

14 MSU Fellows to be recognized on Founders Day

Fourteen individuals will be inducted into the Society of Morehead State University Fellows during the University's Founders Day Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, March 14.

The new fellows include: Krista Stastyshyn of Orient, Ohio; Kay and Jack McAllister of Lexington; David Holton of Louisville, John and Eugena O'Cull of Vanceburg; and Gary and Sherry Adkins, Cathy and Harry Gunn, Clyde I. James, Dayna S. Seelig, and Kim and Dion Williams, all of Morehead.

Membership in the society is open to all supporters of the University. Eligible members may make a cash gift of at least \$1,000 to the MSU Foundation Inc., and pledge to renew the gift for at least nine additional years; make a personal gift of \$10,000 in cash or securities; or a gift of personal property or real estate with an appraised value of at least \$12,500.

The awards luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center. Tickets for the luncheon, at \$10 per plate, must be ordered and purchased prior to March 7.

Also during the luncheon, the 2006 Founders Day Award for University Service will be presented posthumously to Dr. John R. "Johnny" Duncan. The former vice president for academic affairs, and faculty member, who served two terms as the faculty regent, had been a part of MSU's rich heritage for nearly four decades.

Morehead State is celebrating its 119th year of higher education and its 83rd anniversary as a public institution with a variety of activities on Founders Day. The day will begin with the recognition of faculty and staff members at the Retirees Breakfast, which begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Crager Room, ADUC. President Andrews will offer congratulations to those retiring this year.

Former faculty and staff members will be remembered at the Memorial Brick Dedication at 10:30 a.m. at the Little Bell Tower. The tolling of the bell will follow the reading of the names and years of service of the departed individuals.

Visitors attending Founders Day events are encouraged to park at the Academic-Athletic Center where a shuttle bus will carry them across campus with stops at the Little Bell Tower and ADUC.

Additional information and tickets to the awards luncheon are available by calling the Office of Development at (606) 783-2033 or (877) 690-4483.

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MSU theatre students will present 'Book of Days'

Pulitzer-winning playwright Lanford Wilson's "Book of Days" will be staged by Morehead State University theatre students, March 9-11.

The play will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening in the Lucille Little Theatre in Breckinridge Hall.

"Book of Days" is set in a small town where the staples in life are a community theater, a cheese plant and a fundamentalist doctrine church. The action of the play centers on the aftermath of the mysterious hunting accidental death of the cheese plant owner. When his bookkeeper Ruth suspects that he was murdered, she takes her community theater role of Joan of Arc a bit seriously as she seeks justice.

Among the principal cast members are Dee Halbleib, **Dearborn Heights, Mich**., senior, as Ruth Hoch; Adam Castle, **Louisa** junior, as Sheriff Conroy Atkins and Tyler Branham, **Louisa** freshman, as the Rev. Bobby Groves. The play will be directed by Rachel Doan, **Erlanger** senior.

General admission is \$5 per person. Proceeds will benefit student scholarships. Reservations are recommended, and may be made by calling the Theatre Box Office at (606) 783-2170.

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Free SBDC workshop to provide basics of business

A free workshop for prospective small business owners, " Business Marketing 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, March 28. The two-hour session will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center, located at 120 Scott Perry Drive, just off Teays Branch Road in Paintsville.

Topics to be covered at this workshop include: Marketing defined, the Marketing Concept, and how to use the Marketing Concept.

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 at the Paintsville Small Business Development Center, by calling Sabrina Jude at (606) 788-6022 or Neil Fisher at (606) 788-6008.

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Community invited to 'swing your partner'

Mark your calendar and put on your dancing shoes, everyone is invited to the Friday Night Frolic Square Dance which will be held at Morehead State University's Button Drill Room on Friday, March 10. A square dance workshop will begin at 7:30 p.m., with dancing slated for 8 - 10 p.m.

A live dance band, Clack Mountain String Band, will provide the music and Julie Shepherd from Letcher County will call the dances. Admission is \$5 for the public, \$3 for students and free to those 12 and under. Refreshments will be available.

"It promises to be an evening of fun for beginning or advanced dancers," said Brett Ratliff, Van Lear senior, who is coordinating the event. "We hope everyone in the community will come out and join us. You can just show up and dance, or have a seat and watch the dancers as they take a spin around the floor," he said.

The Clack Mountain String Band plays regularly in the Rowan County area. Members of the band include Karley Higgins and J.T. Cure, Morehead graduate students; Jesse Wells, music archivist/instructor with KCTM, and Ratliff.

The workshop portion of the evening will include a review of the various calls, before the dancers are invited to "Swing your Partner."

Other Friday night frolics are being planned by the newly established Morehead Old Time Music Association and MSU's [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#) . Organizers hope that square dancing will become a regular activity for the community to enjoy as they wind down from the work week. The Morehead Old Time Music Association is a nonprofit organization committed to cultivating community and culture through the preservation of traditional mountain music and the unique heritage of the southern Appalachians. The organization also will sponsor the Morehead Old Time Fiddler's Convention Oct. 6-7 in Morehead.

Ratliff, a communications major with a traditional music minor, is looking forward to sharing his craft with others. "I've never known anyone who had a bad time at a square dance," he said.

Additional information is available by calling Ratliff at (606) 356-3315.

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New York Times Web editor to speak, March 7

A veteran journalist and The New York Times editor will visit Morehead State University on Tuesday, March 7.

Leonard M. "Len" Apcar, editor in chief of the Times' Web edition, will present "Civic Engagement in the Digital Age," at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium. Earlier in the day, he will meet with several MSU students.

Apcar has been at his present position since 2002, where he directs an editorial staff of 35 producers, editors and Web designers. He previously was assistant editor of foreign news at The Times since 1998, and was responsible for features, projects and investigative stories.

He joined the newspaper in 1991 as assistant business and financial editor. Since then he has also served as an enterprise editor, assignment editor and chief of correspondents.

Prior to joining The Times, Apcar was business editor for The St. Petersburg Times in Florida where he led the expansion of the paper's business staff. From 1976 until 1989, he was a staff reporter for The Wall Street Journal.

During that period, he covered the automobile industry in Detroit, Congress, tax and budget, labor issues in Washington, D.C. and banking, savings and loans and the Southwest economy in Dallas.

Apcar earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, Calif. in 1975, and received a master's degree in journalism from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in 1976.

He serves on the advisory board of The Media Center at the American Press Institute and the board of directors of the Online News Association. Additionally, he is president of the board of trustees of the Scarsdale Library.

The lecture is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by The New York Times and the American Democracy Project at MSU.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Beverly McCormick, assistant provost and campus liaison for ADP, at (606) 783-2027.

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Java City celebrates Mardi Gras

Morehead State University students, faculty and staff got into the Mardi Gras spirit (Feb. 28) at Java City, a gourmet coffee shop on campus. Located in the Camden-Carroll Library, the shop was decorated in bright shades of green, purple and gold. Traditional beads and prizes were given away, and beverage specials were available to patrons throughout the day. Johnathan Duff of **Jackson**, a junior secondary education major, stopped by Java City for a caramel javalanche, served to him by L. Michelle Bloomfield, center, a **Vanceburg** sophomore and Java City employee. Attending the cash register was Jessica Settles, a **Ripley, Ohio**, junior. Both Bloomfield and Settles are P-5 education/special education majors.

RAD program begins at MSU

In another quest to keep the campus a safe place, Morehead State University's Police Department will sponsor Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training for female students, faculty and staff members. With the RAD program, females will learn how to avoid and what to do in case of an attempted sexual assault. The class will consist of an intense three days of training which includes classroom and role playing.

Two officers with the MSU Police Department have completed the training and are now certified RAD instructors: Jarred S. Hunt and Shawn M. Jones. To become certified, the officers took an in-depth 30-hour training course at the University of Tennessee earlier this year.

"The program not only prepares the student physically but also mentally for conformation of attempted sexual assaults," said MSU Capt. Scot Barker, who is coordinating the RAD program. "It will teach the participants how to have a survival mind-set."

Establishing the RAD program on campus has been well received, according to Capt. Barker. "We believe this is one of the most pro-active programs we have brought to the University community."

Recently Morehead Mayor Brad Collins signed a proclamation declaring March as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Gathering for the announcement were members of the Community/Campus Sexual Assault Task Force, including representatives from DOVES of Gateway, Pathways Inc., and Gateway Children's Advocacy Center, and MSU personnel from the Division of Student Life, Office of Counseling and Health Services, and

Kappa Delta social sorority.

Once the training gets underway, Capt. Barker said the program will be offered to various community groups. "Our goal is to provide education to as many as possible."

Additional information on the program is available by calling Capt. Barker at (606) 783-2218.

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Students prepare for Ecuador trip

A group of Morehead State University students will enjoy spring break in Ecuador as they take part in the class AGR 399, "Andean Culture."

The MSU students will join Dr. Adam Kantrovich, assistant professor of agricultural education, and students from Western Kentucky University in order to expand their educational opportunities.

The course involves both an on-campus and an approximately two-week trip to Ecuador along with mandatory pre- and post class meetings.

Various marketing and production sites will be visited while in Ecuador as well as meeting with producers and leaders in agriculture.

According to Dr. Kantrovich, objectives to be obtained are: compare cultural variables between Ecuador and the U.S.; distinguish similarities and differences in U.S. and Ecuadorians trade policies; experience living in another culture; compare educational systems; and defend economic and political issues related to the world situation. The students can use the knowledge they learned to help them succeed in their chosen field of study.

Morehead State students scheduled to take part in the trip during the week of March 20-24 are: Kevin Lawson, **East Bernstadt** senior; Jo Ann Gripshover, **Salt Lick** senior; Maggie Duncan-Rogers, **Olive Hill** graduate student; Asa N. Madden, **Olive Hill** senior; and James Nick Craft, **Gallipolis, Ohio**, sophomore.

"I teach this class to introduce knowledge about international concepts. By traveling to Ecuador, the students learn about various aspects of this Latin American country found on the South American continent."

"Once they learn about some of the Ecuadorian culture and history, they begin to compare it to ours. This includes everything from food, clothing, shelter, education, politics, religion and economics," said Dr. Kantrovich.

Some of the locations that the group may visit are: Quito (capital), Otavalo, Cotacachi, Cayambe, Ambato, Banos, Puyo (jungle), Riobamba, Chambo and Pillero.

"We discuss many things in class prior to our trip, most of which will not sink in until we are in Ecuador on our travels. We will use our time in Ecuador for cultural emersion," he said.

Dr. Kantrovich says he tries to give students an opportunity to see many things that most tourists would not see on their travels. The group spends much of their time with local individuals, in their establishments, markets, businesses and homes.

The MSU students also visit some of the tourist attractions that Ecuador is famous for, including a National Park on the Equator where the students will be able to stand on the Northern and Southern Hemisphere at the same time; some of the 400-500 year old churches in Colonial Quito; an Indian Wears Market in Otavalo; and the Andes (at altitudes from 7,000 - 13,000 feet or more) to the jungle.

"This is not meant to be a relaxing time, but it will be an enjoyable, exciting, mentally and physically stimulating educational adventure for the students during their spring semester break," said Dr. Kantrovich. "There will be those

times on this trip that may tug at the heart of the students when they realize how a great deal of the population, adults and children, live and work."

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Kantrovich at (606) 783-2662 or by e-mail to a.kantrovich@moreheadstate.edu .

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MSU's Office of Continuing Education offers motorcycle safety courses

The motorcycle riding season is fast approaching. If you are going to ride a motorcycle, Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education encourages you to take the Basic Motorcycle Rider Safety Course (BRC) for new riders, or take a refresher course (ERC).

During the basic course, students will be taught to maneuver and operate a motorcycle in a controlled and off-street environment. Upon successful completion of the course, riders will receive a waiver for the skills test to obtain a motorcycle license.

Some insurance agencies offer discounts to persons completing the course. Motorcycles and helmets are furnished for each student. The course is a minimum of 15 hours. All classes meet on Friday from 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sundays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All classroom and skills hours must be attended in order to successfully complete course requirements.

The class is also free to one Kentuckian 16 and 17 years of age who meets certain requirements. Some restrictions do apply and prior parental signatures must be submitted before class participation is allowed.

Registration is for the BRC (beginning) class is \$110 per person and \$60 for the ERC (refresher) class. Class size is limited to 12 students per class.

Additional information and registration are available by calling MSU's Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875 or online at www.moreheadstate.edu/oce .

FFA speaking competition to be held March 10

Morehead State University's Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences will host the Licking River Regional FFA Speaking Contest on Friday, March 10.

Activities for the event will include impromptu presentations in areas such as dairy, beef, swine, sheep, horses, crops, turf and lawn, goat, floral, greenhouse as well as nursery and landscape, forestry, fruit and vegetable, small animal and environmental technology.

Approximately 150 high school students from 10 counties are expected to attend. Those who rank highest in these events will advance to the state FFA convention which is scheduled to be held in June.

Additional information on the event is available from Dr. Adam Kantrovich, assistant professor of agricultural and human sciences, by calling (606) 783-2662 or by e-mail to a.kantrovich@moreheadstate.edu.

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Students present posters in Frankfort

Students and faculty members in Morehead State University's [Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences](#) presented posters describing the research projects they had conducted in the past year at the Posters-at-the-Capitol in Frankfort in February. Posters were presented by Jerry Henderson, **Olive Hill** senior, and Sarah (Nikki) Wheeler, **Ashland** senior, along with their faculty mentors, Dr. C. Brent Rogers, associate professor of agriculture, and Dr. Troy Wistuba, assistant professor of agriculture.

Henderson's poster was titled "Effects of Media Composition and Spacing on Hydroponic Float-bed Production of Basil, *Ocimum basilicum* 'Large-leaf Italian'." He worked with faculty mentors Dr. Debby Johnson, associate professor of agriculture, and Dr. Rogers on his research project.

Wheeler's poster was titled "The Effect of Breed Type on Real-Time Ultrasound Carcass Traits, Performance and Pelvic Measurements of Heifers enrolled in the Eastern Kentucky Heifer Development Program." She worked with Dr. Wistuba, Dr. Judy Willard, associate professor of agriculture, and Dr. Phil Prater, associate professor of veterinary technology.

Posters-at-the Capitol is sponsored annually by the state supported universities of the Commonwealth to showcase research efforts by their undergraduate students for the legislators and public officials of the state. It is also a valuable learning experience for the students allowing them to network with other students and faculty and to gain knowledge of the political process.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Lane Cowser, department chair, at (606) 783-2662.

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Learn how to manage stress

Morehead State University's [Wellness Center](#) will offer a free "stress management" class during the month of March.

Any member of the MSU faculty, staff or surrounding community can take part in the class, which will be held in the Wellness Center classroom. The sessions are being held each Monday night at 6 p.m.

The class will provide education and offer tips on how to manage stress.

"In today's working environment, more and more employees are experiencing stress to a degree which can affect their health, relationships and their ability to do their job," said Josh McCurdy, MSU Wellness Center staff assistant. "This workshop is designed to help participants reduce stress by learning how to understand it, identify the stressors and provide them with the necessary techniques and strategies to keep it under control."

Additional information is available from McCurdy by calling (606) 783-2083.

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Woods named vice president of NACW

Morehead State University alumnus Glenda R. Woods has been elected vice president of the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW).

Woods, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from MSU where she was a former University employee, is the executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Women. She attended the most recent NACW conference in Miami where she accepted the organization's "Award of Excellence" for KCW regional meetings conducted in the states' Area Development Districts during 2004-05.

The Kentucky commission won the bid to host the 2007 NACW convention, and Woods was elected to a two-year term as NACW vice-president

"Within one year, under the leadership of Governor (Ernie) Fletcher, the Kentucky Commission on Women is excelling on both the state and national level," Woods said. "We certainly welcome the opportunity to host women's commissions from across the country in Louisville in 2007."

The KCW is located within the office of Gov. Fletcher. First Lady Glenna Fletcher and Lt. Gov. Steve Pence serve as ex-officio members. The commission is chaired by Pat A. Freibert of Lexington.

Additional information on KCW is available by visiting its Web site at www.women.ky.gov .

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Students rally in Frankfort

More than 300 college students from all eight public universities and one community college collectively attended the 4th Annual Rally for Higher Education in Frankfort, March 8. Accompanied by State Treasurer Jonathan Miller and Secretary of State Trey Grayson, the students advocated for enhanced funding which would allow public higher education institutions to continue maintaining quality and affordability.

The rally, following an "Unbridled Potential" theme, was sponsored by the Kentucky Board of Student Body Presidents (BSBP), which includes student presidents from each public university. The focus was on what fully funding higher education can do today with the speakers discussing how this would provide the foundation for current and future Kentucky businesses to grow.

The college students thanked the legislature for its efforts last year and encouraged the lawmakers to continue to fund progress. By the end of the rally, the atmosphere in the Capitol Rotunda was one that was full of excitement and hope.

Before departing for home, the students and university mascots gathered for a group photo on the Capitol steps. The students attending were motivated by the state's policy officials, and three inspirational student speakers: Bill Brammel, student president at the University of Louisville, who quoted President Franklin Delano Roosevelt by saying, "You cannot always build the future for our youth, but you can always build the youth for our future."

Beyond the chanting and inspirational remarks, students were reminded by Treasurer Miller that they need to take their energy from the rally and direct it to a yearlong campaign directed at lawmakers through office visits, phone calls and e-mails. Jason Marion, chair of the BSBP and president of the Student Government Association at Morehead State University, said, "If the students take Treasurer Miller's message home, the rally was a success."

Additional Rally photos may be viewed by clicking the following

[link: 2006 Rally photos](#)

[Final student activity: Letter writing campaign](#)

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Sigma Phi Epsilon captures awards

Members of the Kentucky Zeta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Morehead State University attended the Carlson Regional Leadership Academy in Charlotte, N.C. in February and came home with three awards.

The group captured "The Grand Chapter Scholarship Cup," "Manpower Excellence Award" and "The Donald C. McClearly Excellence in Membership Development Award."

The Grand Chapter Scholarship Cup is presented to chapters ranking first in academic standings among fraternities on campus for an entire academic year. This is the sixth consecutive year the Kentucky Zeta chapter has been ranked number one in grades for the fraternal system at Morehead State.

The Manpower Excellence Award is presented to chapters ranking first in manpower among fraternities on campus for an academic term. A chapter must be above the all-campus grade point average to receive this honor.

The McClearly Excellence in Member Development Award is presented to chapters that exercises member development in keeping with the fraternity's commitment to continuous, four-year development that emphasizes "Sound Mind, Sound Body" programming.

Kentucky Zeta was recognized for their innovative educational programming as well as their superior drug and alcohol educational programming. They also were recognized for their commitment to a positive, non-hazing atmosphere that encourages personal growth in their new members.

The MSU chapter of SigEp gives a "balanced man scholarship" to an incoming freshman male each year. This student must exemplify the principals of "Sounds Mind, Sound Body" and have a resume that possesses extraordinary academic achievement as well as a commitment to community involvement.

Parker Banks, **West Liberty** freshman, received the scholarship this year.

Additional information about Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity is available from Gerome Stephens, chapter adviser, at (606) 783-2071 or by e-mail atg.stephens@moreheadstate.edu .

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Professor will address U.S. Senate Committee

A Morehead State University faculty member, Dr. Paul Steele, has been asked by the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to appear at a hearing in Washington, D.C. on March 15. The Committee, chaired by Arizona Sen. John McCain, will be addressing the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act Amendments of 2005.

Dr. Steele is associate professor of sociology and director of the Center for Justice Studies in MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy.

He has vast research and practical experience working with several agencies including the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, the Office of Child Abuse and Neglect, and the National Children's Advocacy Center. He has been asked to speak about some of the issues regarding the Act, and then make himself available for questions from the committee.

The professor has been asked to limit his spoken testimony in order for the committee to ask questions, but his written testimony can be of any length, and will appear in its entirety in the hearing record.

Prior to coming to Morehead State, Dr. Steele was a professor at the University of New Mexico, where he also served as director of the New Mexico Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center. He also was a senior associate of the Institute for Social Research and a distinguished visiting scholar at Cornell University. In 2002, he was a recipient of the University of New Mexico's Gunter Starkey Awards for Teaching Excellence.

Dr. Steele is known for his strong belief and impressive track record in combining research with teaching, allowing students to gain practical, real world experience that blends well with their text readings.

Additional information is available from Dr. Steele by calling (606) 783-2254.

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Cheerleaders winning routine to air on ESPN

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

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. This marked the fifth consecutive win and 16th overall national title for the squad.

Fans can now watch the championship performance on ESPN, March 19, at 4:30 p.m. and ESPN2 on April 20 at 1 p.m.

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

The University's cheer squads are coached by Tony Nash, spirit coordinator.

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Severe Weather Alert

An extremely dangerous weather situation is developing for Eastern Kentucky for this afternoon and evening, according to information received by the Morehead State University Police Department from the National Weather Service.

The official statement said that "severe thunderstorms are expected to move across the area with the possibility of isolated strong tornadoes, large hail, damaging straight line winds, and flash flooding also will be possible.

Isolated thunderstorms were expected to begin moving into Eastern Kentucky after 1 p.m. EST. The thunderstorms will become more widespread during the late afternoon, with a solid line of strong to severe storms forecast between 7 p.m. and midnight. Some of the isolated storms in advance of the main line of thunderstorms will be capable of producing strong, very damaging tornadoes.

Damaging straight line winds will be the main threat with the line of storms this evening, but isolated tornadoes will remain a threat.

A strong cold front is expected to move east of the area by midnight, bringing the threat of severe weather to an end."

MSU Police has urged everyone to take extreme caution in their movements and seek shelter immediately. "You need to monitor weather conditions on the radio or television and stay abreast the weather situation," said MSU Police Chief Joseph S. Cline. "Conditions can become very dangerous in a very short period of time."

All emergency situations should be immediately reported to the MSU Police Department at (606) 783-2035.

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Safety alert issued

The Morehead State University Police Department issued a safety alert tonight (March 13) after an attempted purse snatching on the campus.

A female student called the Police Department to report that she had been approached by a white male as she was walking from class, at approximately 6:30 p.m. After leaving Reed Hall, the student walked up campus where, near the Little Bell Tower, she noticed that she was being followed. She proceeded up the steps at the Camden-Carroll Library Tower on her way to her car. Approximately 20 feet from her vehicle, she felt a tug on her shoulder and realized the man was trying to take her purse.

The student jerked away and proceeded to her car where she started the engine. When she backed out of the parking space, she realized the man was behind her car; when she was leaving the parking lot, the man tried to open the door on the passenger side.

The man is described as approximately 45 years or older, grayish or blonde hair, extremely thin, wearing a black ball cap and a dark colored jacket.

The investigation is being conducted by Sgt. David James.

Anyone with any knowledge of the incident or who may have seen someone on the campus that fits this description should immediately call the [MSU Police Department](#) at (606) 783-2035.

The Police Department reminds all persons on the campus to be aware of their surroundings, to walk in groups and stay in well lighted areas.

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Information session for program at MSU @ Mt. Sterling

To respond to the need for skilled social workers in the region, Morehead State University is exploring the option of offering the Bachelor of Social Work degree in Mt. Sterling.

To gauge interest in the Social Work Program, MSU social work faculty and MSU at Mt. Sterling will host an informational session at the Clay Community Center on Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m. Those interested in a social work career are encouraged to attend. MSU representatives will be available to discuss admissions requirements, financial aid resources, program courses and career opportunities.

Earlier this year, Morehead State University announced plans to offer the Associate Degree Nursing Program in Mt. Sterling. Beginning with the spring 2007 semester, students may pursue the Associate of Applied Science degree with a concentration in nursing at the MSU at Mt. Sterling regional campus.

"We are proud to offer educational programs that can make a difference both in the lives of our adult students and those they will serve in their chosen careers," said Dr. Janet Kenney, MSU at Mt. Sterling director.

Additional information is available from Dr. Kenney by calling (859) 499-0780.

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Campus reminded to be safety conscious

Be aware of your surroundings and take the necessary precautions to avoid loss of your belongings is the advice given by Morehead State University's Police Department to members of the campus as they prepare for spring break.

Students, as well as faculty and staff, are urged to take all necessary measures to secure and protect personal belongings in residence halls, offices and vehicles, in addition to office equipment and other vulnerable areas.

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

This is the time of year when thefts become more frequent, Chief Cline noted. "We want everyone to have an enjoyable break, without the stress of lost items," he said.

Before leaving your living quarters or office area, make a mental inventory of the status so you can recognize more easily if items have been moved while you were gone.

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

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

- Do not leave messages indicating when you will be away or when you expect to return. Follow the safety in numbers rule when going out at night and arrange to go with friends/roommates. It is a good practice to scan your surroundings whether walking on campus, traveling by automobile or enjoying a shopping excursion.
- Do not leave valuables or property (purses, backpacks, books, personal identification, etc.) visible in or around the office or living area.
- Keep emergency numbers by the phone.
- Call 911 to report any suspicious person or activity.

Everyone should take the time to be aware of their surroundings and any unusual activity. On the campus, University Police should be notified to investigate anything that might lead to theft and/or vandalism.

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

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MSU celebrates Founders Day

Dr. John R. Duncan was a multi-faceted man, well-liked and respected by those who came to know him. To his friends and family, he was "Johnny," an avid fisherman, loving grandfather, devout Christian and perpetual prankster.

On the Morehead State University campus, he was Dr. Duncan, a former vice president, loyal volunteer, and dedicated faculty member who was known to go the extra mile for his students.

He was posthumously awarded MSU's 2006 Founders Day for University Service in ceremonies today (March 14). Accepting the honor on his behalf was his wife of 46 years, Gretta Duncan, an MSU retiree.

In remarks that were always respectful, most times humorous and bittersweet, Mrs. Duncan said her husband would be "honored and humbled by this recognition."

"John truly believed in the mission of this University and the direction that it is headed today," she said. A two-time graduate of MSU, Dr. Duncan's association began as a high school student at University Breckinridge and continued through two degrees and nearly four decades of service.

[\(Click here to listen to the entire response by Mrs. Duncan.\)](#)

In closing, Mrs. Duncan said that she would say what her late husband would not have, "He deserved it!" Dr. Duncan was nominated for the award in November but died unexpectedly Jan. 2.

As the University celebrated its 119th year of higher education and its 84th anniversary as a public institution, Founders Day provided an opportunity for former and current members of the MSU family to gather to reminisce, celebrate and share their vision of the future.

Also during the ceremony, 14 individuals were recognized as the newest members of the Society of MSU Fellows and awards were presented for outstanding contributions: Hubert and Robert Allen of Morehead, Donors of the Year; Tom Haglage of Richmond, Volunteer of the Year; Dr. Dayna Seelig, and Steve Tirone, Faculty/Staff Fundraisers of the Year.

Earlier in the day, several faculty and staff members who retired during the last year were recognized at the Retirees Breakfast, and [20 past employees were honored at the Memorial Brick Dedication.](#)

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Founders Day 2006: A Picture Story

Morehead State University celebrated its 119th year of higher education and its 84rd anniversary as a public institution on Founders Day, March 14. The event provided an opportunity for former and current members of the MSU family to gather for reminiscing, rejoicing and sharing of their vision of the future.

Gretta Duncan accepted the Founders Day Award for University Service on behalf of her late husband, Dr. John R. "Johnny" Duncan.

In remarks that were always respectful, most times humorous and often bittersweet, Mrs. Duncan said her husband would be "honored and humbled by this recognition."

"John truly believed in the mission of this University and the direction that it is headed today," she said. A two-time graduate of MSU, Dr. Duncan's association began as a high school student at MSU's University Breckinridge School and continued through two degrees and nearly four decades of service.

Dr. Duncan was a former vice president, loyal volunteer, and dedicated faculty member who was known to go the extra mile for his students.

In closing, Mrs. Duncan said that she would say what her husband of 46 years would not have said, "He deserved it!" Dr. Duncan was nominated for the award in November but died unexpectedly Jan. 2.

While he was an avid fisherman, loving grandfather, devout Christian and perpetual prankster, Dr. Duncan also was a long time supporter of education and worked tirelessly to help develop educational policy that was good for MSU and the region.

Also during the ceremony, 14 individuals were recognized as the newest members of the Society of MSU Fellows and awards were presented for outstanding contributions: Hubert and Robert Allen of Morehead, Donors of the Year; Tom Haglage of Richmond, Volunteer of the Year; Dr. Dayna Seelig, and Steve Tirone, Faculty/Staff Fundraisers of the Year.

Earlier in the day, several faculty and staff members who retired during the last year were recognized at the Retirees Breakfast, and 20 past employees were honored at the Memorial Brick Dedication.

Pharr to speak March 15

Women's History Month at Morehead State University will continue with presentations by guest speakers through the Wilma E. Grote Lecture Series.

The theme of the 2005-06 series is "Tolerance for LGBTQ²As and Other Minorities."

Suzanne Pharr, a self-styled "political handywoman," will visit campus on Wednesday, March 15. Her lecture, "Who Built Today's Homophobia: A Complex History," will be given at 5 p.m. in 2 Breckinridge Hall. The activist and educator is the author of "Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism" and " **In the Time of the Right: Reflections on Liberation .**"

One of the final events for Women's History Month will be "The Vagina Monologues," which is set for March 29-30. Presented by the Student Association for Feminist Thought, it is slated for 7:30 p.m. each evening in Reed Hall auditorium.

The Grote series will continue into the spring semester, with lectures set for April 18 and May 2, respectively. Dr. Ann Andaloro, assistant professor of mass communications, will deliver her lecture, "Coming Out in Appalachia," at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, in 2 Breckinridge Hall. Dr. Eric Swank, associate professor of social work, will speak on "Comfort with Homosexuality Among Central Appalachian College Students," at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, also in 2 Breckinridge Hall.

The lectures are sponsored by various University offices and/or units: MSU Arts and Humanities Council, the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Corrections, Department of Communication and Theatre, Department of Art, College of Education, and the Cultural Studies Program in partnership with MSU's Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program. All of the events are free and open to the public.

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

Pink Ladies Club to raise awareness for breast cancer

What began as a fun way for two best friends to celebrate their fondness for their favorite color turned into a new student organization with a serious purpose on the Morehead State University campus.

MSU juniors Felicia Nichols of **Pikeville** and Kassie Worley of **Campton** founded the Pink Ladies club this academic year for female fellowship, but the group's members primarily work to raise awareness of breast cancer issues.

"When it started out, we didn't think about an organization at all, we both just really liked the color pink," said Nichols, club president and business marketing major. "So we thought we'd make some T-shirts and call ourselves the Pink Ladies."

Both students had felt the terrible impact of breast cancer in their own families - Nichols' aunt lost a breast to the disease and is currently undergoing cancer treatment, and Worley's aunt lost her life. Since pink is the traditional color used in ribbons, buttons and other "awareness" materials for breast cancer, Worley and Nichols thought their choice doubly appropriate.

Though the organization is new, several activities have already been conducted and more are planned in the near future.

"One of the main things we've been doing is having fundraisers, to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation, and also, to raise cancer awareness on our campus," said Worley, an exercise science major and club vice president. In cooperation with the foundation, club members intend to raffle a basket filled with awareness-themed and pink-colored items, and to distribute informational pamphlets on the importance of topics including self-examination and mammograms.

"It's also a social group, and even though we're all really busy, we plan on getting together and going to the movies and other fun things," Nichols said.

Pink Ladies membership is open to female students in good academic standing. Other officers, both **Pikeville** sophomores, are Rachael Miller, treasurer, and Amber Hillerman, secretary. Additional information about the organization is available online by accessing the club's Web page at www.expage.com/thepinkladiesmsu.

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Business workshop slated for April 5

The second annual free regional Small Business Development Day will be held on Wednesday, April 5, on the Morehead State University campus.

The day will provide business and entrepreneurs with the opportunity to network with organizations that can assist them with business issues or problems they may be facing. The activity is sponsored by MSU's Community Outreach Partnership Center and Small Business Development Center, in conjunction with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. in the Adron Doran University Center. Booths will be open for networking from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Welcoming remarks will begin at 12:30 p.m., with program sessions to start at 1 p.m. Numerous training choices will be featured, including Financing Your Business; How to Start a Business, and Contracting with Federal, State, and Local Governments.

Organizations will have representatives available to speak one-on-one with the program participants.

To view the conference brochure and the programs being offered or to register online, visit <http://irapp.moreheadstate.edu/copc/index.php> or contact Arch McAlister with the U.S. Small Business Administration at (606) 677-1713.

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Scholarship available for Rowan and Elliott County students

The Peoples Bank of Sandy Hook has revised the criteria for its Jane E. Caudill Scholarship which allows eligibility for more students attending Morehead State University.

The scholarship was established in 1988 for graduates of Elliott County High School. The revision allows graduates of Rowan County Senior High School and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to also apply. Applicants must be residents of Elliott or Rowan County.

Administered through the MSU Foundation Inc., the scholarship is awarded annually to 10 students, with the option for renewal for three more years if the student maintains a minimum grade point average. At least one of the students will attend the Morehead State University at West Liberty regional campus.

Recipients are selected by the University Scholarship Committee in cooperation with the director of financial aid. Selection is based on financial need, academic merit, Caudill Scholarship Application information, and other criteria used in awarding student financial aid.

Students interested in the scholarship may call MSU's Office of Enrollment Services at (800) 585-6781 for an application.

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2006 SOAR dates have been set

Morehead State University will host eight Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) programs in preparation for the 2006 Fall Semester. The SOAR events will provide new and transfer students an overview of the educational opportunities and will register for fall classes.

A student must be accepted to MSU before they can participate, and parents are encouraged to attend.

The 2006 SOAR dates are April 21 and 22; June 10, 15 and 20; and July 14 and 25. A special SOAR will be held April 14 for transfer students.

New this year will be a welcome reception held the evening prior at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Students will have their photographs taken for the University's identification card, the EagleCard, and meet with representatives from the Office of Financial Aid, student housing, food services and accounting and budgetary control.

Campus tours also are available.

Pre-registration for the SOAR program is necessary due to limited space. There are two ways to register: visit the Web page www.moreheadstate.edu/soar and click on the date that you would prefer to attend and complete the registration form or call the Office of First Year Programs at (606) 783-5018.

MSU is recognized as one of the top public universities in the South in the 2006 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by "U.S. News & World Report." The University is ranked in the top 25 public institutions that grant bachelor's and master's degrees in 12 states, including Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana.

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MSU lists closings for Spring Break, March 20-24

Administrative offices at Morehead State University will be closed for Spring Break, Monday through Friday, March 20-24. Offices will reopen and classes resume on Monday, March 27, at 8 a.m.

The University Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. until noon on Monday, March 20, Wednesday, March 22, and Friday, March 24, to distribute mail to boxes only. There will be no window service or mail delivery.

Camden-Carroll Library will close on March 17 at 4:30 p.m. for the break. The library will reopen on Sunday, March 26, at 1 p.m. on its regular schedule.

The University Bookstore will be closed during the break. There will be no Saturday hours on March 18 or March 25.

The Wellness Center will be open from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, March 18; 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, March 19; open from 9-12 noon and 4-7 p.m. Monday, March 20, through Thursday, March 23; and 9 a.m.-noon., Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25; and 4-9 p.m. on Sunday, March 26.

The center will return to its regular hours of operation on Monday, March 27.

Throughout the week, the MSU Police Department will be available to address campus concerns. They can be reached by calling (606) 783-2035.

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'Horsing around' on April Fool's Day

What could be more appropriate than a little "horsing around" on April Fool's Day.

You can be part of the experience on April 1, when the Community/Campus Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF) hosts its second annual Horse Fun Show at Morehead State University's Derrickson Agricultural Complex, located on Ky. 377 north of Morehead.

Gates open at 11 a.m. with the talents of horse and rider to be showcased, beginning at 1 p.m. A host of "competitions" will be provided for entertainment purposes, not the kind of "hoofing" rivalry seen at a typical horse show. For example, how far can a rider travel with an unbroken egg in a spoon?

Admission is \$3 per person, and no charge for youngsters 10 and under. The show will be held inside arena, rain or shine. The first 100 paying guests entering the gate will receive a free halter, courtesy of Willie Roberts, Rowan County attorney.

All proceeds from the horse show will provide emergency financial assistance to victims of sexual assault, along with public awareness and education. During the last year, SATF has sponsored educational events for both the campus and the community, including a contribution to MSU's Rape Aggressive Defense program.

Additional information about the Horse Fun Show, or to set up a booth, is available by calling Diane Rodgers, SATF co-chair, (606) 784-4161.

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Operation UNITE awards money for campus program

Operation UNITE has awarded \$5,000 to Morehead State University's Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force/UNITE to assist in implementation of drug prevention on campus. The presentation of the first quarter allocation was made to members of the task force recently on the MSU campus. Alisha Baldrige, front row from left, UNITE program coordinator, presented the symbolic check to Judy Krug, and Kenitha King. Back row, from left, are Dennis McKay, Lora Pace, Jacquelyn Scott and Kevin Shelton. Kevin Koett, chair of the task force, was not present. The task force may apply for grant monies of up to \$5,000 per quarter.

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Attempted purse snatching on campus

The Morehead State University Police Department issued a safety alert tonight (March 13) after an attempted purse snatching on the campus.

A female student called the Police Department to report that she had been approached by a white male as she was walking from class, at approximately 6:30 p.m. After leaving Reed Hall, the student walked up campus where, near the Little Bell Tower, she noticed that she was being followed. She proceeded up the steps at the Camden-Carroll Library Tower on her way to her car. Approximately 20 feet from her vehicle, she felt a tug on her shoulder and realized the man was trying to take her purse.

The student jerked away and proceeded to her car where she started the engine. When she backed out of the parking space, she realized the man was behind her car; when she was leaving the parking lot, the man tried to open the door on the passenger side.

The man is described as approximately 45 years or older, grayish or blonde hair, extremely thin, wearing a black ball cap and a dark colored jacket.

The investigation is being conducted by Sgt. David James.

Anyone with any knowledge of the incident or who may have seen someone on the campus that fits this description should immediately call the MSU Police Department at (606) 783-2035.

The Police Department reminds all persons on the campus to be aware of their surroundings, to walk in groups and stay in well lighted areas.

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Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present concerts

Morehead State University's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present three concerts in three different locations in the coming weeks.

Their schedule includes:

Tuesday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Sterling, 125 W. Main St.

Wednesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, 6312 Kennedy Avenue in Cincinnati.

Sunday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, located at 123 East Main St. in Morehead.

The 42-voice concert choir and 20-voice chamber singers are conducted by Dr. Greg Detweiler. Admission to the concerts is free of charge.

In May, the choirs will travel to Costa Rica for a 10-day concert tour. The Costa Rican tour will center primarily in San Jose and will include concerts in Costa Rica.

The choir will open the program with "Canite tuba" by Palestrina, "Why art thou so heavy, O my soul?" by Henry Loosemore, and "Os justi" by Anton Bruckner. In the first part of the concert, they also will perform "Te Deum" by Mozart, "Bogoroditse Djevo" by Arvo Part, "When David Heard" by Richard Burchard, and "Esto Les Digo" by Kinsley Lange. "When David Heard" was written for the MSU Concert Choir by Burchard.

The singers will continue the program with "Fyer, Fyer!" by Thomas Morley, "He's Got the Whole World" arranged by Fay Liebau, "Precious Lord" arranged by Arnold Sevier, and "A Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square" arranged by Gene Puerling. They also will sing a set of pieces in Spanish. These include "Suite de Lorca" by Einojuhani Rautavarara and "Cana Dulce" arranged by Roger Wesby.

The choir will conclude the evening with "in time of daffodils" by David Dickau, "Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord" arranged by Undine Moore, and "O! Time Religion" arranged by McCutchen and McCorvey.

Dr. Detweiler is in his eighth year as director of choral activities at MSU.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Detweiler at (606) 783-2480.

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CCL book discussion group to meet April 12

The book discussion group at Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library will meet on Wednesday, April 12, to discuss "Home and Beyond," an edited work by Morris Grubbs.

The group will meet at 7 p.m. on the fifth floor of the library. Grubbs, an English professor at Lindsey Wilson College, will moderate the discussion.

"Home and Beyond" is a compilation of short stories written by Kentucky authors from 1946 to the present. According to the book cover:

"Kentucky writers have produced some of the finest short stories published in the last fifty years, much of which focuses on the tension between the comforts of community and the siren-like lure of the outside world. Arranged chronologically, from Robert Penn Warren's "Blackberry Winter" to Crystal E. Wilkinson's "Humming Back Yesterday," these stories are linked by their juxtaposition of departures and returns, the familiar and the unknown, home and beyond."

The book includes stories by several authors, including Wendell Berry, Sallie Bingham, Billy C. Clark, Janice Holt Giles, James Baker Hall, Elizabeth Hardwick, Chris Holbrook, Barbara Kingsolver, Bobbie Ann Mason, Ed McClanahan, Jim Wayne Miller, Gurney Norman, Chris Offutt, Joe Ashby Porter, James Still, Jesse Stuart, Mary Ann Taylor-Hall, and Walter Tevis.

The library's book discussion group was established to all members of the Morehead community, as well as the University's students, staff and faculty, to learn more about the state's authors and their works.

This is the third in a series of four book discussions sponsored by the library; the 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.

The fourth book to be discussed will be James Baker Hall's "Yates Paul, His Grand Flights and Tootings."

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

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

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KSBDC offers online training and consultations

The Kentucky Small Business Development Center (KSBDC) now offers expert online training for entrepreneurs, managers, employees or anyone considering business ownership.

In partnership with regional universities, including Morehead State University, KSBDC offers training sessions under three major categories: starting your business, managing your finances, and foundations of marketing. In all, there are more than 25 different workshops offered online at www.ksbdc.org. The workshops provide individuals the opportunity to develop and enhance their entrepreneurial skills at their own speed and on their own schedule. While the training sessions are self-paced, they generally take about 30 minutes to complete.

A full list of training topics is available on the Web site, by clicking the "On-line Workshop" button to the left of the screen.

The KSBDC is a network of 14 service centers throughout the Commonwealth, dedicated to strengthening Kentucky businesses and creating economic growth by providing an array of services and opportunities. Among the services offered are free one-on-one business consultations with a highly qualified professional and library of resources and market research, in addition to a variety of training courses.

KSBDC has been helping the Kentucky small business community for more than 20 years, as a resource for existing and potential entrepreneurs. It is co-sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Additional information on the workshops is available by calling (888) 475-SBDC (7232).

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IRAPP will host campus lecture on March 28

Dr. Robert Bogdan, a professor and researcher at Syracuse University, will be on the Morehead State University campus to talk with students, faculty, staff, and the Morehead community on Tuesday, March 28.

He will speak on "The People's Photography: The Uses of Real Photo Postcards in the Social Sciences" at 4 p.m. in the Kibbey Seminar Room, 109 Combs Building.

Dr. Bogdan is a distinguished professor of sociology and cultural foundations of education, and senior researcher at the Center on Human Policy at Syracuse. He directed the Interdisciplinary Social Science Doctoral Program at Syracuse for 10 years and was a recipient of the Chancellor's Citation for Distinguished Academic Achievement.

In addition, Dr. Bogdan writes a monthly column for the national Postcard Collector and is author of more than 100 research articles and author or co-author of more than a dozen books.

His books, articles and presentations have addressed: qualitative research, social programs, poverty, perceptions and realities of disability, mental retardation, human oddity, and more recently, photography of the Adirondacks. His latest book, "The People's Photography: A Guide to the Photographic Format that Captured America in the First Third of the 20th Century," is scheduled for release later this year.

Dr. Bogdan will talk informally with faculty and staff and members of the educational community at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, in 305 Ginger Hall. His topic is "Picturing the Disabled: Visual Rhetoric and Disability Studies."

Both presentations are free and open to the public.

The campus lectures are part of the ongoing speaker series of Morehead State University's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP), in conjunction with the University's Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Additional information on the activities is available by calling (606) 783-5420.

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Wal-Mart donates to volunteer mission

Spring break for more than 125 Morehead State University faculty, staff and students will be devoted to community service in Gulfport, Miss. To prepare for the trip, donations were accepted from local businesses. Wal-Mart of

Morehead stepped up with a contribution of \$1,000. Participating in the presentation were, from left, SeaHierra Dille of Beavercreek, Ohio; Mary Wilson of Louisville; Scott Napier of Wal-Mart; MSU President Wayne D. Andrews; Gerome Stephens, student activities coordinator and trip coordinator; and Jason Marion, Student Government Association president. The Gulf Coast trip, coordinated by MSU's Office of the President, Office of Student Activities, and Student Government Association, will provide service to those affected by the hurricane. The MSU group will be working in general construction, rebuilding and clean up.

'Spring Break-Spring Back' before they go

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews is making sure that his bags are packed. You see, Dr. Andrews and a few friends are heading South for spring break. But, he's not heading to the beach like most.

Dr. Andrews and more than 125 students, faculty and staff will travel to **Gulfport , Miss. ,** for volunteer work. The MSU group will be working in general construction, rebuilding and clean up in the city of Gulfport and the surrounding area.

"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 when he announced the trip. "I hope those of you who are going with us will return with a personal commitment to service learning and to volunteerism."

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.

Morehead State has received numerous donations in preparations for the trip.

According to Al Baldwin, assistant to the provost, many faculty and staff members have helped with gifts of support. He also said that the Spring Gala and Student Government Association each have chipped in \$5,000 while Wal-Mart of Morehead gave \$1,000.

Harold White Millworks of Morehead donated wood products in the range of \$15,000 while Lowe's of Morehead gave hand tools; Trane of Lexington provided work gloves for everyone; Vallen Sheridan Safety Supply of Dayton, Ohio, donated ear plugs; and Trent Hamilton of Hamilton Beverage in Morehead, gave bottled water. The First Christian Church of Morehead and Johnson Church of God will serve breakfast prior to departure on Sunday morning.

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 is 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

CPE approves tuition rates for MSU, KCTCS, UK

The Council on Postsecondary Education Friday (March 24) approved 2006-07 tuition and fee rates for Morehead State University, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and the University of Kentucky. The CPE will consider tuition and fee proposals from the remaining public universities at its April 5 meeting.

The Council approved a new tuition policy in January that provides a structured process for ensuring balance between the desire to maintain affordability for Kentucky's students and the need to provide sufficient revenue to reach the goals of the Public Agenda.

The policy establishes maximum parameters for undergraduate tuition and fee rates. The parameters are linked to state general fund appropriation levels, median family income, market factors and a student affordability measure.

At Morehead State University, full-time, resident undergraduate students will pay \$4,870 annually, a \$550 annual increase. This rate is \$45 less than the maximum allowed by the policy. The per credit hour rate for Morehead State was set at \$205 for part-time students.

MSU's non-resident undergraduate tuition was set at \$12,950 annually, 2.65 times the rate charged for residents. MSU officials plan to request an exception to the non-resident rate for students in contiguous counties and selected urban areas.

At KCTCS, undergraduate resident students taking 15 credit hours a semester will be charged \$3,270 annually, an increase of \$330--the maximum allowed by the Council's tuition policy. The per credit hour rate for resident undergraduate students will increase from \$98 to \$109 this fall.

At UK, annual rates for full-time, resident undergraduates will increase from \$5,812 to \$6,510 for lower-division students, an increase of \$698. Tuition for upper-division students will increase from \$4,980 to \$6,698, an increase of \$718 over two semesters. These increases are \$180 less than the maximum allowed by the tuition policy.

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Regents commend coed cheer squad

For capturing the 2006 title in the Collegiate National Cheerleading Championships, Morehead State University's coed cheerleading squad was honored with a resolution by the University's Board of Regents during its quarterly meeting in March.

The Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA)-sponsored competition was held in January at Walt Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla.

This was the 16th national title for the squad and the 21st win for the University overall. The cheer squads are coached by Tony Nash.

The resolution commended the students on several points:

"The coed squad brought great honor to the University by winning its 16th National Championship and fifth consecutive national title, continuing the record for the most collegiate championships ever won by any college squad worldwide.

"The competition was televised nationally on the ESPN network and gave the University invaluable national exposure in a wholesome, popular sport."

Members of the winning coed squad were:

Joe Arkansas, **San Marcos, Calif .**; Brian Babcock, **Coeur d'Alene, Idaho .**; Patrick Boyer, **Simi Valley, Calif .**; Clay Clark, **Stafford, Va .**; Molly DuChemin, **West Alexandria, Ohio .**; Alicia Gifford, **West Farmington , Maine .**; Brittany Kaczetow, **Centereach , N.Y. .**

Laurel Long, **Chillicothe, Ohio .**; Brien McColpin, **Wichita, Kan .**; Josh McCurdy, **Meridian, Idaho .**; O'Shea Parker, **Bowling Green .**; Robert Reynolds, **Martin, Tenn .**;

Mo Rodriguez, **Escondido, Calif .**; Billie Sue Roe, **Appleton, Wis .**; Kelsey Simpson, **Lexington** ; Traci Smith, **Phillipsburg, N.J .**; Mark Spearman, **New Bern, N.C .**; and Jennifer Vilaboy, **Ramona, Calif .**

Brandon Armstrong was the trainer.

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Sophomore Art Exhibition set for April

The main gallery in Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building will be the site of the "2006 MSU Sophomore Art Exhibition" April 3-12.

An opening reception will be held Wednesday, April 5, from 6 - 8 p.m. There will be refreshments and live music by Forin Pocket. The event is free and open to the public.

This exhibition will begin the "Celebration of Student Scholarship" that will be held April 5-8 on the campus.

All art students of sophomore rank are required to participate in the exhibition, allowing them an opportunity to exhibit their work in the professional realm.

Sophomore students who are scheduled to participate include:

Vickie Adkins, **Grayson** ; Tomas Ayala, **Hazel Green, Ala .**; Stephanie Ballinger, **North Middletown** ; Amanda Barnett, **Morehead** ; Jessica Barnett, **Morehead** ; Eden Bolin, **West Liberty** ; Cara Breeze, **Morehead** ; James A. Carr, **Flat Gap** ; Gabriel Casey, **Staffordsville** ; Kevin M. Cockrell, **Georgetown** ; Colin Daugherty, **Roanoke, Va .**; Michael Donohew, **Owingsville** ; Valerie Fields, **Phelps** ; Erin Fraley, **Inez** ; Brandi Garrett, **Mt. Sterling** ; Dwight Harris, **Lexington** ;

Susan Hawkins, **Erlanger** ; Rachel Hayes, **Grayson** ; Craig Hintz, **Krakow, Wis .**; Kendrick Holbrook, **Olive Hill** ; Rachel Kendall, **Sissonville, W.Va.** ; Eric King, **Tollesboro** ; Katie Kunkel, **Cincinnati** ; Jennifer Mack, **Batavia, Ohio** , Casey McCowan, **Cynthiana** ; Adora Miller, **Xenia, Ohio** ; Kevin Oakley, **Mt. Sterling** ; Tiffany Oldaker, **Hilliard, Ohio** ; Autumn Reed, **Aflex** ; Steven Rodgers, **Olive Hill** ; Stacy Scott, **Morehead** ; Andrew Slone, **Mt. Sterling** ;

Lance Sparkman, **Hi Hat** , Caleb Spencer, **Owingsville** ; Tammy Staton, **Salt Lick** ; Gloria Stepp, **Blaine** ; Mark R. Stevens, **West Chester, Ohio** ; James Stockelman, **Kennesaw, Ga .**; Heather Utterback, **Morehead** ; Stephen Waddles, **Ashland** ; Kyle Wattula, **Ashland** ; Kenton Wheeler, **Flemingsburg** ; Lacey Whitley, **Frenchburg** ; and Charli Wright, **Sandy Hook**.

The gallery features contemporary art for the Morehead State community as well as the University's service region. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. There is no admission charge. Parking is available on University Street and Elizabeth Avenue, directly behind the art building.

Any questions or comments should be directed to Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at (606) 783-5446.

Posted: 3-27-06

Kentucky Folk Art Center receives Rothschild grant

The [Kentucky Folk Art Center](#) has received a \$15,000 grant from The Judith Rothschild Foundation which will support an upcoming, major exhibition titled "Slow Time: The Works of Charley and Noah Kinney." The exhibition will open at KFAC on June 1, and it will travel throughout the Eastern U.S., running from October through 2008.

The Judith Rothschild Foundation announced the grant on March 6, along with 20 other awards totaling more than \$250,000. These grants support and stimulate interest in the work of dozens of recently deceased American artists, who are deemed outstanding, yet under-recognized.

"Since its inception in 1995, The Judith Rothschild Foundation's grant program has contributed over \$3 million toward a wide range of projects, providing hundreds of opportunities for significant reevaluation of the work of recently deceased American artists," commented Elizabeth Slater, vice president of the grant program. "Through this juried process, we are committed to calling long-overdue attention to the vital, yet often little known contributions these artists have made to our culture."

"We are honored by The Judith Rothschild Foundation's investment in our exhibition program," said Matt Collinsworth, KFAC director. "Slow Time will be a fascinating and extremely important exhibition. The Kinneys' work is highly deserving of broader recognition. As both visual artists and traditional musicians, they made a remarkable contribution to the culture of Appalachia and America."

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

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'Sundown at Moonlight Concert Series' returns

A family-friendly event will return to downtown Morehead starting on June 2.

[Morehead State Public Radio](#) (MSPR) and Morehead Tomorrow will sponsor the second year of the "Sundown at Moonlight Concert Series."

The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music and Kentucky Folk Art Center at Morehead State University and the city of Morehead support the program.

Music lovers are invited to bring lawn chairs and picnic supper to enjoy the live music on five separate occasions. The free concert will be held at the Moonlight Stage, located next to the Moonlight School on First Street, on June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1 and Oct. 6.

To kick off the second season, Vanessa Batts and The Everybodyfields will perform acoustic music. Other scheduled entertainers will be: Greg Schaber Band, blues (July 7); Mother Jane, Luna, country (Aug. 4); Tony Pence and Big Ugly, country (Sept. 1); and KY B3 4, jazz and blues (Oct. 6).

All shows will run from 7 - 9 p.m. Parking and concessions will be available.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001 or Morehead Tomorrow at (606) 780-7441.

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KFAC to host evening talk

The Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) and Morehead State University's Appalachian Heritage Program announce the next installment of the speaker's series "Appalachia: Yesterday and Today."

Dr. Gordon McKinney will present "Layers of Loyalty: Commitments to Family, Community, and Nation in Western North Carolina, 1861-1865," at the KFAC on Monday, April 3, beginning at 7 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Dr. McKinney is professor of history and former director of the Appalachian Studies Program at Berea College. He is considered one of the foremost authorities on the political, military, and social history of Civil War and Reconstruction-era Appalachia and a founding member of the Appalachian Studies Association. His publications include "Southern Mountain Republicans, 1978"; "The Heart of Confederate Appalachia (with John Inscoe), 2000"; and "Zebulon Vance: North Carolina's Civil War Governor and Gilded Age Political Leader, 2004."

"Dr. McKinney is one of the preeminent authorities on Appalachian history," said Dr. John Hennen, director of MSU's Appalachian Heritage Program. "It is a wonderful opportunity to have him here in Morehead. Anyone who has an interest in the development of this region's unique culture, our loyalty to our families and the larger communities that surround us, will want to see this presentation."

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

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MSU will host 'Monster Concert'

The ninth annual Piano Festival and Monster Concert will be held on Saturday, April 22, in Morehead State University's Duncan Recital Hall within Baird Music Hall, beginning at 8 p.m.

The term "Monster Concert" was coined in the 19th century and refers to an event that features not only the traditional solo piano genre, but also piano compositions for piano ensemble.

In this particular recital there will be piano ensemble pieces of all types. These will include compositions written for piano duet, trio and "piano symphony"-a composition for more than 10 pianos.

This year's featured artists are Dr. Steven Snyder and Michael Young.

Dr. Snyder is an assistant professor of jazz keyboard and music theory at MSU. He has performed throughout the United States, Europe and Asia and has appeared on 15 recordings with artists such as Randy Brecker, Brannen Temple and Chris Maresh.

In 2002, Dr. Snyder was selected as one of 66 pianists worldwide to compete in the Martial Solal International Jazz Piano Competition, which was held in Paris, France.

Young is a composer and pianist from the University of Cincinnati who is currently working on his doctorate in musical composition. His specialty is writing and performing music for the piano and he will perform an original composition titled "Prelude and Fugue." This same work received its debut performance earlier this month in Chicago, where Young was invited to perform at the Annual College Music Society symposium at Northwestern University. He will also be joined by his wife, MSU piano faculty member Chia-Ling Hsieh in a piano duet performance.

Other performers will include alumni of MSU's Department of Music, a select group of undergraduate and graduate pianists, and students from the Downing Academy of the Performing Arts in Maysville. All performers will come together at the conclusion of the concert to perform an excerpt from the Rachmaninov Third Piano concerto arranged for 11 pianos.

Additional information is available from Dr. Paul Taylor, associate professor of music, and director of the event, at (606) 783-2405 or orp.taylor@moreheadstate.edu.

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Bowling teams heading to championships

Morehead State University will be represented by its women's and men's bowling teams during the 2006 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships, which is set for April 26-29 at **The Cherry Bowl** in **Rockford, Ill.**

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

Both clubs have strong traditions. The MSU women took top honor in 1989, 1998, 2000 and 2002 and were runner-ups in 1993, while the men's squad was runner-up in its 2003 tournament and took third place in 2005.

The Sectional Qualifier competitions were held March 25-26. The top four in the men's and women's divisions at each sectional advanced to championships.

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

Joining them will be Morehead State, Ball State, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Nebraska-Omaha, Newman, Penn State, Pikeville, Purdue, Shippensburg, South Florida, West Texas A&M and Western Illinois.

The MSU women's team consists of: Melissa Brownie, **Chester, Va.** , senior; Amy Corbin, **Cincinnati** sophomore; Lindsey Coullles, **Dayton, Ohio** , junior; Jessica Fleck, **Kettering, Ohio** , junior; Holly Giacinti, **Toms River, N.J.** , senior; Andrea Lucente, **Youngstown, Ohio** , freshman; Dana Merkley, **Huntingburg, Ind.** , junior; Lauren Swanson, **Freeport, N.Y.** , sophomore.

Qualifiers from the men's division, which features nine past champions and 11 returning teams from the 2005 event, include sectional champions Wichita State, Fresno State, Saginaw Valley State and Lindenwood, the defending national champion. Also advancing were Morehead State, Arizona State, Central Florida, Erie Community College, Kansas, Michigan State, Nebraska, Newman, Purdue, St. John's, Vincennes and Western Illinois.

The MSU men's team consists of: Connor Dohner, **Palmyra, Penn.** , senior; Ross Hinzman, **Elkins, W.Va.** , junior; Evan Rachbach, **Livingston, N.J.** , junior; Dave O'Sullivan, **Yonkers, N.Y.** , senior; John Petraglia, **Manalapan, N.J.** , sophomore; Henry Pryor, **Miamisburg, Ohio** , senior; Scott Thornton, **Wilmington, Del.** , senior; and Kyle Wogatske, **Germantown, Md.** , junior.

A total of eight schools qualified their men's and women's teams from each of the four sectionals, which consisted of 32 Baker System games each day for a total of 64 Baker games.

The Intercollegiate Bowling Championships is the pinnacle event of the college bowling season. The IBC brings together the top 16 men's and women's teams in the country to compete for national titles on national television.

Morehead State's Melissa Brownie also qualified for a spot at the 2006 USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships, which will be held May 22-23 at Olympic Lanes in Milwaukee.

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

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'Celebration of Student Scholarship'

Morehead State University will host a "Celebration of Student Scholarship," Wednesday through Saturday, April 5-8, at various locations on the campus.

An opening reception for the "2006 MSU Sophomore Art Exhibition" will be held in the main gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building on April 5, from 6-8 p.m. There is no charge for viewing the exhibit which runs through April 12.

At the Lucille Little Theatre in Breckinridge Hall, the MSU Dance Ensemble will perform "Kinetic Exposure." The performance will be presented on April 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The 19th Annual F. Frank and Bethel C. Gallaher Memorial Music Performance Competition will be held on April 6 at 3 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall, within Baird Music Hall.

Dr. Fred J. Roisen, professor and chair of the Department of Anatomical Sciences and Neurobiology at the University of Louisville, is the Celebration's kickoff speaker. He will lecture at 4:15 p.m. on April 6 in the auditorium of Breckinridge Hall (Room 2).

Dr. Roisen will discuss "The Potential of Human Stem Cells: 'The Nose Knows.'" After his talk, a reception will be held in the Breck Society Room (109) from 5-6:15 p.m. The Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network is sponsoring this event.

From 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. on April 8, a "Celebration of Student Scholarship" will be held at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). During the day, 93 students who are listed on 57 oral presentations and posters will be showcasing their creative talents, research and scholarship efforts. The students were mentored by 44 faculty members.

At 6 p.m., Phi Kappa Phi's Annual Celebration of Academic Excellence Banquet will be held in the Crager Room of ADUC. Tickets are required for this event.

Dr. Larry T. McGehee, professor emeritus of religious studies at Wofford College, will be the guest speaker. His remarks are titled "Coloring Outside the Lines." Faculty and students initiates will be inducted into the Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

During the week, the efforts of 156 students will be seen. Additional information is available by calling the celebration coordinators, Dr. David T. Magrane at (606) 783-2944 or Dr. Marshall Chapman at (606) 783-5397.

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Kentucky Campus Compact Chapter established

Morehead State University was among the colleges and universities represented at the official launch of the Kentucky Campus Compact (KyCC) on March 30.

Provost Michael R. Moore carried greetings from MSU President Wayne D. Andrews for the announcement. The gathering was held at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) headquarters in Versailles.

College and university presidents or their designees from across the state attended the signing ceremony that signifies the commitment to preparing students for active citizenship and improving the quality of community life.

KyCC is the 31st state affiliate chapter of Campus Compact, a national coalition of more than 950 college and university presidents committed to the civic purposes of higher education. The organization was created in 1985 as a venue for students to address the pressing concerns of their communities.

The success of Campus Compact has been attributed to the presidential leadership of the group. The national Board of Directors is composed primarily of distinguished college and university presidents. Dr.

James Votruba, president of Northern Kentucky University, currently serves on the national board and will serve as chair of the KyCC board.

KCTCS and its 16 college districts are founding members of KyCC, as are Northern Kentucky University, Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University, Bellarmine University, Berea College, Campbellsville University, Centre College and Transylvania University.

KyCC, created by a collaboration of Kentucky higher education institutions, will be housed on the campus of Northern Kentucky University. The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) took an active leadership role in its creation, along with the founding institutions, the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) and representatives from Asbury College, Brescia University, Cumberland College, Georgetown College, Kentucky Christian University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Midway College and St. Catharine College.

The mission of the Kentucky Campus Compact is to help higher education strengthen the Commonwealth's communities and improve the lives of Kentucky citizens. KyCC was created to help institutions of higher education promote public and community service that develops student citizenship skills, helps campuses forge effective community partnerships and provides resources and training for faculty seeking to integrate civic and community-based learning into the curriculum.

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