

## 2008 career services workshops

Morehead State University's career services will offer workshops geared to help students, alumni and staff prepare for job searches and interviews. The Spring 2008 Career Workshops will be held Wednesdays at 12:40 p.m. in 211 Allie Young Hall.

"Employers tell us that most job applicants have poorly written resumes and don't know how to express themselves," said Julia Hawkins, career services director. "We hope by having these workshops the students can help polish their resumes and interview skills."

Registration is not necessary, but space is limited, so participants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Dates and workshop topics include:

Feb. 13, Curriculum Vitae, personal statement and applying to graduate school; Feb 20, Resume; Feb. 27, How to work a career fair; March 5, Interviewing; March 12, Networking to find a job; March 26, Job search; April 2, Cover letter and correspondence; April 9, First year on the job: What employers want; and April 16, Salary negotiations.

Additional information on the workshops is available by calling Hawkins at (606) 783-2233.

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## MSPR to air Black History Month specials

During February, which is designated Black History Month, Morehead State Public Radio will offer several special programs that will help educate about black history and heritage.

Among the special offerings are:

Monday, Feb. 11, "**The Little Rock Nine**," **10 a.m.** On Sept. 25, 1957, nine black students entered racially segregated Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. Their goal was to receive the same quality education afforded their white counterparts. Using radio drama and interview, host donnie I. betts profiles these extraordinary students and in the process examines why they succeeded where others did not.

Thursday, Feb. 14, "**Autobiography of a Hero: The Story of Dorrie Miller**," **10 a.m.** In this autobiography producer and host donnie I. betts uses radio drama to share the remarkable story of a remarkable sailor. Miller joined the Navy in 1939 with dreams of becoming a gunner. Miller was the first African American to be awarded the Navy Cross, the Navy's second highest honor.

Monday, Feb. 18, "**The Undiscovered Explorer: Imagining York**," **10 a.m.** Exploring the making of an American myth, the hour-long audio documentary, narrated by Danny Glover, is a production of Oregon Public Broadcasting. Through a rich weave of music, interviews, performance and dramatic readings, this program tells the story of York, William Clark's slave and the only African American member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Thursday, Feb. 21, "**Swingtime**," **10 a.m.** During the 1930s and 1940s, many black schools in the U.S. fielded traveling swing bands to keep their doors open during the Depression. Narrator Tonea Stewart profiles three of the era's most famous bands in

"Swingtime," an hour-long showcase of the Bama State Collegians, the Prairie View Co-eds and the International Sweethearts of Rhythm.

Monday, Feb. 25, **"The Last Letter Home," 10 a.m.** The show is a poignant retelling in radio drama and interview of the experience during World War II of the 332nd fighter group, also known as the Tuskegee Airmen. Producer and host donnie I. betts recreates this powerful tale through the fictionalized writing of a fighter pilot, who in a letter to his mother, describes how he hopes to drop "Mein Kampf" on Hitler's office in Berlin as the U.S. bombs the city. The show also features an interview with retired Lt. Col. John Mosley, a very real member of the Tuskegee Airmen, as well as period music by the award-winning composer Joe Bonner.

**Thursday, Feb. 28, "Memories of the Movement," 10 a.m.** The years of the Civil Rights Movement are counted among the most volatile yet vibrant times in American history. The people and events that shaped this period range from charismatic preachers and actors to students and domestic workers. Introduced and narrated by Tavis Smiley, this powerful special features the poignant, humorous, unheard, or little known stories and anecdotes from living civil rights icons like actors Harry Belafonte and Ruby Dee, preachers like Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. Amos Brown, editor emeritus of "Ebony" magazine Lerone Bennett Jr., folk singer Odetta, Asian activist Yuri Kochiyama and a host of others.

MSPR broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3 FM) is the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes WOCS in Booneville and a translator in Inez.

Morehead State Public Radio 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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## Memorial service to be held Feb. 6

A memorial service for Hollis D. (Wayne) Isham, assistant professor of military science at Morehead State University, will be held Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Crager Room of Adron Doran University Center.

Isham, 50, a nine-year member of the military science faculty, died Jan. 30 at his Lexington home.

After retiring from the Army, Isham continued to teach ROTC cadets.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hollis DeWayne Isham Memorial Scholarship Fund, UPO Box 1361, Morehead, KY 40351.

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## Professor receives equipment grant

A Morehead State University science faculty member has been given a grant that will allow her and her students to do some serious stargazing.

Dr. Jennifer Birriel, associate professor of physics, will use monies recently awarded from a research fund to purchase astronomical equipment. Specifically, the equipment will be used with existing MSU telescopes to perform, from a campus lab in Lappin Hall, spectroscopic and photometric monitoring of variable stars.

"What we really want to do as astronomers is look at stars over time," Dr. Birriel said. "We tend to think that stars are eternal and that they don't change, but each star is in fact born from a cloud of cosmic gas and dust, grows old and eventually dies. As a star goes through this aging process, it will pass through one or more stages of instability, in which its light output will vary with time."

From a prior grant, Dr. Birriel obtained a 10-inch telescope and other monitoring equipment to use in stellar observations. Her new grant of nearly \$1,700, from the Theodore Dunham Jr. Grant for Research in Astronomy from the Fund for Astrophysical Research Inc. (FAR), will pay for enhancements such as filters and a flat fielder for digital astronomy images.

"What I will have now is equipment that will help me track and document changes in the light output of stars," she said.

Dr. Birriel and student researchers will be able to observe changes in a star's light that can gauge its approximate size and temperature if it is a pulsating kind of star.

On the other hand, she explained, if the star is part of an eclipsing binary, observations of the changes in light output can be used to determine the size of their mutual orbit, the orbital period and the relative diameters of the two stars.

One of her goals in using the new equipment is to "ignite the interests of students in science research by offering them an opportunity to do real science without having to travel off the University campus." This is the second FAR grant awarded to Dr. Birriel - she received her first grant in December 2001.

On MSU's faculty since 2001, Dr. Birriel is a contributing editor for Mercury Magazine, the bi-monthly publication of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. Her quarterly column is called "The Astronomer's Notebook."

She holds a doctorate and a master's degree in physics from the University of Pittsburgh. She earned a bachelor's degree, also in physics, from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Birriel at (606) 783-2924.

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## Greeks inaugurate leaders

Morehead State University's Interfraternity Council (IFC) and Panhellenic Council (PH C) inaugurated their executive officers for 2008 in a formal ceremony on Jan. 23 in the Adron Doran University Center.

Shea Harris, a junior nursing major from **Centerburg , Ohio** , and member of Chi Omega sorority was christened president of PHC. David Goldman of **Maysville** , a philosophy major and member of Pi Kappa Phi will lead IFC.

Harris said her goals were to focus sororities on community service. Goldman indicated he planned to get fraternities more involved in the Rowan County community.

Amy Sexton of Delta Gamma, a junior exercise science major from **Ashland** , will be the internal vice president for PHC. Her counterpart on IFC is Benji Conner of **Cincinnati** , a Theta Chi member. Connor will serve as the executive vice president for IFC.

Kappa Delta member Kristen Yates, a junior business administration member from **Grayson** , will be PHC's recruitment chair. Sigma Phi Epsilon member Daniel Holley of **Wilmington , Ohio** , will chair recruitment efforts for IFC. Recruitment chairs are key positions for Greeks, as they are in charge of all new member intake processes.

Megan Mitchell of Delta Zeta sorority is the new treasurer of PHC. Mitchell, an art major from **Ludlow Falls , Ohio** , is the only officer in either group to have previously served on a council. Matt Fuller of **Columbus , Ohio** , an organizational and international communication major and a Sigma Alpha Epsilon member, is IFC's new treasurer.

Jamie Day of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, an advertising/public relations major from **Marion** is Panhellenic's secretary. Gamma Phi Beta sorority member Britney Maynard is the external vice president of PHC. Maynard is a biology/pre-med major from **Belfry** .

Incoming IFC officers Derek Orme of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, risk manager for IFC and Chris Butler of Sigma Phi Epsilon, IFC secretary, could not attend the ceremony because of class. They will be sworn in next week at IFC's first meeting.

Mike Esposito, director of student activities and Greek life, said he is excited about the forthcoming year. "The chapters have chosen outstanding student leaders. This will be a transformative year for both organizations and I am eager to work with them to bring about positive change."

Currently, 750 students participate in Greek life at Morehead State University.

Additional information about student organizations and activities at MSU is available by calling the Office of Student Activities at (606) 783-2071.

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## Students selected for Intercollegiate Orchestra

Eight Morehead State University students have been selected to participate in the 2008 Kentucky Intercollegiate Orchestra. Ensemble members are selected from all Kentucky colleges and universities.

MSU students invited to participate were: H.J. Adams, **Louisville** freshman; Josh Breckenridge **Maysville** junior; David Brock, **Batavia, Ohio**, senior; Joe Dixon, **Ashland** junior; Heather Gibson, **Louisville** senior; Kevin Lampson, **Harrodsburg** graduate student; Ryan Miller, **Dayton** junior; and Brent Wilson, **Mt. Sterling** sophomore.

The Kentucky Music Educators Association sponsors the Intercollegiate Orchestra. The guest conductor for the orchestra is Dr. David Wiley, music director of both the Roanoke (Va.) Symphony Orchestra and New York's Long Island Philharmonic.

The Intercollegiate Orchestra is one of many performing ensembles that will be a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual In-service and Professional Development Conference of the Kentucky Music Educators Association. The performance will be on Thursday, Feb. 7 in Whitney Hall in the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville.

The performance is free and will begin at 8 p.m.

Additional information about the ensemble is available by calling Dr. Jeannie Lee, associate professor of trombone, at (606) 783-2477.

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## Students selected for Intercollegiate Honor Band

Twelve Morehead State University students have been selected to participate in the 2008 Kentucky Intercollegiate Band. Ensemble members are selected from all Kentucky colleges and universities.

MSU students invited to participate were: Allyson Martin, **Frankfort** senior; Melissa Tackett, **Pikeville** junior; Amanda Daniels, **Morehead** senior; Kaitlin Mansfield, **Ashland** sophomore; Audrey McMurray, **Richmond** freshman; Catherine Strobel, **Lexington** senior; Patrick Mosser, **Louisville** junior; Frances Lotz, **Pikeville** senior; Jonathan Payne, **Ashland** sophomore; Casey O'Neal, **Grove City, Ohio**, sophomore; Jeff Donaldson, **Loveland, Ohio** senior; and Kevin Callihan, **Ashland** freshman.

The Kentucky Music Educators Association sponsors the Intercollegiate Band. The guest conductor for the Intercollegiate is Paula Crider, former director of bands and professor emeritus at the University of Texas.

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The show is free and will begin at 8 p.m.

Additional information about the ensemble is available by calling Dr. Richard Miles, professor of music and director of bands, at (606) 783-2486.

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## Students selected for Intercollegiate Jazz Band

Three Morehead State University students have been selected to participate in the 2008 Kentucky Intercollegiate Jazz Band. Ensemble members are selected from all Kentucky colleges and universities.

The MSU students invited to participate were: Justin Croushore, **Hebron** freshman; Jose Oreta, **Ashland** junior; and Joey Thieman, **Morehead** senior.

The Kentucky Music Educators Association sponsors the Intercollegiate Jazz Band. The guest conductor for the Intercollegiate Jazz Band is Hunt Butler, professor of jazz studies at Kentucky State University.

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The performance is free and will begin at 8 p.m.

Additional information about the ensemble is available by calling Dr. Gordon Towell, professor of jazz studies, at (606)783-2198.

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## Dr. Little to perform in front of President Bush

Dr. Ricky Little, Morehead State University associate professor of music, will perform with the American Spiritual Ensemble at the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Kickoff to be held at the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Hodgenville on Tuesday, Feb.12.

President George W. Bush is expected to deliver the keynote address, formally launching the nation's two-year celebration of Lincoln's life and legacy.

State governors and other dignitaries also are expected to be in attendance. Dirk Kempthorne, secretary of interior, and Mary Bomar, National Parks director, are scheduled to speak.

The event will be presided over by Tommy Turner, LaRue County judge and National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial commissioner. It will feature music provided by the American Spiritual Ensemble, the Saxton's Cornet Band, a dramatic presentation of Lincoln's words by award-winning actor Sam Waterston, best known for his role on television's Law and Order, and acclaimed Lincoln historian and Pulitzer Prize winning author, Doris Kearns Goodwin.

First Lady Laura Bush also is expected for the event that will be televised on C-SPAN.

Dr. Little is the assistant conductor of the American Spiritual Ensemble. He has performed for other dignitaries and heads of state, including former President Bill Clinton and the royal family of Liechtenstein.

In 2004, the American Spiritual Ensemble was invited to perform for King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia of Spain at the Iglesia de San Gines in Madrid, Spain.

This event is free and open to the public.

Additional information and event updates can be obtained at [www.nps.gov/ablin](http://www.nps.gov/ablin) or by calling (270) 358-3137 .

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## Jazz Ensemble I to perform at KMEA Conference

Morehead State University's Jazz Ensemble I will be performing at the upcoming Kentucky Music Educators Association Conference at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville on Feb. 8 at 1:15 p.m.

This is a prestigious invitation for the ensemble, as they will be performing for music educators from across the state. Jazz I is MSU's premiere jazz ensemble and maintains an active performance schedule on campus and throughout the region.

Regular appearances are made at the Elmhurst Jazz Festival, Marshall Jazz Festival, the University of Louisville Jazz Week and the Morehead State Jazz Clinic.

The group has performed with Greg Abate, Tom Walsh, Pat Harbison, Eddie Morgan, Vince DiMartino, Dr. Lou Fischer, Alex Norris and many other great jazz artists.

In 2007, the ensemble was awarded outstanding recognition at the Elmhurst Collegiate Jazz Festival. The ensemble consists of students from all disciplines and membership is by audition. Dr. Gordon Towell, professor of jazz studies, directs the ensemble.

Additional information about Jazz I and/or jazz studies is available by contacting Dr. Towell at (606) 783-2198 or [g.towell@morehead-st.edu](mailto:g.towell@morehead-st.edu)

## MSU to reduce number of sponsored intercollegiate sports

Morehead State University Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Brian Hutchinson today (Feb. 8) announced that, beginning with the 2008-09 school year, Morehead State will sponsor 16 intercollegiate sports, down from 18 currently.

Women's golf, already led by Head Coach Stephanie Barker, will field its first competitive team since 1984. The men's and women's rifle programs will be consolidated into a mixed team and the institution will no longer sponsor men's and women's indoor track and field. Outdoor track and field will remain.

It is the first realignment of intercollegiate sports at MSU since women's soccer was added in 1998. Hutchinson also announced that MSU will add NCAA women's bowling and equestrian programs within the next 4-6 years.

"This realignment is the culmination of a well-considered, thoughtful process that began nearly two years ago," Hutchinson stated. "We were aided by Alden and Associates, a consulting firm which studied our Title IX compliance measures."

He continued:

"Ultimately, we have to consider how many sports we can sponsor with adequate financial resources, how we manage them within the context of Title IX compliance, and how can we offer the best experience possible for our student-athletes. We feel these steps lead us in that direction."

Hutchinson added that the plan was endorsed by MSU's Intercollegiate Athletics Committee and approved by President Wayne D. Andrews.

"This new direction for our athletics program comes at an opportune time when we are engaged in a careful review of all aspects of the institutional budget," said President Andrews. "Refocusing resources

for improved efficiency and effectiveness in any program is a positive step. In athletics, as well as academics, we want to be the best we can afford to be."

Additional information is available by calling Hutchinson at (606) 783-2089

## 'Sizzlin' Night' set for Feb. 13

A late-evening extravaganza of food and fun will be held at Morehead State University on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Dubbed "Sizzlin' Night," the event will be hosted by the Student Activities Council (SAC). It will feature various games and other activities from 10 p.m. until midnight, all in the Laughlin Health Building.

Corn toss, basketball, bowling, board games, massages, salsa and line dancing will be available. Flying disks will be given to the first 300 people who attend, and T-shirts and other miscellaneous prizes will be awarded.

"Sizzlin' Night" is free and open to MSU students, faculty and staff. Co-sponsors are the: Office of Minority Retention Services; McClure Pool office; Wellness Center and Intramurals office.

Additional information is available by calling Terri L. Roberts, student activities coordinator, at (606) 783-2863.

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## Students to voice concerns to state officials

Morehead State University students will join other collegians in voicing their continuing concerns about higher education and its escalating costs at a rally in Frankfort on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Buses will load at 7:45 a.m. in the Cartmell Hall/Laughlin Health Building parking lot on campus on the morning of the annual rally, according to Brian N. Gay, **Cincinnati** graduate student and president of MSU's Student Government Association. The main rally will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the rotunda of the Capitol building. "Every year college students gather in Frankfort for the rally. But this year, students have more at stake than ever before," said Gay. "I believe MSU students have traditionally had the strongest presence at the rally because many of our students are putting themselves through school. We know that a tuition increase today means going without something else tomorrow."

Students who attend the rally will be given the opportunity to meet with legislators who influence tuition rates and other issues. There is no charge to ride the bus, and all participating MSU students will be provided with a free lunch. However, reservations are necessary for all those planning to attend to guarantee food and seat availability. Registration is available online at [www.moreheadstate.edu/sga](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sga). Participants will be given a letter confirming their attendance at the conclusion of the rally.

Another opportunity for students to impact legislators' actions will be held on campus on Tuesdays, Feb. 12 and 18 - "Listen Up Legislators." Coordinated by SGA, students may send an e-mail or make a phone call to their individual government representatives from the second floor of the Adron Doran University Center. SGA members will be on hand to assist students with speaking points and other tools.

Additional information is available by calling the SGA office at (606) 783-2298.

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## Diana Amos to be guest artist March 6

Morehead State University's Department of Music will host guest artist Diana Amos, soprano, in a recital on Thursday evening, March 6 at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Building.

The event is being sponsored by MSU's chapter of the Student National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Amos has sung leading roles in more than 25 German opera houses. Career highlights include the roles of Queen of the Night in Mozart's "The Magic Flute" at the Berlin State Opera, Olympia in "The Tales of Hoffmann" at the Semper Opera in Dresden and at the Cologne Opera, and Zerbinetta in "Ariadne auf Naxos" in Hannover.

Amos received a Bachelor of Music degree in voice from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio, as well as a vocal performance diploma from the Hochschule für Musik in Cologne, Germany.

After joining the German Bielefeld Theater as a soloist, she was presented with the North Rhine Westfalia Young Artists Award in Düsseldorf. She has sung the role of Zemire in Gretry's "Zemire and Azor" with at the Houston Grand Opera and was the soprano soloist in Brahms' "German Requiem" with the South Carolina Philharmonic.

Amos currently resides with her children in Grayson. She is married to Julien Salemkour, a conductor at the Berlin State Opera and assistant to pianist/conductor Daniel Barenboim.

Both of Amos' parents are MSU graduates.

The concert is free and open to the public. It will feature songs by Schubert, Mahler and Gershwin, and operatic arias by Mozart.

Additional information is available from Dr. Prindle at (606) 783-2481 or by sending a message to [r.prindle@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:r.prindle@moreheadstate.edu).

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## Hill's film to air on KET

A film by Jeffrey Hill, a Morehead State University faculty member, will have its premiere on the Kentucky Educational Television's cultural program Kentucky Life.

The MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) funded film, "Seed To Stalk: A Sorghum Tradition," will debut on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m.

This project, which highlights Menifee County sorghum producer Ron Welch, has played at numerous festivals in North America along with Africa, Alaska and Canada.

Subsequent air dates can be found at Kentucky Life's Web site <http://www.ket.org/kentuckylife/>.

Hill is an assistant professor of mass communication in MSU's Department of Communication and Theatre. Additional information is available by calling Hill at (606) 783-9383.

## MSPR receives My Source grant

Morehead State Public Radio has received a "My Source" grant from the National Center for Outreach in cooperation with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The project is a public awareness initiative created to celebrate and affirm the essential role of public broadcasting in American society. Through the grant, public broadcasting enthusiasts may contribute to a national conversation on how public media cultivates an informed and educated society.

Morehead State Public Radio is collecting comments at [www.msuradio.com](http://www.msuradio.com).

"We are pleased to participate in this national campaign that celebrates one of the core values of public broadcasting: sharing stories," said Amanda Baldwin, marketing and development director for MSPR.

"We are asking our listeners to visit our Web site and describe in their own words how public broadcasting matters in their lives and communities."

Comments will be collected and posted online at MSPR's Web site. Listeners are asked to explore their reasons for supporting public broadcasting and share their stories beginning with the phrase "MSPR is my source for..."

Participants in the "My Source" project also will have the option of having their story produced into an audio spot which will air locally and can be submitted for the national campaign.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3FM) 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.

Complete details on the "My Source" project can be found at [www.msuradio.com](http://www.msuradio.com). Additional information also is available by calling Baldwin at (606) 783-2394.  
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## Dr. Gross to teach in Africa

A Morehead State University nursing professor will spend the rest of 2008 teaching in Africa.

Dr. Janet Gross, professor of nursing, arrived in Ghana this week where she will be a visiting professor in the Department of Nursing at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana.

Dr. Gross is working there as a result of a agreement between MSU and UCC that provides opportunities for faculty and students to participate in exchanges that enrich academic and professional careers.

Located on the Gulf of Guinea, UCC shares similarities with MSU. It was first established in 1962 as a teacher's college. The current student enrollment of approximately 14,000 has expanded academic offerings in disciplines such as agriculture, business, physical science, biological sciences, music and social sciences.

In addition to serving as a visiting professor, Dr. Gross will be offering a study abroad course in Ghana during June 2008 through the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad. The application deadline for this program is Feb. 29.

Dr. Gross earned her D.S.N. degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She received a master's degree in nursing from the University of Kentucky and a bachelor's degree, also in nursing, from Niagara University in New York.

She has served on MSU's faculty since 1983 in various academic and administrative roles, including as coordinator of the associate's and baccalaureate degree nursing programs, and interim chair of the Department of Nursing. She most recently was the interim director of the Office of International Education.

Dr. Gross is currently teaching NURS 345 (Global Health) online, and is scheduled to teach for the Summer I term before officially retiring June 30. She will return to the MSU campus in January 2009 in the re-employment program for retired faculty.

Additional information about the University of Cape Coast is available at <http://ucc.edu.gh/>. Faculty and students interested in learning more about exchange opportunities or studying abroad in Ghana may contact the Office of International Education at (606) 783-2096.

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## Four cadets selected as Distinguished Military Graduates

Morehead State University's Army ROTC Program has four senior cadets selected as Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG) for the 2007-2008 school year.

Cadets Adam Barlow, **Shelbyville, Ind** ; Lucy Bowen, **Morehead** ; Jacob Chocholous, **Springboro, Ohio** ; and Robert McWhorter, **Morehead** ; have been designated DMG by the Army Cadet Command at Fort Monroe, Va.

The national ranking system, called the "order of merit" list, is a combination of accomplishments from their college careers. The top 20 percent nationally are awarded the title of DMG.

This year MSU has four of eight cadets in the 2008 senior class listed as DMG for a rate of 50 percent, the highest in Kentucky and Ohio.

Every cadet is rated on a point system based on activities completed during the last three years. A number of factors go into an accession packet and all 4,099 cadets nationwide are ranked according to the number of points they achieve.

Cadets are judged on grade point average (40 percent), leadership and military skills performance (45 percent), which includes evaluations from Warrior Forge (summer training at Ft. Lewis, Wash.) and ranking among their platoon at Warrior Forge, physical fitness and extracurricular activities (15 percent).

Barlow, a 3.0 GPA government major, is Eagle Battalion executive officer. He is a member of Scabbard and Blade National Military Honors Society, Raider Company military organization, MSU Methodist Student Center Ministry Team, worship leader in his church and a member of the M5C band.

Bowen, a 4.0 GPA business management major, is the Eagle Battalion operations officer. She is a member of the Scabbard and Blade National Military Honors Society and Beta Gamma Sigma. She served more than nine years on active duty with the Army and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant (P) prior to entering the ROTC program at MSU. She is the mother of 12-year old twins, Christopher and Charlie Murphy.

Chocholous, a 3.5 GPA communication production major, is Eagle Battalion assistant operations officer. He is a member of the Scabbard and Blade National Military Honors Society and a Bible study leader for the campus Crusade for Christ.

McWhorter, a 4.0 GPA business administration major, is commander of the Scabbard and Blade National Military Honors Society and a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. He is Eagle Battalion Commander and received the Warrior Ethos and Recondo awards at Warrior Forge. He is married to the former Heather Handshoe.

Cadets Barlow, Bowen, Chocholous and McWhorter, along with the other senior cadets, will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants during the May 2008 Commencement Ceremony at MSU.

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## Comedian Preacher Moss to perform at MSU on Feb. 27

Preacher Moss is clearly the new prototype for the comedian of these times and the times to come.

He will bring his "End of Racism" show to Morehead State University on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall, within Baird Music Hall.

The event is being sponsored by the Student Activities Council, which will give away two free front row tickets to the April 23 Spring SAC Concert featuring Chamillionaire with opening act Black Violin .

A writer for Damon Wayans, and *Saturday Night Live* , Moss' comedy stylings are distinguished for being sculptured out of the everyday relevance of life, and the rare glimpses of truth we value as reality.

According to reviews, Moss is intellectual, yet humble. He is charismatic and dynamic, but yet he does not have to demand great attention or time

because his audiences come to cooperatively listen, laugh, and in "special" moments, reflect.

Besides Wayans, he has served as a comedy writer for such comedians as Darrell Hammond and George Lopez.

For the past few years, Moss has been touring the national college and high school lecture circuit performing his own unique brand of humor in a lecture and comedy presentation. His background has been rooted in years of service to the community. A teacher of the emotionally disturbed for over eight years, Moss' outlook simply personifies that of a person who reaches out because he believes that we are truly one community.

A "social services warrior," his style of living, and comedy is reminiscent of the on-going struggle we all endure to simply be human.

Additional information is available by calling Terri Roberts, student activities coordinator, at (606) 783-2071.

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## Nominations sought for distinguished service awards

Morehead State University is seeking nominations for two of its most prestigious honors: the 2007-08 Distinguished Faculty and Distinguished Staff service awards.

Full-time faculty members whose primary responsibility is teaching and staff members whose major duties do not include teaching are eligible for nomination for the faculty and staff awards, respectively. Information on employee status is available in the University Personnel Policy Manual.

The nomination packet should include the name and address of the nominee along with a brief one-page letter explaining how the individual meets the criteria. The supporting materials should detail the individual's service to the University, including service as an official representative of MSU; serving as sponsor or adviser of an extracurricular activity; participating in ad hoc or standing committee at the department, college or university level; coordination of and participation in workshops, conferences, clinics, in-service and special events; development of non-research proposals; development of relations/partnerships with external groups, such as business, civic, education and government; and volunteer role in the community, such as coach for Little League, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

The name of the nominator and the nominee will remain anonymous. Materials must be mailed to Service Committee, Morehead State University, 150 University Boulevard, Box 764, Morehead, KY 40351-1689, by 4 p.m. on Monday, March 3.

The recipients of the distinguished service awards will receive a medallion and a \$2,500 award. Nominations will be accepted from University faculty, staff, retirees and students as well as members of the community.

The awards will be presented during the annual Academic Honors Convocation on Sunday, April 27.

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## High school art exhibition and competition set for March 12

The gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building on the Morehead State University campus will be the site of the "Kentucky Burley/Coal Regional High School Exhibition and Competition," March 5-12.

A jury, comprised of art faculty and a member of the Kentucky Art Education Association, will present Best in Show awards for both two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork as well as ribbons for first place in each art media category .

In conjunction with the exhibition, MSU's Department of Art will host its annual High School Art Day on Wednesday, March 12. There will be activities and demonstrations throughout the day as well as a sculpture competition.

High schools participating are from these counties: Bath, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Perry, Pike, Robertson, Rowan and Wolfe.

To make viewing the exhibition more convenient for high school students, friends and family, the gallery will be open special hours on Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The gallery in Claypool-Young features contemporary art for the Morehead State University community as well as the University's service region. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

There is no charge for viewing and the public is invited to attend. Parking is available on University Street and Elizabeth Avenue, directly behind the Claypool-Young Art Building.

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

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## West Liberty SBDC to present child care provider seminar

Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center at West Liberty will host a workshop "Becoming a Certified Child Care Provider." It will be held Tuesday, April 8, at MSU's Regional Enterprise Center.

The class will run from noon to 2 p.m.

Melissa Kane of the Gateway Child Care Resource and Referral program will lead the presentation and discuss program planning, management and regulatory issues for establishing family child care homes.

Additional information is available by calling Michael A. Rodriguez, SBDC consultant, at (606) 743-4005 or register online at [ksbdc.org](http://ksbdc.org).

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# Success Academy will begin in June

To better prepare its freshmen class, Morehead State University will host the 2008 Success Academy, June 23-July 25. The Academy is a five-week program of college instruction and tutoring for students admitted to the University who are in need of additional academic preparation.

The Academy will give students who need to brush up on math, reading or English skills a head start so they are better prepared for their first semester at MSU.

"The University is committed to helping students succeed in college. To do this, we're offering students who need a little extra help getting started a good program and a good value," said Dr. Dan Connell, associate provost academic outreach and support.

Participants will have the opportunity to enroll in two developmental courses, and a special College Success course that combines study skills, career planning, and Freshman Orientation.

Students who complete the academy will begin the Fall 2008 semester with nine (9) college credits completed, and more importantly, be better prepared for success in their freshman year.

High school seniors who have taken the ACT exam and scored below 18 on two or more of the mathematics, English, and reading sections (science not included) are eligible to participate.

Extensive tutoring and supplemental instruction will be provided during each class day, and also be available near student living areas during evening hours. The College Success Class will improve study skills, emphasize career development, and orient students to the programs, people and services at MSU.

The Success Academy will be located on MSU's Morehead campus. Students will live in residence halls and are subject to all university regulations. Residence assistants and tutor/peer counselors also will live in halls with students to provide academic support, programming, and administration of residence hall policies.

Guest speakers and other special activities will give participants a head start toward success when they begin college in the fall.

Students who are eligible for financial aid, and file early for summer aid (the deadline is June 15), may be able to lower the cost significantly. Enrollment is limited to 60.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Mike Hopper, director of academic and career services, at (606) 783-2084 or by visiting the Success Academy Web site at [www.moreheadstate.edu/success](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/success).

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## 'Can' your parking fines

Morehead State University's Student Government Association has teamed up with the University's police force on a unique project to collect food for the needy, while allowing students to "pay" parking tickets at the same time.

SGA has partnered with the MSU Police Department to sponsor a food drive that allows students to pay a portion of their parking fines with canned goods. The amount of the reduction depends on the number of food items the student donates.

A contribution of at least four cans of food will reduce a parking ticket by \$10. To get \$15 off a fine, a student may donate at least six cans of food. Nine cans or more will give a student a \$20 reduction on a ticket.

"I am really excited about the food drive," said Rebecka Hollon, Middletown, Ohio, junior and vice president for public relations for SGA. "I know as student government, it is our responsibility to help make the campus better for the students, and parking has been an issue on this campus since before I even got here."

There are certain conditions that apply. A minimum \$5 charge on any ticket will always be in effect, and the food donation/fine reduction plan is not valid toward tow charges. It also may not be applied to either disabled parking or fire lane parking violations.

All food collected will be donated to Christian Social Services in Rowan County for distribution to needy individuals and families. The drive will last through the spring semester.

If the project is a success, Hollon hopes that it can continue for additional semesters.

"To me, this food drive will not only help the students on this campus, but the community as well, which really is why we are here."

Additional information is available by calling the SGA office at (606) 783-2298.

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## White to speak at CY gallery

An artist who explores race and gender issues will speak about her work at Morehead State University on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. in the Claypool-Young Art Building's auditorium.

Yonsenia White, associate professor of art and art history at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va., will be the participating artist in Self-Evident: Contemporary American Self-Portraiture, the current exhibition at the Claypool-Young art gallery.

Through her work, she documents and explores personal and social aspects of being a woman of color, provoking dialogue about race and gender identity in contemporary life. The event is supported by MSU's Department of Art, Cultural Studies Program and the Diversity Initiative.

The Self-Evident: Contemporary American Self-Portraiture closing reception, immediately following her lecture, is scheduled from 6 - 8 p.m. and will feature complimentary refreshments and live music by the Clack Mountain String Band.

All gallery events are free and open to the public.

Additional information on the visiting artist event, or any programming associated with the Claypool-Young art gallery is available from Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at (606) 783-5446 or [j.reis@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:j.reis@moreheadstate.edu).

## Dr. Gail Dines to be guest lecturer

**Dr. Dines' lecture has been postponed (3/11/08). Contact Dr. Sylvia Henneberg for more information.**

An expert in social issues in the media will give a guest lecture at Morehead State University.

Dr. Gail Dines will present "Sexy or Sexist? Images of Women and Men in Popular Culture" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11 in Button Auditorium.

She is the co-editor of the best-selling media textbook, "Gender, Race and Class in Media," and co-author of "Pornography: The Production and Consumption of Inequality." Her articles on pornography, the media and violence have appeared in academic journals, books and in various national periodicals.

A feminist activist, Dr. Dines is professor of sociology and women's studies, and chair of American studies at Wheelock College in Boston. She received her Ph.D. degree from Salford University in England.

Her program is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program at MSU.

Co-sponsors for the event are MSU units/departments: Arts and Humanities Council; Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology; Office of the Provost; Panhellenic Council; Department of Art; Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy;

Department of Geography, Government and History; Multicultural Student Services Action Agenda; Office of the President Cultural Diversity Fund; First Year Program; Student Wellness; College of Education; Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy; and Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences.

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

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## APSI will be held in July

Morehead State University will again provide summer training for educators who teach Advanced Placement courses in their schools.

Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) will be held July 7-11 on the MSU campus. Advanced Placement courses give high school students an opportunity to enhance their studies and strengthen the rigor of high school curriculum. The Institute includes in-depth instruction and interaction with session leaders, focusing on positive and effective teaching strategies.

Now in its eighth year, the APSI will include instruction in 20 courses: art history, biology, calculus AB, chemistry, economics-macro/micro combined, English language, English literature, environmental science, European history, French language, German Language, human geography, music theory, physics, psychology, Spanish language, statistics, U.S. government and politics, U.S. history and world history.

MSU's program is provided through a partnership with The College Board, a national non-profit membership association dedicated to preparing, inspiring and connecting students to college. The Board provides educators with information, tools and strategies needed to build and strengthen their professional skills and techniques.

Morehead State University's 2007 Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) drew more than 175 educators from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia, as well as Germany.

Each participant may enroll in one course. The fee is \$400, plus an additional \$35 lab fee for biology, chemistry, environmental science and physics. Applications are available online at [www.moreheadstate.edu/oce](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/oce).

Additional information is available from Tina Stafford-Baldwin, MSU distance education director, by sending a message to [t.stafford@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:t.stafford@moreheadstate.edu) or by calling (606) 783-2605 or (800) 585-6781, option 3.

Posted: 2-18-08

## Open House set for March 29

Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host an Open House on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. until noon, the events will be held in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

According to Enrollment Services, the Open House events will be an excellent opportunity for students and families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the fourth year running.

University representatives will be available to meet students and families, answer questions, lead campus tours and share information concerning college life.

"Our goal is to make it convenient to get answers to questions about starting college by bringing deans, department chairs and faculty from our academic programs, as well as staff from admissions, financial aid, housing and many more services together in one place," said Holly Pollock, assistant director of enrollment services. "Families will hear success stories about our graduates and learn some statistics that demonstrate the academic quality offered at MSU."

On one such measure of success, MSU graduates are consistently accepted into professional schools, including medical, dental and pharmacy programs, at rates well above state and national averages.

MSU earned a third place ranking among top tier public universities for faculty-to-student ratios and class size.

Eighty-eight percent of the MSU faculty is full-time.

Students and families are encouraged to register for the Open House. To learn more about this event or to complete an online registration card, you may visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse).

Additional information is available by calling Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

Posted: 3-28-08

## Theatre students to present 'A Comedy of Errors'

One of William Shakespeare's earliest plays, "A Comedy of Errors," will be staged at Morehead State University for three nights, Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 28-March 1.

The comic farce tells the story of two sets of twins who leave Syracuse for Ephesus, where they meet their respective identical twin brothers. The interaction of their friends and family members leads to confusion, mistaken identities, arrests and accusations.

It was based on "Menaechmi" by the Roman dramatist Plautus. The slapstick humor of the play is enhanced by numerous puns and comic banter.

"A Comedy of Errors," a Main Stage theatre production, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. each evening in Button Auditorium on the Morehead campus.

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for non-MSU students and senior citizens. MSU students will be admitted free with a valid EagleCard ID.

Additional information and reservations are available by calling the Theatre Box Office at (606) 783-2170.

**"A COMEDY OF ERRORS" CAST AND CREW**

Angel Adkins, **Kimper**, assistant stage manager. Kimper, a social work major, is the daughter of Donna Coleman and Joe Adkins.

Charles Baker, **Ashcamp** freshman, as Officer 2/Messenger. A theatre major, he is the son of Charles Baker and Salena Baker.

Evan Blanton, **Batavia , Ohio** , freshman, as Officer 3/Headman/1<sup>st</sup> Merchant. Blanton, a theatre major, is the son of Tim and Lesley Blanton. He is a member of the MSU Players.

Lisa Bryant, **Vancleve** junior, as Dr. Pinch. A psychology major, Bryant is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary and MSU Players. She is the daughter of William and Mila Bryant.

Amanda Garyette Carter, **Catlettsburg** senior, as Emilia. Carter, a theatre major, is secretary of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. She is the daughter of Gary and Nancy Carter.

Greg Carlisle, of **Clearfield** , as Father. An MSU faculty member, he is an instructor in the Department of Communication and Theatre.

Andrew Chang, **Ashland** senior, as Dromio of Syracuse. Chang, a theatre major, is president of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. He is the son of Charlene Tackett.

Travis Clark, **Ashland** senior, as Antipholus of Syracuse. A theatre major, he is a member of the Little Company theatre troupe. His parents are Mark Clark and Becky Clark.

William E. Clark Jr., **Catlettsburg** sophomore, as Officer 1. Clark, a theatre major, is the son of William Clark Sr. and Jessica Clark.

Elizabeth Donathan, **West Liberty** freshman, as Jailor/Citizen. Donathan, an English major, is the granddaughter of Charles and Barbara Black.

Lee Ann Fryman, **Cynthiana** sophomore, as Lucianna. Fryman, a theatre major, is a member of the MSU Dance Ensemble and the Little Company theatre troupe. She is the daughter of Dale and Karen Fryman.

Anna Griffin, **Hamilton , Ohio** , freshman, as a Citizen. An art education/history major, she is a member of the Art Club. Her parents are Jeff and Teresa Griffin.

Terrill Kucera, **Dry Ridge** sophomore, as Antipholus of Ephesus. Kucera, a Spanish and theatre major, is a member of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary and the Little Company theatre troupe. He is the son of Neil Kucera and Selene Crosby.

Morganne Mackarry Meaney, **Columbus , Ohio** , sophomore, stage manager. Meaney, a theatre major, is a member of MSU Players and a Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary pledge. She is the daughter of Jim and Wendy Meaney.

Shayla Menville, **Morehead** junior, as Adriana. Menville, a theatre major, is a member of the Student Government Association, the Latter-Day Saint Student Association, Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary, MSU Players and the Morehead Theatre Guild. She is the daughter of Anna Chere Menville and Helen Rowe.

Jessica Moulis, **Maysville** senior, as Duke. Moulis, a theatre major, is a member of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. She is the daughter of Scott Moulis and Betsy Palmer.

Kasi Orr, **Butler** junior. A theatre major, Orr is a member of the MSU Dance Ensemble, MSU Players and Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. She is the daughter of Rick and Lynn Orr.

Patrick Adam Poe, **Maysville** junior, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Merchant. Poe, a theatre major, is a member of the MSU Players and Maysville Players. He is the son of Rick and Tina Poe.

Bria ViOcta LoRae Stacy, **Hindman** sophomore, as Dromio of Ephesus. Stacy, a theatre major, is a member of the MSU Speech Team, MSU Players and Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. She is the daughter of Victoria (Vicci) Young and Roger Stacy.

Nathan Wellman, **Catlettsburg** freshman, as Balthazar. A theatre major, he is the son of Mike and Terri Wellman.

Lacey Whitley, **Frenchburg** senior, as Luce/Courtesan. A theatre and art major, she is a member of MSU Players and Theta Alpha Phi theatre honorary. She is the daughter of Howard and Diane Whitley.

## Regional MAT sessions planned

College graduates who are interested in a career as a teacher may want to attend one of the upcoming information sessions on the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program at Morehead State University.

MSU offers three MAT programs (middle school/secondary/special education) in which degree holders with no prior teaching experience may obtain a master's degree and teacher certification, while employed as a teacher.

Orientation sessions for the MAT program at MSU will be held in various locations from Feb. 27-March 25. At the sessions, program design, including admission and application processes for middle, secondary and special education teaching will be discussed. Interested persons are encouraged to bring transcripts, GRE/ACT scores and any Praxis test results they may have.

Sessions will be held on various dates at several locations:

- Wednesday, Feb. 27, 3 p.m., MSU at Jackson
- Friday, Feb. 29, 4 p.m., Morton Middle School in Lexington
- Tuesday, March 11, 3 p.m., MSU at Prestonsburg
- Tuesday, March 11, 4 p.m., MSU at West Liberty
- Tuesday, March 11, 6 p.m., MSU at Ashland
- Wednesday, March 12, 4 p.m., MSU at Mt. Sterling
- Tuesday, March 25, 6 p.m., Mason County High School

On MSU's Morehead campus, orientation meetings are available by appointment.

Additional information on the Master of Arts in Teaching is available by calling the program office at (606) 783-2079; or by sending e-mail to Michelle Roberts, MAT admissions coordinator, at [m.roberts@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:m.roberts@moreheadstate.edu).

Posted: 2-19-08

## Spring Career Fair slated for March 4

Morehead State University's Career Services will host its spring Career Fair March 4. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Crager Room, Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

The Career Fair is a great way for students to start the job search. Employers will be looking to fill not only full-time positions, but also internships, part-time, and seasonal positions. Graduate programs will be in attendance as well.

"I look forward to the Career Fair. Last semester, I had the opportunity to meet with many grad programs that I have since applied to." said Jessica Burchett, senior Ashland, a pre-physician assistant major.

Career Services will be holding a Resume Blitz to help students prepare for the Career Fair. The Blitz will be on Feb. 18 and 19 from noon to 3 p.m. on the second floor of ADUC.

Participants should bring an up-to-date resume to be reviewed. Career Services also will have a "How to Work a Career Fair" workshop on Feb. 27 at 12:40 p.m. in 211 Allie Young Hall. The workshop will review proper dress, how to introduce yourself, interviewing and standing out among others.

More than 35 employers have already registered and more are expected.

Additional information regarding the participating businesses can be accessed on the Web at [www.moreheadstate.edu/career/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/career/) or by calling (606) 783-2233.

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## Trumpeters invited to National Trumpet Competition

Morehead State University's trumpet ensembles have been invited to compete in this year's Trumpet Ensemble Division at the National Trumpet Competition March 13-16 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

This year, MSU assembled a second ensemble for the first time. Both groups submitted recordings to a preliminary committee for review and consideration in December.

"We are thrilled that so many more students will be involved in this national and prestigious competition. Just to be invited to compete is a wonderful honor. I couldn't be more proud," said Greg Wing, assistant professor of trumpet and director of both ensembles.

Members include: Jessica Crittendon, **Kenova, W.Va.**, graduate student; Josh Breckenridge, **Maysville** junior; Jacob Cummins, **Crab Orchard** junior; Frances Lotz, **Pikeville** senior; Ricky Spears, **Ashland** senior; Ryan Mussetter, **Kettering, Ohio**, senior; James Hylton, **Louisa** sophomore; Joey Thieman, **Kettering, Ohio**, senior; Danielle Cirelli, **Woodbridge, N.J.**, graduate student; Caitlin Pillow, **Williamstown** sophomore; and Brian Harding, **Sioux Falls, S.D.**, graduate student.

Three members will be competing in two other competitions.

Crittendon was accepted in the Graduate Solo Division while Thieman and Harding along with Eric Siereveld, **Cincinnati** senior; were accepted into the finals round of the Solo Jazz Division.

The National Trumpet Competition (NTC) was formed in 1992 and is the largest instrument competition in the world. NTC has provided performance and educational opportunities for nearly 3,000 students.

Last year, Wing was invited by the Executive Board of the National Trumpet Competition to become a member of its advisory board. Wing has chaired several adjudication panels and assisted with guest artists in workshops.

Additional information is available by calling Wing at (606) 783-2401 or visiting the NTC Web site at [www.nationaltrumpetcomp.org](http://www.nationaltrumpetcomp.org)

Posted: 2-20-08

## CCL to award \$500 for undergraduate research

Want to win \$500, just for doing your homework?

Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library will reward the quality use of library resources in the scholarly writing process with the prize for Undergraduate Research. Deadline for students to enter is Friday, March 14.

The winner will be announced as a kickoff for National Library Week in mid-April.

Complete details and application materials are available at [www.moreheadstate.edu/library/prize](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/library/prize) . The prize will be awarded at the annual MSU Academic Awards Convocation.

Additional information is available by calling Ray Bailey, librarian, at (606) 783-5106.

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## Geology program reunion planned

A big part of the collegiate experience is developing and maintaining friendships and professional relationships with classmates and professors in one's chosen field. With that in mind, former Morehead State University geosciences students and faculty members are invited to return to the area for the second Geology Program Reunion.

The event will reunite geology, earth science and environmental science alumni from past decades to catch up with each other and to tour points of interest in the region. It will be held Friday through Sunday, June 6-8, at Carter Caves State Resort Park in Olive Hill, and on the MSU campus.

Activities get underway at 4 p.m. on June 6 with registration, followed by a hospitality social hour at 6 p.m. in the Lewis Caveland Lodge. Free square dancing will be available in the campground to those who attend, as well as to other park guests. Social gatherings are planned during the evening for students of the 1960s, 70s, 80s, 90s and more recent alumni.

The main reunion begins Saturday with a morning field trip to see selected depositional settings and fossil localities in Rowan, Morgan and Bath counties. For the second leg of the trip, participants will view black shales and evidence of late Devonian glaciation in the Morehead area. The trip will originate at Lappin Hall on campus, and transportation will be provided.

In lieu of the field trip, reunion-goers may enjoy cave tours at a discounted rate, a hike or canoe trip on Smokey Lake and Smokey Creek.

After the trip and tours, a "Cook-In" will be held, beginning at 6 p.m., at Cascade Cave. John Jordan, Carter Caves park manager, will grill buffalo roasts and ribs as well as chicken. Banquet tables will be set up inside the cave, and presentations will be made during the meal.

On Sunday, June 8, there will be a send-off with breakfast in the front lobby of Lappin Hall, followed by a 10:30 a.m. tour of the Ronald G. Eaglin Space Science Center on campus.

Prior to the reunion, alumni are invited to submit, by April 1, old pictures, movies or videos to include in a presentation to be shown during the event. All materials will be returned as soon as possible, and the program will be loaded onto a DVD, copies of which will be available for purchase.

Registration is necessary to attend the reunion. Geoscience alumni will receive a letter of invitation, along with appropriate forms, in the mail. The deadline to register is April 15.

Reunion information and registration details are available by contacting Charles Mason, professor of geoscience, at (606) 783-2166; or by sending him an electronic message to [c.mason@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:c.mason@moreheadstate.edu). Completed forms and old photos and videos also may be sent to John Tierney, retired park naturalist and MSU alumnus, at 2902 Carter Caves Rd., Olive Hill, KY 41164.

Additional information on Morehead State's earth systems science programs is available by calling the Department of Physical Sciences at (606) 783-2914. Alumni and other interested persons are invited to visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/ess](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/ess) for updates on the reunion.

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## Board of Regents to meet Feb. 21

**EVENT:** Board of Regents Work Session

**DATE:** Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008

**TIME:** 9 a.m.

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

Discussion will focus on: an update on the budget and general education reform and academic program audit; personnel policy revisions; NCAA certification; Legislative Update; and a committee report on the proposed BOR Code of Ethics.

**Media representatives planning to attend the session should call the Media Relations office at (606) 783-2030 before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20.**

## Preparation class for 5K race offered by Wellness Center

Thinking about running in the Morehead State University's Wellness Center FitEagle 5K?

The center will offer a four-week beginner training program to get you ready for the run.

The class will be held 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursdays, March 24- April 18. The first session will meet in the WC classroom, after that at designated courses on campus.

The center also would like to announce its hours of operation for Spring Break. The Wellness Center will be open from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 16; open from 9-noon, Monday through Saturday, March 17-22.

The center will return to its regular hours of operation on Monday, March 24.

Additional information is available by calling the Wellness Center at (606) 783-2083 or by visiting its Web site at [www.moreheadstate.edu/wellness](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/wellness).

Posted: 2-21-08

## Mary C. Arnett, retired assistant librarian, dies at 83

Funeral services for Mary C. Arnett, retired assistant librarian at Camden-Carroll Library, will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. at Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals in Morehead.

Ms. Arnett, 83, died Tuesday in Springfield, Ohio, as a result of complications from a fall at the home of her daughter. Also a former elementary teacher and school librarian in Fleming County, she was a member of MSU's library staff from 1969 to 1990.

A native of Mt. Vernon, Ky., Ms. Arnett was born Aug. 12, 1924. She held bachelor's and master's degree from MSU. She was the widow of Sherman Arnett.

She is survived by a daughter, Brenda Carol Engle of Springfield, Ohio, and two sons, Gerald Arnett of Clearfield and Dr. Larry Arnett of Morehead. Visitation will be after 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Additional information is available at [www.northcuttandson.com](http://www.northcuttandson.com).

## MSU Closings - March 8, 2008

- All MSU Regional campuses are closed for Saturday, March 8.
- All continuing education classes this weekend (March 8 and 9) have been canceled.
- Camden-Carroll Library will be closed today (March 8).
- The baseball games between Morehead State and Canisius, scheduled for Saturday (March 8) and Sunday (March 9) at Allen Field in Morehead have been canceled due to the heavy snowfall.

# MSU's Relay For Life events announced

As a partner in the fight against cancer, Morehead State University's Relay For Life team has several fundraisers planned for the spring semester.

The campus community is encouraged to participate in as many as possible to help raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The team recently sold Valentine's Day treats and has a "messiest desk/office contest" in progress on campus. Through Friday, Feb. 22, the team will accept nominations for the messiest desk or office "award." Nominations are \$2. Pictures of the nominated workstation will be posted online and anyone may vote for their favorite from Monday through Friday, Feb. 25-29.

Votes are 25 cents each and may be cast at room 305 of the Howell-McDowell Administration Building, or at 100 Ginger Hall. The winner will receive a small trophy.

Just in time for the Easter holiday and spring, the team will host its annual online auction beginning Tuesday March 4, and ending Wednesday, March 12 at 3:30 p.m. The auction will feature baked goods and other treats, and may when it opens, may be accessed at [www.moreheadstate.edu/relay](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/relay) . Coming up on Saturday, March 8, the Relay team will sponsor a talent show to be held at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium. Participant registration is \$15 and the deadline to enter is Wednesday, March 5. Prizes are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. Admission to the show will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under the age of 8.

Other events planned include the "Shoot for the Moon Contest" where colleges will compete to sell moon and sun cutouts with which to remember cancer patients. A cookout will be held in mid-April and a yard sale is slated for Saturday, May 3. All proceeds will benefit Relay For Life.

The Relay For Life, scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, will be held at McBrayer Elementary school in Morehead. It is an overnight, fun-filled event that celebrates cancer survivors and raises funds for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. Teams of participants take turns walking or running laps, keeping at least one team member on the track at all times.

Additional information and details about registering for the talent show are available by sending an electronic message to MSU Relay team members Sharon Reynolds, administrative assistant for the vice president for administration and fiscal services ( [sb.reynolds@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:sb.reynolds@moreheadstate.edu) ), or Kristie Williams, education program assistant, ( [k.williams@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:k.williams@moreheadstate.edu) ); or by calling Reynolds at (606) 776-0127. Posted: 2-21-08

## Alumnus Stivers named provost at Grand View College

Morehead State University alumnus Dr. Mary Elizabeth Stivers has been named as the next provost and vice president for academic affairs at Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa, effective July 1.

She will succeed Dr. Ronald Taylor, who will retire.

Dr. Stivers has been associate vice president for academic resources at California State University, San Marcos, since 1998; there, she has been involved in a broad array of leadership assignments including academic strategic planning, faculty hiring, promotions and tenure, faculty and staff development, facilities planning, accreditation, and other special initiatives.

From 1990 to 1998, she was associate professor in the Department of Human Sciences at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. While there, she served as president of the Faculty Senate and as an administrative intern for the

vice president of finance and administration. From 1983 to 1990, she was assistant professor in the Department of Consumer and Family Sciences at Berry College in Rome, Ga. Dr. Stivers earned her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Child and Family Studies at the University of Tennessee and a B.S. degree from MSU.

In accepting the position, Dr. Stivers expressed her excitement about joining the Grand View community.

"I'm eager to begin my involvement in so many of the forward-looking initiatives that are going on at Grand View, particularly the development of graduate programs."

She enjoys antiquing excursions, music, white-water canoeing and horseback riding, among many other interests. "I visited campus for the first time in the middle of a serious cold spell, and everyone wondered how I could contemplate moving from San Diego to Iowa. But really, I'm looking forward to building my first snowman, making snow angels, and getting into a snow ball fight," she said.

Grand View President Kent Henning observed, "Grand View will miss Dr. Taylor's insight, vision, and steady hand in our academic endeavors. His contribution to the College has been significant. We're confident that Dr. Stivers can build upon the work he has done and bring her own unique vision and talents to Grand View as we look toward the future."

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## Drs. Peterson and Decker project funded by CRE

Morehead State University's Dr. Kimberly M. Peterson, assistant professor of veterinary technology, and Dr. Martha M. Decker, assistant professor of education, recently learned that their proposal, titled "Another Chance at Life and Learning: Morehead Youth Development Center Greyhound Project," was funded through the University's Center for Regional Engagement (CRE).

Primary project goals include introducing youth in the juvenile justice system to occupational training through observation and participation in various animal careers and promoting proficiency of veterinary technology students by providing wellness and dental care to retired racing dogs. The grant was one of 13 funded by CRE. Project descriptions are available at: <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/engagement/index.aspx?id=20048> .

As part of the project, students in Dr. Peterson's VET 356 (Veterinary Technology - Small Animal Clinics) class had the opportunity on Tuesday, Jan. 22 to conduct a wellness check and clean the teeth of Reuben, a greyhound owned by the Louisville chapter of Greyhound Pets of America.

Reuben, along with three other greyhounds, is enrolled in a 12-week training program at the Morehead Youth Development Center where primary and secondary handlers will teach the dogs basic commands and to enjoy being pets rather than working dogs. Reuben was accompanied to the clinic by student handlers and Center staff.

Each of the greyhounds will get two complete physicals and any health issues will be addressed as part of the program. The vet tech students will gain valuable experience and the handlers will have the assurance that the dogs they are socializing for new homes are healthy.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Peterson at (606) 783-2327 or Dr. Decker at (606) 783-2507.

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## Gaye Osborne, retired faculty member, dies in Texas

Gaye Osborne of Morehead, a retired faculty member at Morehead State University, died Thursday night in Houston, Texas, where she had been undergoing medical treatment.

Visitation at Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals is scheduled Monday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Lee Cemetery.

Ms. Osborne, 70, was a native of Bypro, Ky. She was a member of MSU's physical education and health faculty from 1965 until her retirement in 1992 at the rank of assistant professor. Previously, she taught at the elementary level in Wheelwright, Ky., and in high school in Spiceland, Ind.

She is survived by her husband, James W. Osborne, and a daughter, Jama Rose of Cynthiana, Ky.

## Tommy Sands to perform March 1

Morehead State University's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music and Morehead Sister Cities Inc. will present singer, songwriter and social activist Tommy Sands with Moya and Fionán Sands on Saturday, March 1.

The event will be held in Duncan Recital Hall, within Baird Music Hall, on the MSU campus. The show is free and open to the public.

From the pioneering days with the highly influential Sands Family, bringing Irish Music from New York's Carnegie Hall to Moscow's Olympic Stadium, he has developed into one of the most powerful songwriters and enchanting solo performers in Ireland today.

His songwriting, which draws the admiration of Nobel Poet Laureate Seamus Heaney and father of folk music Pete Seeger, prompts respected US magazine "Sing Out" to regard him as "the most powerful songwriter in Ireland, if not the rest of the world."

His songs, like There were Roses, and Daughters and Sons, which have been recorded by Joan Baez, Kathy Mattea, Dolores Keane, Sean Keane, Frank Patterson and Dick Gaughan.

The Dubliners and many others have been translated into many languages and are currently included in the English language syllabus in German secondary schools.

Additional information is available by calling KCTM at (606) 783-9001.

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## SGA elections set

Morehead State University's Student Government Election Commission has released the dates for the 2008 Executive Elections.

Students are encouraged on Thursday, March 6, to review the available executive positions and requirements in the Student Activities Office, 204 Adron Doran University Center.

All candidates will be required to attend a mandatory meeting on Thursday, March 13, at 5 p.m. in ADUC. All candidates or campaign managers must attend to be added to the final ballot. No campaigning is

allowed until the completion of this meeting. All candidates will be briefed on election rules in accordance with the SGA bylaws.

On Tuesday, April 1, students will be able to vote for all of the candidates, narrowing the ballot to the two candidates with the most votes in each race.

The following positions will be elected during the 2008 Executive Election: president, executive vice president, vice president for administration, vice president for finance, vice president for public relations and vice president for campus involvement.

Additional information about the election can be obtained by contacting Neil Arnett, SGA election commissioner, at [neil.arnett@gmail.com](mailto:neil.arnett@gmail.com) or by visiting the SGA Web site at [www.moreheadstate.edu/sga](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sga).

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## Oddis named KMEA 'Teacher of the Year'

Frank Oddis, associate professor of music and coordinator of Morehead State University's percussion program, has been given a top teaching honor from a professional organization.

Oddis was presented with the Kentucky Music Educators Association University Teacher of the Year award at the group's conference this month in Louisville. The award was presented to him at the 50th Annual Band Clinic Feb. 16 on campus.

On the MSU faculty since 1977, Oddis holds a master's degree in music performance from East Carolina University and a Bachelor of Music Education degree from MSU. He was honored in 2004 with the MSU Distinguished Creative Productions Award for his achievements and his contributions to the world of percussion.

"Professor Oddis is a devoted teacher and percussion artist who is thoroughly committed to professional excellence," said Dr. M. Scott McBride, professor and chair of the Department of Music. "Of his many achievements, perhaps the most important ones are those represented by the successes of his former students, who praise him as an effective mentor and professional role model."

The percussion ensembles at MSU are internationally recognized and have won three Percussive Arts Society national championships in marching percussion under Oddis' leadership. The University has hosted a Day of Marching Percussion for 16 years.

The percussion ensemble and steel band has toured in China and Brazil, performing at the Central Conservatory of Music, Beijing, the Beijing Concert Hall, and the Sala Sao Paulo concert hall in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Additionally, the ensemble has performed nationally at many venues including KMEA, PASIC (Percussive Arts Society), NABBA (North American Brass Band Association) and the Great Southern Percussion Festival.

Oddis' arrangements and compositions for percussion have been performed by university and high school percussion ensembles in the United States and abroad and are published by Drop 6 Publishing.

On campus, Oddis has performed with the MSU Faculty Jazz Quartet, including as an artist on its compact disc recording "Blue Duck Suit," adopted into the Kentucky Collection. He has worked as a freelance percussionist and drummer for many well-known jazz artists and national touring companies of Broadway productions.

He also has performed as a percussionist with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, and as a drumset artist for several of its annual Pops Series events.

His membership in the Kentuckiana Brass and Percussion Ensemble led to performances at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, the Music Educators National Conference and at the International Brassfest Professor.

Oddis has presented educational workshops and has served as an adjudicator for many organizations. He is a clinician and endorser of Ludwig drums, Sabian cymbals, and Vic Firth sticks and mallets.

Additional information on music programs at MSU is available by calling the Department of Music at (606) 783-2473.

## Club donates to MSU scholarship fund

The Morehead Women's Club recently donated \$1,000 to the Morehead State University Foundation Inc., to benefit the club's endowed scholarship fund. The check brings the fund total to more than \$35,000, with \$600 in awards distributed each academic year. Joan Meadows, left, and Joyce LeMaster presented the check to Dr. Mike Seelig, interim vice president for development at MSU. Additional information is available by calling the Office of Development at (606) 783-2033.

## MSU library contributes to encyclopedia

Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library recently made a contribution to the Kentucky African American Encyclopedia. The amount of the donation- \$1,956 - is symbolic of the year that MSU officially accepted African-American students and also was made in honor of Black History Month. Elsie Pritchard, dean of library services, said that the library has a "responsibility to encourage the efforts of researchers and publishers who work to document all aspects of our state's history." At the check presentation were, from left: Donna J. Baker, head of special collections and archives; Pritchard; Dr. Karen Cotton McDaniel, visiting scholar at Eastern Kentucky University and an editor of the encyclopedia; and Dr. Francene Botts-Butler, director of multicultural student services. Additional information on the encyclopedia is available by visiting its Web site at [www.uky.edu/otherorgs/kaae/](http://www.uky.edu/otherorgs/kaae/).

## Hollon receives AJGA internship

Rebecka Hollon, a Morehead State University, junior from **Middletown , Ohio , junior**, has received an American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) communications internship for the summer. She was awarded one of 12 spots from more than 350 students who applied.

Recently she was among the 82 invited to travel to Atlanta for AJGA's Interns Recruiting Weekend which consisted of tests and evaluations.

The American Junior Golf Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the overall growth and development of young men and women who aspire to earn college golf scholarships through competitive junior golf.

The association is the largest organization of its kind with a membership of more than 5,000 juniors from 49 states and 25 foreign countries. In 2008, the AJGA plans to conduct 80 tournaments and 45 qualifiers across the United States.

Summer intern teams will work approximately 10-12 tournaments during the summer months.

A communication major with an emphasis in advertising and public relations, she is the daughter of Rusty and Anne Hollon.

She is vice president for public relations for the Student Government Association and Gamma Phi Beta social sorority.

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## SBDC helps Hot Mamas

Kerbi Meade, of Huddy, entered into a new adventure in her life by opening her own business, Hot Mamas, a maternity store in Williamson, W.Va.

With the help of Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center, located in Paintsville, Hot Mamas took its first baby steps in this business world.

Meade relied on SBDC's information and experience to provide her direction in the operation of her new business.

She had problems finding clothing when she was pregnant. She thought there would have to be other women in the area that had the same problem. She also knew that being pregnant and traveling is not fun.

Hot Mamas is committed to providing a variety of different maternity outfits and clothing for the newborn to toddler, along with various accessories for the new parents. Meade wants to provide the community with an alternative to the traveling necessary to get the same quality products in the larger metropolitan areas.

The business is located on Second Street in Williamson. Through the assistance from BB&T located in South Williamson, Meade's store is providing a stop for expectant mothers.

According to Meade, she was referred to MSU's SBDC by a mutual friend.

Additional information on the SBDC is available by calling Sabrina Jude at (606) 788-6022.

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## Campus safety improvements at MSU

With a new semester underway, Morehead State University has added another component to its emergency notification protocol.

An outdoor, audible alert system which utilizes electronic tones and public address speakers has been installed and tested. It includes high powered amplifiers atop Cartmell and Ginger halls and is designed primarily to alert pedestrians on campus sidewalks and streets.

"Like other campuses, we have constant foot traffic and those individuals outdoors deserve to be notified in the same timely fashion as others who are indoors," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "This gives us yet another means of warning our academic community of impending danger in weather or safety emergencies."

He also reported that MSU has prepared and distributed an emergency procedures handbook for all employees. In addition, the same information is available on the Web and on posters displayed in each classroom, laboratory and office.

"We are constantly reviewing our emergency communications procedures to protect the safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors," Dr. Andrews added. "Our text messaging system has been in place for nearly two years and we continue to encourage members of our community to sign up."

In addition to the new outdoor, audible system, MSU also utilizes a number of other media strategies to communicate with its campus community. Depending upon the nature of the emergency, any or all of the following methods may be used:

- Cell phone text messaging with e-mail ( [e2Campus](#) ); Sign up is voluntary but strongly recommended.
- Mass e-mail to students and employees;
- Campus-wide voicemail;
- Postings on University Web site and portals;
- Radio, TV, and other media outlets, including Morehead State Public Radio;
- Campus cable television override announcements;
- Digital information system displays; and
- Printed notices in residence halls and administrative and academic buildings.

Additional information on MSU's emergency procedures can be found on the MSU Web page at [www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency) .

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## MSPR fund drive set for March 8-14

Morehead State Public Radio will hold its Spring Fund Drive March 8 - 14. As part of the spring fundraiser, MSPR will have its annual CD sale on Tuesday, March 11 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the first floor lobby of the Adron Doran University Center on the MSU campus.

This is a critical fundraiser for MSPR as funding levels from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting have dropped more than \$25,000 from 2007 to 2008.

Morehead State Public Radio will ask listeners to support programming with their financial gifts during the fund drive. These gifts to MSPR help support its student work-study program and the purchase of new equipment and supplies.

Gifts to Morehead State Public Radio are tax-deductible and may be made online using MSPR's secure Web site at [www.msuradio.com](http://www.msuradio.com) . Gifts also can be made by calling (606) 783-2001 or (800) 286-9659. "MSPR: The Sound of Your Community" will be a major theme during the spring fundraiser.

"At MSPR, we believe we mirror our local communities. Public radio is the sound of people thinking and MSPR is the sound of our local communities. We are asking our listeners to support MSPR as they consider the variety of ways we serve our local listening neighborhoods," said Amanda Baldwin, MSPR marketing and development director.

MSPR will again offer the popular "thank you" gifts to listeners who pledge their support. Items available will be a new MSPR T-shirt featuring the theme "The Sound of Your Community," an MSPR "Public Matters" sweatshirt and an MSPR "Public Matters" embroidered messenger bag.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3FM) 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.

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## Dr. Banks to be honored during Founders Day

Dr. Marshall D. Banks, the first African American to earn athletically-related aid and coach at Morehead State University, will be honored by his Alma Mater at Founders Day as MSU's celebrates its 121<sup>st</sup> birthday.

The 2008 Founders Day Award for University Service will be presented to the career educator during the annual Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, March 11. The ceremony begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

MSU was among the first non-traditionally black mid-southern institutions to accept a black student as a recruited student-athlete. Dr. Banks filled that role in the fall of 1958. He is a member of MSU's alumni and athletic halls of fame and received an honorary doctoral degree.

A native of Ashland, Dr. Banks earned a bachelor's degree from MSU in 1962 and received his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Established in 1978 by the Board of Regents, the Founders Day award is presented annually to recognize those who have given superior service to the University over the years. James H. Booth of Inez, MSU board chair, will make the presentation.

After teaching one year of high school, Dr. Banks returned to MSU to begin his college teaching career in 1965. He served as an instructor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and also was the head track and cross country coach.

Dr. Banks has an extensive background of more than 40 years of teaching, student advising, research and grant writing, curriculum development and community service in the areas of health, physical education, and recreation.

A full professor, he has been on faculty at Howard University since 1978 where he also served as department chair for 20 years.

He currently is president of the Langston 21st Century Foundation, a non-profit organization devoted to providing boys and girls with opportunities to raise their self-confidence as well as academic performance through sports activities.

Dr. Banks was project administrator for the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) for 15 years and received funded grants totaling \$900,000 to provide an annual summer sports and enrichment program for 400 inner city youth throughout the Washington, D.C. area.

He also is a founding board member of "Team Focus," a national, non-profit organization, founded by a Morehead State University graduate Mike Gottfried. Team Focus is devoted to improving the lives of young men without fathers.

Dr. Banks has an extensive publication record including more than 20 major journal publications and a book in the field of physical fitness and leisure studies.

At 4 p.m., Dr. Banks and special guests will lead a panel discussion.

Also during the luncheon program, new members will be inducted into the Society of MSU Fellows and new Visionaries will be honored. Dr. Clarenda Phillips and Carol Johnson will be recognized as Faculty/Staff Fundraisers of the Year. Andy Parker is the recipient of the 2008 Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year.

The day begins with the recognition of retired faculty and staff members, starting at 8:30 a.m., also in the Crager Room. President Wayne D. Andrews will offer congratulations to those retiring this year.

Deceased former faculty and staff members will be remembered at the memorial brick dedication beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Little Bell Tower. The tolling of the bell will follow the reading of the names and years of service of the honorees.

Tickets for the luncheon, at \$10 per plate, must be ordered and purchased in advance. The deadline is Friday, March 7.

Founders Day activities will continue after lunch with a dedication of the Dr. David T. Magrane Molecular Biology Laboratory in Lappin Hall at 2 p.m. In the Laughlin Health Building, the Larry Wilson University Bowling Lanes will be dedicated at 4 p.m.

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

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

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