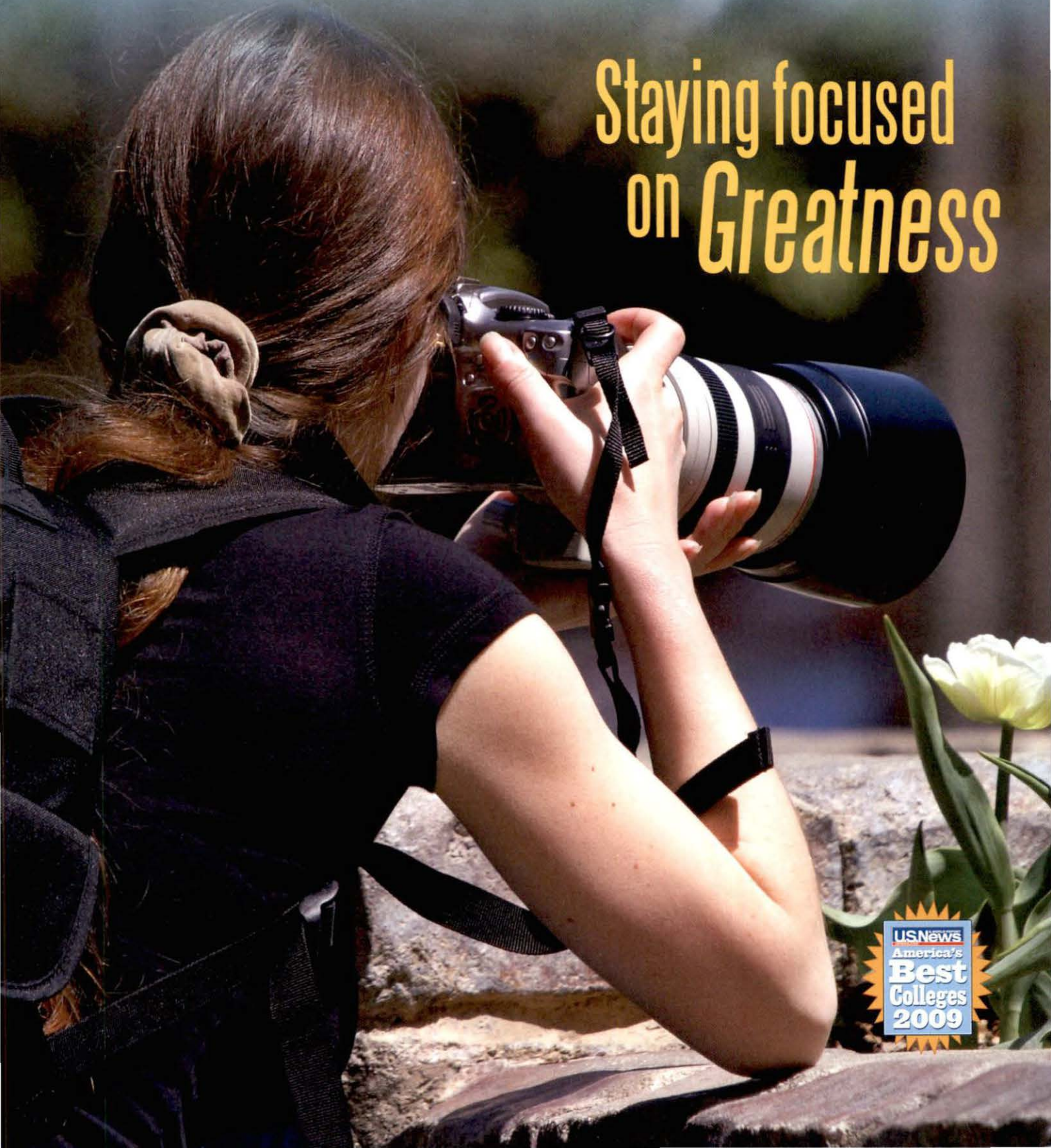


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SEPTEMBER

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26-28 Family Weekend
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OCTOBER

4 Open House for Prospective Students & Families
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9-10 Fall Break for students! Offices will still be open.

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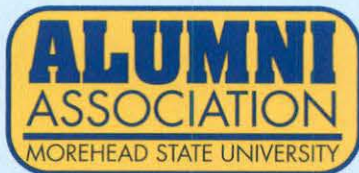
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A note from the Alumni Association President . . .



Fellow alumni and friends of MSU,

As you read this letter, I hope you will take a moment and reflect on where you are in life and the part your Alma Mater played in your life achievements. Why did you choose MSU? Was it a high school teacher or guidance counselor that encouraged you to take a look at

Morehead? Was it the fact that when you made that first campus visit, things just felt right? Were the people friendly, caring, and concerned about you as an individual? Did you sense that feeling of family?

Morehead State University has been and continues to be an integral part in my family's successes. I am very proud of the long history my family has with MSU, going back to the 1930s when the first Dorton came to campus. Since that time, a significant number has attended and graduated, including all five of our children. I can only hope that a future grandchild will attend. I take great pride in my Alma Mater and all that it has allowed me to do in my life's work.

As the incoming president of your alumni association, I look forward to seeing you at the alumni receptions in upcoming months. I am hopeful that we can reorganize some of the local chapters. We need your help and support to do so. Please plan to come to the receptions, call a few of those old friends, and encourage them to come too!

If you have not been involved with your MSU family, I would like to extend this personal invitation to come back to campus for Homecoming. Get out that MSU shirt and wear it with pride! (If you don't have one, go online and shop at the bookstore!)

Be an ambassador for your Alma Mater! Bring your sons and daughters to visit and let a great tradition continue.

Patricia Dorton Whitaker (75 & 83), President

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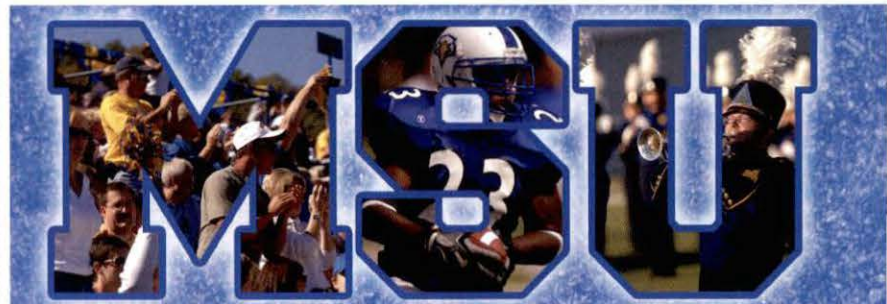
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Ready to fly

by Sylvia Lovely



At the risk of sounding lofty, I have to admit I was proud, a l b e i t d a u n t e d , on the day I was elected chair of the

MSU Board of Regents. I felt surrounded by potential and knew I had a great opportunity to help continue the work of this wonderful institution.

The University is my college alma mater. Now after years of being blessed with the wisdom of my parents, a great marriage, two wonderful children and an amazing career, I was back at Morehead with the hope of giving some of myself back to the school that had given so much to me.

I was the first woman ever elected as the MSU board chair, and my good friend, Jean Dorton, with the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, was elected vice chair.

After the regents meeting we were seated in the regal university setting for a lovely meal, where we were surrounded by students working and running about.

It came to our attention that the student kitchen apprentices were making reference to the revelation that the moment of "chicks in charge" had arrived. Jean and I laughed and basked for a moment in the comments.

As the students got closer and we listened to some of their momentary talk, I thought it might be like one of those Hallmark card commercials when the young person bashfully acknowledges his elder with some cleverly distinguished line.

Unfortunately for my ego, one student added, "It gives new

meaning to the word 'chick.'"

Ouch. So much for the Hallmark moment.

Once again I was reminded of my age and that, yes, I was the adult in the house. Those of us who are baby boomers seem to forget that from time to time. Sometimes our own idealism gets in the way of action and our true responsibility to those coming behind us.

The point of my story is that it is time for my generation to make the difference we always promised was coming. Born of the college campus protest days and high-minded idealism, we must do our part.

So what is our part? When I was a college student I could have never predicted the changes and information overload I would see thus far in my lifetime. Not only are more things happening at breakneck speed, but we hear more about everything. With the 24-hour news from around the world we are exposed to far too many messages each day, but we retain very few.

We know that extreme weather is happening somewhere everyday. There are child molesters among us- I can even go online and fine the personal history of the person living next door.

With so much noise, it is testimonial to the human spirit and resilience that there is anything within us at all that reaches out to make the world a better place.

But there are lines of little chicks following behind us, so where are we leading them?

I believe that we can take them all sorts of places and better yet, help them take themselves to new levels of ingenuity and new heights of success. Perhaps more importantly, we can empower them and teach them new forms of civic consciousness. But first, we have to demonstrate it ourselves.

In my line of community building work, I see it everyday

all across the country. Individuals are stepping forward and doing remarkable things. I call these folks ordinary people who have become "everyday heroes." I've been so inspired by everyday people that I am now in the business of profiling them and recognizing them for all of their good works.

I think the caveat in doing anything is making sure it's for the greater good. If we do things to make us feel better, so what?

Adlai Stevenson described the bedrock of democracy as looking at the stage and all the players and, well, being conflicted a bit about what to do next for the good of the whole. To do otherwise is to risk polishing the deck furniture on the *Titanic*. To do otherwise defies what I steadfastly believe is a basic human need to leave things better, if not for generations in general, at least for our own.

But then, who decides the greater good? In a recent debate a decision maker gave an eloquent speech about the need for community values – we owe it to society for those with more to care about those with less and to subsidize the needs if necessary.

My own position was that we deal with the art of the possible: in today's world we see movement away from providing for the "general good."

What do we make of Wal-Mart being the largest employer in Kentucky and likely in other states as well? What is the next foreclosure crisis and can we prevent it by actions we take now?

Maybe the lesson is that it takes all of us to build the kinds of communities we wish to live in – people who seek to address the here and now and those who see the possible for the future.

It takes people in community leadership

roles, but it also takes people in their personal communities – like businesses, churches, schools, neighborhoods and their own families – to do what they can to make things a little better. Eventually, all those individual actions will collectively amount to a lot of a good.

As I take on my new yet humbling assignment at Morehead State University, I think about Jean and I being the "chicks in charge."

Our success depends on all of us – the grownups and the future grownups. We are all in search of leadership and in constant search of answers.

I would say to my young friends in the kitchen, it's enough to make this chick's hair gray!

At this time in our country's history there are few safety nets. Nonetheless, it is our generation's responsibility to help the younger generations find their wings, to help them safely fly the coop, or better still, make their coop a more desirable place.

We have to hear their thoughts and their dreams.

And for our own generation, there are no excuses – it's time to fly.

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Ground broken for \$30 million health sciences building



Local lawmakers presented MSU, SRC and UK with \$24.5 million for the Center for Health, Education and Research. From left, Dr. Jay Perman, dean of UK's College of Medicine; Mark Neff, CEO, SRC; Sen. Walter Blevins (72), Rep. John Will Stacy (77), Rep. Rocky Adkins (82), MSU President Wayne D. Andrews and Sen. Charlie Borders (75).

Officials of Morehead State University, St. Claire Regional Medical Center and the University of Kentucky along with four state legislators broke ground in August for the new \$30 million Center for Health, Education and Research – the largest construction project in the history of MSU and St. Claire Regional.

"This is the first step toward a strong hub for regional health care and health education," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "We have only just begun."

The 90,237-square foot facility will house MSU's departments of nursing and imaging sciences, UK's physician assistant and family

nurse practitioner programs, in addition to St. Claire Regional's family medicine clinic and health education center.

The new facility is scheduled for completion in April 2010.

Dr. Andrews also commended the efforts of Rep. Rocky Adkins, Sen. Charlie Borders, Rep. John Will Stacy and Sen. Walter Blevins for their efforts in the General Assembly to provide the bulk of the funding for project.

The four lawmakers – all MSU graduates – spoke on the importance of collaboration between MSU, SCR and UK and expressed pride in their respective roles in bringing the project to reality.

"This three-way partnership makes sense for the taxpayers of Kentucky and for each of these institutions and for the citizens of East Kentucky," said Rep. Adkins.

The comprehensive health education center will be designed to accommodate a wide range of

continuing education/workshop programs, teleconferencing and telemedicine initiatives, specialized professional development/enrichment opportunities for health care providers, and rural health research activities.

The space for MSU's departments of nursing and imaging sciences will include lecture and laboratory classrooms to support the associate and baccalaureate degree nursing programs, the radiologic technology program, and the sonography, computed tomography, and magnetic resonance program options. Also included will be offices and conference areas.

Additionally, space will be provided for anticipated growth in these programs and for new programs. Similar space will be available to support UK's master's-level programs for physician assistants and advanced nurse practitioners.

MSU is a top-ranked college for fifth year

MSU has been recognized for the fifth consecutive year as one of the top public universities in the South in the 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report.

"We are very pleased to be recognized again this year as one of the outstanding regional public universities by this widely-popular college guide," said President Wayne D. Andrews. "This year's ranking shows we are making steady progress toward our goal of becoming the best of the best."

This report emphasizes acceptance rates, graduation rates, admissions selectivity, and small class sizes. MSU is consistently recognized for small classes and a high percentage of full-time faculty members, two important factors of student success.

The ranking includes public and private institutions which grant bachelor's and master's degrees in 12 states of the

South, including Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana.

"This measure of excellence is reflected in our steady increase in the academic ability level of incoming students," said Jeffrey Liles, MSU's assistant vice president for enrollment services. "This year's freshman

class has the highest average composite ACT score in our history at 21.3."

"Our students are accepted into professional schools, including medical, dental and pharmacy programs, at rates well above state and national averages, so we know they receive a first class education," Dr. Andrews stated. "We are elated that others recognize Morehead State's academic quality."





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STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY



This year, more than ever, it gives me a great deal of pride to report that the state of our University is sound. Despite a series of ups and downs, we finished 2007-08 on the upside and we remain clearly focused on our mission, vision and values and on course toward our goal of being the best public regional university in the South.

The fall of 2007 brought our first enrollment increase in three years, another record-breaking freshman class in terms of average ACT composite scores and our fourth consecutive ranking as a top tier institution in U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges." The winter and early spring found us in a budget crisis as Gov. Steve Beshear and the General Assembly struggled to fund the state's 2008-10 biennial budget. It appeared for a time that Morehead State University could lose as much as \$7.2 million in state support but the actual reduction was just under \$3 million. Spring saw our MSU community step up with a willingness to change as we developed a workable, creative budget that was painful in some areas but keeps us on track.

The Council on Postsecondary Education allowed us to become the first public university in Kentucky to adopt a per-credit-hour tuition model, a new approach that is fairer to our students than the traditional flat-rate method. I am grateful to the budget staff and everyone who worked so hard to develop the tuition model. The CPE complimented us on this creative alternative.

The largest-ever increase in the Pell grant and our generous discount for students taking more than 12 hours are helping many of our students and their families cope with higher tuition costs. As one of only three Kentucky public universities in the federal direct student loan program, we continued to award such loans to all qualified students. I'm proud to report to you that there is no student loan shortage at MSU.

Even in hard budget times, we were able to protect the full tuition scholarships that are so critical to our efforts to recruit and retain the best students. That effort paid more dividends in 2007-08 as our retention and graduation rates continues to rise. These better-qualified students are literally transforming our institution through undergraduate research funded by our fellowship program. That growing effort was the impetus behind

the development of our molecular biology laboratory, a modern core facility that serves faculty and students in several academic disciplines. We also opened a high-tech equine surgical facility.

As for the new budget, we spent countless hours at all levels in efforts to minimize the impact of a reduction in state funding without damaging our ultimate objective of becoming the best of the best or without weakening our commitment to our first core value that people are our highest priority. We were forced to strategically reduce operating expenses by nearly \$3.4 million. Those reductions came primarily from the elimination of 37 positions, all but four of which were vacant. It was not pleasant but it had to be done.

Reflecting on what some termed our "winter of discontent," we are so appreciative of the hundreds of students, employees, alumni, parents and other friends who contacted lawmakers on our behalf during the legislative session and obviously influence the decision to preserve most of our funding. Without your involvement, we might have sustained a cut of catastrophic proportions.

Looking ahead, we have a good business plan that will get us closer to the statewide goal of significantly more bachelor's degree graduates by 2020. The 2008-09 school year will bring the completion of the review of our degree programs and formulation of new general education requirements, two bold projects that will accelerate our transition to a 21st century institution. We are starting construction on our largest and most unique instructional building, the Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER) in partnership with St. Claire Regional Medical Center and the University of Kentucky. I predict it will transform health care and medical education in East Kentucky.

Yes, I am optimistic about the future of Morehead State University. We truly are on a path to greatness.

Wayne D. Andrews
President Wayne D. Andrews



Tanya Bromley
Lecturer



Dr. Wesley White
Professor of
Psychology



New biology lab
MSU opened a new
core research lab in
Lappin Hall.



Dr. Richard Miles
Director of Bands



**Dr. Beverly
McCauley Klecker**
Assoc. Professor of
Education



**Dr. Robert
Willenbrink**
Dept. Chair of
Communications &
Theatre

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

How will MSU develop, deliver and maintain superior academic programs?

Ground was broken in September 2007 for the \$15.6 million research and instructional support facility for the Space Science Center. Now under construction just east of Normal Hall on Vaughan Drive, the two-story, state-of-the-art building will encompass 45,000 square feet of floor space. It will include a control center for the 21-meter space antenna system on the ridge top above Nunn Hall, RF and electronics laboratories, an anechoic chamber that mimics the electromagnetic environment of space, an advanced computing facility, a rooftop antenna test range, fabrication laboratory, classrooms, offices and reception area, and a digital Star Theatre.

MSU provided the opportunity for students to pursue a Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education degree at the University Center of the Mountains at Hazard Community and Technical College. MSU and four other institutions comprise the UCM consortium.

MSU announced its online Bachelor of Business Administration degree for KCTCS transfers and its BBA general business option at MSU at Mt. Sterling.

MSU's Veterinary Technology Program received continuation of full accreditation

by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). The program has been continuously accredited since 1977. It is headed by Dr. Scott Rundell.

Dr. David Barnett, associate professor of education, received the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) Distinguished Service Award for his career achievements in public education.

Tanya M. Bromley, supervisor of student teachers and lecturer in the Department of Music, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA).

Dr. Wesley White, professor of psychology, was awarded a three-year \$150,000 research grant by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, a division of the National Institutes of Health.

MSU's faculty and student researchers are utilizing a molecular biology core research laboratory to bolster their scientific investigations in agriculture, biology, chemistry, environmental science, neuroscience, and psychology. Developed at a cost of more than \$800,000, the facility was created on the first floor of Lappin Hall. It was named in honor of Dr. David Magrane, professor of biology and former department chair.

Dr. Philip E. Prater, professor of veterinary technology, received MSU's Distinguished Teacher Award.

Dr. Robert Frank, associate professor of speech, and **Dr. April Miller**, assistant dean of the College of Education, led a group of students on a trip to the Guangxi Province in southern China where they taught oral English and participated in a cultural exchange program.

Dr. Richard Miles, director of bands, was chosen for membership in the American Bandmasters Association (ABA).

The 2008 Distinguished Researcher Award was presented to **Dr. Beverly McCauley Klecker**, associate professor of education.

Dr. Robert Willenbrink (75), chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre, received the 2008 Distinguished Creative Production Award.

A robotics team from the Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology won first place at the collegiate Tele-Operated Robotic Manipulator Contest during the 40th annual convention of the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT).

Kim Jenkins (91), director of the Ashland Small Business Development Center, was

presented the 2008 Distinguished Staff Service Award.

Dr. David Rudy, associate provost for engagement, received the 2008 Distinguished Faculty Service Award.

Dr. Doug Chatham, assistant professor of mathematics, is the principal investigator of a proposal funded by the National Science Foundation to examine separation problems on chessboard graphs, based on the "N Queens Problem."

Dr. Lynn Kell Spradlin, a licensed school counselor and teacher, was appointed as the College of Education's Adron Doran Distinguished Professor for Educational Leadership.

Frank Oddis (74), associate professor of music and coordinator of MSU's percussion program, received the Kentucky Music Educators Association University Teacher of the Year award.

STUDENT SUCCESS

How will support services fulfill student academic and co-curricular needs?

Mike Esposito (95) was named director of student activities/Greek life. He is primarily responsible for directing programs and formulating policies for student activities and organizations.

MSU is well into a year-long process of completing requirements for re-certification of its athletics program by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The NCAA started its certification requirement for all Division I institutions in 1989 with the process taking hold in 1999. MSU is part of that second cycle in review. NCAA certification is similar to academic accreditation.

All members of the computed tomography/magnetic resonance (CT/MR) class in the Department of Imaging Sciences passed their professional certification examinations. The CT and MR examinations were administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

Forty-four undergraduate students and 26 faculty members submitted work describing the research projects they had conducted in the past year for the annual Posters-at-the-Capitol displays at the State Capitol in Frankfort. The project is sponsored annually by the public universities. Posters-at-the-Capitol showcases research efforts by undergraduate students for the legislators and public officials of the state.

The varsity coed cheerleading squad won its 18th national championship in 2008 and the all-girl squad finished second. In all, the two squads have 24 national titles in competition sponsored by Universal Cheerleaders.

MSU's Symphony Band and Percussion Ensemble conducted an eight-day concert tour of Spain with performances in Denia, Utiel, Betera and Buñol. More than 80 student musicians participated.

Michael Harmon, a senior from Corydon, Ind., was elected president of the Student Government Association. He also is serving on the Board of Regents for a one-year term.

Men's Head Basketball Coach **Donnie Tyndall (93)** was named Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year. In his second season at his alma mater, he guided his teams to a 12-18 record the first year and to a 15-15 mark in 2007-08.

Four senior cadets in MSU's Army ROTC program were selected as Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG) for the 2007-2008 school year. They represent the top 20 percent of all Army ROTC students as designated by the Army Cadet Command at Fort Monroe, Va.

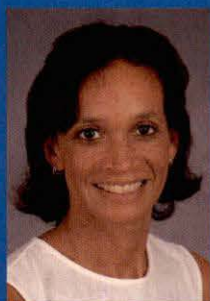
MSU's bowling lanes were renamed in honor of a longtime coach and educator **Larry Wilson (65)**, who coached the Eagle bowling teams from 1972 until his retirement. He also served as manager of the bowling lanes and assistant director of intramurals and recreation. During his coaching career, his teams won national championships in 1989, 1998, 2000 and 2002.



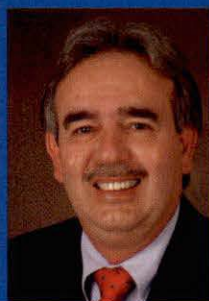
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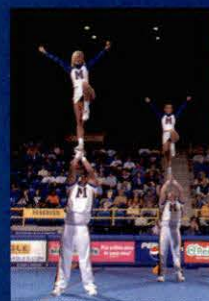
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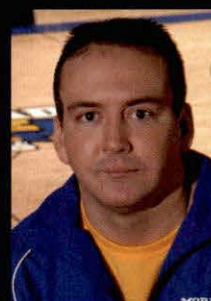
**Dr. Lynn Kell
Spradlin**
Professor of
Education



Frank Oddis
Assoc. Professor of
Music



Cheer champs
MSU's coed squad
captured its 18th
championship title.



Donnie Tyndall
Eagle Men's
Basketball head
coach



Martin County
MSU assists with
project to fight
obesity and other
health problems



**Center for Health,
Education &
Research**
New health facility
under construction



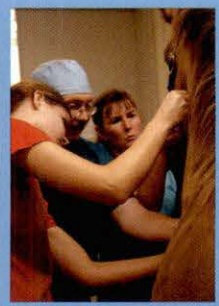
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Enterprise Center**
New partnerships
developing in
West Liberty area



James H. Booth
Alumnus
reappointed to MSU
Board



**Dr. Ronald
Morrison**
New Faculty Regent



**Equine Health
Education Center**
State-of-the-art
medical facility
opens at MSU

PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

How will we utilize partnerships to benefit the people, communities and economy within the MSU service region?

Dozens of health care professionals from as far away as Louisville descended on Inez in August 2007 to assist in assessing the physical fitness of more than 600 middle school students in a pilot project aimed at fighting obesity and other chronic health problems in Eastern and Southern Kentucky. "Martin County Middle Schoolers On The Move Toward Health and Wellness" involves students at Inez and Warfield middle schools and their aerobic fitness, muscular endurance fitness and body composition. MSU is leading the project in partnership with eight other sponsors, including Martin County Board of Education, Booth Energy, University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, Center for Rural Development, Collier Community Center, KET, and the Inez Rotary Club.

MSU signed an agreement to work with the Northern Regional College (NRC) in Ballymena, Ireland, to enhance training and educational opportunities between the two institutions. Ballymena is a Sister City to Morehead.

MSU, St. Claire Regional Medical Center and UK announced a new program through the UK's College of Medicine which aims to

recruit, train and retain future physicians in the state's medical underserved rural areas through the creation of regional medical school sites at Morehead in 2010 and Murray in 2012. The Morehead site will be the new Center for Health, Education and Research (for ground breaking details, see page 5.)

Morehead State Public Radio distributed 50 Midland AM/FM Weather Alert Radios to 18 primary counties in the service region. The objective is to inform listeners about impending weather problems and to supplement the national emergency alert system.

MSU's regional engagement planning is benefiting from seven community forums across East Kentucky. The sessions included ideas, concerns and opportunities of community members. They were held at MSU's regional campuses in Jackson, Mt. Sterling, West Liberty, Prestonsburg and Ashland and at community sites in Morehead and Maysville.

MSU assumed operation of the Regional Enterprise Center in West Liberty with a pledge to form dynamic partnerships with public schools, business and industry, community groups and local governments in the region. Formerly known as the UK Morgan County Regional Technology Center, the \$6 million facility opened in

2003. It also houses the Morgan County Public Library.

The 2008 Appalachian Treasure Award was shared by folk artist Calvin Cooper of Fleming County and fiddler Paul David Smith of Pike County.

IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE

How will we effectively manage human, capital and fiscal resources?

Sylvia Lovely (73) of Lexington, executive director and chief executive officer of the Kentucky League of Cities, was elected the first woman chair of the Board of Regents.

James H. Booth (70) of Inez was reappointed to the Board of Regents for a term expiring June 30, 2013. A member since 2001, he served four years as board chair.

Dr. Ronald D. Morrison, professor of English, was elected as the 11th faculty member to serve on the Board of Regents. His term expires June 30, 2011.

MSU officially opened its new and unique Equine Health Education Center as a state-of-the-art surgical and medical treatment facility for horses and a learning resource for veterinary technology, equine science and animal science students. Built at a cost of \$881,000, the facility was financed with a \$550,000 grant from the Kentucky Equine

Trust and additional funds from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and MSU. The 6,000 square foot building is dedicated to the training of students in modern equine veterinary technology, including ultrasound, fiber optic endoscopy, surgery, advanced reproductive techniques, intensive care management and digital radiology.

Don Rigsby (91), director of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, received the 2008 East Kentucky Leadership Award for Media.

MSU announced in May 2008 that it would respond to years of parking and green space concerns by creating a modern parking system. Parking fees will be overhauled to develop a revenue stream that eventually will lead to the construction and operation of two multi-level parking structures on the Morehead campus. The system will include individually reserved spaces and more accessible shuttle service for those who park south of U.S. 60.

James Matt Sparks was appointed MSU's police chief. A former Kentucky State Police post commander, he has 21 years of law enforcement experience.

The 2008 Class of the President's Leadership Academy included **Dr. Cathy Thomas (80)**, associate professor of speech; **Dr. Emma Perkins**, associate professor of

art; **Connie Spencer-Ackerman**, director of adult education academy; **Jennifer Reis (07)**, art gallery director; **April Hobbs Nutter (97)**, Web marketing director; **LaRaissa Davis-Morris (05)**, multicultural services coordinator; **Ladonna Purcell (08)**, director of support services; **Dennis McKay (86)**, associate director of enrollment services; **Dr. Melinda Willis (89)**, associate professor of education; **Dr. Ann Andaloro**, assistant professor of communication; **Dr. Will Kayatin**, director of MSU at Jackson; **Terry White (08)**, construction manager; **Dr. Sam Nataraj**, associate professor of computer information systems; **Dr. Ron Skidmore (77)**, associate professor of educational psychology; **Drew Henderson (87)**, director of computer center operations; **Sam Faulkner**, assistant professor of social work; **Craig Dennis (89)**, provisional studies coordinator; **Matt Collinsworth**, director of the Kentucky Folk Art Center; and **Dr. John Ernst**, professor of history.

An estimated 80 percent of MSU's students are paying a smaller tuition increase than expected in 2008-09 because of a change in how tuition is assessed. The new tuition model, which requires students to pay for each course in which they enroll instead of the traditional flat rate for full-time students, was approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Board of Regents. MSU is the first public university in Kentucky to use the per-credit-hour model. **Jill C. Ratliff (05)** was named director of

institutional effectiveness in the Office of Planning, Budgets and Technology. She develops and manages resources and data to provide information and analyses for institutional planning and assessment at all levels.

MSU added two more campus safety initiatives in 2007-08, including publication and distribution of an emergency procedures handbook and the installation of an outdoor, audible alarm system with amplifiers on the roofs of Cartmell and Ginger halls and Jayne Stadium. In addition, the same information in the handbook is available on the Web (www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency) and on posters displayed in each classroom, laboratory and office.

Terri L. Roberts was named student activities coordinator. She has numerous duties, including advising the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Council and assisting in the planning of Homecoming, Family Weekend and other campus events.

RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT

How will we maximize public and private revenue opportunities?

James A. Shaw is MSU's new vice president for development and chief executive officer of the MSU Foundation, Inc. Selected in a national search, the former chief

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James Matt Sparks
Chief of MSU Police



President's Leadership Academy
Developing tomorrow's leaders



Jill C. Ratliff
Director of Institutional Effectiveness



Emergency / MSU PD
Improving campus safety



Terri L. Roberts
Student Activities Coordinator



James A. Shaw
Vice President for Development



The Clack Mountain Festival (formerly Bluegrass 'n More) brought a variety of traditional and other acoustic music to Morehead, including the African-American string band, the Carolina Chocolate Drops. Held the first weekend in June, the festival is sponsored by Morehead Tomorrow, Morehead State Public Radio, Kentucky Folk Art Center and Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.



Buford Crager (61), retired MSU administrator and faculty, talks with Dr. Marshall D. Banks (62) at Founders Day, celebrating MSU's 121st birthday. Dr. Banks was the first African-American to earn athletically-related aid and coach at MSU.



Student commencement speaker, **Robert McWhorter (08)** of Morehead, addressed this spring's graduates. In his final words, McWhorter remembered one of his professors, Hollis D. (Wayne) Isham ('79), who died in January. "In keeping with the words that a great soldier once used, class of 2008, go forth and do great things."



For the third straight summer, MSU hosted 348 of Kentucky's high achieving students for the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program; this is the 25th Anniversary of the program.



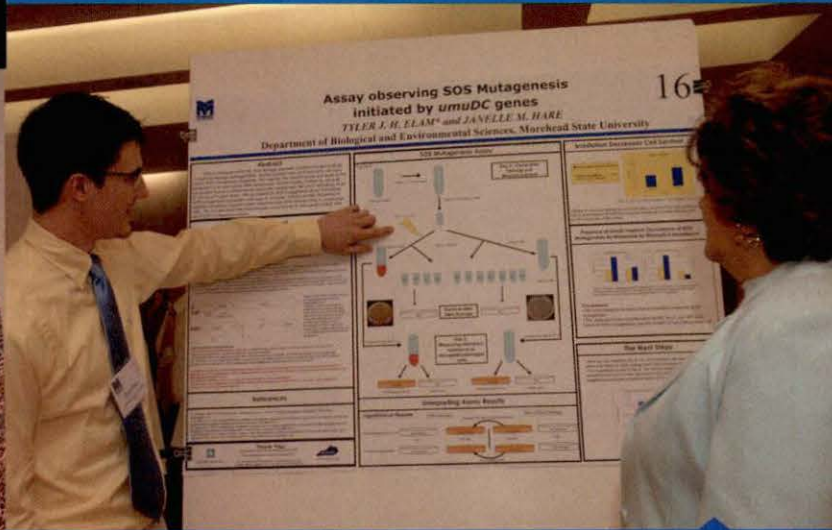
More than 1,000 graduate and undergraduate degrees were awarded at MSU's Spring Commencement.



A Day in the Country Folk Art Show and Sale, sponsored by MSU's Kentucky Folk Art Center, brought over 50 self-taught artists from 10 states together to display and offer their work for sale.



The Office of Multicultural Student Services sponsored its 20th Annual Rites of Passage Graduation Celebration to recognize graduating minority and international students for their scholastic achievement.



The Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship Showcase highlighted the scholarship, research, and creative productions of MSU students.



MSU's rock-n-roll themed Spring Gala "Do You Wanna Dance?" raised nearly \$150,000 this year to support academics and provide educational opportunities for students. The annual gala has raised a total of nearly \$1.75 million since the first gala in 1993.



Spring Gala 08
Annual event raises funds for academic opportunities



Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy
Awarded grant



U.S. News & World Report
MSU ranked among the best, again



Jami M. Hornbuckle
Asst. Vice President for Communications & Marketing



Governor's Scholars Program
MSU hosts Kentucky's top scholars



Dr. Marshall Banks
2008 Founders Day Award for University Service

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development officer at the U. S. Air Force Academy is responsible for managing MSU's fund raising and alumni relations programs and for coordinating the efforts of alumni and other volunteers in various projects and campaigns.

The 2008 Spring Gala, "Do you Wanna Dance," was a rock and roll themed event with excellent cuisine, live and silent auctions, dancing, entertainment and fellowship. It raised nearly \$150,000 this year.

The Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) was awarded a \$733,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor for a YouthBuild program, which helps Rowan County youth without a high school diploma or GED to further their education while attaining construction skills.

The EagleCard (ID) system has been converted to a contactless "tap-n-go" solution, account access via readers installed on vending, laundry, computer lab printers and selected copiers on campus.

MSU at Prestonsburg collaborated with area businesses to sponsor the fifth annual Memorial Motorcycle Ride to raise money for a scholarship fund established in memory of Dr. Margaret Lewis, former director.

The Kentucky Folk Art Center received a Museums for America grant, one of only two in Kentucky. The "Supporting Lifelong Learning," grant funded digital exhibitions on Apple iPods for use in Kentucky middle and high schools. The exhibitions feature Kentucky folk art and traditional music.

ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION

How will we reach optimal student enrollment and retention goals?

For the fourth consecutive year, MSU was ranked in the top tier of regional, public universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report.

MSU achieved its largest enrollment in three years in the fall of 2007 and the most full-time freshmen in four years. The final counts were 9,066 students – the most since 2004 – and 1,409 new freshmen – the highest since 2003. The 2007 freshmen also had the highest ACT composite score ever at 20.9.

Jami M. Hornbuckle (96) was promoted to assistant vice president for communications and marketing.

Hundreds of high school students are reconsidering their decision not to attend college because of a program managed by MSU through the Kentucky Appalachian Higher Education (KYAHED). The program,

which receives funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission, is directed by **Dr. Dale Duvall (66)**, associate dean for university and community partnerships.

More than 350 of Kentucky's high achieving students participated in the Governor's Scholars Program on the MSU campus during July 2007. MSU is contracted to host the rising high school seniors through 2009. To better prepare its freshmen class, MSU launched its Success Academy in July 2007. The Academy is a five-week program of college instruction and tutoring for students in need of additional academic preparation. In the first class of 44 students, the program was completed by 42.

Dr. Marshall D. Banks (62), the first African-American to earn athletically-related aid and coach at MSU, received the 2008 Founders Day Award for University Service. He is a member of MSU's alumni and athletic halls of fame and received an honorary doctoral degree.

MSU wins fourth consecutive OVC Institutional Academic Achievement Award

Morehead State University has been awarded the 2007-08 Ohio Valley Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award, the fourth consecutive year the institution has won the award. The award is presented annually to the member institution with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for that academic year. The University of Tennessee at Martin finished as runner-up and was closely followed by Eastern Illinois University and Southeast Missouri State University.

It marks the ninth time overall that MSU has claimed the honor in the 22-year history of the award, which is now the most in Conference history.

"We spend a great deal discussing with and demonstrating to student-athletes the value of academics and that you can have balance between being a great student and a great athlete while in college," said MSU Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson. "We congratulate our more than 350 student athletics on this very important honor."

The league also announced the recipients of 16 OVC Team Academic Achievement Awards, which



are presented annually in each Conference-sponsored sport to the member institution's team with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. Two Morehead State teams were honored: Women's Tennis and Volleyball.

"This conference takes great pride in the success of its student-athletes, not only on the playing field, but more importantly, in the classroom," said OVC Commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher. "The Academic Achievement Awards are a very visible reminder of the values of the Ohio Valley Conference. MSU deserves to be proud of this significant accomplishment by its student-athletes."

It was also announced that 116 student-athletes were awarded Ohio Valley Conference Medals of Honor. The Medal of Honor is given annually to the student-athlete who achieves the highest grade point average in a Conference-sponsored sport. MSU had 12 student-athletes honored with Medals of Honor: Mary Linehan (Women's Cross Country), Michael Brown (Men's Golf), Zack Unger (Men's Golf), Kim Beiting (Soccer), Shannon Smith (Soccer), Sarah Funston (Softball), Brittany Scheer (Softball), Catherine Butts (Women's Tennis), Allison Nickell (Women's Tennis), Kelsey Cronin (Volleyball), Holly Evans (Volleyball) and Emma Keough (Volleyball).

The OVC also announced that 82 MSU student-athletes were named to the 2007-08 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. To be listed, recipients must have achieved at least a 3.25 grade point average and have been eligible and on the team throughout the competitive season in their chosen NCAA-sponsored sport or sports.

New assistant director of athletics



Brittany Booth is the new assistant director of athletics and will be in charge of marketing, promotions and

fundraising efforts, including the Eagle Excellence Fund and the annual golf tournament and auction.

Booth most recently served as the director of sports marketing at High Point University since May of 2007. In that role, she handled all the marketing and promotional efforts for HPU's 16 athletic teams.

Before her position at High Point, she was a promotions assistant for Nelligan Sports Marketing in Louisville where she was involved in day-to-

day operations for the promotion of University of Louisville men's and women's basketball and football.

From 2005 to 2007, she served as a graduate assistant and marketing assistant in University of Louisville's athletic department. She helped coordinate community and alumni activities and was the chairperson for the 2006 Homecoming golf outing. She also helped coordinate the marketing budgets for men's and women's soccer and managed game day activities. Booth began her career as the assistant director of operations for the Fort Wayne Fever, a Premiere Development League soccer franchise.

She is a 2002 graduate of Indiana University and earned her Master of Science degree in sport administration from University of Louisville in 2007.

For coach and player bios, current schedules, ticket information and more, visit

www.msueagles.com

AD appointed to NCAA cabinet



MSU Athletic
Director **Brian
Hutchinson (96)**

has been appointed to the Recruiting Cabinet in the new NCAA Division I governance structure.

The Recruiting Cabinet will assume responsibility over NCAA Bylaw 13 recruiting matters. Hutchinson will represent the Ohio Valley Conference along with representatives from nine other conferences from the Football Championship and Football Bowl Subdivisions.

"I'm pleased to represent Morehead State University and the Ohio Valley Conference in this area of the new NCAA Division I governance structure," Hutchinson said. "It is envisioned that this cabinet will have the opportunity to examine issues of academics, eligibility and compliance in great detail and provide an important service to the Division I Management Council and Board of Directors."

Hutchinson's appointment officially begins in September and extends through July 1, 2011.

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Volleyball picked to win OVC

The Morehead State volleyball team has been picked to win the 2008 Ohio Valley Conference championship. In a vote by the league's head coaches and sports information contacts, the Eagles garnered 10 of the possible 20 first-place votes. Seniors Katelyn Barbour and Erin Peak were named on the Preseason All-OVC First-Team, while senior Ashley Doscher was named Preseason Second-Team All-OVC.

MSU returns 11 letterwinners and about 90 percent of its starters from the 2007 team which went 22-12 and

claimed a share of the OVC regular season title.

"We are excited for the upcoming season. Right now all the teams are in the same position. We are all working hard to prepare for an extremely competitive OVC schedule. Each team is in the gym with the intentions of finishing on top of the conference," said MSU head coach Jaime Gordon. "The poll is a nice honor, but we are focused right now on positioning ourselves to compete for a spot in the OVC tournament."



Wetherby Gymnasium received a facelift this summer, including resurfacing and painting the court specifically for volleyball activities.

Shaw named Vice President for Development



James A. Shaw, the former president and chief executive officer of the Association of Graduates of the U.S. Air Force Academy, is MSU's new vice president for development and chief executive officer of the MSU Foundation Inc.

Selected in a national search, the former Air Force officer is responsible for managing MSU's fund raising and alumni relations programs and for coordinating the efforts of alumni and other volunteers in various projects and campaigns.

"We are delighted to have Jim Shaw fill this important post," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "Our objective was to recruit an experienced, successful development professional to lead us to the next level of fund raising excellence. We found such a person and look forward to working with him to significantly increase the gift assets of our institution."

A 1967 engineering graduate of the Air Force Academy, Shaw also holds masters degrees from Auburn University in business administration and from the University of Arizona in international relations. He had a postgraduate fellowship at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

"My wife, Cindy, and I are excited about being members of this vibrant University family and its welcoming community," Shaw said. "Morehead State is a special place with visionary leadership and we're happy to be joining a winning team."

Upon leaving active duty after 26 years with the rank of colonel, the former command pilot accepted a position with the Academy's Association of Graduates as vice president for development. After seven years, he was promoted to president and chief executive officer of the organization where he served over eight years. His accomplishments included raising nearly \$40 million in a comprehensive campaign.

He and his wife have three adult daughters - Gennie, Kali and Erin.

Upon his arrival on the campus, Shaw offered these comments about joining the MSU family.

What were the "selling points" that brought you to Morehead State University?

My wife and I have never felt more welcome than we felt when visiting Morehead and MSU. The people are warm, genuine and friendly. I was immediately impressed with the university and its leadership. This school is impressive in so many ways and has wonderful stories to tell. The leadership is visionary and will take MSU to new levels of excellence. It's an exciting time to be associated with this organization.

With the budget constraints the University is currently experiencing, how do you plan to provide assistance to lessen the financial burden?

Philanthropy is not budget relief. So our intent is to focus on needs that move the university to a new level of excellence and offer MSU supporters the opportunity to provide support that is transformational in nature. We want to make a great school even better.

What new programs would you like to implement to encourage participation or support of MSU's activities and events?

We want to move away from an events based fundraising program. I use the analogy of Girl Scout cookies. Every year, I plan to give a certain amount of money to the Girl Scouts. I know I'll have several girls ask us to buy cookies, so I divide my order among them. When the cookies arrive, I write several checks, all to support the same cause, totaling the amount I planned. I receive several boxes of cookies which are good but I really didn't need. The Girl Scouts get less than 20 percent of what I donated. I would rather just send one check to the Girl Scouts so they could benefit from the entire amount I spent and allow the scouts to channel their efforts into other things.

We will move to an integrated university advancement effort that focuses on pride raising. This school has so much to offer and such a great vision that we need a coordinated plan to communicate, friend raise, fund raise, steward gifts and say thank you to our supporters. Most of the events we currently have will remain. But they will be stewardship events rather than fundraisers and be designed to recognize our supporters, say thank you to them and celebrate MSU.

How would you describe your leadership style for working with various constituencies, i.e., business and industry, faculty and staff, current students and parents, etc.?

I believe that it is important for everyone to share ownership in our efforts. I have told my staff that I will draw the plans for the house but it's up to them to build it and decorate the interior. That way, we involve the people who know best how to make things happen and what best fits at MSU.

What are some of the challenges you see as being the biggest obstacles for your position?

Change is always difficult and moving to a more strategic approach to development may be difficult for some. I try to remind people that this is part of an evolutionary process made possible by folks who built a sound foundation of philanthropy here at MSU. Change doesn't mean things were being done incorrectly. We are now taking our advancement efforts to the next level.

We are also encouraging donors to consider unrestricted giving to the annual fund, which is now called the Fund for Excellence. Unrestricted giving best allows the leadership to allocate money against the most pressing needs of the university. With that comes the need to prioritize university needs and to steward the gifts properly.

What are your immediate plans to prepare the University for a Capital Campaign?

The campaign will be part of this larger university advancement effort. Right now, we

have focused on several areas. We are “organizing for success” by creating a more efficient structure, “building for success” by looking at new facilities and creating needed programs, “training for success” to make sure our staff is prepared for the challenges ahead, and “formalizing policies for success” to ensure we are prepared to implement the integrated program that is planned.

What role will MSU's alumni play in your fund raising efforts?

Alumni are the cornerstone of any development efforts. Foundations and corporations provide very valuable support, but it is the alumni who will make us successful. In most campaigns, alumni provide overwhelmingly the largest percentage of support.

In the short time you have been at MSU, what has been your greatest achievement?

It is way too early to talk about achievements at this point in time. This is a process that will take awhile. And when success is achieved, accolades should go to our dedicated staff, faculty, alumni and friends who will all pull together to make things happen and to make MSU even more special than it is today.

What will be your approach for ways to assist MSU in achieving the vision of becoming the best public regional university in the South?

It is all about “pride raising.” This is a great school with many programs of excellence. We need to make people aware of just how good MSU is, of the great visionary leadership it currently has, of its exciting strategic plan, of its dedicated faculty and staff, of its wonderful alumni and their accomplishments and of its talented student body. The rest will happen.

AN INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Wayne D. Andrews invites you to join him as a member of the
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MEMORIAL FUNDS

MSU lost a loyal friend this spring when Mrs. Noveal Haney Crosthwait passed away. A 1935 graduate of Breckinridge School, a 1939 graduate of MSU and retired educator, Noveal and her late husband, Harold, were lifelong supporters of the University. In 1996, an outdoor space situated between Ginger Hall and Rader Hall was named Crosthwait Plaza in honor of the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Crosthwaite and his brother and sister-in-law Ted and Jean Crosthwait. Mrs. Crosthwaite created The Harold and Noveal Crosthwaite Scholarship Endowment to support students in Industrial & Engineering Technology at MSU in memory of her husband when he passed away. She also provided a \$25,000 estate gift to the scholarship fund as a final symbol of her dedication to MSU's mission of providing quality education.

Frank M. Baldridge (93) passed away in March 2008 when a boulder fell on his truck in Martin, Ky. He was a geology graduate of MSU, who had received his Licensed Professional Geologist Certification and was employed in the environmental division of Marathon Petroleum Company in Catlettsburg, Ky.

Frank's relationship with his professors at MSU as well as the many friendships that he developed in college promoted his family to create the Frank M. Baldridge Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund in the MSU Foundation. The fund will provide scholarships to geology majors from Kentucky. He is remembered as someone who "gave the best he had to give to all of the people he met in life."

Memorial contributions may be made to the funds by calling (877) 690-GIVE, or visit:

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To make a gift in memory of one or more of these individuals, please call the Office of Development at (877) 690-GIVE.

Three generations of Eagles are nurses at St. Claire Regional

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From left: Jana Moore (83), Ashley Moore (08), Liegh Ann Moore (87), Annabella Moore (73) and Jenny Brown represent a family of nurses, four of whom work at St. Claire Regional Medical Center, having graduated from Morehead State University's nursing program.

There's no place like home.

Keeping with tradition to administer quality health care is what one Morehead family has done, thanks to local opportunities for education and careers in medicine.

Three generations of this Morehead family are now registered nurses at St. Claire Regional Medical Center. Proudly and pragmatically, the three women also obtained their educational degrees from the nursing program here at home at MSU.

With the May 2008 graduation of Ashley Moore from MSU, she joins her mother and grandmother in nursing service at St. Claire Regional.

Ashley's mother, Liegh Ann Moore, is a 1986 MSU graduate, and her grandmother, Annabella Moore, is an early 1970s MSU graduate of the first nursing program at MSU.

Annabella Moore is nurse manager of the intensive care unit,

Liegh Ann Moore is a nurse supervisor and Ashley is a beginning registered nurse.

Duty and loyalty are common threads woven into this family's tapestry, as not only Annabella, Liegh Ann and Ashley are nurses, but Annabella's youngest daughter, Jenny Brown, and daughter-in-law, Jana Moore, are also registered nurses.

Jana Moore also graduated from the nursing program at MSU in 1984 and works for St. Claire Regional. Jenny Brown graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1998 and works at

St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Edgewood, KY. All are Morehead natives.

"We feel proud to live in a place that supports both a university and a hospital at the heart of the community," Annabella Moore said. "These local services are a blessing for the people who live and work here."

Those services are not just a blessing from an educational and employment standpoint, but a blessing for patients in the hospital who have constant contact with their nurses.

There is something to be said for retaining "institutional memory," an ongoing knowledge of how the job is performed, which is passed down through generations of employees.

This knowledge combined with new, continuing education allows for growth and expansion, much like the feeling of family. With these nurses, patients are literally being cared for by family.

A bachelor's degree nursing program at the local university and nursing employment opportunities at the local hospital are good for the community and especially for a family of nurses.

At Morehead's university and hospital, a commitment to higher education and quality health care go hand in hand, or shall we say, "they're related."

Alumna completes Ph.D.



MSU's Janet Ratliff (91) has completed requirements for a doctoral degree.

Ratliff received her doctorate in July from the University of Kentucky. Her Ph.D. is in education, instruction and administration with an emphasis in educational leadership. She has been with MSU's College of Business for 16 years.

Dr. Ratliff is director of the Center for Economic Education, one of nine located on college campuses in Kentucky.

She also advises Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) a global, non-profit organization that develops community service projects address market economics, success skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and business ethics.



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1960s



Dr. Lloyd Edward Story Jr. (62) has been named president of Maysville Community and Technical College. He has been at the college for more than 25 years and served as interim president on two occasions. Since coming to Maysville in 1982, Dr. Story had been a biology professor, science division chairman and before being named the chief academic officer in 2000.

1970s

Dennis G. Hursey (70) is a teacher, coach and ballroom dance instructor. He lives in Brockton, Mass.

Glenn Leveridge (70) has been named president of Central Bank's Winchester market. He retired from Chase bank in April only to return to Central in June. He was at Central for 12 years before leaving in 1989 for the presidency of Bank of Lexington & Trust Co. He began his banking career as a teller with Central Bank and worked his way into executive positions, with the current post being the fifth area bank he has headed.



John Roberts (71) is chair of the English and Communications Program at Ivy Tech Community College in Columbus, Ind., where he received the President's Award for Excellence in Instruction. His selection was based on his excellence in teaching, his positive impact on students,

contributions to his program and professional and community service. An Ivy Tech faculty member for six years, he serves as the principle musician at Faith Ministries Inc., in Columbus and plays several instruments, including the organ, flute, piccolo, clarinet, oboe and cello.



Dr. Sondra F. Stallard (72) was inducted as the 13th president of Strayer University in May. The university has more than 38,000 students with 57 campuses in 12 states. Before moving to Strayer, she served 11 years at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, most recently as dean of the school of continuing and professional studies.

Gary Adkins (74), assistant commonwealth attorney and past president of the MSU Alumni Association, received the Southeastern Association of Educational Program Personnel's TRIO Achiever Award. He was nominated by Annette Hines (03), president of the Kentucky Association of Educational Program Personnel and MSU student support services counselor. Adkins and his wife, Sherry (74), are alumni of MSU's Upward Bound Program.



Tommy Chaffin, (74) has been inducted into the West Virginia Music Educators Association Hall of Fame. In his 39 years of teaching, he has taught in Kentucky, Florida and West Virginia. He is currently

the band teacher at Spring Valley High School in Huntington, W.Va. His Jazz Band, this year's state honor finalist, has won numerous marching and concert competitions and has performed at The Gator and Sugar Bowls, Disney World, numerous theme parks and Opry Land. The father of four, he and his wife Jeanne reside in Huntington.

William E. Hesch (74) is owner and CEO of the William E. Hesch CPA LLC and his Law Firm in Cincinnati. For the fourth consecutive year, he was recognized as a "Leading Lawyer" in the Trust and Estate area of "Cincy Business" for 2008. In private practice since 1993, he focuses on tax and estate planning, Medicaid and elder law planning, probate, buy/sell agreements and assisting clients in their businesses; his CPA firm provides comprehensive tax services for individuals and businesses. Hesch, the father of two adult children, Bill and Lindsey, lives in Taylor Mill.

Dr. Lucian Yates III (74) has been named dean of Prairie View (Texas) A&M University's Whitlow R. Green College of Education. A prominent educator and administrator, he had previously been chair and associate professor of the School of Education at Kentucky State University.

Rocky A. Burke (77) is general manager of LexTran, Lexington's mass transit system. Previously, he was the emergency communications manager of the Austin, Texas, police department. He has held several management-level positions in mass transit. Burke, who grew up in Flemingsburg, is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve; he is the commander of a squadron in Fort Worth, Texas. He and his wife Julie have three children.

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Stivers (79) is provost and vice president for academic affairs at Grand View College in Des



Moines, Iowa. Her previous positions include associate vice president for academic resources at California State University, associate professor in the Department of Human Sciences at Middle Tennessee State University, and assistant professor in the Department of Consumer and Family Sciences at Berry College in Rome, Ga.

1980s



Connie Kibbey (80), associate director of MSU's Upward Bound Central Program, was recognized as an "unsung hero" at the Southern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel conference in March. The award recognizes individuals who work diligently for educational access and the students served in the TRIO programs. Since beginning her career in TRIO in 1986, she has worked in Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search.



Greg Cunningham (83) has been promoted to associate vice president of environmental health and safety (EHS) and environmental stewardship

for Limited Brands Inc. in Columbus. He is responsible for the development and implementation of regulatory compliance programs that relate to environmental, safety and hazardous materials, transportation regulations, as well as the development and coordination of corporate environmental stewardship efforts. Before joining Limited Brands, he was a regional safety and environmental coordinator with GAF Materials Corporation. He also has held positions with the Andrew Jergens Company and other personal care manufacturing companies.



Rep. Robin Webb (83) of Grayson became the first person to hold the position of first vice chair of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee of the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Arnold G. Bradway (85) is the new Salem County (N.J.) Mental Health Board director. He was previously employed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Cabinet for Health & Family Services as the social service/treatment specialist for the Gateway and Buffalo Trace regions. He and his wife reside in Hancocks Bridge.

1990s

Mendy Byrd Shaw (91) was co-writer of a song that was selected as a finalist in the American Idol's nationwide search for a song to be performed by this year's winner in the grand finale. For more than 10 years, she has been writing, recording and performing. She currently resides in the Cincinnati area.

Jennifer Griffith (97) has been named superintendent of St. Patrick School in Maysville. She previously taught at Holy Family School in Ashland. A military wife, she has had a variety of teaching environments, having taught in four states, including Department of Defense schools, and public and private schools.

Matt Johnson (97) was among those alumni to share their expertise with current MSU students during the spring semester. Artistic associate at the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, he was a guest conductor for the University's presentation of "Comedy of Errors." Also visiting the campus were Dr. Marshall D. Banks (62) and Dr. David Adair (86).

Dr. Gwendolyn R. Pinson (97) has joined Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Lexington as an associate in the litigation law department. A graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, she was previously with the Commonwealth of Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet.



Ron Vanover (97) has had a career of working with natural resources, having served as park naturalist for Jenny Wiley State Resort Park for 13 years before his current post as park manager for Natural Bridge State Resort Park. Also, for the past 10 years, he has taught part-time for MSU at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College. In addition, he performs approximately 20 shows each year with The Kentucky Opry. His new CD, "Better Late Than Never," available at www.ronvanover.com.

Trevor Griffith (99) received a University and College Designers Association (UCDA) Professional Development scholarship for the 2008 national conference. The UCDA promotes excellence in visual communications for educational institutions. He is employed as the design office manager at the College of Mount Saint Joseph in Cincinnati.

2000s

Randy Peffer (00) is the chief academic officer of the Madison County School District. He also holds the title of assistant superintendent for academic achievement and works with the Madison County Achievement Team, and the district's 16 principals and administrative staff. A native of Flatwoods, he previously served as a highly skilled educator for the Kentucky Department of Education. He began his teaching career as a mathematics teacher at Greenup County High School, where he also served as assistant principal, and later as principal before joining KDE.

Navy Seaman Laura H. Vien (04) completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Vien completed a variety of training exercises, including classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Amanda Earnest (05) received a University and College Designers Association (UCDA) Professional Development scholarship for the 2008 national conference. The UCDA promotes excellence in visual communications for educational institutions. She is currently an art designer for the College of Education at Auburn University.

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For more information, contact, Dr. Ritta R. Abell (75), assistant professor of communications and BGE adviser, at r.abell@moreheadstate.edu.



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ABOUT THE ARTIST: Guy Huffman, MSU photo technician, is the owner/photographer of Huffman Photography, a portrait studio in Morehead specializing in weddings, families, children, highschool seniors and sports photography. His work can be found at www.myspace.com/huffmanphoto. He is married to **Alicia (Parker) Huffman (01)**, assistant director for annual giving at MSU.

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Reis, an arts professional, is a practicing artist with a B.F.A. degree from the Columbus College of Art, an M.A. degree in Museum Studies from Syracuse University, and an M.A. degree in Studio Art with an Art Education emphasis from MSU.

As an actively exhibiting and award winning artist, she has shown her work at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, WomanMade Gallery in Chicago, Turchin Center for the Arts in Boone, N.C., American Quilter's Society Museum in Paducah, the Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio, Miami of Ohio University Galleries, Southern Ohio Museum, among others.

In 2007, Reis received the prestigious Al Smith Fellowship from the Kentucky Arts Council, an award designed to honor high artistic achievement, as well as grants from the Kentucky Foundation for Women and Americans for the Arts. She has taught textile embellishment at the Society for Contemporary Craft in Pittsburgh, Penn., Craft Alliance in St. Louis, and Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft in Louisville.



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