers," said Joseph A. Aguerrebere, NBPTS president and CEO.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental organization governed by a board of directors, the majority of whom are classroom teachers. Its mission is to establish high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do.

MSU offers the Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education, Jazz Studies, and Performance, and the Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. The Master of Music degree is offered in Music Education and Performance. A Minor in Traditional Music is offered in conjunction with the MSU's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music. Additional information is available by contacting the [Department of Music](#) at (606) 783-2473.

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