

MOREHEAD STATEMENT

People, Programs and Progress at Morehead State University

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82 earning and learning through co-op

Summer school includes a paycheck this year for 82 students enrolled at Morehead State University, including Gail Wilson, shown here at work as a disc jockey at WMOR Radio in Morehead.

Through the auspices of MSU's cooperative education program, the students were placed in summer work experiences related to their fields of study. In addition to pay, they also receive academic credit which applies to their degree requirements at MSU.

Wayne A. Morella, director of MSU's Office of Field Career Experiences, describes cooperative education as the fusing of job-related experiences with classroom studies.

"Cooperative education is based upon the theory that not all learning takes place in the classroom," he stated. "It is the kind of career development that provides an opportunity for students to alternate periods of on-campus academic study with periods of full-time employment in related occupational fields."

Ken Metz of Owingsville, a senior majoring in journalism, is working for the Bath County News-Outlook, a weekly newspaper in his home town.

"I am convinced that this supervised on-the-job experience will give me an advantage in the job market after graduation," he said. "I will have the

best of both worlds—academic training and practical experience."

His comments are echoed by other MSU students who are earning and learning in 24 different career fields involving summer experiences in seven different states.

The co-op positions range from traditional jobs in business and communications to persons attending ROTC camp at Fort Riley, Kansas, to another who is restoring antique horse carriages at the Kentucky Horse Park near Lexington.

MSU launched its cooperative education during 1973-74, and this summer's enrollment is about average under normal economic conditions. But the national economy is on the downturn, and fall, spring and summer experiences are not as plentiful. The summer enrollment shows signs of program growth and acceptance among constituents despite the current employment situations.

How did the MSU co-op program stay even?

"Our program has been strengthened considerably by the addition of field specialists who have worked through the Gateway, Fivco and Buffalo Trace area development districts (ADDs) to cultivate prospective employers," Morella stated. "Our direct relationship with the ADDs has been mutually beneficial."



'Wally' Howard on the go for Alma Mater—MSU

If you need to know about the highways between Frankfort and Morehead, A.W. (Wally) Howard is the person to ask.

The 33-year-old executive aide to State Treasurer Drexel Davis covers the 180-mile round trip on an average of once a week in connection with his duties as president of the MSU Alumni Association.

"I probably go more often than necessary but the University is important to me and I can't restrain my enthusiasm," says the Versailles native, who received a bachelor's degree in journalism and political science in 1972.

"MSU provided me with the opportunity for a good education, and the school's personal touch usually leaves

everyone with positive feelings," said the national leader of MSU's more than 23,000 alumni.

Howard, who works in public relations and employee training for the treasurer's office, devotes most of his time on campus to fund raising, development of alumni chapters and recruitment of students.

After seven years on the Alumni Executive Council, he advanced to the presidency last fall. His term ends during Homecoming Weekend in October. The Alumni Association has been active under his guidance.

"I am proudest of our new computerized recordkeeping system, which is being financed totally through alumni gifts, and of our recognition program for

nationally visible grads like Phil Simms of the New York Giants," says Howard, who plans to stay active in alumni matters after he leaves office.

"It is vital to an institution of higher education to continue to encourage alumni support and to attract new students to replace those of us who have moved out into the work world," Howard said. "I love MSU and I want other young people to have a chance to feel the same."

A freshman at 32

College no longer is the exclusive domain of persons right out of high school or for those with a specific career goal in mind.

At least seven students at Morehead State University who fall into the growing category of "non-traditional" learned this spring that college has plenty to offer and that age is not an important factor. Also their lengthy absences from the classroom have not been a serious handicap.

In fact, all seven reported the overall experience is something they appreciated.

Patricia A. Ginter, 32, returned to school after 14 years and is a freshman studying office management.

"There is a wonderful sense of camaraderie among the students here," she said. "We are all here for the purpose of higher education, so there are shared goals."

She adds that before returning to school, she felt she did not have the knowledge or training to find the type of job she would enjoy but now she is confident that the right job can be attained because of her new training.



BACK IN CLASS—Patricia Ginter, right, Morehead freshman at MSU, is back in the classroom after a 14-year absence. The office management major is one of MSU's students who fall into the growing category of "non-traditional" and have found that college has plenty to offer and age is not an important factor. Checking her work is Betty Jo Hicks, instructor of English at MSU.

Faculty honors two

An English professor specializing in linguistics and British literature and an internationally-known paleontologist were the recipients of MSU's top faculty awards for 1979-80.

Dr. Ruth Barnes, professor of English, was selected for the "Distinguished Faculty Award" presented by the MSU Alumni Association.

The "Distinguished Researcher Award" went to Dr. Jules R. DuBar, professor of geoscience. The award is sponsored by the MSU faculty.

Dr. Barnes, a member of the MSU faculty since 1963, holds two doctoral degrees from London University.

She has numerous publishing credits in linguistics and currently is co-authoring a college textbook with her husband, Dr. Lewis Barnes, also a professor of English at MSU.

Dr. DuBar, who was appointed to the faculty in 1967, is one of MSU's most active researchers and has published more than 70 geological research studies.

A native of Canton, Ohio, Dr. DuBar has a doctoral degree from the University of Kansas. He is considered an authority on the geology of the Atlantic and Gulf coastal plains and has been selected as a leader for the 1980 annual meeting field trip of the Geological Society of America.

Dr. Barnes and Dr. DuBar were chosen by special committees from among nominees of each of MSU's six academic schools.

"The University is very proud of these outstanding faculty scholars and we are pleased that they have been recognized by their colleagues," said President Morris L. Norfleet.



Ruth Barnes



Jules R. DuBar

Teaching programs recredited

MSU has been recredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), President Morris L. Norfleet announced.

Approved recently at NCATE's national meeting in Denver, the recreditation of bachelor's and master's degree programs at MSU extends through Sept. 1, 1987.

"Although our academic programs have broadened considerably, the NCATE action demonstrates that teacher education still remains as strong as ever to meet today's needs," Dr. Norfleet stated.

"The quality of our academic efforts is attributable to the diligence and professionalism of our faculty members," he added. "They deserve the credit for this continued success."

MEAL TIME—Linda Ferritto, Morehead sophomore at MSU, checks her campfire during a recent outing with MSU's backpacking class. Students take outings to regional parks and hike trails and learn about travel on foot.

Campus capsules

Pepper Tyree, instructor of industrial education at MSU, has been elected National Grand Chapter Advisor of Sigma Tau Epsilon, professional industrial education fraternity.

Dr. Alban Wheeler, dean of MSU's School of Social Sciences, recently was named president-elect of Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky.

The MSU Board of Regents recently granted faculty tenure to 11 persons, effective with the 1980-81 school year. They include Dr. James Martin, Pepper Tyree, Dr. Bernard Davis, Dr. Joe Copeland, Carole Morella, Dr. William Whitaker, Dr. William Weikel, Dr. Steve Young, George Burgess, Leo Blair, and Dr. George Dickinson.

Dr. Louise Hickman, head of MSU's Department of Business Education, has been named president-elect of the Kentucky Business Education Association for 1980-81.

G.E. "Sonny" Moran, MSU's director of athletics, received the 1980 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Charleston (W.Va.).

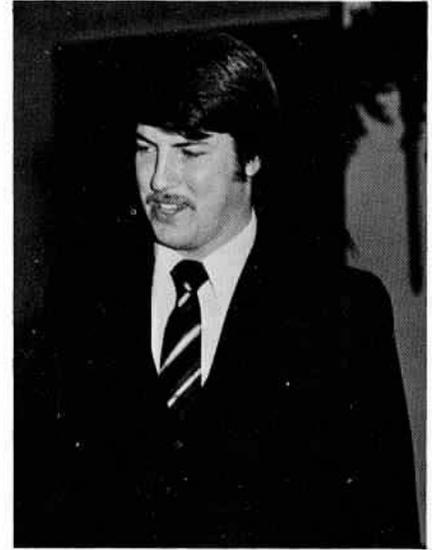


Gifts and grants

- \$30,000 from Kentucky Department of Education for a summer workshop in basic skills for 50 public school teachers.
- \$33,340 from Kentucky Department of Education for meals for Upward Bound students in six-week residential program.
- \$48,020 from University Research Corporation for Head Start supplementary and/or child development training services in Appalachian Kentucky.
- \$45,000 from Kentucky Department of Energy to provide small scale energy users with conservation opportunities.
- \$15,000 from the Kentucky Department of Education for workshops on the improvement of student achievement in basic skills.
- \$1,500 from National Endowment for the Humanities for travel funds for three faculty members to attend a workshop on regionalism in America.
- \$2,500 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to enable Patsy Whitson, assistant professor of sociology, to attend NEH Summer Seminar at the University of Southern California.
- \$16,361 from the Bluegrass Area Development District for the training of Egyptian village officials.

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STUDENT LEADER—Steve O'Connor, Morgan County senior at MSU, is the new president of the Student Association and student representative on the Board of Regents. An agriculture major who plans to become a veterinarian, O'Connor is a resident of Yocum.

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