

## ICC to hold mock trial Dec. 4

During the fall semester, Morehead State University students in the Government/Interdisciplinary International Studies 368 Human Rights and Global Justice course formed the Morehead State University Model International Criminal Court.

Now, the 26 students are preparing for a full scale trial simulation of an individual charged with committing war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The mock trial of Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, leader of the United Patriotic Front, a rebel group from the Democratic Republic of Congo, will be held on Monday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. in the Kibbey Seminar Room 109 of the Bert Combs Building.

"I have received many e-mails, telephone calls and office visits from students who are encouraged by having areas through which to channel their passions into activism. It is very rewarding to see them identify, refine and pursue these passions," said Noelle N'Diaye, assistant professor of government and MICC convener. "It is also very encouraging to have the constant support of my colleagues in the department and the highest levels of the administration as we seek to engage students in these higher purposes."

Students in the course each assumed roles parallel to those in the actual International Criminal Court, located in The Hague, Netherlands. The International Criminal Court is charged with hearing cases involving the most serious crimes against humanity including genocide, conscription of child soldiers, forcible relocation and attacks on civilians. The case against Dyilo is currently in the trial phase in The Hague.

Students spent the first half of the semester learning about matters which complicate international justice, including national sovereignty and conflicting ideas about jurisdiction. The students engaged in discussions about the promise of an international criminal court and the barriers to its realization, including strong opposition from the United States. They also assume the identity of a delegate from a country that is involved in the ICC and report on the status of human rights protections in their country.

During the second half of the term, the students formed the Model International Criminal Court and began simulating the structure, purposes and roles of the Court. The roles include those of Presidency, the Judicial Chambers, the Office of the Prosecutor, the Defense, and the administrative Registry.

The trial is the culmination of a series of events that have emanated from the Department of Geography, Government and History campaign titled, the Morehead State University "Year of Conscience."

"Before taking this class, I had some knowledge about what was going on in other places in the world. Now I am acutely aware of just how vast the scale of injustice is, and more than that, I actually feel like I can make a difference," said Chris Hess, pre-trial chamber judge and a Paintsville sophomore. "It seems that now, whenever I watch or read the news, I'm automatically drawn to global issues. I wasn't like this before joining the Model International Criminal Court."

The purpose of the Morehead State University Year of Conscience is twofold:

(1) To increase campus and community awareness and inspire student activism around humanitarian and human rights issues such as: genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes.

(2) To build name recognition for the newly installed MSU Model International Criminal Court--a course that helps students learn about human rights and global justice by engaging the concepts of international justice through simulation. The course culminates with the trial of an individual charged with committing war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Additional information is available by calling N'Diaye at (606) 783-2708.  
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## Music students compete in Florida competition

Morehead State University's saxophone students were successful and won numerous prizes in the Kentucky Music Teachers Association/Music Teachers National Association performance competition.

Sara Sipes, a **Mt. Sterling** freshman and music performance major, won first place in the Senior Solo Woodwind division while Nicholas Denham, a graduate student from **Maysville**, placed first in the Young Artist Solo Woodwind division.

Sipes and Denham were assisted by Linda Conn, staff accompanist, on piano.

The Lakege Quartet captured first place in the Chamber Music division. The members of the quarter are Denham, Erica Johnson, Patrick Mosser and Lucas Sanders.

Denham is currently pursuing a Master of Music degree in saxophone performance and is the graduate assistant for the saxophone studio. Johnson is a junior music education major from **London**. Mosser is a sophomore music education major from **Louisville**, and Sanders is a junior music education major from **Flatwoods**.

Sipes, Denham, and the Lakege Quartet will now advance to the Music Teachers National Association Southern Division competition, Jan. 12-15, at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

"Preparation for this competition is an intense mix of rehearsals, coaching and individual lessons," said Nathan Nabb, assistant professor of saxophone. "It involves an enormous amount of time and dedication from the students, and I could not be more proud of them."

This marks the second consecutive year that MSU saxophone students have won the competition in both solo and chamber music.

Additional information is available from Nabb at (606) 783-2498

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## Vintage uniform presented to MSU

The former head of Morehead State University's nursing department recently presented a piece of history to the institution.

Dr. Doris McDowell, first chair of the Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences (now the [Department of Nursing](#) and the [Department of Imaging Sciences](#)), visited campus and presented an original uniform, initially worn by nursing students in 1970-71.

Now retired and living in Louisville, Dr. McDowell served as chair from 1970-74. During her first term as chair, she started an associate degree nursing program, an initiative begun by then Dean C. Nelson Grote, who later became MSU's 11th president. Dr. Grote recruited Dr. McDowell from

the state's Department of Education where she had previous experience in the administration of licensed practical nursing (LPN) programs.

MSU's first nursing class had 20 students admitted and hired two faculty members, Dr. Betty Porter, now retired chair of the NAHS department, and Sister Thomasina. Dr. McDowell said most of the clinical experiences were at what is now St. Claire Regional Medical Center, as well as Eastern State Hospital and a local long-term care facility.

"I thought there was a need for nursing here and the people in the area needed an opportunity like this," Dr. McDowell said. "Dr. Nelson Grote was instrumental in getting the nursing program started and was always encouraging to us."

The first class graduated 21 students, adding one transfer student along the way. Dr. McDowell said she was "quite proud of those graduates and remember well the hard efforts involved by both students and faculty." During her recent campus visit, she said she was overwhelmed by the rows of nursing graduates' portraits on the walls, indicative of the growth the nursing programs have enjoyed over the years.

The uniform Dr. McDowell contributed will be on display in the Department of Nursing in the future, and is currently stored in University archives in the [Camden-Carroll Library](#), according to Dr. Erla Mowbray, department chair.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Mowbray at (606) 783-2296.

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## Board of Regents meeting to be held Dec. 7

**EVENT:** Board of Regents Meeting

**DATE:** Dec. 7, 2006

**TIME:** 9 a.m.

**SITE:** Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

The Board will be asked to approve the 2006 winter graduates; Revision to and Renaming of PG-18, Intellectual Property Policy; 2007-08 Tuition and Mandatory Student Fees; and a Naming Policy. The Regents will accept the 2005-06 Audit Report and Amended Operating Budget, and the First Quarter Financial Report and Amended Operating Budget.

They also will ratify Personnel Actions, the Naming of Doan Cheerleading Room and Tirone Sculpture Concourse.

The Regents will hear the final report on fall 2006 enrollment, health insurance plan for 2007, and gift income.

The spotlight will be on the President's Leadership Academy.

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## Dr. Phillips will become chair July 1

Dr. Clarendia M. Phillips, associate professor of sociology, has been named chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology at Morehead State University, effective July 1.

Having earned Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in sociology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a B.A. degree in sociology from DePauw University, Dr. Phillips worked as a senior research associate with Policy Studies Associates Inc. in Washington, D.C. before starting her career at Morehead State in 2000.

"Dr. Phillips has not only established a strong record of teaching, scholarly productivity and professional service, but she has demonstrated effective leadership skills and a genuine desire to lead an interdisciplinary academic unit in its efforts to meet the changing educational needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century students," according to Dr. Michael Seelig, dean of the Caudill College of Humanities.

In addition to faculty responsibilities, Dr. Phillips served as assistant provost, heading major campus initiatives and projects including those related to diversity for the past two academic years. She was awarded a prestigious National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) postdoctoral fellowship for the 2003-04 academic year to conduct research with the University of Kentucky College of Medicine's Department of Behavioral Science.

She is a member of the first class admitted to the MSU President's Leadership Academy and a former director of the MSU Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program. Dr. Phillips is currently the principal investigator and project director for the Governor's Minority College Preparation Program, funded through a grant awarded by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

"Dr. Phillips has published several books and manuscripts, and has presented many papers at professional conferences, all of which reflect her professional interest in issues of race and ethnicity, social inequality, family, mental health and research methods," said Dr. Seelig. "She has made a significant impact on this campus in a relatively short period of time and I am absolutely delighted to have her as a member of the college's leadership and management team."

Dr. Phillips is a member of several University, college and department committees and assumes major leadership roles on many of them. In addition to the NIMH Fellowship, she has been honored by other professional associations including Theta Phi Honor Society and the American Sociological Association. Her professional activities have taken her to the continents of Asia and Africa.

"Dr. Phillips is motivated more by calling than ambition and will obtain great satisfaction in being of service in her new role to her faculty, staff and students," Dr. Seelig added.

The Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology has approximately 25 faculty and staff members and serves nearly 500 graduate and undergraduate student majors in addition to supporting regional campuses and the general education program.

Some of the challenges facing Dr. Phillips and the faculty involve expansion of the social work program to multiple regional campus sites, advancing distance learning and online course offerings, increasing enrollment in criminology and graduate sociology programs, and taking a lead in community engagement and regional stewardship initiatives.

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## **MSPR announces special programs for the holiday season**

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) will present several special programs for the holiday season.

The lineup includes:

**Monday, Dec. 18:** "Christmas Around the Country 2006," 9-10 a.m.; "Chanukah in Story and Song," 10-11 a.m.; "A Vermont Christmas with Counterpoint," 11a.m.-noon; "A Vigil for Christmas: Looking Before and After," noon-1 p.m.; "Music of the Baroque Christmas Special," 1-3 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 19:** "The Sounds of Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir,"

9-9:30 a.m.; "One Silent Night with Walter Cronkite," 9:30-10 a.m.; "Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker and locally hosted holiday music," 10 a.m.-noon; "Glad Tidings 2006," noon-1 p.m.; "Hanukkah Lights 2006," 1-2 p.m.; "A Taste of Chanukah," 2-3 p.m.; "Kate & Anna McGarrigle: The Christmas Party," 7-8 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 20:** "Valparaiso University Christmas Concert Special," 9-11 a.m.; "A Chanticleer Christmas," 11a.m.-noon; "Christmas with Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs," noon-1 p.m.; "Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol," 1-3 p.m.; "The Pleasures of Winter 2006," 7-8 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 21:** "Winter Dreams: Ensemble Galilei and Neal Conan," 9-10 a.m.; "A Paul Winter Solstice Concert," 10 a.m.-noon; "Choral Arts Society Christmas Special,"

noon-2 p.m.; "Carols for Dancing," 2-3 p.m.; "Ornaments & Icing," 7-8 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 22:** "Bach's Christmas Oratorio from Carnegie Hall," 9-11 a.m.; "Christmas with the Philadelphia Singers 2006," 11 a.m.-noon; "Lessons and Carols from Washington National Cathedral," noon-1p.m.; "Holiday Pops with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops,"

1-3 p.m.; "An Acoustic Christmas," 7-8 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 23:** "Second Chance Christmas: A Symphonic Story," 4-5 p.m.; "Blind Boys of Alabama Christmas Show," 8-9 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 24:** "Jonathan Winter's A Christmas Carol," 4-5 p.m.; "Red Hot Holiday Stomp," 6-7 p.m.; "Christmas Memories with Marian McPartland," 7-8 p.m.; "Joy to the World 2006," 8-9 p.m.; "Jazz Piano Christmas XVII," 9-10 p.m.; "Jazz Piano XV," 10-11 p.m.;

"local holiday jazz," 11 p.m.-midnight.

**Monday, Dec. 25:** "Handel's Messiah from Philadelphia," 9 a.m.-noon; "locally hosted holiday music including Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony," noon-3 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 26:** "A Season's Griot 2006," 9-10 a.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 31:** "NPR's Toast of the Nation," 8 p.m.-4 a.m.

**Monday, Jan. 1:** "New Year's Day from Vienna," 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (800) 286-9659 or (606) 783-2001; or log on to MSPR's Web site at [www.msradio.com](http://www.msradio.com).

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## 2006 MSPR holiday give-away

For this holiday season, Morehead State Public Radio is pleased to offer its listeners a chance to win two tickets to the Louisville Orchestra with Spanish Flamenco guest artists "al Sur" at the Paramount Arts Center in Ashland.

The performance is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. and would make a perfect gift to enjoy or to give away to celebrate the New Year.

"al Sur" is a music and dance ensemble specializing in the performance of original and traditional Spanish Flamenco art forms, mixing high-octane dance, expressive, exotic vocals and instrumental numbers. The music is rich with frenetic guitar, throbbing percussion and the plaintive tones of the bowed contrabass.

The Louisville Orchestra, founded in 1937, has been called the cornerstone of the Louisville arts scene. From its beginnings, this full-time, 71-member ensemble has grown to become a major arts organization. Through the years, the Orchestra has performed for many prestigious events, including "A Festival of the Arts" at the White House and "Great Orchestras of the World" at Carnegie Hall.

The drawing for the tickets will be held during Classical Music on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 19. The winner will be notified by telephone.

All entries for this give-away must be received by noon Monday, Dec. 18. To enter, mail a letter or postcard to MSPR with your name, address, and daytime telephone number. Send entries to: "Holiday Give-Away Package," Morehead State Public Radio, 132 Breckinridge Hall, Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky. 40351-1689.

Participants also may enter online at MSPR's Web site ( [www.msradio.com](http://www.msradio.com) ) with the online registration form.

Registration by phone will not be accepted and participants must be at least 18 years of age. Employees and their families of Morehead State Public Radio are not eligible for the drawing. Limit one registration per household.

Additional information may be obtained by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001.

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## Robotics team among the top in nation

Morehead State University's robotics team finished among the top teams at the recent collegiate Tele-Operated Robotic Manipulator Contest in Cleveland.

The MSU team earned second place honors at the contest, held in conjunction with the 2006 National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) Convention Nov. 15-19. A total of 14 universities participated in the event, according to Dr. Ahmad Zargari, chair of the Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology (IET).

For the contest, team members were required to design and build their own robotic manipulator without using any robotic kits or off-the-shelf robot manipulators, and also prepare a technical, detailed poster about the device. The robot was required to run an obstacle course, pick up and carry an 8-inch long piece of 1.5 inch EMT conduit and place it through a 3-inch hole at the end of the course.

In the contest, MSU competed against teams from Eastern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, North Carolina A&T State University, Iowa State University, Missouri State University, Central Connecticut University, University of North Dakota, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Spoon River College, Ohio-Northern University, California Polytechnic State University, Indiana State University and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

David Nickel, **Greenup** senior, ranked fourth place in the IT/IQ student contest out of the 59 students that participated. Three of Morehead State's IET students advanced to the semi-final round.

In addition to Nickel, team included: Jimmy Higdon, **Springfield** junior; Jace Green, **Shelbyville** senior; Matthew Slone, **Morehead** sophomore; Daniel Watson, **Raceland** junior; William Lindberg, **Flemingsburg** senior; and Brandon Osborne, **Virgie** senior.

Eight IET faculty members also attended the convention, including: Dr. Zargari; Dr. Charles Patrick, professor; Dr. William Gris , professor; Dr. Yuqiu Yu, assistant professor; Jaby Mohammed, assistant professor; Dr. Xiaolong Li, assistant professor; Dr. Gabriel Alungbe, associate professor; and Sam Mason, instructor.

Also attending were IET advisory board member Steve DeFazio of Cooper Standard Automotive, IET graduate assistant Priya Shekar and Robert Cooper, IET laboratories and facilities manager.

The faculty members presented 10 papers and were involved in leading NAIT boards, division and focus groups and participated in workshops.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Zargari at (606) 783-2013.

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## 2006 FEA Regional Conference held on campus

A total of 403 students from 27 area high schools attended the fourth annual Future Educators of America Regional Conference hosted by Morehead State University's Teacher Recruitment Program and the Future Teacher Corps.

The program opened with Dr. Cathy Gunn, dean of the College of Education, welcoming the prospective MSU students/future teachers to campus. Jonie Sexton, a former education student and Future Teacher Corps member, then reflected on her experience and the valuable preparation she received at Morehead State. Sexton currently works for the Beechwood Independent School System as a high school Spanish teacher.

As the keynote speaker, Jay Banks spoke about C-P-R: "Character, Passion, and Relationships," and their importance to the field of education.

The students were treated to lunch in the Adron Doran University Center, attended various educational seminars, and participated in competitive events including Essay, Impromptu Speech, T-shirt Design, Banner, Display, and Scrapbook.

Winners in the various categories included:

**Essay:** first place, Rebecca Jefferson, Mason County High School; second place, Miranda Dotson, Pike County Central; and third place, Karlie Smith, Bracken County High School.

**Impromptu Speech:** first place, Megan Peterson, Fleming County High School; second place, Lauren May, Pike County Central High School; and third place, Joe McDaniel, Powell County High School.

**T-shirt Design:** first place, Pike County Central High School; second place, Menifee County High School; third place, Belfry High School.

**Banner:** first place, Elliott County High School; second place, Letcher County Central High School; and third place, tie between West Carter and Belfry high schools.

**Display:** first place, Menifee County High School; second place Pike County Central High School; and third place Greenup County High School.

**Scrapbook:** first place, Menifee County High School; second place, Pike County Central High School; and third place, Fleming County High School.

First place winners received a plaque, certificate and \$75. Second place winners received a certificate and \$50, while third place finishers were awarded a certificate and \$25.

The State FEA Conference was held at the Galt House in Louisville on Nov. 21-22. At this event, the Fleming County High School FEA Chapter placed third in Unite to Read and second in the Scrapbook competitions. Megan Peterson of Fleming County received second place in Impromptu Speech.

The Menifee County High School FEA Chapter won in the Scrapbook categories and placed third in Multi Media. MCHS students are now invited to participate in the National FEA Conference in San Diego, Calif., in February.

Future Educators of America Chapters is affiliated with Phi Delta Kappa International, a professional education association.

Additional information is available by visiting the FEA Regional Conference at Morehead State University's Web site at [www.moreheadstate.edu/esu](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/esu) or from Joan Callahan, Teacher Recruitment coordinator, at [j.callahan@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:j.callahan@moreheadstate.edu) or by calling (606) 783-9446.

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## Lt. Gov. Pence brings cancer message to campus

Lt. Gov. Steve Pence will come to Morehead State University on Monday, Dec. 11, to bring his message about a nationwide cancer awareness campaign to students and the campus community.

Pence will speak on "Ending Cervical Cancer In Our Lifetime," a 10-state pilot project organized by the National Lieutenant Governors Association. The informational meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in Button Auditorium.

"Our goal is to encourage women of all ages to be proactive about their health. Cervical cancer is a disease that often times can be preventable," said Pence. "If we can educate Kentucky women about cervical cancer and the factors that can cause it through this public awareness campaign, I will consider it a great success."

Pence will be joined by Dr. Jeffrey L. Ellis of St. Claire Regional Medical Center in Morehead, and associate professor of pathology at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. Dr. Ellis will speak on the science of the disease, and will offer clinical information about prevention and treatment.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will underscore his concern for students' health by participating in the event.

"Cervical cancer has shortened or drastically changed too many women's lives," he said. "We at MSU are pleased to unite with the lieutenant governor and his colleagues in this national crusade to wipe out a deadly disease."

Dr. William Melahn, medical director of MSU's Caudill Health Clinic, and Kenitha King, nurse administrator with the Office of Counseling and Health Services, will take part in the program. Additionally, several state legislators have been invited to attend.

Pence has been visiting college campuses across Kentucky, distributing educational brochures and speaking about the campaign. The project is funded through the National Lieutenant Governors Association by an independent policy grant from Merck & Co. Inc.



Sponsors for his MSU visit include the Office of the President, Student Government Association, Office of Counseling and Health Services and the Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program.

A question and answer session is included on the agenda. There is no admission charge, and the public is encouraged to attend.

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## Reception for department chair is Friday

After 13 years as chair of Morehead State University's Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences, Dr. Lane Cowser will retire on Dec. 31.

In gratitude, the faculty and staff will host an Open House on Friday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Reed Hall 325.

According to Dr. Cowser, "he has enjoyed and will miss working with the students, faculty and staff in the Department of Agriculture."

Dr. Cowser came to Morehead State from Missouri Western State College. Prior to his service as department chair for Missouri Western, he was with the agricultural program at Dyersburg State Community College.

He has a total of 36 ½ years of service in his field.

Dr. Cowser earned his Ph.D. and master's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

He has been active in several professional organizations, including the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) in which he held offices at the state level. Dr. Cowser is a former member of the board of directors of the American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources (AASCARR) and represented AASCARR on an AID/AASCU Fellowship to visit the International Research Center in Mexico.

He also was the recipient of the honorary State Farmer Degree in 1992 from the Missouri FFA and in 1996 from the Kentucky FFA, in addition, to being an author or co-author of numerous research station reports.

Additional information on the reception is available from Paula Wing, agricultural and human sciences academic department specialist, at (606) 783-2662; or e-mail Dr. Cowser at [r.cowser@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:r.cowser@moreheadstate.edu).

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## Winter Commencement slated for Dec. 16

Abigail "Faith" Cundiff of **Morehead** will be the student speaker for Morehead State University's Winter Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 16.

During the ceremony that begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on more than 550 graduate and undergraduate students.

Cundiff is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Education. An honors graduate, she has completed a degree in elementary education, preschool through fifth grades, with a component in English.

This semester, she was a student teacher at Tilden Hogge Elementary School in Rowan County. Earlier in the year, she was an in-home tutor in primary reading and math.

The daughter of MSU alumni Curt and Janie Cundiff, she was introduced to education at an early age as both her parents were elementary school teachers. Cundiff admits that as a youngster, she enjoyed "playing school" with her in the role of the teacher.

She chose education as a career because she "wanted to be a positive influence in the lives of young people." However, teaching is not for everyone and she offers this advice to those who would like to teach: "make sure you enjoy children and have a good sense of humor," both of which Cundiff does. She believes that as a teacher, she is laying the basis for the student's foundation and she is willing to offer the extra patience and care they need.

During her college experience, Cundiff was a campus tour guide for MSU's Office of Enrollment Services in the Spring 2006 semester and this fall, was the recipient of a Lindsay R. and Hazel R. Ellington Memorial Scholarship. She received a 4.0 GPA Recognition Award at the 2005 Academic Awards Convocation.

Active in student organizations, Cundiff is co-president of Gamma Beta Phi honor society and a member of the Kentucky Education Association-Student Program. She is involved in Kappa Delta sorority and has served as vice president of new member education.

Cundiff worked as a summer day camp counselor for 5 and 6 year-old girls during 2005 and for previous summers, she was a salesperson/cashier for Hibbett Sports.

A graduate of Rowan County Senior High School, Cundiff attended Western Kentucky University for one year before enrolling at Morehead State.

Away from school, Cundiff enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, sports, all types of music and playing with Priskey, her pound puppy.

For the commencement exercises, the grand marshal and mace bearer will be Dr. Sylvia Henneberg, associate professor of English. Faculty marshals are Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English, and Kathryn C. Mincey, associate professor of English.

Student marshals will be Lisa Jones of **Manchester, Ohio**, and Desiree Willis of **Morehead**, Graduate Programs; Heather Hazelrigg of **Ewing** and Becky King of **Washington, W.Va.**, College of Science and Technology; Kevin T. Fannin of **Louisa** and Bruce W. Hedges of **Washington Court House, Ohio**, College of Business; James Hood of **Morehead** and Paul Rhodes of **Clearfield**, College of Education; Amanda Garyette Carter of **Catlettsburg** and Sarah Jo Roberts of **Greenup**, Caudill College of Humanities.

James Clark Walker, **Vinton, Ohio**, senior music education major, will sing the national anthem; Melanie Sparks, **Mt. Sterling** senior music education major, will lead the alma mater; and MSU's Black Gospel Ensemble, accompanied by David Wilson, will perform during the commencement program.

Following the ceremony, the newest alumni will be inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Gary Adkins of Morehead.

Refreshments for graduates and their families, hosted by each college's dean and faculty, will be served immediately after the ceremony. The reception is co-sponsored by the Alumni Association.

During the afternoon, MSU's Nursing Program will host a pinning for 10 students who have completed degree requirements. The pinning will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall.

Additional information on Winter Commencement exercises is available by calling (606) 783-2008.

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## Employees honored for their years of service on Dec. 5

Several Morehead State University employees were honored recently for attaining milestones in their years of service with the University. MSU President Wayne D. Andrews congratulated each employee as he awarded a service pin symbolic of the achievement. Among those participating in the ceremony were, front row from left, Dr. Andrews, Opal Fannin, 5; Eric Jones, 10; Rhonda Crisp, 15; Kathleen Dowling, 20; Carry Hinton, 5; Doris Stevens, 10; Fran Helphinstine, 40; and Kathy Smalley, 30. Second row from left, are Myra Mayse, 25; Sue Creasap, 10; Antonino Carnevali 5; Rhonda Hall, 15; Sandy Hall, 10; Joyce Meade, 20; and Brooke Mills, 5. Third row from left, are Linda Wilson, 10; Jeffrey Fannin, 5; Mike Hogge, 25; David Cox, 15; Rebecca Maggard, 5; and Cindy McDermott, 10. Back row from left, are Don Rigsby, 5; David Magrane, 30; Lake Kelly, 5; Scott Johnson, 10; Starlet Johnson, 15; and Robert Boram, 15.

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## Water aerobics classes offered at MSU

Morehead State University's McClure Pool staff and the Rowan County Extension Service are sponsoring water aerobics classes beginning Monday, Jan. 8.

The free classes will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m.

Classes will be held in McClure Pool, located in the Academic-Athletic Center. Parking is available in the lot to the east of the building.

Participants will need to complete a health waiver before taking the classes. Waivers may be completed on Jan, 3, 4 and 5 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Forms also may be completed on the first day of class.

Additional information is available from Stacy Wistuba, MSU aquatics director, at (606) 783-5316; or Martha Perkins, county extension agent for family and consumer sciences, at (606) 784-5457.

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## The answer to that last minute gift

If you need a last minute gift for someone or a new recipe for the holiday get-together, check out the new cookbook from Morehead State University at Prestonsburg.

"Cooking with Style" is now available at the MSU Prestonsburg and Morehead campuses. The cost is \$10.

The 500 recipes are outlined in eight categories, including appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, vegetables and side dishes, main dishes, bread and rolls, desserts, cookies and candy, and this and that. It concludes with a list of pantry basics, herbs and spices, baking tips, measurement substitutions and an equivalency chart, not to mention the Helpful Hints that are located throughout the book.

A favorite on any dessert table is the Éclair Cake, which with only five ingredients, is easy to make. To accompany the main dish, add Deviled Eggs or Broccoli Casserole. You can be on your way to becoming a gourmet cook by the turn of the page.

The recipes were contributed by various individuals, such as MSU faculty, staff and students, county officials, area friends and supporters, and a host of others who wanted to offer assistance to the Prestonsburg regional campus.

Profits from the cookbooks will benefit the MSU Prestonsburg scholarship fund.

"We have been so thankful for the cooperation that we have received in getting this cookbook prepared and we are especially grateful for the support from the community," said Lula Bowling, director of MSU Prestonsburg.

Additional information or to purchase a cookbook is available from MSU at Prestonsburg, Bert Combs Drive, Building 6, or by calling (800) 648-5372 or (606) 886-2405; on the Morehead campus, 310 and 312 Allie Young Hall, or calling (800) 585-6781 option 3 or (606) 783-2605.

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## Mural for children will be unveiled Thursday

Art students at Morehead State University have combined their creative talents to produce a work for the benefit of disabled children and their families.

Students in Contemporary World Art, ART 482/682, will unveil a mural they painted for the waiting room of the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs clinic in Morehead. The mural was created as a service learning project, and will be unveiled at a public reception at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14.

The students met with the clinic's staff and toured the facility to learn about the services it provides. They then created a design that they believed would help foster a calming atmosphere for the children and their families as they waited for medical care.

"The mural project coincided with class units on art and the healing process and public art," said Dr. Joy Gritton, associate professor of art and instructor of the course.

After participating in a grant writing workshop presented by Mary Jerde, grants resource coordinator, the students compiled a request for donations and approached local businesses with their materials list.

Materials for the mural were provided by the Morehead Wal-Mart and Lowe's stores, as well as MSU's Department of Art. Joe Sartor, professor emeritus and president of the Cave Run Arts Association, also donated time to serve as an adviser on materials for the project.

"This will be a celebration of the work and the community support that has made it possible," said Dr. Gritton.

The Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs, located at 214 W. First St., provides children with disabilities primary medical care, as well as assistance with transition from school to work, and from home to independent living.

Participating students were: Jason Barker, **Morehead** graduate student, Amanda Kathleen Barnett, **Morehead** senior; Jessica D. Barnett, **Morehead** senior; Pierce Collier, **Campton** senior; Valerie Fields, **Phelps** senior; Kendrick Holbrook, **Olive Hill** sophomore; Travis Keene, **Louisa** graduate student; Brenna Lyon, **Sandy Hook** senior;

Brent Mack, **Winchester** senior; Amy McGarey, **Ashland** graduate student; Rhonda Miller, **Olive Hill** senior; Joyce A. Risk, **Morehead** senior; June Savage-Adams, **Morehead** graduate student; Caleb Spencer, **Owingsville** junior; Sheena Thompson, **Owingsville** junior; and Diana Wilton, **Paris** senior.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Gritton at (606) 783-2762.

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## EKSBDC 10-week training course underway

Ten local residents are enrolled in a 10-week nationally recognized entrepreneurial training course presented by Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center.

The program, NxLevel Start-up, is sponsored by BB & T Bank. Each week, participants will study a different area of business ownership and be addressed by an area professional.

The training course is a great example of business and community collaboration, according to Mike Morley, district director of MSU's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center.

"The new focus on economic development is local business and community support to encourage home grown businesses that can provide jobs for the community. This is the mission we have accepted and NxLevel Start-up training is a step in that direction," he said.

For the next nine weeks, the NxLevel class will meet every other Tuesday in the conference room of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Pikeville. The next session will be held on Dec. 12.

Additional information on how you can a part of an EKSBD program is available by calling Linda Casebolt at (606) 432-5848.

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## Luckeys attend AROHE conference

Drs. Sue Y. Luckey and George M. Luckey Jr., Morehead State University faculty emeriti, represented the University at the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) 3rd Biennial International Conference held at Arizona State University in Tempe.

The conference had 100 registrants from 50 different colleges and universities spread throughout the United States. Of the group, MSU is one of the smallest University's but has been praised for its "excellent organization."

Dr. Sue Luckey has been serving on the Board of Directors for the past two years and will now begin a two-year term as vice president for programs.

The Morehead State University Retirees Association, which Dr. Sue Luckey founded eight years ago, was spotlighted in the AROHE newsletter "The Next Chapter" for Fall 2006.

In the article, information on the group's mission, purpose, goals, activities, volunteerism and benefits were highlighted.

Dr. Luckey wrote in conclusion that the MSU Retirees Association continues to fulfill its mission. "It has (1) enriched the social and cultural activities of retirees, (2) enhanced the perceived worth of retired faculty and staff, and (3) elevated the self-worth of retirees.

Activities planned for the MSU Retirees Association in 2007 include:

Retiree Appreciation Basketball Game, Saturday, Jan. 13 ; Founders Day events, Tuesday, March 13; Blue Heron Mine visit, Sterns, TBA; and Spring Gala, Saturday, April 28.

Additional information on these activities or the [MSU Retirees Association](#) is available from Paula Black by calling at (606) 783-2033 or toll-free at (877) 690-4483.

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## Student recognized for research

Rebecca King, a Morehead State University senior from Parkersburg, W.Va., has captured two awards recently for her research.

King won a \$1,500 scholarship for the "best undergraduate poster" from the Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society for her poster titled, "Anionic Synthesis and Functionalization of Poly(styryl)lithium with Dimethylchlorosilane followed by Hydrosilation with Vinyltrimethoxysilane."

She picked up the honor during the 3rd Student Colloquium at the Oct. 2006 ACS Rubber Division meeting in Cincinnati.

King also received one of 24 first place awards for outstanding scientific research presentations at the 2006 Sigma Xi Student Research Conference in Detroit. She accepted a cash award of \$200 for her chemistry research project, which used the same title as the poster.

She was recognized at an awards ceremony with a certificate and an invitation to join Sigma Xi, the scientific research society. Membership in the international honor society of science and engineering is by invitation only, based on research achievements or potential.

Nearly 200 undergraduate and graduate students, representing 100 institutions, participated in the conference, for which General Motors was Platinum Sponsor this year. Sigma Xi members attending the society's annual meeting served as judges for poster and oral presentations.

King also attended career advancement workshops and participated in mentoring and networking activities, panel discussions and other events. She heard talks by leading scientists who received prestigious annual Sigma Xi awards.

Founded in 1886, Sigma Xi is the international honor society of research scientists and engineers, with approximately 65,000 members and more than 500 chapters in North America and overseas. The non-profit society publishes American Scientist magazine and sponsors a variety of programs that support science and engineering.

Sigma Xi's Grants-in-Aid of Research program provides support for undergraduate and graduate student research. Application deadlines are March 15 and October 15 annually. Details are available at [www.sigmaxi.org](http://www.sigmaxi.org).

The starting shortstop on the Morehead State softball team, King is a member of the Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll and was named second team Academic All-District IV by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and ESPN the Magazine.

King, who has a double major of chemistry and mathematics, is the daughter of Donna and Paul King of Parkersburg, W.Va.

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## Lt. Gov. Pence promotes cancer awareness at MSU

The state's lieutenant governor visited Morehead State University (Dec. 11), telling students about a nationwide awareness campaign aimed at preventing needless deaths from cervical cancer.

Lt. Gov. Steve Pence, a member of the National Lieutenant Governors Association, has been touring Kentucky university campuses in support of the association's 10-state pilot program, "Ending Cervical Cancer In Our Lifetime."

"The National Lieutenant Governors Association has taken up the mantle on what I think is a very worthy cause," Pence said. "I am happy to be visiting Morehead today to bring attention to a disease that can strike any woman," he said.

Pence said the reason he was out on campuses is that "some women simply don't know" enough about the disease, which is the 11th most common killer of women in the United States.

"Our goal is to encourage college women to be proactive about their health, visit the doctor regularly and educate themselves about the risks and treatment options available for cervical cancer."

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews applauded Pence for bringing attention to this health issue.

"We appreciate the lieutenant governor's commitment to this effort to create more awareness of cervical cancer and to help women of all ages understand this potential threat to their health."

Pence shared information about a vaccine that is now available to combat the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) strains that cause cervical cancer. The vaccine, developed at the University of Louisville's James Graham Brown Cancer Center, has been clinically proven to prevent the disease.

Dr. Jeffrey Ellis, pathologist and medical director at St. Claire Regional Medical Center laboratories in Morehead, and associate professor of pathology at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, presented information on the cancer's cause, detection and treatment.

Dr. Ellis explained that while HPV is common and there are more than 200 strains, the virus is tissue specific and can lead to conditions as simple as skin warts. But four specific strains of HPV cause about 80 percent of all cases of cervical cancer.

Getting a regular pap smear is crucial to detecting the virus, according to Dr. Ellis.

"A pap is the single most effective cancer reduction program ever devised."

However, Dr. Ellis cautioned that while a pap is a "great test," it only detects about 50 percent of abnormalities of the cervical cells. He advised that women get regular pap tests to help ensure that the abnormal cells are detected.

"If you remember nothing of what I say here today, remember this: if you're 21, or less than 21 and sexually active, you need to get regular pap smears and exams by a health care provider," he said. "You need to be the one in control of your own destiny."



Dr. Ellis said the new vaccine is being suggested for preadolescent girls in the 11-12 years of age range, with "catch-up" shots for women as old as 26. While the vaccine currently may be cost prohibitive at about \$400, it may be covered under a woman's health insurance.

Dr. William Melahn, director of MSU's Caudill Health Clinic, was among the health care professionals at the informational session. He said pap tests are available to students at the clinic for a nominal charge, and that arrangements may be made to have them conducted at the Rowan County Health Center at no cost.

"There are very few times where we can say we have cured cancer," Pence said. "Early detection of cervical cancer can prevent death."

Additional information about the campaign is available online by accessing the National Lieutenant Governors Association Website at [www.nlga.us](http://www.nlga.us).

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## Free library cards offered to area educators

Continuing Morehead State University's tradition of regional stewardship, the Camden-Carroll Library will soon offer a new service to educators in the area.

Beginning Jan. 1, the library will offer free library cards to public school educators throughout the region. In an effort to encourage resource sharing of the library's materials, the \$6 charge for a new card will be waived for the teachers.

To receive the card, teachers must show proof of employment at a public school in MSU's service region, and complete an application form.

Additional information is available by calling Jennifer Little, librarian III in CCL's access services, at (606) 783-5352.

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## SGA presents November awards

Morehead State University's Student Government Association recently presented its awards for the month of November.

Darya Thompson, **Morehead** junior, Kara Hall, **Martin** senior, and Dale Greer, assistant professor of radio-television, received recognition.

Thompson was named the "Student of the Month." She is secretary of Chi Omega social fraternity, a member of Pi Sigma Alpha national political science honor society and a volunteer for the MSU Historical Society.

She is an active leader on campus and throughout the community. Thompson is a member of the Rowan County Democrats and College Democrats and still has time to intern with the county attorney's office. The government and history major was a workstudy student in accounting and budgetary control on campus and maintain a 3.6 grade point average.

Hall was the recipient of the "Senior of the Month" award. She is a senior elementary education major and has excelled academically at Morehead State, being named to the Dean's List every semester since she was a freshman.

She also serves as the fundraising chair for the Students in Free Enterprise and has held various positions in Chi Omega social fraternity. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and Kappa Delta Pi education honor society.

Greer was the recipient of the "Flying High Award," which recognizes faculty and staff members that have gone above and beyond the call in their profession. Greer serves not only in the role of teacher, but works to create friendships with the students he instructs. The veteran professor engages students with diverse and interesting teaching strategies that put emphasis on student opinion that helps them retain the information that he has taught. According to his former students, Greer demonstrates genuine care for student success for each pupil he teaches.

A description of each award and an application is available online at [www.moreheadstate.edu/sga](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sga). Additional information is available from the SGA office at (606) 783-2298; or by e-mail to [sga@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:sga@moreheadstate.edu).  
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## Deadline for spring break trip is today

Have you planned your "Spring Break 2007" yet? How would you like to spend that week doing something worthwhile?

During spring break, March 18-24, Morehead State University is offering three options that will assist three different communities. Last year, 117 faculty, staff and students from the University spent spring break in Gulfport, Miss., assisting in the hurricane clean up . Students will have the opportunity to continue their efforts in Gulfport doing hurricane relief; in Hazel Green, helping with a residential build and repair; and in Louisville, aiding an urban outreach.

Reservations for the trips are on a first come, first serve and space is limited.

Only 50 students will be going to Gulfport. The cost of this year's trip is \$190 which covers all food, housing, and travel. MSU is returning to the region because there is still much work to be done. Progress has been made in the region, and while New Orleans and the larger cities are on their way to recovery, there are still numerous small towns in need of assistance.

A total of 25 students will travel to Wolfe County to renovate campus buildings at the Hazel Green Academy and make repairs to community homes. The trip cost is \$110, which includes all housing, meals, and transportation.

Twenty-five students will travel to Louisville to provide aid. The trip will cost \$110, which covers food, housing and travel.

A non-refundable deposit, which is dependent on the project selected, is due by Jan. 29 and participation is confirmed by deposit. Those wishing to sign-up and pay after the limit has been reached will be placed on a waiting list.

Additional information is available from Gerome Stephens, MSU student activities coordinator, by calling (606) 783-2071; by e-mail [tog.stephens@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:tog.stephens@moreheadstate.edu) ; or by visiting the Morehead State Spring Break: Spring Back Web page at [www.moreheadstate.edu/springbreak](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/springbreak) . Donations can be made to the MSU Foundation Inc. for need-based sponsorship and earmarked for the Spring Break: Spring Back fund. Details are available by calling the Foundation at (606) 783-2033

## Cadet ranked third in nation

Morehead State University ROTC's Battalion Commander Shannon Niki Martin, **Louisville** senior, has received a ranking of third out of 3,806 cadets from 272 universities across the nation, not including West Point.

She is the highest ranking cadet in Morehead State's ROTC history and has been top of her class for four years.

"Her achievements have not only brought national recognition and honor to her as an individual, but are a testimony of the training standards of our ROTC Program and the quality education provided at MSU," said Lt. Col. Bonnie A. Noyes, professor of military science.

The national ranking system, called "order of merit" list, is a combination of accomplishments from the last three years. The top 20 percent (762 out of the 3,806) are Distinguished Military Graduates.

Every cadet is rated on a point system based on activities completed during the last three years. A number of factors go into a session packet and all 3,806 cadets are ranked according to the number of points they achieved.

Students are judged on grade point average (40 percent), Martin has a 3.94; Military performance (45 percent), which includes her evaluations from Warrior Forge (summer training at Ft. Lewis, Wash.) and ranking among her platoon at Warrior Forge (she was first of 48 cadets in her platoon), land navigation score and extracurricular activities.

Martin, a health promotion major and military science minor, is involved in the Kappa Delta sorority and Raider Company (ROTC fraternity), and president of Scabbard and Blade (national military honors society) which she re-established on campus. She is a member of the Eta Sigma Gamma (national health honors society) and was a workstudy for two years.

The final 15 percent is the physical aspect which encompasses her Army Physical Fitness Test scores from the campus and Warrior Forge and Combat Water Survival Training scores.

Martin will be commissioned in May as an active duty second lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps.

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## Dr. Regan named to state advisory panel

One of Morehead State University's department chairs has been appointed to a state health information advisory panel.

Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) Regan, chair of the Department of Information Systems in MSU's College of Business, has been appointed to the Kentucky E-Health Network Advisory Group. The group was established by the state in 2005 for the purpose of creating a secure, interoperable statewide electronic health network.

It is composed of technical, clinical, and financial professionals from most major sectors of Kentucky's health care and public health systems.

Dr. Regan represents Morehead State and the Northeast Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO), which was created by a partnership between MSU and St. Claire Regional Medical Center.

The advisory group, which reports to the E-Health Network Board, is charged with developing strategies and a business plan for the Kentucky e-health network by early 2007. Among its purposes are to improve the quality of patient care and the public health of all Kentuckians, support clinician and caregiver decision making through health information technology and exchange, increase the safety and efficiency of the state's health care system and lower costs and increase value for consumers and stakeholders.

"Electronic medical records hold tremendous potential to improve American healthcare. Patients and their medical providers will be able to access needed information at anytime from anyplace," said Dr. Regan.

"E-medical records are more secure, improve safety, lower costs and enable doctors to collaborate much more easily in providing patient care. State and regional initiatives to create health information networks will help put Kentucky in the forefront to benefit from these new opportunities."

Dr. Regan has served as an MSU department chair since 1998. Her previous academic experience includes teaching graduate students at New York University and the University of Connecticut's schools of education and business administration.

A former corporate professional, she was a senior systems consultant and senior project manager in designing and implementing major information systems, corporate initiatives and reengineering projects.

She holds the Ph.D. degree from the University of Connecticut, and did postgraduate work in information systems and vocational education at Colorado State University. She also holds master's and bachelor's degrees from Connecticut and an associate degree from Green Mountain College.

Her research interests include strategic information systems, business process innovation and redesign, e-commerce and health information technology. She has been published in numerous refereed journals, including international journals, and has made presentations and/or has been a visiting lecturer in various locations in Europe and Asia.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Regan at (606) 783-2163.

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## Employees honored for service on Dec. 12

Several Morehead State University employees were honored recently for attaining milestones in their years of service with the University. MSU President Wayne D. Andrews congratulated each employee as he awarded a service pin symbolic of the achievement. Among those participating in the ceremony were, front row from left, Dr. Andrews, Vanessa Stevens, 20; Beverly Klecker, 5; Sharon Walters, 25; Sheila Barber, 5; Jennifer Little, 5; Mee-Rysun Shon, 5; and Chris Miller, 5. Second row from left, are Lola Boram-Aagaard, 5; Janet Skidmore, 5; Judy Krug, 15; Ignacio Birriel, 5; and Jennifer Birriel,

5. Third row from left, are Joyce Risk, 5; Brent Jones, 20; Penny Felty, 15; Royal Berglee, 5; and Donna Everett, 10. Back row from left, are John Modaff, 15; Vernon Crum, 10; Glen Colburn, 15; Leonard Barker, 5; Larry Albert, 20; Tom Creahan, 10; and Gary O'Dell, 5.

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## Winners announced for Photo Contest

A Morehead State University organization has announced the winners of its Third Annual International Photo Contest.

Sponsored by the International Studies Club, the contest was held in conjunction with International Education Week in November. Students and faculty members were invited to submit up to two large photos that they had taken in any foreign country during the past two academic years.

The entries were to reflect the culture, history, landscape or environment of the location visited, not the individuals on the trip. The contest was judged by a panel of experts, and the photos were on display in MSU's Adron Doran University Center during International Education Week.

Capturing first place honors, including the choice of either a \$100 scholarship toward a study abroad trip or a \$50 gift certificate to the University Bookstore, was Melanie Everman, **Mt . Sterling** senior. Everman's winning photograph was of hanging bridges in Costa Rica, which were suspended hundreds of feet above the rain forest. She took the picture during the MSU choirs' trip to the country in May.

The second place winner was Zachary Doyle, **Louisville** sophomore, who won a \$25 gift certificate to the bookstore. Doyle also won for a photograph taken on the choirs' trip to Costa Rica. His picture featured a view of Lake Arenal, at the base of the Arenal volcano, as seen from the top of the Monteverde Cloud Forest.

Jennifer Grubb was awarded the third place prize of a \$15 bookstore certificate for her photo taken in Algeria in August during a personal trip. Grubb, **Mousie** senior, photographed a group of people during Friday Jumman prayers at a local masjid.

Additional information about study abroad opportunities is available by calling the Office of International Education at (606) 783-2096.

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## Doan recognized by naming of room

The man that brought Morehead State University prominence in the world of cheerleading has been honored by permanently naming a facility on the campus.

Myron Doan was saluted for all the years and hard work put forth to make his cheerleaders some of the elite in the nation. The former Eagle coach, along with other dignitaries, was on hand for the ceremony naming the "Myron Doan Cheerleading Practice Room" in the Academic-Athletic Center.

"I am honored and humbled to be recognized in such a way," Doan said of the naming. "I have had the good fortune to work with a number of student athletes who devoted their time and enthusiasm to represent the University."

At the ceremony held during the 2006 Homecoming festivities, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews welcomed the crowd, which was followed by remarks from MSU's current squad coach Tony Nash.

Former cheerleader Russ Shaw of Leesburg, Va., led the tribute to Doan, who responded with heartfelt thank you's. Madonna Weathers, vice president of student life, concluded the ceremony with her comments.

Doan retired as dean of students at MSU in 2004. Since 1981, he had coached the varsity cheerleading squad, capturing 14 national championships. From 1994 until his retirement, he also coached the all-girl cheerleaders, which won four national titles.

His expertise gained recognition outside the campus and he was named the 2002 Coach of the Year by the American Cheerleader Magazine.

Active in other aspects of University life, Doan served as chapter adviser for Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity for 26 years and chaired numerous committees during his 34-year career at Morehead State. He also was a staff member of the campus radio station, now called Morehead State Public Radio.

The native of Falmouth, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1971 and a Master of Arts degree in 1973, both from MSU.

Doan is a member of the Morehead State Alumni Hall of Fame.

When he retired, a group of former cheerleaders began an endowment fund to name the practice room in recognition of Doan's dedication. Proceeds from the endowment will be used to support the cheerleading program, including travel expenses, equipment and uniforms.

Traditionally, naming of facilities has been a permanent means of recognizing those who have provided outstanding support, financial or otherwise, to the institution or given exemplary personal service over a sustained period. The procedure requires recommendation of the president and approval of the Board of Regents. The Board ratified the action at its recent quarterly meeting.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution the University may contact the Office of Development on the Web at [www.moreheadstate.edu/development](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/development) or call toll free at (877) 690-GIVE (4483).

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## 2006 fall grants and fellowships awarded

Twenty-one Morehead State University faculty members have recently been awarded grants or summer fellowships for basic or applied research projects and creative productions worth more than \$80,000.

The individual awards, ranging from \$3,470 to \$5,000 were granted by the Research and Creative Productions Committee in MSU's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Funding for projects of regional significance was provided by MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy. Those receiving these highly competitive awards included:

**Dr. Ann Andaloro** , assistant professor of mass communication, and **Dr. Ritta Abell** , visiting professor of communication, \$4,940 for "Hear Me Roar and Kaleidoscope Television Broadcast."

**Dr. Bernadette Barton** , assistant professor of sociology, \$4,518 for "Talking Back: Lesbian and Gay Voices from the Bible Belt."

**Ignacio Birriel** , assistant professor of physics, \$4,572 for "The Measurement of the Radioactivity in the Sunbury and Ohio Shale and its Environmental Implications in the Town of Farmers, Kentucky."

**Erin McLaine-Bishop** , assistant professor of theatre , \$5,000 for "EGG (A feature film)."

**Drs. Edward Breschel** , **Stacy Baker** , and **Jeanie Lee** , associate professors of music; and **Deborah Eastwood** , music lecturer, \$4,996 for "Brass Musician Health and Performance: Max. Health Promotion...for MSU Student Musicians."

**Dr. Ric Caric** , professor of government, \$3,940 for "Displays of Degradation: Cultural Change in Philadelphia, 1785-1850."

**Dr. Scott A. Davison** , professor of philosophy, \$5,000 for "On The Intrinsic Value of Everything."

**Dr. Michael E. Fultz** , assistant professor of biology, \$4,500 for "Kinase Regulation of Actin and Myosin in A7r5 Smooth Muscle Cells."

**Drs. Timothy Hare** , assistant professor of anthropology, and **Christine McMichael** , assistant professor of geography, \$4,995 for "Assessing the Relationships Between Environmental Factors and Human Disease in Kentucky."

**Dr. Stephen Lange** , assistant professor of government in University's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, \$3,470 for "Epistemology and Pedagogy in Ancient Greek Philosophy."

**Dr. Xiaolong Li** , assistant professor industrial and engineering technology, \$4,751 for "Study of Algorithm and Protocol of Distributed Joint Selflocalization and Synchronization for Wireless Sensor Net."

**Dr. Jaby Mohammed** , assistant professor of industrial technology, \$5,000 for "Investigating Strength Behavior of ABS Honey Comb Material Manufactured Via Fused Deposition Method (FDM)."

**Nathan Nabb** , assistant professor of music, \$4,849 for "The Contemporary Saxophone."

**Dr. Biswajit Panja** , assistant professor of computer science, \$5,000 "Securing Sensor Networks Using Dynamic Group Key Management Protocol for Life Threatening Scenarios."

**Dr. David Peyton** , assistant professor of biology , \$4,850 for "Genetic Control of Pigmentation in Ornamental Koi."

**Timothy L. Simpson** , assistant professor of education, \$5,000 for "An Exploration of Stewardship as a Guiding Principle for the Service Mission of a University."

**Dr. Suzanne Tallichet** , professor of sociology, \$4,023 for "An Investigation of Factors Related to Appalachian College Student's Health and Social Well-being."

**Dr. Ilsun White** , professor of psychology, \$4,290 for "Human Frontal Cortex in Context-Appropriate Rule Shifting."

Research grants are available to faculty members desiring to conduct basic or applied research that has potential for contributing to the field of knowledge within their discipline. Creative Production grants are available to assist artists in completing a special creative production. Both are competitively awarded grants and designed to assist the researcher/artist in meeting the cost of the proposed project.

Research or creative production fellowships are available to faculty members to allow them time in the summer to focus their full attention on scholarly or creative projects.

Additional information is available by calling the [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#) at (606) 783-2010.

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## Traditional ceremony held at MSU

Minority and international students who were degree candidates in Morehead State University's Winter Commencement participated in a traditional West African ritual before leaving the campus.

The students took part in the annual Rites of Passage program, held Dec. 13 at the Adron Doran University Center. Based on a 17th century West African custom, the ceremony involves the presentation of a Kente stole, traditionally bestowed upon African leaders who achieved great academic success.

Additionally, Kente clothes, presented during symbolic ceremonies such as Rites of Passage festivities, are woven from an array of colors, each with its own unique meaning. The first MSU Rites of Passage service was held nearly 17 years ago.



The evening program included dinner, entertainment and graduate candidate testimonials. Each participant received a certificate from MSU's Office of Multicultural Student Services.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Crystal Wilkinson, visiting assistant professor and writer in residence. She is the prize-winning author of several books, including, "Blackberries, Blackberries," and "Water Street."

The candidates, along with the degree for which they were honored, included: Marcus Johnson of **Louisville** , Bachelor of Science in hotel, restaurant and institutional management; Stanley Sherwood of **Gary, Ind .** , Bachelor of Arts in sport management; Tiffanie L. Uzoigwe of **Huntington, W.Va .** , Bachelor of Arts in sociology and criminology; Joyce Morton of **Winchester** , Associate of Arts in university studies; P. Michele Thompson of **Richmond, Va .** , Bachelor of Arts in communication; and Antonio D. Thompson of **Richmond, Va.** , Bachelor of Arts in sport management.

Additional information is available by calling the [MSS](#) office at (606) 783-2668.

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## Nearly 500 participate in MSU's Winter Commencement exercises

Abigail Faith Cundiff of Morehead and nearly 500 other Morehead State University students were joyful today when they participated in the University's Winter Commencement exercises.

There were smiles, cheers, and lots of photographs taken as the newest alumni took the ceremonial walk across the stage, signifying the completion of their college degrees. They were greeted by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews who offered a congratulatory handshake to each of those completing graduate and undergraduate degrees.

As the student speaker, Cundiff said she was "incredibly honored" to address the University personnel and family and friends who were on hand for the occasion. In her remarks, she spoke of the path she has taken to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Education. An honors graduate, she was a candidate for a degree in elementary education, preschool through fifth grades, with a component in English.

"I actually come from a long line of teachers who have graduated from MSU," she said, "it must be in my blood."

According to Cundiff, she actually began her career path at the age of three when her mom decided to return to college as a nontraditional student and become an elementary school teacher. "My mom would

come home every day and try out on me whatever teaching strategies or methods she had learned during her classes. She became a very studious teacher candidate while I became her little guinea pig."

As her mom worked on a degree, her father, who had a career as an American history and physical education teacher, offered his support in many ways, such as preparing meals to allow his girls to continue their studies.

Looking at the graduating class, Cundiff said she saw future nurses, doctors, social workers, CEO's, teachers, lawyers, broadcasters, artists and many other professionals. Whether we came from similar places or from somewhere very different, we have all ended up here, awaiting a diploma that says "we did it."

Focusing on a book by Dr. Seuss, "Oh, the Places you will Go," Cundiff included humor, encouragement, wisdom and motivation in her comments to fellow classmates. "Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So get on your way!" she concluded.

Cundiff, the daughter of MSU alumni Curt and Janie Cundiff and a graduate of Rowan County Senior High School, recently completed her professional semester by doing student teaching at Tilden Hogge Elementary School in Rowan County. She hopes to secure a teaching position in the area.

Following the ceremony, the newest graduates were inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Gary Adkins of Morehead.

[Click here for additional commencement photos](#)

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## Professor's sculpture dedicated on Staten Island

Morehead State University art professor Stephen J. Tirone has been described as a very talented man. His works are not only on the MSU campus but are located throughout the area.

About five years ago, his friend Gino Terranova, a former Marine, saw some of his bronze and marble sculptures. Terranova liked what he saw and asked Tirone, another former Marine, if he could do something that paid tribute to all the Marines, past and present.

Tirone was commissioned by the Marine Corps League in March 2005. During the time he worked on the project, Terranova, Harold Lane, another former Marine, and Mario Terranova, an Army veteran, visited his home studio to observe the piece in progress.

After 15 months, the cast bronze work was done. Now, it was time to unveil the sculpture and Memorial Day 2006 turned out to be a very special day for Tirone.

His sculpture of the marine was installed at the Marine Corps League detachment 246 on the borough of Staten Island, New York City. It meant a lot to the artist for a number of reasons.

"It was an enormous honor to me to create this sculpture," said Tirone. "It is special for several reasons.

"It is special first, as a friend of Gino, and as a former Marine. Second, because it is installed close to where I grew up and more importantly it was the first time that my family was able to celebrate with me."

During his time with MSU, he has been honored on numerous occasions. In April, he was presented the Distinguished Creative Productions Award.

Before joining the MSU faculty in 1982, Tirone was a visiting artist and instructor at West Liberty (W.Va.) State College. He grew up in New York City, which gave him access to all levels of art. Tirone received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of South Carolina-Columbia, and earned a Master of Arts degree, along with a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin.

The veteran artist has worked mostly in ceramics and sculpture and has been teaching and actively producing creative works in both media for more than 20 years.

One of Tirone's lasting gifts to the University is the MSU Sculpture Concourse, located near Ginger and Radar halls on the campus, in which he has been involved since its inception. During Homecoming 2006, the concourse was dedicated in the educator's honor.

The work on the concourse earned him the title of 2006 Outstanding Fund Raiser of the Year by the MSU Foundation Inc.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Tirone at (606) 783- 2654.

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## 13 students took top honors at KAS annual meeting

Twelve undergraduates and one graduate student captured honors during research competitions when Morehead State University hosted the 92<sup>nd</sup> Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) annual meeting in mid-November.

The Kentucky Academy of Science, founded in 1914, is an organization that encompasses all scientific fields. The 700 member strong academy encourages scientific research, promotes the diffusion of scientific knowledge, and unifies the scientific interests of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Morehead State students claiming top honors, and their project titles, were:

Channing Richardson, **Grayson** senior, first place in Botany for a project titled "Pteridophytes of Carter Caves State Resort Park, Carter County, Kentucky."

Toby A. Hale, **Mallie** senior, first place in Engineering for a project titled "Electromagnetic Analysis of a MEMS Integrated Frequency."

Trisha Edington, **Olive Hill** senior, second place in Engineering for a project titled "Developing Residential Housing to Withstand Hurricanes and other Wind Storms."

Megan Ennis, **West Liberty** senior, third place in Geology for a project titled "Hydrovolcanics on Mars: Comparison of Home Plate, Gusev Crater, Mars and Zuni Salt Lake, New Mexico."

Wesley Smith, **Prestonsburg** senior, fourth place in Geology for a project titled "An Undergraduate's Research Experience at the NASA Houghton-Mars Project, Devon Island, Nunavut, Canada."

Clint Banks, **Campton** senior, first place in Microbiology for his poster titled "Using mutational PCR strategies to investigate ddrR regulation by umuD in Acinetobacter baylyii strain ADP1."

Brady Doepke, **Morehead** sophomore, second place in Physics and Astronomy for a project titled "Temperature Dependence of Electroluminescence Intensity in CDTE Solar Cells," and won for his poster titled, "Survey of Planetary Data Systems Data from Galileo Orbiter for Electron Radiation Environment of Ganymede."

James Atwood, **Stanford** senior, fourth place in Physics and Astronomy for a project titled, "Microvariability in Active Galactic Nuclei at 1420 MHz."

Ryan D. Grey, **Morehead** junior, first place in Physiology and Biochemistry for his poster titled "Characterization of Osteoblastic Properties of 7F2 Cultures After Acclimation to Reduced levels of Fetal Bovine Serum."

Clell Watts, **Pine Ridge** senior, first place in Psychology for a project titled "Possible Mechanisms for Cognitive Enhancing Effects of Rolipram."

Joseph Mayhorn, **Morehead** senior, tied for second place in Psychology for a project titled "Exposure to Alcohol and PCP in Juvenile Rats Leads to Enduring Learning Deficits in Adulthood."

Amanda Pieratt, **West Liberty** senior, tied for second place in Psychology for a project titled "The attentional bias toward the centers of objects is not affected by object motion."

Courtney Brown, **Weirton, W.Va.**, senior, third place in Psychology for a project titled "The Impact of Major Depressive Disorder Symptoms on Broad and Narrowband AD/HD Rating Scales."

Lindsay Newberry, **Butler** senior, first place in Psychology for her poster titled "Effect of Stress Hormone (CORT) on Amphetamine-induced Hyperlocomotion."

Jennifer Carter, **Olive Hill** graduate student, first place in Physics for a project titled "KySat."

Additional information is available on the Web site at [www.kyscience.org](http://www.kyscience.org) or by calling the Kentucky Academy of Science at (859) 227-2837.

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## Wellness Center offers new classes in January

If you are wondering how to get your new year off to a healthy start, Morehead State University's Wellness Center has three programs that might be your answer.

The center will offer two exercise classes, as well as a weight management program, all beginning in late January.

Cardio kickboxing classes will be offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday, from Jan. 29-May 2. Open to MSU students, staff, faculty and members of the community, the classes will be taught by Annie Q. Beck in the Wellness Center aerobics room.

For those who prefer other types of exercise, a class in body sculpting/core toning will be available from Jan. 30-May 3. From 6:30-7:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday, Stacie Beyer will offer instruction in the aerobics room.

Because many people put on a few pounds over the holiday season, January is a good time to get back on track in fighting the "battle of the bulge." With that in mind, the Wellness Center staff, in conjunction with St. Claire Regional Outpatient Center, will present informational sessions on the ongoing HMR Weight Management Program.

The sessions will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, Jan. 22 and 24, in room 113 of the center. There is no charge to attend either one of the informational events, and details on the program are available by calling St. Claire Regional Outpatient Center at (606) 783-6948.

Additional information on attending the kickboxing or sculpting/toning classes is available by calling MSU's Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875.

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## King march will be held Jan. 15

Morehead State University will pay tribute to slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on Monday, Jan. 15.

The campus and Morehead communities will come together to celebrate his life with "Aspiring to Greatness, Realizing the Dream." The 21st annual event will start with a traditional candlelight vigil and march, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Little Bell Tower on campus.

Participants will march to the Morehead First Christian Church, located at 227 E. Main St., for a 7 p.m. program. Five keynote speakers will pay homage to Dr. King, using the prompt, "What would Martin say?"

Dr. Vinnette Little, internal medicine physician at the Morehead Clinic, will discuss "What would Martin say about health care?" Dr. Little's talk will be followed by presentations by several MSU faculty and staff members.

Dr. Kevin Jones, assistant professor of education, will speak on "What would Martin say about equity and diversity in higher education?" Dr. Ric Caric, professor of government, will discuss, "What would Martin say about colorblindness?" Kevin Koett, dean of students, will talk about "What would Martin say about his beloved dream - is it alive today?"

Dr. Lola Smith, instructor of information systems, will follow Koett with "What would Martin say about the impact of technology on his dream?"

After the main program, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will offer closing remarks. A reception will follow.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Services, the Office of the Provost and the Rowan County Ministerial Association.

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

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## Holiday closings

Morehead State University's administrative offices will close for the holiday break at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 8 a.m.

Camden-Carroll Library, Kentucky Center for Traditional Music and Sunny Brook Golf Course will observe the same schedule.

While the University Bookstore will be closed to foot traffic, customer convenience is still a priority. E-commerce orders will continue to be processed and shipments will be made accordingly.

For those who wish to make an end-of-year donation, the MSU Foundation will continue to accept contributions through the holiday break. The Development staff will be available to assist donors with tax deductible contributions through the end of the calendar year. For information, you may leave a message at 783-2033 or (877) 690-4483 and a staff member will return your call.

The Kentucky Folk Art Center will be closed on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 24 and 25, and Sunday and Monday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Otherwise, regular hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m. will be observed during the holiday period. During the winter months, KFAC is closed on Sundays until April.

The University Post Office will be open Dec. 27 and 29 from 8 a.m.-noon to distribute mail to UPO boxes only. Window service will not be available.

The Wellness Center will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1. Hours of operation for Dec. 22-23, Dec. 27-30, are 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 31, 8 a.m.-noon. The center will open on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 6

a.m. The complete schedule is available online or patrons may call 783-2083 for specific times the center will be open.

The Office of Telecommunications and the Computer Center will take advantage of the lower utilization during the holiday break to perform some maintenance and upgrade work.

On Friday, Dec. 22, Web mail will be unavailable from noon until 3 p.m. On Thursday, Dec. 28, individual systems may be unavailable for brief periods while work is performed in the Computer Center and the AIMS system will be down the entire day for file system maintenance.

The Office of Telecommunications has scheduled maintenance and upgrade work in several buildings which will experience interruptions of network service on various days.

The MSU Police Department will be available at (606) 783-2035 to answer questions and address campus concerns.

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## Voter turnout has increased

Turnout among 18-29 year-old voters increased by more than two million in the 2006 general elections compared to 2002, according to exit poll analysis released as part of the first comprehensive look at the youth vote in the midterm elections, presented by Young Voter Strategies.

To help get younger voters out, Morehead State University held voter registration through MSU 101 classes, by faculty members and peer advisers. The MSU project, which was funded by a grant, had a goal of determining which method produced the actual best voter turnout.

At least 10 million votes were cast by this age group in 2006 compared to eight million in 2002, and the vote counts are still coming in. Youth-dense precincts that were targeted by Get-Out-the-Vote campaigns showed even larger increases. Turnout more than doubled in the 36 precincts where groups like the nonpartisan Student PIRG's New Voters Project actively turned out this age cohort.

Also released, a new bipartisan poll by Ed Goeas and Celinda Lake shows that in 2006 young voters were motivated primarily by a strong desire for change, combined with high levels of contact from campaigns and nonpartisan organizations: 61 percent of those who were surveyed said they feel the country is on the "wrong track" and 52 percent report being contacted by a campaign.

An analysis of the National Election Pool's exit poll for 18-29 year-olds, conducted by the University of Maryland's Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) found that turnout among 18-29 year olds increased at least four percentage points over 2002 figures, to 24 percent. This is a greater increase than was seen in the overall electorate; the share of votes cast by young people increased by at least two points.

Further, vote tallies from youth-dense precincts in eight states showed even greater young voter turnout increases in areas targeted by nonpartisan registration and mobilization efforts.

The Student PIRG's registered more than 75,000 students to vote and ran nonpartisan GOTV operations on 80 campuses in 2006.

The bipartisan polling team of Goeas and Lake—who have followed this cohort throughout the 2006 elections—released the initial findings of the first post-election "Young Voter Battleground Poll ." The poll which looked at motivations for youth going to the polls, surveyed 500 18-30 year-olds and has a margin of error of +/-4.4.

Key findings include:

- 58 percent talked a great deal/some with family and friends about the elections.
- Young people listed education and college costs, the war in Iraq, and the economy as areas of concern they want Congress to address.
- Young people said the most important issue to them when deciding who to vote for was the war in Iraq, at 43 percent.
- At the same time, 60 percent reported dissatisfaction with the President's actions on those issues.
- 61 percent of young adults surveyed said they believe that America is on the wrong track; 31 percent on the right track.
- Of those surveyed, 46 percent were contacted by a political campaign or organization during the 2006 election cycle. The majority of the contacts remembered by young voters were by phone and mail.

Young voters made their voices heard at the in the most recent election. At 42 million strong and growing, this generation has become a force in politics and will continue to grow in importance as more and more vote in each election.

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## Mraz selected for China internship

Megan Mraz, Morehead State University sophomore, has been selected as "Blessing Hands MSU Intern" for the summer and fall of 2007. Blessing Hands established an internship fund with the MSU Foundation to encourage involvement of MSU students with the Blessing Hands students.

The education major will travel to Yangshuo this summer for a 2 ½ weeks cultural exchange in Yangshuo, China.

While she is in China, she will be visiting schools and meeting the children that Blessing Hands supports in Yangshuo. She also will meet the college students that Blessing Hands pays tuition for at Guangxi Normal University.

Mraz will be participating in a service project, staying with Chinese families and speaking in schools.

When she returns to MSU, she will advocate for students on the campus and assist Blessing Hands with various projects and duties as a fall intern. She will receive a course grade under the supervision of MSU's College of Education and Blessing Hands.

Mraz is the daughter of Joni and Chuck Mraz of Morehead.

A fund has been established at the MSU Foundation Inc. to help pay for Mraz's summer travel expenses. Supporters are encouraged to make tax deductible contributions by mailing their donations to the Blessing Hands Internship Fund at the MSU Foundation, Palmer Development House, Morehead, KY 40351-1689.

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## Dr. Prater is named Veterinarian of the Year

Dr. Philip E. "Phil" Prater, associate professor of veterinary technology at Morehead State University, has been named the 2006 Veterinarian of the Year by the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association.

The award was presented at KVMA's annual business meeting and luncheon at the Mid-America Veterinary Conference held in Louisville in October.

Selection was based on "his outstanding and selfless giving of time and expertise to the animals and people of China and North Korea."

During his brief trip, he saw to the care of herds of farm animals, the existence of which was for the purpose of helping to feed children abandoned to orphanages in these countries. He and his group of nine other people also took supplies and provided information so that these people could continue to care for their animals after the group had departed.

Dr. Prater came to Morehead State in 1998 from Bedford Hill Veterinary Hospital in Paris which he owned and operated from 1989-1998. He received his DVM degree from Ohio State University and did his residency in

theriogenology at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

This award is given for outstanding service to the veterinary profession, said Dr. Scott Rundell, coordinator of MSU's Veterinary Technology Program. "We are very proud of Dr. Prater's accomplishments and pleased that he has received this important recognition from his colleagues."

Dr. Rundell was the 2001 recipient of the same award, which he received for dedicated work with the Veterinary Technology Program.

Additional information on the Veterinary Technology Program or other programs in the Department of Agriculture and Human Sciences, is available by calling (606) 783-2662.

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