

Wellness Center to offer free fitness class

With obesity reaching an all-time high, more radio and television ads and magazine articles are being devoted to helping Americans become fitnessconscious.

To do its part, the Morehead State University [Wellness Center](#) wants to educate the community on the basics of fitness and its importance to health and longevity. A class, offering the basics of fitness, will be presented on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m. at the center. There is no admission charge.

The five components of fitness, their benefits and general guidelines for an exercise program, will be discussed. Ashley Hayes, an intern at the center, will provide the instruction.

Members of the community are invited to join MSU's faculty, staff and students at the center, located at 201 Playforth Place on the campus, for this free class. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2083.

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Morehead banker appointed to MSU Board of Regents

Gov. Ernie Fletcher has appointed banker Paul C. Goodpaster to the Morehead State University Board of Regents, for a six-year term, effective immediately.

"Morehead State University is a great university and I am extremely honored and very appreciative of Gov. Fletcher's confidence in my ability to serve the Commonwealth in this capacity," Goodpaster said of his appointment. "My goal is to make a positive contribution to the efforts of the board and to support the faculty, staff and administration, in any way that I can."

With 18 years of banking experience, Goodpaster is executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Citizens Bank in Morehead. He is responsible for the day-to-day management of the bank.

He is a former chief financial officer for Rowan Technical College, now the Rowan Campus of Maysville Community and Technical College. During his three years in that post, he also served on the college's advisory board.

Active in various organizations in the community, Goodpaster is a current member of the Morehead/Rowan County Industrial Development Authority and a past board member of the Morehead/Rowan County Economic Development Authority. Currently on the board, he is past president of the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Trinity Christian Fellowship Church.

A Morehead State graduate, Goodpaster earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in finance in 1989.

He is married to the former Kimberly Susan Walters, also an MSU alumnus. They are the parents of three children: Brandon, 12; Brook, 9; and Nathan, 3.

Goodpaster succeeds Jerry Umberger of Ashland whose term expired in June. He and the other new regents, student Brian Gay and staff member Lora Pace, will be sworn in at the Board's next meeting.

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Journey of Hope cyclists visit the MSU campus

Morehead State University and the city of Morehead hosted the 2006 Journey of Hope Trans-America cycling team this past week. The group of cyclists is comprised of college men from across the United States who are members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

The cycling squad arrived on Monday, July 31, and left the Morehead area on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

Push America is the national philanthropy project of the fraternity. It was established to raise awareness of people with disabilities by promoting a number of programs designed to involve the undergraduate and alumni members of the fraternity across the U.S.

The Journey of Hope is a summer-long bike ride that begins in San Francisco and concludes in Washington D.C., on Aug. 12. Throughout the duration of the ride, team members make

stops in various cities to participate in "friendship visits" at numerous schools and assisted living facilities as a means of reaching out to those with disabilities.

The Journey of Hope team, along with members and friends of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity hosted an evening friendship visit with the residents of Morehead's Horizon Village. The local fraternity chapter works each semester with Horizon Village's residents to provide programming and entertainment.

Morehead State's Wes Cook, Maineville, Ohio, graduate student, is riding his bike across the country on the North Team.

If you wish to make a contribution to PUSH America or learn more about the programs, visit the Web site at <http://www.pushamerica.org>.

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Fall term at MSU begins Aug. 21

With summer coming to a close, Morehead State University faculty, staff and students are making preparations for the start of the fall semester.

Fall courses begin Monday, Aug. 21, at all MSU campuses, but there are many fun and informative activities planned for students before they even set foot inside the classroom - activities designed to help them maximize their MSU experience.

With the implementation of a new policy beginning with the fall semester, all MSU residence halls will be coed, and for many students, the first step is settling into their residence hall rooms. Returning students may move in beginning at 8 a.m. on

Thursday, Aug. 17.

Freshmen and other students new to the University will move into their residence halls on Aug. 18, according to the schedule:

8 a.m.-11 a.m. - Residents of Alumni Tower, East Mignon Hall and Butler Hall

11 a.m.-2 p.m. - Residents of Mignon Hall, West Mignon Hall and Cooper Hall

2 p.m.-5 p.m. - Residents of Mignon Tower, Nunn Hall, Thompson Hall and Fields Hall

New students may complete financial, academic and housing tasks on that day. New students who had their photos taken at a summer SOAR session and are living on campus, will pick up their ID card during check in at the front desk of their residence hall. Before moving in or once they are settled, academic advising will be available to new students who need to make a class schedule or change their existing schedule. Advising will be done in the academic departments from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

From 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18, there will be EagleCard pickup for commuter students in room 107 of the Adron Doran University Center. Other students who have not yet had an ID photo taken, or those who have lost or damaged their EagleCard also may obtain a new one at that time.

Student parking passes will be available for purchase and pickup from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. in 100 Laughlin Health Building.

Other important afternoon activities will include Student Support Services participant orientation, scheduled to be held in ADUC from 3:30-5 p.m.; the New Student and Family Welcome Dinner, slated for 4-7 p.m. on ADUC's second floor; and the "Welcome Celebration!" at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium. The traditional Student Activities Council (SAC) Block Party at the Alumni Tower Bridge Area will cap off the day's activities, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday morning, Aug. 19, new students will attend a series of informative and entertaining orientation sessions to help them get off on the right foot in college.

At 9:30 a.m., Curtis Zimmerman will present "Living Life at Performance Level" in Button Auditorium. This will be followed by "MSU-The Right Destination."

During the lunch break from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., students are encouraged to attend the activities fair at ADUC.

To provide entertainment for the students, Keith Karkut will present Hypnotic Intoxication at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19. Later that day, Dan Renzu from MTV's *The Real World* presenting "You're Here-Now What?: The Challenges of Being a New College Student" will be offered at 7 p.m.

A non-denominational morning worship service will be open to everyone at 11 a.m. in Button Auditorium on Sunday, Aug. 20. Music majors will be taking their music placement exam in 121 Baird Music Hall from 2-4 p.m.

Female students interested in Greek life at MSU will want to attend a sorority informational meeting, slated for 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 20, also in Button. For even more Greek sorority or fraternity details, the Greek Kick-Off will be held on the Fields Hall lawn from 8:30 -10 p.m. The ever-popular poster sales will be held from 4-10 p.m. in ADUC, and will continue from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Aug. 21 and 22.

Sunday night gets underway with N*W*C at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium. The transformative comedy event will get the campus talking about the defining issue of today-race. The comedy will be followed by the Street Dance and Ice Cream Social, scheduled for 8:30-10 p.m. at the ADUC commons area.

The University Bookstore will extend its hours during the fall semester's opening days. On Saturday, Aug. 19, the store will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. to accommodate shoppers. Beginning Monday, Aug. 21, hours will be from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. through Aug. 24, and also from Aug. 28-31. Additionally, it will be open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25, and noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26. Regular business hours will resume on Friday, Sept. 1.

As the first academic week of the semester gets underway, the Soccer Eagles will play an exhibition game of pre-season by hosting

Bellarmino University at 7 p.m. in Jayne Stadium on Monday, Aug. 21. Other events include a performance by hypnotist Dale K in Button Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Several other activities will be held in late August and early September, leading up to Family Weekend, slated for Sept. 15-17. This annual event provides an opportunity for parents and other family members of students to get a taste of the MSU experience.

This year's schedule will include a talent show, golf scramble and much more.

During Family Weekend, the MSU Football Eagles will open their home schedule in a 1 p.m. game on Saturday, Sept. 16, as they host Valparaiso.

Everyone is reminded to mark their calendars for MSU's Homecoming 2006, slated for Oct. 12-14.

Additional information about attending MSU is available by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000; or (800) 585-6781.

Posted: 8-4-06

Free course offered to high school seniors

High school seniors who want to get a head start of their college career may enroll in a class at Morehead State University. Students with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 may take one college course tuition-free.

The process to enroll is simple. Complete the Admission/Registration application and have it signed by your guidance counselor. Return the form to Morehead State no later than Aug. 18.

Students may choose from 100 or 200 level courses on the class schedule. The special application and list of courses may be obtained from MSU's Office of Enrollment Services, 100 Admissions Center, or on the admissions [Web site](#). Classes will be offered at the Morehead, Mt. Sterling and West Liberty campuses. Class scheduling will be available at each site on Aug. 18. Students are responsible for textbooks and course fees.

Textbooks for the classes are available from the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus. Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu. Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

Classes at MSU for the fall semester begin on Monday, Aug. 21, at all locations. The term ends Dec. 15.

Additional information and application forms are available by calling Tina Stafford-Baldwin, MSU's regional campus coordinator, at (800) 585-6781, option #3; MSU at Mt. Sterling, (859) 498-0780 or (866) 870-0809; or MSU at West Liberty, (800) 648-5371 or (606) 743-1500.

Posted: 8-4-06

MAT named 'Transition to Teaching' partner

Ever thought of becoming a teacher, but are working in another field and didn't want to go back to school for another four years?

Morehead State University may have just the answer.

MSU's Master of Arts in Teaching Program (MAT) has been named as a partnering agency in the Kentucky Department of Education's "Transition to Teaching" Program. Five MSU MAT candidates have been selected to participate in this federally-funded program.

Lincoln County Schools have employed Erika Spoonamore of Stanford, Kristen Greer of Stanford, Kristen Hughes of Stanford, and Chad Davis of Richmond. Crystal Wells of Carlisle has been contracted by Robertson County Schools.

MSU faculty and school district teachers will partner to provide all candidates with individualized mentoring/coaching services.

The program is looking for mid-career professionals, recent college graduates, and highly qualified paraprofessionals who may have thought about joining the teaching profession.

"Nine high-poverty/high-need Kentucky school districts and four public universities are partnering on a federally funded grant. Provisions are made for ongoing support and the resources needed for candidates to obtain immediate employment in a full-time certified teaching position. The MSU MAT faculty and staff are proud to be a part of this initiative," said Rosemarie Gold, MSU's MAT coordinator.

Program participants receive a \$5000 stipend and must complete required MAT coursework leading to teacher certification and a master's degree in teaching.

The requirements are: a Bachelor's degree in a teacher shortage area, e.g., mathematics, science, English, social studies, special education and/or arts and humanities.; an employment contract to teach in one of the nine partner districts; a three-year commitment to teaching in one of the partner districts and

completion of required MAT coursework; acceptance into one of the partner university's alternative certification programs; and completion of the TeacherInsight® Interview.

Along with the stipend, participants will attend a summer induction workshop to prepare them for the classroom; receive one-on-one coaching/mentoring; participate in needs-based professional development; and receive assistance in preparing for the PRAXIS exam, which must be passed to obtain teacher certification.

Additional information is available by calling MSU's Master of Arts in Teaching Program at (606) 783-2079.

Posted: 8-7-06

Hall's novel to be topic of book discussion

The Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University is inviting students, staff and faculty and members of the Morehead community to join in a book discussion group to learn more about the state's authors and their works.

The group will meet on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6 - 7:15 p.m. on the fifth floor of the library to discuss "Yates Paul, His Grand Flights, His Tootings," a novel by James Baker Hall. The book, a coming-of-age novel that takes place in Lexington, has been compared to J.D. Salinger's "Catcher-in-the Rye."

"... the story unfolds through the eyes of thirteen-year-old Yates Paul. He becomes consumed with revelations about his inattentive father's loneliness, his grandmother's stormy relationship with his boisterous alcoholic uncle, and the frustration of being the best photography assistant in town when no one else knows it. In pursuing his career and falling in love with women twice his age, the precocious Yates falls back on Walter Mitty-esque daydreams to cope with a frequently humorous, sometimes dark, world.

Long respected among literary insiders, sought after but nearly impossible to obtain, this "lost" classic will finally reach the wider audience it deserves." (Editorial Review)

The discussion will be moderated by Chris Holbrook, MSU assistant professor of English and author of numerous short stories. The library received a grant to sponsor the discussions and to purchase additional copies of the books for public use.

This is the last 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.

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

Posted: 8-7-06

Capitol Steps is coming to MSU

Ready for an evening of satirical comedy featuring one of the best known groups in the country? Capitol Steps is coming to Morehead State University's Button Auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

The group began in 1981 when three Senate staffers set out to satirize the people and places in Washington. Today, Capitol Steps is composed of two dozen comedians and five pianists. Their material is written by members of the group.

Using the headlines of the day, the performers create song parodies and skits which convey a special brand of satirical humor that is as popular in the farmlands across America as it is on Pennsylvania Avenue. They have been featured on all the major networks, and for the last 15 years, produced quarterly specials for public radio. They have performed for five U.S. presidents and recorded 26 albums.

Each performance includes five members and one pianist. They perform at various venues around the country and every Friday and Saturday at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. Their radio specials are heard on "Politics Takes a Holiday" on New Year's Day, April Fool's Day, Fourth of July and Halloween.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and free to MSU students with a valid I.D. card. Ticket sales begin Wednesday, Aug. 23, at CoffeeTree Books, Kentucky Folk Art Center and on campus at the Adron Doran University Center's information desk. Student tickets, with a 600 limit, may be picked up only at the Student Activities office, 201 ADUC.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2071. Capitol Steps is making a Morehead appearance as part of the University's Septemberfest activities which run Sept. 18-21.

Posted: 8-8-06

New BSTM completer degree begins in the fall

Morehead State University will offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Technology Management (BSTM), beginning with the fall 2006 semester. The degree program will enhance the capabilities of two-year college graduates to answer the call for an advanced workforce in Kentucky.

The new program is designed to provide technically prepared students who hold associate degrees (AA/AAS) the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in management, and prepare them for employment within "high tech" industries. It also will meet the expanding need for challenging jobs in technology and engineering technology management, and to improve the baccalaureate transfer program by allowing a complete transfer of associate degree course work toward the BSTM degree program.

The curriculum is specifically designed, with the majority of courses offered online to assist associate level graduates by enhancing opportunities and access for obtaining a baccalaureate degree.

The Technology Management program targets Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) associate degree graduates of technology programs, and is intended as a "completer" for the KCTCS graduates. The

academic offering does not preclude other students. Students with associate level technology degrees from other institutions may petition for admission under the requirements of this program.

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education has approved the implementation of MSU's BSTM degree program.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Dr. Ahmad Zargari, chair of the Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology, at (606) 783-2418 or online at www.moreheadstate.edu/iet .
Posted: 8-9-06

Three acts highlight ACL on Aug. 25

Harvey Pennington and Friends, Daniel and Amy Carwile and the band Blind Corn Liquor Pickers will be the talent showcased in the next edition of "Americana Crossroads Live."

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) and the [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#) will present the program on Friday, Aug. 25, at the Morehead Conference Center, located on First Street. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the music to start at 7 p.m.

Born in Morehead, Pennington has a great love for the outdoors and has spent much of his time backpacking, canoeing, hunting and fishing in the Rocky Mountains, Alaska and Canada. The retired Rowan County attorney has a strong interest in traditional music and American folk ballads, including old cowboy songs. In 2002, he recorded a CD with MSU retiree Leo Blair titled "The Traditional Side of Spit and Polish."

Champion fiddlers and multi-instrumentalists, the Carwiles are a dynamic husband and wife musical duo whose personal connection lends poignancy to their music and spark to their performances. Showcasing versatility on fiddle, mandolin, bouzouki, guitar, piano and vocals, they have a broad repertoire of acoustic music that includes traditional tunes with modern interpretations as well as original compositions.

"They are two of the most accomplished musicians I have run across in a long time," said Don Rigsby, director of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, in describing the duo.

The Blind Corn Liquor Pickers may not be your traditional Bluegrass band. The group will bring their high energy, some have called rowdy, Bluegrass-rock style to the show. The Lexington-based quartette is made up of Todd Anderson, upright bass and lead vocals; Tom Fassas, guitar and vocals; Joel Serdenis, mandolin and lead vocals; and Travis Young, banjo and vocals.

"Americana Crossroads Live" is supported by Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky, Morehead Conference Center and Morehead Tourism Commission. Community partners include the Kentucky Folk

Art Center, MSU Caudill College of Humanities,
MSU Arts and Humanities Council, Papa John's
and Root-A-Baker's.

The series is now heard on 35 radio stations
across the United States, Canada and the
Philippines.

Concessions and door prizes will be available.
The cost will be \$5 per person, or \$20 for a Family
Pack of five. Children 12 and under are admitted
free.

Additional information on "Americana Crossroads
Live" is available from MSPR's Web site
at www.msuradio.com or by calling (606) 783-2001
or (800) 286-9659.
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Visiting professor is award-winning author

Award-winning author and poet Crystal Wilkinson will be a visiting
professor and writer at Morehead State University for the 2006-07
academic year.

Wilkinson will join the Department of English, Foreign Languages and
Philosophy as a teacher, writer in residence and adviser.

Raised in Casey County, Wilkinson describes herself as a "country
girl," and much of her work draws from her experiences growing up in
Appalachia. She is the author of two books, "Blackberries,
Blackberries," and "Water Street," and numerous short stories and
poems.

Wilkinson was the recipient of the Chaffin Award for Appalachian
Literature, which was presented to her at MSU's Appalachian
Celebration in 2002. "Blackberries, Blackberries" was named best
debut fiction by "Today's Librarian" magazine, and "Water Street" was
a finalist for both the Orange Prize and the Zora Neal Hurston/Richard
Wright Foundation Legacy Award in fiction.

"Her contribution will strengthen our already excellent creative writing program," said Dr. Philip
Krummrich, chair of the department. "We feel very fortunate to have her at MSU. She has a national
reputation as a writer."

Wilkinson has been published in various literary anthologies and has presented at workshops and
readings. A founding member of the Lexington-based writing collective The Affrilachian Poets, she is a
former creative writing faculty member at Indiana University-Bloomington and at Spalding University in
Louisville.

Additionally, she is the former creative writing chair of the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts and
assistant director of The Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning.

"I am very excited about coming to Morehead," Wilkinson said. "I had wanted to get back to Kentucky for
a while, and I can't think of a better place to come to than Morehead State University."

Wilkinson said she has met with administrators and fellow creative writing faculty members, and has noticed that "everyone involved seems excited about my opportunity to come to Morehead. That has fueled my own excitement and I'm really looking forward to being there."

She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Eastern Kentucky University and is a graduate of the Master of Fine Arts in Writing program, with an area of concentration in fiction, from Spalding.

Her latest novel, "Opulence," will be published in the near future, and another novel is in the works.

Additional information is available by calling the department at (606) 783-2185.

Posted: 8-10-06

Six artist featured in exhibit at CY

An art exhibit, titled "Abstractions: Recent Work by Anfinson, Brown, Fry, Lancia, Potter, Sargent," will be displayed in the main gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building at Morehead State University, Aug. 30 - Sept. 29.

An opening exhibition with refreshments and live music will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 6-8 p.m.

Six artists from across the country will participate in the exhibition: Erin Anfinson of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Dean Brown of Louisville; Robert Fry of Covington; Dianne Lancia of Fairport, N.Y.; William Potter of Indianapolis; and Denis Sargent of Milwaukee, Wis. The diverse works, unified in the exploration of abstraction, include paintings, wall-mounted and freestanding sculpture, computer generated imagery and mixed media.

In association with the exhibition, the Department of Art will host lectures by two visiting artists at 10:20 a.m. and 12:40 p.m., in room 111 of Claypool-Young. Brown, a painter and arts educator, will discuss his work with faculty and students on Thursday, Sept. 14. Potter, a sculptor and assistant professor at the Herron School of Art at Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis, will visit on Friday, Sept. 29.

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. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. or by appointment. There is no admission charge and parking is available on Main Street and Elizabeth Avenue.

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

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Distance Learning has new director

Marilyn D. Moore has been named interim director of the Office of Distance Learning at Morehead State University. She will serve in that capacity until the end of the year.

Since arriving on the MSU campus, Moore has been a visiting assistant professor of information systems and remains a faculty member in the College of Business.

"She brings extensive technology and technology management experience to her new position," said Dr. Dan Connell, associate provost for academic outreach and support who has oversight of distance learning.

Moore's experience is primarily in the area of database systems including her appointments as systems programmer at General Electric's ISBD Headquarters along with management experiences with the University of Missouri's Medical Computer Center and SunGard SCT.

Prior to coming to MSU, Moore had been a member of the faculty at Indiana and Purdue universities. She also completed a 12-month appointment in Malaysia, where she taught computer science courses for Indiana University's international education consortium, and had administrative work including implementation of the Banner system.

She has had extensive work with Blackboard course management software, and designed the course template and resources utilized in all CIS 101 sections since 1999.

Moore has held membership on a review board for testing software and has made numerous presentations at national conferences, including the Sloan-C International Conference on Asynchronous Learning. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Southern Illinois University, holds a masters degree in business administration from Indiana University, and has completed additional graduate work in specialty areas including database systems, operating systems and educational technology.

Additional information is available by contacting Moore at (606) 783-2082 or by e-mail to ma.moore@moreheadstate.edu.

Posted: 8-11-06

Save a life at CKBC blood drive Aug. 22-23

More than 300 volunteer donors are needed every day to meet the blood needs of patients in hospitals in Central and Eastern Kentucky.

The Central Kentucky Blood Center is providing an opportunity for you to help others by hosting a blood drive on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 22 and 23, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Button Drill Room on the Morehead State University campus.

To donate blood, volunteers must be at least 17 years old, weight a minimum of 110 pounds, be in good general health, and have photo identification such as driver's license or student I.D. card. The process is safe and takes very little time. All donors will be treated to refreshments and a T-shirt.

The August drive is sponsored by MSU's Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and all Greek organizations.

Donors will be eligible for a drawing to win a trip to Orlando. The package includes roundtrip airfare, two nights lodging at Crowne Plaza Universal Hotel, and passes to Universal Studios for two.

Additional information is available by calling CKBC at (800) 775-2522 or on the Web at www.ckbc.org.

Posted: 8-14-06

Sports Management Program accredited through 2013

The master's level sport management degree program at Morehead State University recently received notice of accreditation from the Sport Management Program Review Council (SMPRC), an independent council of the North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM) and the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE).

Morehead State becomes one of only two Kentucky universities that have been awarded NASSM/NASPE approval of both its undergraduate and graduate programs. This is the first time that the master's program has received this distinction, which will continue through 2013.

The NASPE-NASSM program standards were developed to meet the contemporary needs of the sport industry to allow students studying sport management the educational background to function effectively within a sport management setting.

The approval process included submitting a comprehensive application which documented how MSU's degree program met established standards in 10 areas: management, leadership, organization, research in sport, legal aspects of sport, marketing, sport law, finance management, ethics and field experience.

"We are thrilled that our master's level sports management program has been approved by NASPE/NASSM," said Dr. Lynne E. Fitzgerald, chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences. "Drs. Julia Ann and Michael Hypes (assistant professors of HPER) put together all the graduate program accreditation materials needed. They worked very hard on this project which contributed to this program's success."

Additional information on the sports management program at MSU is available from the Department of [HPES](#) by calling (606) 783-2180.

Posted: 8-14-06

McKay named associate director of enrollment services

Dennis McKay, who has spent more than 17 years working with Morehead State University students, has been named associate director of enrollment services.

In this new position, he will manage all recruitment activities, supervise professional and student staff, assist in the University's retention plan, provide guidance on the academic programs to prospective students and parents, and make presentations at high school classes and programs promoting opportunities at MSU. He also will perform management duties in the absence of the Special Assistant to the President, Dr. Dayna Seelig.

From 2000 until earlier this year, McKay was assistant director of residence education where he had oversight of a staff of more than 90. He also facilitated training programs for resident advisors and advised the R.A. Advisory Board, and was responsible for residence education programming in a hall system housing 2,800 students.

McKay's first position as a full-time employee began in 1988 as area coordinator for three of the University's residence halls.

A Maysville native, McKay earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in marketing from the University of Kentucky in 1984. He completed a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and management from MSU in 1986, a Master of Business Administration degree in 1989 with courses taken at Bellarmine University and Morehead State, and a Master of Arts degree in adult and higher education from MSU in 1994.

McKay is a member of the Kentucky Association of College Registrar and Admission Offices as well as the Kentucky Association of Secondary & College Admissions Counselors. An invited speaker for regional seminars and conferences, he holds membership in the Kentucky Association of Housing Officers', Association of College and University-International, South East Association of Housing Officers, College Personnel Administrators of Kentucky; and PaperClip Communication On Duty Publication Advisory Board. He has conducted workshops in programming, advisement, community building and leadership.

McKay served as a member of the host committee of the Kentucky Resident Advisor Conference and the South East Association Housing Officers conference, and co-chair of the KAHO Student Involvement Committee.

Active in the community, he is currently serving on the fundraising campaign committee for the American Cancer Society, a team leader for the American Heart Association, and Habitat for Humanity. Certified in CPR with the American Red Cross, he is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha national fraternity.

Additional information is available by calling McKay at (606) 783-2000 or sending a message to d.mckay@moreheadstate.edu .

Posted: 8-15-06

There is still time to register for the fall semester

Morehead State University has new classes and additional programs and options to suit the needs of students in its course offerings. Whether you are a new, returning, transfer or high school student, there is still time to register for the 2006 Fall Semester.

Classes will begin on Monday, Aug. 21. Registration at MSU and its five regional campuses will be held Thursday and Friday, Aug. 17 and 18.

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

From MSU's Web site, current students may register for classes, pay fees and holds, order textbooks; and view transcripts, grades, official academic checksheets, transfer course equivalencies and academic policies via Eagle Express.

Current students may register via MSU's Web site (www.moreheadstate.edu). Those who do not have a Personal Identification Number (PIN) will be given the option to choose one when they log onto the student user page.

Textbooks for the classes are available from the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center. Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu.

Details on the registration process are available on the Registrar's Web site or by calling the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008.

Advance registration will be held at the five regional campuses during the same period. Additional information is available by calling:

Joel Pace, director of MSU at Ashland, locally at (606) 327-1777 or toll free at (800) 648-5370;

Dr. Will Kayatin, director of MSU at Jackson, locally at (606) 666-2800 or toll free at (800) 729-5225. Students who will take classes at Hazard and Hindman also may register at MSU Jackson during this period;

Dr. Janet Kenney, director of MSU at Mt. Sterling, locally at (859) 499-0780 or toll free at (866) 870-0809;

Lula Bowling, director at MSU at Prestonsburg, locally at (606) 886-2405 or toll free at (800) 648-5372;

Dr. Jonell Tobin, director, and Sherry Fannin, extended campus assistant, at MSU at West Liberty, locally at (606) 743-1500 or toll free at (800) 648-5371.

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Study abroad offers an educational experience

You are going to college, so how do you get the most from the experience.

Students learn from textbooks, lectures and extracurricular activities but they also may explore other cultures. What better way to enhance one's marketability in their chosen field than participation in a study abroad program?

Morehead State University has avenues to assist students from the U.S. who wish to study in another country. Dr. Janet Gross, MSU's interim director of international education, believes there is an abundance of opportunities for students if they only knew the importance of the overseas experience.

"Study abroad increases cultural awareness of the global community," she said. "It makes students aware of the world around them, providing an experience that cannot be accomplished with only classroom instruction. Employers will know that this individual can communicate with others from different cultures, is versatile, adaptable, willing to take a risk and is comfortable with change."

Dr. Gross is speaking from experience. During the last 11 years, she has taught and directed numerous overseas ventures for students, having recently returned from Ghana and Jamaica. For those who wish to explore another land, the opportunity is available through one of the consortiums:

Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS) offers study in areas where English is the second language: Europe, Asia and Central and South America.

Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) offers study in areas where English is the primary language: Europe, Africa, Australia and the Caribbean.

Magellan Exchange Program, where study is completed predominantly in Europe.

The China Program, a partnership through the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the Chinese Education Association for International Exchange program, is designed for future teachers or those interested in Chinese culture.

"Students can get academic credit for the educational experience," Dr. Gross noted. "The opportunities range from short-term programs to internships or a full-semester abroad. Short-term programs are offered during the end of the fall semester break as well as during the summer."

The U.S. Senate has designated 2006 as the Year of Study Abroad and Dr. Gross plans to devote a portion of her time in the coming months to recruiting MSU students for study abroad experiences. Congress chose to adopt the resolution because they were convinced that the study abroad program would "create goodwill for the United States around the world, to work toward a peaceful global society."

The Congressional Resolution offered two goals: to increase the understanding and support in the U.S. for study abroad as an essential educational experience for students; and to stimulate state and higher education organizations to provide support and encouragement to increase study abroad participation on individual campuses within the state or organization.

As overseas study is an academic experience, students earn college credit for their participation. The expenses of the programs vary. Financial aid may be available for those that qualify.

Students wishing to partake in study during the winter break must register before Oct. 2, Dr. Gross said. Deadlines for summer programs will be February 2007.

Additional information is available from the [Office of International Education](#) by calling (606) 783-2619. Posted: 8-16-06

Civic engagement deadline is Friday

There are numerous individuals who devote countless hours to making the community a better place to live, always offering their services even if they have a full schedule.

Morehead State University and the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce have formed a partnership to recognize individuals, individually or through their business, for service and civic engagement. Nominations are being accepted through Friday, Sept. 1, in seven categories: Awards for Excellence in Civic Engagement by an Individual, a Community Organization, a Business, an MSU Student, MSU Faculty/Staff member, or an MSU Student Organization; or an Award for Excellence in Partnerships for Service Learning.

Awards will be presented on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 6:15 p.m. in MSU's Button Auditorium, during activities for Septemberfest: A Celebration of the American Community. The New York Times is sponsoring the plaques that will be presented to the individual winners and the \$50 cash award given to the community partner.

All nominations should include justification for why you think the person or business is worthy of the award. A committee, that includes representatives from the city and the University, will determine the winners.

To make recommendations for the awards, access the [American Democracy Project](#) Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/adp and select a nomination form. Names may be submitted in all categories. Nomination forms may be sent electronically to tcwilliams@moreheadchamber.com; or mailed to the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce, 150 East First Street, Morehead, KY 40351; or by fax to (606) 783-1373.

Activities for Septemberfest, which run Sept. 18-21 on the campus, include a variety of events: Dedication of a Native American Peace Tree on Sept. 18; Main Celebration Event, Volunteer Fair, performance by MSU's Marching Band and Apple Pie Contest, on Tuesday; American Democracy Ambassadors and Political Forum on Wednesday; and Capitol Steps on Thursday.

Septemberfest is sponsored by MSU's Civic Engagement Committee of the American Democracy Project under the direction of Dr. Beverly McCormick, campus liaison; Student Government Association, Office of the Provost, Office of the President, Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, and the University's Colleges-Humanities, Science and Technology, Business, and Education.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-5156.

Posted: 8-16-06

Faculty recital and lecture on Aug. 29

Dr. Roma Prindle, associate professor of voice at Morehead State University, and Chia-Ling Hsieh, instructor of piano, will present a Faculty Lecture-Recital on Tuesday evening, Aug. 29.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall within Baird Music Hall.

The focus of the evening will be the importance, relevance and significance of the classical singing voice in the 21st century. The art song as an expression of joy, love, devotion, thanks, jealousy, political beliefs, irony and humor will be examined, as will as how the classically trained voice remains the medium best suited for this literature.

Outstanding and noteworthy songs from the Baroque through modern eras will be performed, including works by Giulio Caccini, Franz Schubert, Francis Poulenc, Emile Paladihe, Stephen Foster, Amy Beach, Richard Rodgers and William Bolcom.

Literal translations of foreign language songs will be shared, and the musical-poetic relationship of all songs will be discussed.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Prindle at (606) 783-2481.

Posted: 8-18-06

President calls for more service learning, volunteerism

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews used the example of last spring's hurricane relief work project on the Gulf Coast to challenge MSU's faculty and staff to develop more service learning and volunteerism opportunities for students.

Nearly 100 students and about two dozen staff and faculty members spent their spring break helping residents of Gulfport, Miss., clean and repair their homes in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Addressing the University's fall convocation, President Andrews said of the Gulfport experience:

"The term 'changing lives' takes on a new, more powerful meaning when you give someone back their home and cherished belongings. I know firsthand that our young men and women are forever changed by what they did and saw last March in Gulfport."

Dr. Andrews, who participated in the project, said of its future impact on MSU:

"I hope that rich experience will be the catalyst for many other volunteer and service learning activities in the years to come as we fill not only the minds, but also the hearts of our students."

He later used the Gulfport example in a reference to MSU's commitment to becoming involved in the state's new regional stewardship funding for regional institutions, noting that the University was moving "to develop plans for how we can best organize ourselves to reach out to individuals and organizations to identify and then address problems."

MSU is eligible for a minimum of \$500,000 in such funding during the 2006-2008 budget period. Other funds could be obtained through a competitive process administered by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Dr. Andrews also announced that MSU has been invited to make application to be classified as a "community engagement institution" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Schools within this classification, he said, "are actively partnering with organizations outside higher education to improve the quality of life for those they serve."

He expressed appreciation for employee participation in the last Campus Giving Campaign, and acknowledged those individuals who were involved in obtaining increased state funding for the University.

"It helped us close part of the funding gap with other regional institutions and will allow us to strengthen and reward our people," he said.

MSU also is increasing the number of courses and degrees offered online in order to be more competitive with for-profit online universities and to help meet the educational needs of students at regional campuses, as well as non-traditional students.

Although positive past and current initiatives are important to the University's success, Dr. Andrews identified key challenges MSU must meet to make real progress toward the goal of becoming the best public regional university in the South.

In light of the state being consistently ranked among the nation's lowest in education and income levels, the CPE has established enrollment and graduation targets for all institutions. MSU will need to progressively increase enrollment essentially doubling the number of bachelor's degrees awarded through 2020.

"The CPE and the General Assembly committed the entire state system to dramatically improving enrollment, retention and graduation rates to lift Kentucky to the national average in the number of adults with four-year degrees," Dr. Andrews said. This would, he explained, increase the per capita income of Kentucky citizens and foster prosperity for the state by 2020.

To increase retention and enrollment rates, he said the University is "committed to being an institution of opportunity." He added that it will "take a strategic focus, greater resources and a 'tough love' attitude to ensure the success of these anxious learners who come to us."

Dr. Andrews' presentation may be heard online at <http://multimedia.moreheadstate.edu:81/mspr/speech2006.mp3> . The text is available by following the links at www.moreheadstate.edu/convocation .

Fall semester classes begin Monday, Aug. 21, at all MSU campuses. Additional information on admissions is available by calling the [Office of Enrollment Services](#) at (606) 783-2000; or toll-free at (800) 585-6781.

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Rigsby, Wells garner IBMA nomination

Don Rigsby has had a very successful Bluegrass music career.

Whether in front of the mic leading his band "Midnight Call" or behind the glass producing, the director of the Kentucky Center of Tradition Music at Morehead State University has earned numerous nominations and received many awards.

However, according to the veteran Bluegrass performer, this week's International Bluegrass Music Awards nomination for "Album Of The Year" (Celebration Of Life: Musicians Against Childhood Cancer) has special significance.

"It is always nice to be recognized for your work," said the Elliott County native. "But this collaboration recognizes a lot of hard work by promoter Darrell Adkins and his family."

Adkins Productions held **T**he Bluegrass Classic in Columbus, Ohio, for more than 20 years. After a family tragedy, the classic was renamed Musicians Against Childhood Cancer and became an annual charitable event to benefit children with life threatening illnesses.

The reason for his commitment: Adkins' daughter, Mandy, was diagnosed with an inoperable brain stem tumor and eventually lost her battle with cancer almost six years ago. After Mandy's death, Adkins said he felt "compelled to do something to help make sure that other children, facing the biggest challenge of their young lives, have hope and the best possible care."

All proceeds from the festival benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

"Anytime you can help out, especially an organization like St. Jude's, then we all should. It is such a tremendous facility and all patients are treated without regard for the family's ability to pay.

"To have a little part in a project that will help sick children is an honor for me and the rest of the band," said Rigsby.

For the festival, Rigsby's band consisted of Jesse Wells, KCTM's archivist and chief instructor of traditional music at MSU, along with Bobby Maynard, Robert Maynard, Brandon Adams and special

guest Randy Kohrs.

The 17th Annual International Bluegrass Music Awards will be hosted by Marty Stuart on Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Tenn.

Others featured on the album include: 3 Fox Drive, Lonesome River Band, Seldom Scene, Rhonda Vincent and The Rage, Cherryholmes, J.D. Crowe and The New South, BlueRidge, IIIrd Tyme Out, James King Band, Larry Cordle, Wayne Benson, Clay Hess, Greg Luck, Aubrey Haynie, Marty Raybon & Full Circle, Tony Rice, Ronnie Bowman and The Committee, Larry Stephenson Band, Blue Highway, Gena Britt, Randy Kohrs & The Lites, Steve Thomas, Scott Vestal, David Parmley and Continental Divide, Karl Shiflett and the Big Country Show, Kenny and Amanda Smith, Wildfire, Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, Lost and Found, The Grascals, Alecia Nugent, Carl Jackson, Jerry Salley, Bradley Walker, Dan Tyminski, Bela Fleck and Barry Bales.

Bob Kelley produced the album for Skaggs Family Records.

Additional information is available by calling [KTCM](tel:6067839001) at (606) 783-9001. To review Rigsby's recording career, visit his Web site at www.donrigsby.com.

Posted: 8-18-06

Provost to return to teaching

After nine years as the chief academic officer of Morehead State University, Dr. Michael R. Moore has announced he will leave the post, effective June 30, 2007, to return to full-time teaching.

Appointed in 1997 as MSU's executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, Dr. Moore holds the distinction of being the University's first provost, having received that title in 2001. He is second in authority to President Wayne D. Andrews.

"Dr. Moore has given great service to this institution and his leadership has been significant in strengthening our academic reputation and in the development of new degree programs," said Dr. Andrews. "His wise counsel will be missed on our leadership team but I am pleased that our students will benefit from his teaching skills."

Dr. Moore already has served longer than any of MSU's chief academic officers except Dr. Warren C. Lappin who held the post for 31 years before retiring in 1971.

"When I first moved into an administrative position as a department chair, I knew I wanted to eventually be back in the classroom learning with my

students," Dr. Moore recalled. "After 23 years as a department chair, dean and provost, that time has come."

He continued:

"I have enjoyed serving as provost the last nine years and appreciated the opportunity to support and enhance MSU's mission. I am looking forward to continuing that support as a member of the faculty."

Active in numerous professional organizations, Dr. Moore is a member of the Renaissance Group, a national consortium of colleges and universities with a strong tradition of high quality teacher education. He also serves as the campus liaison for the American Democracy Project.

Before coming to MSU, Dr. Moore was a college dean, department chair and faculty member at Purdue University Calumet. Previously, he taught at Indiana University Northwest and at the University of Maryland. He also taught for a year in Malaysia.

A frequent presenter at speech and communication organization meetings, Dr. Moore has published numerous articles in professional journals and is a recipient of the Edgar L. Mills Award for Distinguished Service in Communication.

He earned his bachelor's degree at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and his master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

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Speaker to raise awareness for sexual assault victims

Morehead State University will host a campus-wide presentation, "Preventing Sexual Assault and Caring for the Survivors" by national speaker Rachel Griffin, on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 8 p.m. in Button Auditorium.

The event is free and open to the public.

As a high school student, Griffin was sexually assaulted by an older student whom she trusted. After remaining in silence for five years, she confided in sexual assault advocates who have supported her along the continual path of recovery. Her campus appearance will inspire individuals to become aware of and remember the tragic nature of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Griffin has been actively involved in the movement to end violence against women for three years. While earning her bachelor's and master's degrees at Central Michigan University, she became involved with the nationally recognized Sexual Aggression Peer Advocates (S.A.P.A.).

Because of her experience, she understands the fear, pain, and denial that often accompany discussions surrounding sexual assault. However, with compassion and courage, she gives voice to these tragic issues.

Griffin's warm demeanor and interpersonal nature, accompanied by her young, multicultural appearance welcomes students, administrators and staff to personally engage with the social issues on college campuses. When she speaks, her personal story touches the hearts and intellect of the audience members as they now have a face to remember.

The presentation is sponsored by MSU's Campus/Community Sexual Assault Task Force, Pathways Rape Victim Services, Student Government Association, Office of First Year Programs and the Life Enhancement Office.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-5248.

Posted: 8-21-06

Holiday specials offered by MSPR

Morehead State Public Radio will offer two special programs during the Labor Day weekend.

The "First Time I Met the Blues: The Buddy Guy Story" profiles an early blues pioneer who still performs today. Hosted by Dan Aykroyd and distributed by Public Radio International, MSPR will present the program on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m.

Guy, the son of sharecroppers, was born on July 30, 1936, in Lettsworth, La. In his own words, he chronicles his life story, explaining how he made his own didley bo guitar out of mosquito wire and nails, and describing his family shack as having holes in the floor, no running water and no electricity. Guy moved to Chicago in the late-1950's and was taken under the guidance by the legendary Muddy Waters.

He was instrumental in defining a genre of electrified blues called the West Side Sound. His dynamic guitar playing became a mainstay of Chess Records where he recorded with Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Sonny Boy Williamson, Koko Taylor and many others. His style had a direct influence on Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Keith Richards, Carlos Santana and Stevie Ray Vaughan. Stories told on the program include his encounter with Jimi Hendrix, performing with Stevie Ray Vaughan on the final night of Vaughan's life and touring with The Rolling Stones.

In addition to the extensive interviews with Guy, the program also features comments by Robert Plant, Bonnie Raitt, Carlos Santana and longtime partner Junior Wells.

Each year, there are 12,500 American children under the age of 19 that are affected by cancer. From the moment they are diagnosed--their lives are changed forever. September is recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and MSPR will offer a special program on surviving childhood cancer on Monday, Sept. 4, at 9 a.m. and repeated at 4 p.m.

A production of WHYY in Philadelphia, "Childhood Lost and Found" is a one-hour documentary which follows families affected by cancer and focuses on their struggles, hopes and fears.

Host Maiken Scott speaks with the families and the healthcare professionals, doctors, nurses, social workers and psychologists who care for these children and their families. "Childhood Lost and Found" also explores the long-term effects on childhood cancer survivors.

Additional information on the special programs is available by visiting MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com or calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001 or 1-800-286-9659.

Posted: 8-21-06

Pavela presents interactive suicide prevention conference

College life can often be highly stressful for students. Academic, financial and social pressures can push some individuals toward the ultimate breaking point.

Steps that higher education officials should take when a student is suicidal will be the topic of a special audio conference on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at Morehead State University.

The interactive conference, "What College and University Personnel Should do When it's Feared a Student is Suicidal," will be presented from 2-3:30 p.m. in room 301 of the Adron Doran University Center. Seating is limited, and preregistration is necessary.

Those attending will gain information about the responsibilities of faculty, staff and administrators in dealing with troubled students. Steps school policymakers should take to minimize liability and establish protocols will be discussed, among other issues.

The speaker for the conference will be Gary Pavela, who writes law and policy newsletters to which more than 1,000 colleges subscribe. He will draw from his own expertise and his book "Questions and Answers on College Student Suicide: A Law and Policy Perspective."

A live 30-minute question and answer session with Pavela will follow the presentation.

Sponsored by the Division of Student Life and the Office of Affirmative Action, the conference is free of charge. Registrations should be made by 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28.

Additional information is available by calling Marie Anderson in the [Office of Multicultural Student Services](#) at (606) 783-2668.

Posted: 8-21-06

MSU ranked in top tier by *U.S. News & World Report*

Morehead State University has been recognized for the third consecutive year as one of the top public universities in the South in the 2007 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report*.

"We are proud to again be recognized as a top tier public university by this well known college guide," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "This is yet another measure of the quality education offered at Morehead State."

Last year's freshman class had the highest average ACT composite score in the University's history. This summer, MSU was host to nearly 400 of Kentucky's top high school seniors participating in the Governor's Scholars Program.

The five-year acceptance rate of MSU students to medically-related professional schools has risen to 81 percent, far exceeding state and national averages. In the fall of 2005, 13 MSU students applied for pharmacy school and all 13 were accepted.

U.S. News notes MSU offers 50 percent of classes with less than 20 students, which earned a third place ranking among top tier public universities on that key factor of student success. Only 3 percent of MSU classes have 50 or more students.

The magazine shows 88 percent of MSU faculty members are full-time, a number surpassed by only four other listed public institutions.

MSU was founded in 1887 as a private college, became a public institution in 1922, and gained university status in 1966.

Posted: 8-23-06

Police officer catches thieves in action

Whether they're on foot, in a cruiser or on a bicycle, Morehead State University's police officers are dedicated to protecting the University's people and property.

This commitment to service rang true this week when a bicycle patrol officer thwarted thieves as they were breaking into students' cars in the pre-dawn hours on Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Officer Kenny Trent, while patrolling in what MSU police designate as "Area 23" on Ward Oates Drive, rolled onto the scene of a theft in progress at about 1:45 a.m. He observed one adult male and one juvenile male breaking into the vehicle.

The man, Jerry D. Mynhier, a 28-year-old Clearfield resident, and a juvenile male were arrested on theft charges. According to a report from MSU police, there were reports of automobile damage and/or theft of items from four vehicles.

Trent is a veteran officer with more than 32 years of law enforcement experience, including 28-plus years with the Morehead Police Department, from which he retired. He has been on MSU's police force since 2004.

"The stealth of the police mountain bike and Officer Trent's persistent bike patrol vigilance lead to the arrest of one adult male and one male juvenile being taken into custody for thefts from student vehicles," said Joseph S. Cline, MSU police chief.

The campus community is encouraged to report all suspicious or criminal activity to the police at (606) 783-2035; or at 911 for all emergencies.

Posted: 8-24-06

Taiwanese students study educational process

Two Taiwanese teachers have decided there is no better place in the world to continue their education than Morehead State University.

Cheng-Shan Lay and Hsiao-Ling Chen recently left their home and flew nearly 8,000 miles to Morehead to begin work in the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program. They arrived in Kentucky Aug. 2, when they set foot for their first time on American soil.

The husband and wife educators are biology instructors at Nan-Shi and Yu-Jing junior high schools in Taiwan, respectively, and wanted an extra edge as teachers.

The MAT program is an alternative certification program that provides opportunities for candidates who hold various bachelor's degrees to attain Kentucky secondary, middle, or special education teacher certification and a master's degree. The Taiwanese couple each earned master's degrees in science education in Taiwan.

"Many years ago, we had a dream to study abroad in the U.S.," said Hsiao-Ling, who has adopted the American nickname of Sunny.

"So about four or five years ago we started studying our English hard so that we could come here," said her husband, who is known on campus as Sam. "While we were learning English, we went to the Internet for information about American universities."

Taiwanese schools are modeled after the American educational system, according to Dr. Kevin Jones, MSU assistant professor of education, who is among the faculty members mentoring the students. In selecting an American college, the couple sent out inquiries to several institutions, outlining their criteria.

"One thing they wanted was a school without a high concentration of Chinese or Taiwanese students," Dr. Jones said. The reason behind this, according to the couple, was that if they limited the time they spent with other Asians, they would be "forced" to use their English more and become better assimilated to American culture.

Rosemarie Gold, highly skilled educator in residence and MSU's MAT coordinator, responded to Sunny and Sam's inquiry in earnest. Under her leadership, the MAT program enrollment has grown from 10 to more than 300 students working on graduate degrees in the MAT middle and secondary programs.

Gold successfully recruited the couple and worked out many details, including arranging for them to work as graduate assistants within the MAT program office, and the chance to pursue a Ph.D. degree as part of the MSU/University of Kentucky doctoral program.

"With their graduate assistantships, they will be doing statistical assessments of the program," Dr. Jones said.

As part of their MAT education, Sunny and Sam will be visiting classrooms and administrative offices of various school districts, learning the ins and outs of Kentucky schools. Duane Lambert, secondary school coordinator with the MAT Program, will mentor Sunny and Sam during their public school practicum.

"We took an individualized approach to helping them," said Gold.

Most MAT students plan to teach in Kentucky, Dr. Jones said, "but with Sam and Sunny, we wanted to provide them a broader view and a more encompassing experience since they're going to be returning to Taiwan to continue teaching."

"This program's faculty was very nice and they support us individually, so we can learn more," Sam said. His wife was overwhelmed that they received so much assistance from MSU representatives.

"Our teachers here have prepared everything for us so well - we are shocked!"

Sam and Sunny are settling in to life in Morehead and are living in campus housing. They have enjoyed seeing their "first-ever" sights such as a hummingbird, and were surprised to discover that motorists stop for them when they walk across a street.

They have attended their first MSU MAT class and are already making progress, said Sam.

"This is a good program, because it is a learner-centered program," said Sam. "That is the best, I think. We are so lucky to be here."

Additional information about the MAT program is available by calling the MAT office at (606) 783-2079, or by visiting the MAT Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/mat.

Posted: 8-24-06

Regional Entrepreneur Conference slated for Sept. 12

Warren Nash III, deputy commissioner of the state's Department of Innovation and Commercialization Center, and Matt McGarvey of the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation will be the keynote speakers for the 2006 Regional Entrepreneur Conference on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Morehead Conference Center.

This year's event, titled "Maximizing Today's Opportunities For Tomorrow's Future," is being presented by Morgan County Regional Technology Center and Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center.

The forum will bring together entrepreneurs and small business owners from across Kentucky and surrounding states for training on various topics. The conference will begin with registration and breakfast from 7:30 -8:15 a.m.

Nash will be the morning speaker, 8:15-9:30 a.m., while McGarvey will be featured during lunch, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Nash's department helps lead the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development's efforts to recruit and support high-tech and knowledge-based companies. He previously served as the cabinet's deputy commissioner of the Department of Financial Incentives where he was involved in writing grants to help new economy companies and other businesses locate and expand operations within the Commonwealth.

A graduate of Georgetown College, Nash also worked for that institution where he developed and implemented the college's \$96 million capital campaign as director of planned giving and senior assistant to the president.

McGarvey came to his current post in October 2002. Before that, the Kentucky native spent 20 years in Washington D.C., most recently serving as the vice president, corporate controller and chief accounting officer for XM Satellite Radio. In this capacity, he built the financial, accounting, treasury and accounting functions for a high-tech start-up that has risen over \$2.2 billion.

Prior to XM, McGarvey held the position of financial consulting executive for Accenture. In this role, he assisted several early stage domestic and international companies and ventures with increasing their shareholder value through the process of improvement and financial innovation.

McGarvey also served in various executive financial accounting positions at Verizon Communications. He holds a B.A. degree from Lambuth University in Jackson, Tenn., and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

The conference registration fee is \$45 per person, which includes all sessions and meals.

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 on the 2006 Regional Entrepreneur Conference is available by calling SBDC at (606) 783-2895; or visiting its Web site at <http://kysbdc.ecenterdirect.com> .

Posted: 8-25-06

FreshFEST 2006 is coming

Morehead State University will hold FreshFEST, an arts and music festival, on Saturday, Aug. 26, from noon until 10 p.m. on the campus.

This day-long family-friendly activity was designed to celebrate the end of the summer while allowing participants to engage in campus culture and learn about the community. The event will feature various bands and musicians, food and vendor booths, student activities and community fair, climbing wall, funnel cakes, tie-dyed T-shirts, sand art, spin art frisbee and door prizes. There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend.

The event kicks off with the "Beaker Bash," from noon until 2 p.m. where MSU's national championship cheerleading squads will perform. Everyone is invited to come out and meet the MSU coaches and players, as well.

Also at noon, the "Take Cover Competition" will begin, featuring acoustic student bands who have been invited to perform.

From noon -4 p.m., participants may build their own sand art creations near the Adron Doran University Center. Spin art frisbee design runs from 2-6 p.m. and artists will be selling art, jewelry and crafts.

Local businesses and service organizations will man booths for the student activities and community fair from 4-6 p.m. You can learn more about the community and the various ways to get involved. Student organizations and activities will provide ways for one to make the most of the college experience.

Scheduled musical acts will continue throughout the afternoon: 2 p.m., Zane Williams; 2:30 p.m., Blue Light Special; 3:30 p.m., Brazz Tree; 5 p.m., Zane Williams; 6 p.m., Shevy Smith; 7:30 p.m., Born Cross Eyed; and 9 p.m., Scratch Track.

Entertainment will be staged near the Little Bell Tower, with food and other vendors located from the Fields Hall lawn to ADUC.

Additional information is available from Gerome Stephens, MSU student activities coordinator, by calling (606) 783-2071; or by sending an electronic message to g.stephens@moreheadstate.edu.

Posted: 8-25-06

Maysville freshman believes practice makes perfect

Students have begun classes for the fall semester at Morehead State University. With the arrival of students on campus, there was a number of get acquainted activities and special events before the term got underway. If practice makes perfect, Antwuan R. Holmes, Maysville freshman, will be ready to demonstrate his talents when the time comes. To occupy his time, he worked on mastering his musical skills outside Baird Music Hall.

IKON is new MSU document vendor

As the result of a 10-month study and consideration of seven national vendors, Morehead State University has awarded its document technology contract to IKON Office Solutions, the world's largest independent marketer of copier and printer technologies and services.

"We are most grateful to the more than 50 staff and faculty members who were involved in the review of our document systems at all six campuses," said Keith Kappes, university relations. "The work

MSU's vice president for group headed by Harry

Gunn and Bill Hardin visited several corporate and institutional operations, received bids from seven vendors and heard presentations from three of them before unanimously selecting IKON."

In addition to equipment, IKON also provides personnel for the centralized document center on the first floor of Allie Young Hall. Bill Butler is the site manager. The new contract was effective July 1.

"Ending a 40-year business relationship by selecting a new vendor was an important, thoughtful decision and it has resulted in a dramatic upgrade of our document production capabilities," Kappes added. "As a result, today we have state-of-the-art networked, multi-functional equipment with copying, faxing and printing capabilities and nearly all of our installations also have finishing capabilities for the first time."

For information about IKON's services at MSU, call 3-IKON (4566) or go online to www.moreheadstate.edu/ikon . The e-mail address is isikon@moreheadstate.edu .

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Students encouraged to consider Upward Bound

Upward Bound at Morehead State University is recruiting freshmen and sophomore students for the 2006-2007 school year at selected target high schools in East Kentucky.

Upward Bound is an academic program for high school students who are interested in furthering their education beyond high school. The program provides a variety of services designed to ensure that students are successful in their high school coursework and that they will then enter an educational program (college or university) after high school.

Some of the activities include: academic advising and/or tutoring; monthly school visits; monthly newsletters; monthly visits to campus (Saturday return trips); social/cultural trips; and a six-week residential summer program at MSU during June and July of 2007.

To be eligible for the program, students must:

- have a high school GPA of 2.0 or higher
- be interested in exploring education beyond high school
- be willing to participate in all Upward Bound activities, including the summer residential component
- currently enrolled as a freshman or sophomore in one of target schools
- meet income or first generation eligibility criteria (income eligibility is based on taxable income and number of family members; first generation means that neither of the student's parents have completed a four-year college degree)

There are openings for students at Bath County, Boyd County, East Carter, Elliott County, Fleming County, Greenup County, Johnson Central, Lawrence County, Lewis County, Magoffin County, Mason County, Menifee County, Montgomery County, Morgan County, Rowan County Senior High and West Carter.

Interested freshmen and sophomore students may pick up an Upward Bound application in their counselor's office, download an application from MSU's Web site at <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/ub> , or call the Upward Bound office at 1-800-5UPWARD.

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Tony Pence and Big Ugly will perform on Sept. 1

Tony Pence and Big Ugly will take the stage as [Morehead State Public Radio](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/mSpr) (MSPR) and Morehead Tomorrow present the fourth installment of this year's "Sundown at Moonlight Concert Series" on Friday, Sept. 1.

The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music and Kentucky Folk Art Center at Morehead State University and the City of Morehead also support the second-year series.

Music lovers are invited to bring lawn chairs and a picnic supper to enjoy the live music. The concert, which will be held at the Moonlight Stage, located next to the Moonlight School on First Street, is free and open to the public. **(The rain site is the Morehead Conference Center at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available.)**

Songs about the reality of life's ups and downs, and what you learned from them, that's how the Morehead singer/songwriter describes the material he has written.

Pence grew up in Carter County, in a very musical family. "Having been around writers and pickers, material poor and spiritual rich folks all my life it definitely has had a positive influence on my writings," he said. "I like to write about the way things go down, where I reach in your soul and grab your heart."

This year's series will end with the band KY B3 4 (jazz and blues) on Friday, 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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Continuing Education offers Visual Basic programming

Employees with Visual Basic programming skills are in demand in the business world. Visual Basic is the most widely used programming language and Visual Basic 2005 is a popular development tool, not just for creating Windows applications, but also for automating existing programs such as the Microsoft Office suite of applications.

Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education is giving students a chance to take this course from the comfort of their own home or office any time of the day or night.

Jeffrey Kent, professor and Visual Basic author, recently launched a new instructor-facilitated course that allows him to teach the popular language entirely over the Internet. Kent, whose published works include Visual Basic 2005 Demystified, says he created the course "to help students, especially those who have a limited amount of time, learn Visual Basic programming as quickly and as efficiently as possible."

"One of the reasons Visual Basic programming is fun to learn is because it has many interesting visual features," said Kent. "Unfortunately, the order of presentation and the content of many Visual Basic classes and texts concentrate far too much on the visual bells and whistles of Visual Basic and far too little on the underlying programming concepts, leaving students in other classes with the unsatisfying feeling that they don't know where to start if they want to expand on what they've learned."

According to Kent, the best way to learn programming is the obvious one, by writing programs. And the key to learning programming well is the order in which students write those programs. If they are presented in a logical order and build on each other, students will learn much more.

Kent's course promises to be fast-paced and visual, with liberal doses of humor. "I guess I'm a frustrated comedian," he said.

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

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Dean of IRAPP elected treasurer

Dr. David Rudy, Morehead State University professor and dean of the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, has been elected treasurer of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Normally a one-year office, Dr. Rudy has been asked to hold the position for two years.

Before being elected treasurer, he had held the position of chairman of the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee and also served on the Board of Directors.

Founded in 1951, the Society for the Study of Social Problems is an interdisciplinary community composed of both scholars and practitioners, and consists of more than 2,000 members worldwide. The society promotes research and serious examination of problems of social life to develop informed social policy.

Dr. Rudy has a strong history of research and teaching, winning Morehead State's Distinguished Researcher Award in 1988. He authored the book, "Becoming Alcoholic: Alcoholics Anonymous and the Reality of Alcoholism," in 1986. The work is still highly regarded in the field and is listed as one of the 16 best books or articles on alcoholism by the online digital library Questia.

Although he has been dean of MSU's Program of Distinction ([IRAPP](#)) since its inception in 1999, Dr. Rudy has still managed to keep an active research agenda. He served as co-editor of the book, "Drugs, Alcohol, and Social Problems," in 2003 and continues to make presentations at conferences. Additional information is available from Dr. Rudy by calling (606) 783-5419.

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Hawkins named career services director

A business professions and leadership development counselor has been selected director of career services at Morehead State University.

Julia Hawkins comes to MSU from the University of Kentucky, where she most recently was director of MBA Career Services. In her new position, she will be responsible for all career and employment development programs that serve the needs of current students and graduates of each University college, as well as alumni and regional employers who offer job opportunities.

"My first objective is to meet faculty, staff and students at each campus and learn about the hopes and dreams for the professional development of students," she said. "I hope to address those desires and implement programming to meet their needs."

At UK, Hawkins was a career counselor for graduate level students at the Gatton College of Business, the Martin School of Public Policy and the Patterson School of Diplomacy. She produced and facilitated executive level workshops and professional training programs, and developed and maintained relationship with employers as coordinator of the annual Business Career Fair.

Hawkins serves on the Committee on Economic Development and Employment, where she has been chair of the Bluegrass Equity Group subcommittee on equity and professional development for women. She also has worked as a therapist, providing clinical assessment and treatment planning, individual and group therapy, family interventions and other counseling services.

A two-time UK graduate, she holds a Master of Science degree in family studies and a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. Additionally, she studied clinical and community psychology at the University of Michigan at Flint.

She is a member of the MBA Career Services Council, the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the American Association of University Women and the National Career Development Association.

"I am honored to have been offered the position of director of career services at Morehead State University," Hawkins said. "I am excited about the new initiatives that are taking place. It is especially thrilling to be part of an organization that puts student success as a priority. I look forward to learning and growing with MSU students, faculty, staff and the Morehead community."

Additional information is available by calling the [Office of Academic and Career Services](#) at (606) 783-2233.
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Two alumni among crash victims

Family and friends have informed MSU that two alumni were among the 49 victims of Sunday's plane crash in Lexington.

Gregory A. Threet, 35, Class of 1994, and Erik J. Harris, 28, Class of 2003, were passengers on Comair Flight 5191. Both lived in Lexington and had successful careers in sales.

Threet is survived by his wife, Anita, also an MSU grad, and three children. Harris was engaged.

"We extend our sincere condolences to the Threet and Harris families and friends and to all those who are trying to cope with such an overwhelming tragedy," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "This terrible accident shows again how precious human life is to all of us and how important it is to make sure our loved ones know how we feel about them."

Flags on all MSU campuses were lowered to half-staff on Monday in memory of all who perished in the crash.

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Singers needed for the University Chorus

The Morehead State University choir program is inviting singers from the community and the University's faculty and staff to join the MSU University Chorus.

The choir rehearses every Monday evening from 7 - 9 p.m. in Baird Music Hall, throughout the semester. Interested singers should plan to begin singing on Monday, Sept. 11.

The University Chorus will be one of the choirs participating in the Septemberfest Mass Choirs. Singers who cannot commit to the University Chorus season, can be part of the Septemberfest Mass Choir which will perform on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium.

The Mass Choir will consist of the MSU Choirs, local church choirs, local high school choirs, and other interested singers.

Septemberfest, a part of the American Democracy Project, provides an opportunity for MSU and the surrounding area to come together to celebrate democracy and the American community.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for singers to get to know each other and do something excellent for our community," said Dr. Greg Detweiler, MSU director of choral activities. "We had a wonderful experience last year with the combined community and student choir for the Septemberfest patriotic program. Many of the singers said they were looking forward to doing more combined choir projects so we decided to once again offer the Septemberfest Mass Choir opportunity," he said.

For the Mass Choir, the schedule includes:

Monday, Sept. 18, rehearsal, 7 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 19, joint rehearsal, approximately 4:30 p.m.; 6 p.m., eat dinner; 7 p.m., present program.

The choir will perform: "America the Beautiful" - arr. Buryl Red; "Homeland" - Holst/Stroope; "Battle Hymn of the Republic" - arr. Wilhousky; the national anthem, and "My Old Kentucky Home."

Interested singers may contact Dr. Detweiler at g.detweiler@moreheadstate.edu or by calling (606) 783-2480.

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MSPR will launch two new webstreams

Morehead State Public Radio is expanding its broadcasting services and launching two new webstreams. Listeners may connect to either a classical or jazz webstream 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.msuradio.com beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5.

MSPR will continue to provide the webstream of the live broadcast of its regular on-air programming. The classical and jazz webstreams will be provided at no cost to listeners.

"We are very excited to be able to expand our programming and provide our listeners with a variety of options in the way they listen to MSPR, with the newest technology available," said Greg Jenkins, MSPR operations director.

The new services are designed to supplement MSPR's current audio archives and program podcasts.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes WOCS in Booneville and a translator in Inez. MSPR serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

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

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MSU advances 3 positions in USNWR rankings

Morehead State University has been recognized for the fourth consecutive year as one of the top public universities in the South in the 2008 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report.

"We are proud to continue to be recognized as one of the best regional public universities by this widely-used college guide," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "This year's ranking is three positions higher than last year and it shows we are continuing to make progress toward our goal of becoming the best of the best."

He continued:

"Our faculty and staff are dedicated to making Morehead State the best it can be to serve our students and their families."

The rankings place emphasis on acceptance rates, graduation rates, admissions selectivity, and small class sizes. Morehead State is consistently recognized for relatively small classes and a high percentage of full-time faculty members, two important factors of student success.

Overall, Morehead State is ranked 23rd among the top public institutions which grant bachelor's and master's degrees in 12 states of the South, including Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana.

MSU moved into the magazine's top tier of ranked institutions in the 2005 edition of "America's Best Colleges." The rankings are based on research on more than 1,400 institutions nationally.

"Our students continually are accepted into professional schools, including medical, dental and pharmacy programs, at rates well above state and national averages, so we know they have the opportunity to receive a quality education. We are pleased that others recognize Morehead State's strengths," Dr. Andrews stated.

MSU was founded in 1887 as a private college, became a public institution in 1922, and gained university status in 1966.

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