

News Items for 2011 - June

Simms inducted in KPF Hall of Fame

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From the high school football fields of Louisville to Morehead State's Jayne Stadium to the fields of the National Football League, it has been quite a journey for Phil Simms. (View [photo gallery](#))

The former Eagle quarterback took his place among six other legends that were inducted in the 2011 class of the Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame Friday (June 24) at the Lexington Opera House. It was the ninth annual induction ceremony.

"The five years I spent at Morehead State have afforded me both professionally and personally," Simms said. "My days at Morehead gave me, and continue to give me, tremendous opportunities in life. The lasting friendships I made there continue to this day."

Simms, who may be the best known Eagle athletic alumnus, was presented for introduction by former Eagle teammate John Moses.

"We are very happy that Phil is once again being recognized for an outstanding pro football career," said Brian Hutchinson, director of intercollegiate athletics. "He has meant so much to MSU through the years and he continues to shine a light on our great University."

It is the second straight year that a former Eagle player has been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Gary Shirk, a two-time All Ohio Valley Conference tight end was in the 2010 class.

A four-year letterman, Simms was the Ohio Valley Conference's (OVC) Offensive Player of the Year in 1977, and finished his MSU career with 5,545 passing yards and 32 touchdowns.

After his playing days at Morehead State, he was the New York Giants' first selection (seventh overall) in the 1979 NFL Draft.

"I want to thank everyone at Morehead State, who has showed a lot of support to me," said Simms. "I look forward in being a little more involved with them. They are doing some great things and I want to be apart of that."

Simms enjoyed a 15-year NFL career and held 19 team records when he retired.

As an All-Pro quarterback, he led the New York Giants to two Super Bowl titles. He completed 22 of 25 passes in Super Bowl XXI, defeating the Denver Broncos, 39-20, to give the Giants their first Super Bowl title and earning him MVP honors.

The Louisville Southern High School graduate established team marks for most passes completed and attempted for one game (40 completed, 62 attempted), season (286, 533) and career (2,576, 4,647), most career touchdown passes (199) and most 300-yard games in a career (21).

He was a Pro Bowl selection in 1985 and 1993 Pro Bowls and was the 1985 Pro Bowl MVP. He was named All-Pro in 1986.

His jersey number #11 was retired by the Giants in September 1994 and Simms was inducted into the Morehead State Athletic Hall of Fame in October 1995.

Simms joined CBS Sports in January 1998 as lead analyst for the CBS Television Network's coverage of the NFL. He also was a studio analyst and co-host for ESPN and lead NFL analyst for NBC Sports.

He and his wife, Diana, have three children, Christopher, Matthew and Deirdre.

The remainder of the inductees were: Kerry Rhodes of University of Louisville and the Arizona Cardinals; Ron Hill, Kentucky State University and the Dallas Cowboys; Dale Lindsey of Western Kentucky University and the Cleveland Browns; and Bob Talamini of the University of Kentucky and the New York Jets.

The group also honored George Blanda, who played 26 seasons of professional football, the most in the sport's history and scored more points than anyone in history at the time of his retirement, and legendary Chicago running back Gayle Sayer.

Kentucky is the only state to have its own Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The purpose of the hall, which inducted its first class in 2003, is to appropriately honor persons that have brought recognition to the state of Kentucky, or have by their unusual successful service achieved accomplishment(s) on behalf of their school, or have by act or contribution distinguished themselves as an unusual former National Football League player, coach, referee, owner, management, etc., or supporter of Pro Football.

A look back: 2011 Clack Mountain Festival

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Morehead State University and the surrounding community celebrated the annual Clack Mountain Festival, June 3-4.

The festival featured numerous performances of Bluegrass, traditional and acoustic music and showcased regional talent, as well as nationally-recognized musicians and songwriters.

Various arts and heritage events were held during the CMF, including MSU's Kentucky Folk Art Center's "A Day in the Country Folk Art Show and Sale."

The Clack Mountain Festival also featured children's games and a lot of festival food.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook captured some of the sights of the 2011 festival and has placed them into a [photo gallery](#).

Career Services hosts etiquette dinner

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Morehead State University's Career Services recently hosted a formal, etiquette dinner for students in the Adron Doran University Center.

A new program, called "Eagles in Flight Career Certification," was created by Career Services to help students compete for national jobs. Students enrolled had to attend eight career workshops, create an MSU JobLink account, have their resume critiqued, attend a career fair to network with employers, and perform a practice (mock) interview. The culmination of their efforts not only prepared them for interviewing and salary negotiations, but allowed them to participate in the Etiquette Dinner.

During the event, Megan Boone, career counselor, guided participants in the proper way to handle table talk, food courses, napkins and tableware, as well as how to excuse oneself from the table.

"Proper etiquette is not about enforcing rules, but more about making others comfortable and helping the wait-staff do their jobs well," said Boone. "Looking and sounding polished can help you get the job you want as well as move up in your career."

21st Mortgage and Enterprise Rent-a-Car helped fund the dinner. Several recruiters from 21st Mortgage, Enterprise Rent-a-Car and Edward Jones also attended to help students learn network techniques.

"We are only successful if our students and alumni are successful," said Vice President for University Advancement James Shaw. "We need to do more of this type event to help our students prepare for career success and feel comfortable as the professionals we are training them to be."

According to national surveys, employers prize skills including: communication, a strong work ethic, etc. Employers who recruit at MSU also want those skills, but say that students should be able to introduce themselves, learn to wear professional clothes and practice business etiquette.

"We listen to what employers say and try to build career workshops to help our students prepare for the world of work," said Julia Hawkins, director of Career Services, "This is our first group of students who have completed the Eagles in Flight program and I am pleased with the interest and progress these students have shown."

"I thought the dinner was a great way to meet potential employers in a relaxed setting," said Stephanie May, Morehead senior.

For more information about Career Services or the "Eagles in Flight Career Certification" program, contact the Career Services office at 606-783-2233 or e-mail careerservices@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU, ECU sign agreement for HCTC, UCM students

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Morehead State University and Eastern Kentucky University today announced a new program, “Associate to Baccalaureate Degree Pathway: Collaborative Regional Education Program,” that will allow students at the University Center of the Mountains and Hazard Community and Technology College who have already received an associate degree to obtain a bachelor’s degree from MSU or ECU without leaving the area. (View [photo gallery](#))

The program will begin with the fall 2011 semester.

All classes will be offered to MSU at Jackson, ECU at Manchester and HCTC in traditional, online/in-person or ITV form.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews and ECU President Doug Whitlock along with HCTC President Steve Greiner were among the dignitaries at the event.

“We are answering the challenge to increase opportunities and improve access for KCTCS alumni to finish a four-year degree,” said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. “We value our partnerships with Eastern Kentucky University and KCTCS institutions and we look forward to collaborating with them to provide this new educational opportunity for the students in east Kentucky.”

Upon completion of an AAS degree, graduates meeting the admissions requirements and academic policies of MSU and ECU will be eligible for admission to an online Bachelor of University Studies in professional studies degree program at MSU while ECU will offer a Bachelor of Arts Professional track – general studies.

“This program is a wonderful example of collaboration between three institutions dedicated to improving educational attainment and quality of life in eastern Kentucky. It facilitates the completion of a baccalaureate degree that otherwise would be unattainable for many community college graduates,” said ECU President Doug

Whitlock. “EKU, Morehead State University, and Hazard Community and Technical College have a long history of cooperation and this is a significant addition to that that partnership.”

Additional information is available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/ps or www.eku.edu.

Pikeville SBDC to host seminar on June 30

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“Starting Your Own Business in Kentucky” is a free seminar to be presented by the Morehead State University’s East Kentucky Small Business Development Center and National College.

It will be conducted at the National College, 50 National College Blvd, Pikeville, on Thursday, June 30, from 5-7 p.m.

This is a seminar for both present and prospective small business owners.

The presenter will be Mike Morley, director of MSU’s East Kentucky Small Business Development Center.

Some of the topics to be discussed will be: crucial steps to starting a business, key issues that affect the success of your business, start-up requirements and common pitfalls facing entrepreneurs.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the MSU SBDC web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc.

Additional information and preregistration are available from Linda Casebolt or Morley at the East Kentucky Small Business Development Center by calling 606-432-5848.

Retirees Association plans trip to Louisville

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The Morehead State University Retirees Association will visit two Louisville area attractions, the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs and the Louisville Slugger Museum, on Thursday, June 16.

Admission to the Derby Museum is \$12 and \$9 for the Slugger Museum.

The deadline to reserve a spot is Friday, June 10. Car pools will leave from the Food Lion parking lot at 8:30 a.m. on June 16.

Additional information may be obtained or reservations made by calling 606-783-2080 (toll-free 1-800-783-ALUM) or by e-mail to t.jones@moreheadstate.edu.

The association's next trip will be to Lexington on July 6 to see the Lexington Legends play West Virginia Power.

Blair part of growing 'Project Graduate'

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Adults interested in returning to college and completing a bachelor's degree are getting an extra boost through Project Graduate, a statewide program designed to recruit and graduate former students with 90 or more credit hours. Through fall 2010, a total of 492 former students had completed a bachelor's degree with the help of high-touch services and incentives offered through the program.

Project Graduate is a collaborative effort between the Council on Postsecondary Education and the state's public universities.

"We are delighted that our former students are returning to college and finishing their degrees," said Bob King, Council president. "Our campuses are committed to raising educational attainment in the Commonwealth and this campus-based program is helping busy adults get their degrees while juggling family and work responsibilities."

One such student is 44-year-old Catherine Blair, a Mt. Sterling resident who will finish what she started more than two decades ago when she enrolled at the community college in Ashland right out of high school. Like so many returning adult students, life got in the way of earning a degree.

"After not doing very well academically there, I entered the workforce doing mostly secretarial type work. I was working at a country club and enjoyed the atmosphere so I decided to go back to college and study hospitality management," said Blair.

"I was in my third year of that program when I met and married my husband and my education took a back seat for a long time while we created our family. I was a stay-at-home mom for nearly four years and now that my daughter is school-age, I would like to finish my degree because I feel it will open up more job opportunities, and also, because I know that one day I'll be encouraging my daughter to go to college and telling her how important it is and I feel I should set the example," she added.

Blair is on track to earn her Bachelor of University Studies degree this summer from Morehead State University, but she admits that she was more than a little intimidated with the prospect of returning to college, especially with the application and admission process.

“Project Graduate is a great program,” said Blair. “Having a knowledgeable adviser walk me through it (the application and admission process) was very helpful. Before calling, I was more than a little intimidated by the whole idea of returning to school, but Jill McBride made the first steps so easy that all I really need to worry about is the class work.”

McBride is the non-traditional and commuter coordinator for MSU.

Launched in January 2008, each campus program has a Project Graduate advocate that specializes in working with adult learners and is an expert with many of the unique needs of adult learners. Campuses offer special incentives such as free applications, priority enrollment, after-hours intake, and academic and career advising. Incentives vary by institution, so prospective students should check with the institution for the specific incentives.

For the summer and fall 2010 terms, 145 former students earned degrees. During the same reporting period, 898 former students were enrolled taking 4,136 credit hours and generating more than \$1.3 million in tuition revenue.

Former students with 90 or more credit hours should visit www.knowhow2goky.org and then click on “Adults.”

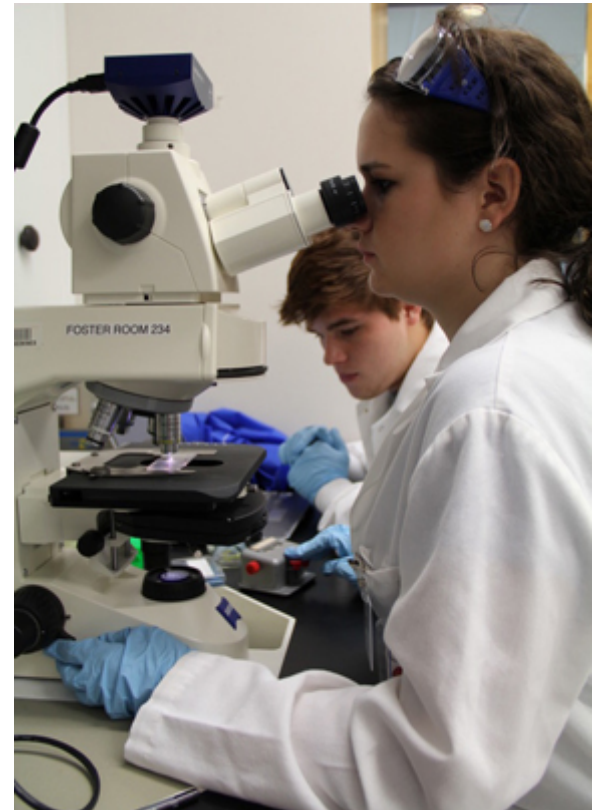
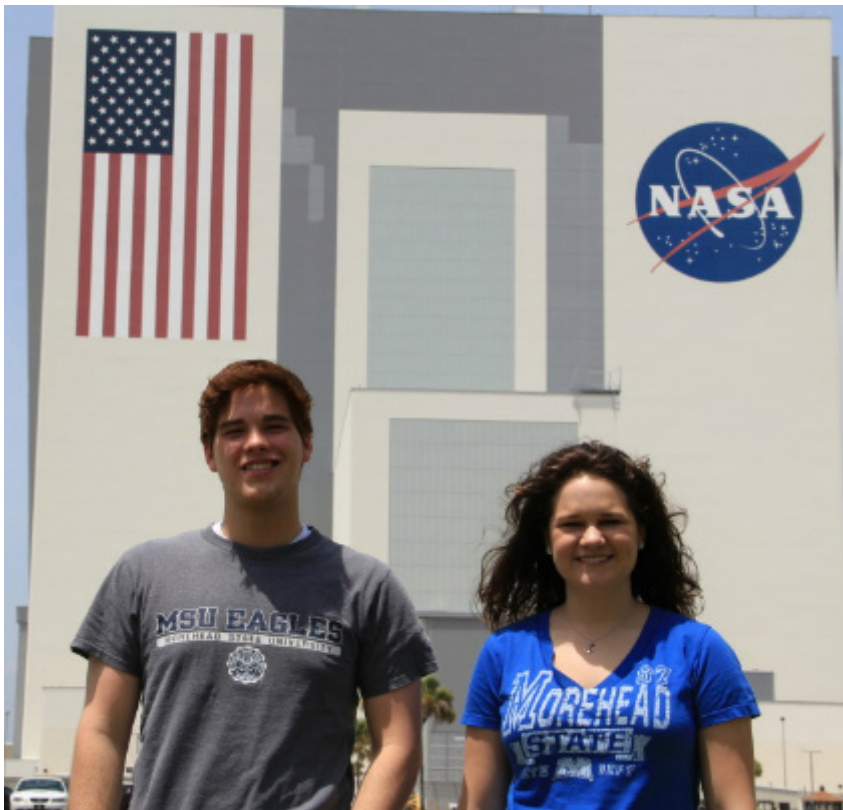
Additional information is available from McBride at 606-783-2000 or 1-800-585-6781, or e-mail her at j.mcbride@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU students have experiment launched into space

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Cara DeMoss and Will Grey, Morehead State University juniors, and Chantal Cappalletti, a visiting Ph.D. degree student from the University of Rome, recently had their experiment launched into space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour. ([photo gallery](#))

The overall experiment, called GlioLab, is a joint project between Kentucky Space/ MSU's Space Science Center and the GAUSS-Group of Astrodynamics at the "Sapienza" University of Rome. The launch and return of the payload was organized by Kentucky Space through its strategic recently formed Exomedicine Institute.

Grey and DeMoss, both biology majors, have been culturing a cancer cell line for more than a year. The majority of their work takes place in the Magrane Molecular Biology Laboratory in Lappin Hall.

"The cancer cell line we are studying is known as Glioblastoma Multiforme. This cancer cell type is found in brain cancer tumors and is considered the most common and aggressive form of brain cancer. This type of cancer affects astrocytes, a glial cell in the central nervous system. Astrocytes are extremely important supporting cells in the human nervous system. Currently the only treatment for this cancer is radiation and chemotherapy," said DeMoss, the daughter of Darrin and Angela DeMoss of Morehead.

According to the MSU students, previous research has shown that in some cell lines microgravity decreases cell growth. The goal of the experiment aboard Endeavour was to see if the Glioblastoma cell line was influenced by ionizing radiation and microgravity.

“From here, we will be able to see how we can adjust the experiment in collaboration with the Space Science Center and our colleagues in Italy to develop a Cube Lab known as GlioLab. GlioLab will house a number of vials containing our cells and enable us to perform more experimental replicates at once in microgravity,” said DeMoss.

GlioLab is being designed and built at the MSU Space Science Center by MSU students and visiting students from the University of Rome in collaboration with Kentucky Space engineers.

The experimental model aboard Endeavour utilized a Liquid Mixing Apparatus (LMA) the students obtained with the help of Kentucky Space and Instrumentation Technology Associates (ITA). The device is basically a tube-like structure that has two chambers separated by a membrane. One of the chambers contained the Glioblastoma culture and DMEM F12 media, which is a liquid that provides growth factors and nutrients to the cells. The other chamber contained RNA protect solution, which was used to fix the cells while they were exposed to microgravity so the students could later analyze the RNA expression of the cancerous cells. Twenty-four hours before the landing, an astronaut aboard Endeavour pressed a plunger on the LMA allowing the RNA protect to come into contact with the Glioblastoma culture.

DeMoss and Grey will now be able to compare the RNA expression of the cells exposed to microgravity to those cultured in the laboratory under gravitational conditions. Complimentary RNA expression research will be performed on the samples in Italy.

“It is hard to imagine,” said Grey, the son of Len and Donna Grey of Morehead, of our research going into space. “A lot of time and hard work went into getting the experiment ready for lift-off.”

After almost two years of planning and working on the project, the glioblastoma cells were loaded aboard Endeavour (STS-134) and launched into space on May 16.

“It was awesome,” said DeMoss of the launch. “It is hard to describe it; the sound was incredible.”

The space shuttle successfully returned to the Kennedy Space Center on June 1, where the Glioblastoma culture was extracted from the LMA, split and shipped to MSU and Rome for analysis.

According to Grey, he and DeMoss will start analyzing the specimen once they have mastered the techniques necessary to quantitate RNA.

“It is pretty cool,” said Grey. “It is still hard to believe that we worked on an experiment that was loaded on the space shuttle, flown in space and now is back here at MSU.”

Along with Grey and DeMoss, GlioLab team members include Dr. Ben Malphrus, director of the MSU Space Science Center; Dr. Darrin DeMoss, MSU professor of biology; Chantal Cappalletti and Giacomo Marini, Ph.D. degree students at the University of Rome, who are currently working at MSU, Space Science Center student Julia O’Brien; and Daniel Erb and Twyman Clements from Kentucky Space.

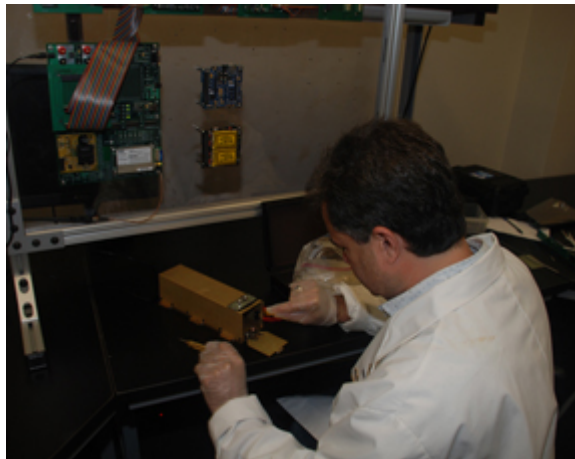
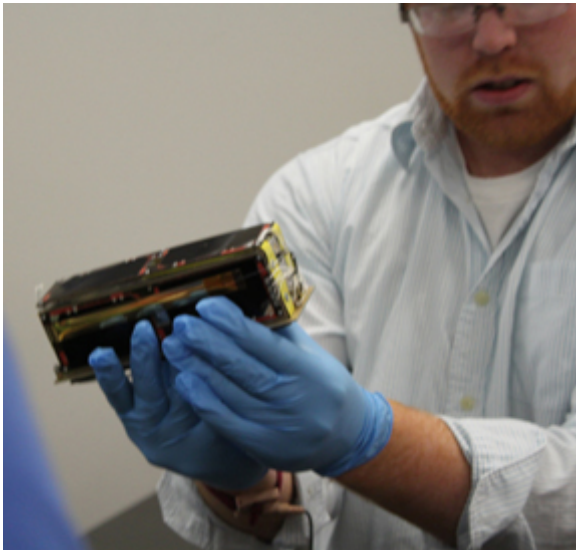
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MSU, UOR prepare for Russian launch

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Morehead State University's Space Science Center and Kentucky Space are collaborating with the University of Rome Sapienza Aerospace Engineering School on a series of student-driven educational satellite projects.

The goal is to develop, build and fly a series of four satellites that are designed, built and operated by university students. These satellites (EduSat, UNISAT-5, UNISAT-6, and UNISAT-7) will be built in Rome and Morehead, integrated at the University of Rome, launched on Russian Dnepr rockets from Russia and Kazakhstan, and controlled from Morehead by students using the big dish antenna and by Italian students using satellite ground assets in Europe.

Dr. Ben Malphrus, director of the Space Science Program; Kevin Brown, assistant professor of space science, and two undergraduate students -- Nathan Fite and Tyler Rose, traveled to Italy for the integration activities. Dr. Malphrus and Brown will be in Russia for the July 7 launch.

A group of students including Clay Graves, Jonathan Fitzpatrick, Ben Cahall, Caleb Grimes, and Margaret Powell will serve as the ground operations team for launch and early operations of the satellite from the MSU

Mission Operations Center.

The first in the series of these missions is the Educational Satellite (EduSat). EduSat is an innovative Microsatellite weighing about 24 pounds (the size of a small microwave oven) that will be launched around July 7 from Yasny Russia on a Dnepr Rocket.

EduSat began as a collaboration between the University of Rome and the Italian Space Agency and now includes the MSU's Space Science Center and Kentucky Space. During its first 30 days in orbit, EduSat will test an orbital deployer designed to release femto-class satellites. While the femtosats will not be released on the first mission, the deployment system that will ultimately deploy them will be tested.

A follow-on mission in 2012 (UNISAT-5) will deploy four femto-class satellites (with masses of under one pound each), two of which were developed by MSU students and faculty. The femtosatellites (invented by MSU professor Bob Twiggs), called PocketQub™s, will be ejected from the UNISAT-5 "mothership" at apogee. Morehead State University has built two of the PocketQub™s in house, with the others built by university students in the U.S. and Europe. These femtosats will be among the smallest satellites ever launched. Each will have Earth and Space monitoring sensors and test micro/nano technology for space applications. The EduSat mission is a precursor mission that will lead the way to flying the PocketQubs by flight-testing the orbital deployer that will launch the PocketQubs from the larger satellite.

The orbital deployers—called the MRFODs (Morehead –Roma Femtosatellite Orbital Deployers) were designed and built by MSU undergraduate students. The orbital deployer was conceived to provide a reliable and adaptable deployment system for the recently developed PocketQub standard as well as other femto-class satellite form factors. To accelerate prototyping of the MRFODs, the 3D printer at the Space Science Center was used. 3-D printing is an additive manufacturing, rapid prototyping technology that greatly facilitates the engineering design process. The 3D printed models have been invaluable in development and testing, including functionality and fit-checks. Using this technique, the MRFOD systems were conceived, designed, prototyped, tested, and flight models were produced in less than nine months.

Using traditional manufacturing processes for prototyping the engineering models would have taken significantly longer and would have cost several times as much to produce.

The PocketQub is a new satellite standard that was proposed in 2009 by Professor Robert Twiggs for a satellite even smaller than the CubeSat. PocketQubs are five cm cubes and can literally fit in a pocket. The PocketQub leverages the CubeSat standard and also leverages the revolution in the miniaturization of electronics. PocketQubs will ultimately have a wide range of applications including: Network Nodes, Sensor Systems, Satellite Constellations, Inexpensive, Redundant, Spatially Organized Earth Remote Sensing Platforms.

MSU students served as the principle engineers in the development of two of the first PocketQubs (Eagle-1 and Eagle-2) and the Morehead-Rome FemtoSat Orbital Deployers (FOD) designed to deploy the femtosats from EduSat (the mother ship). Eagle-1 and 2 will test deployable de-orbit systems and establish flight heritage for femtosat systems including power systems and transceivers. The primary payloads on EduSat are environmental sensors dedicated to secondary education research. The EduSat-FOD mission's successful launch and operation will potentially usher in a new frontier in micro-miniaturization of technologies for the small satellite industry.

The series of space missions are educational and research space mission involving the University of Rome Sapienza, Kentucky Space and MSU. The on-going project has two main purposes: designing, building, and launching a student-built satellite and testing prototype technologies including extremely small space systems in the space environment. Students at the University of Rome and MSU have had the responsibility of designing the satellite's mechanical systems, electronics systems, software systems, and will operate the satellites in orbit. The missions provide excellent opportunities for students to engage in research, and at the same time, push the envelope of micro-nano technologies for space applications.

Additional information is available by calling the Space Science Center at 606-783-2381.

Board of Regents meeting set for June 9

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EVENT: Board of Regents Meeting

DATE: Thursday, June 9, 2011

TIME: 9 a.m.

SITE: Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

During the meeting, the Regents will discuss item(s) on the agenda and any other business that may come before them.

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. BOR ACTION AGENDA FOR 2011-12

IV. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION FOR LINDSAY ADKINS AND SYLVIA LOVELY

V. REPORT ON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – Lindsay Adkins

VI. RATIFY RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR EAGLES BASKETBALL TEAM

VII. APPROVE POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF FOUNDERS AWARD FOR UNIVERSITY SERVICE TO LUCILLE CAUDILL LITTLE

VIII. PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Consent Agenda (Action)

- 1. Approve Minutes of March 11, 2011**
- 2. Approve Awarding of 2011 Spring Graduates**
- 3. Approve Promotions, 2011**
- 4. Approve Emeritus Status**
- 5. Approve Sabbatical Leaves**
- 6. Approve Educational Leave**
- 7. Approve Tenure for Steve Chen**
- 8. Approve Personnel Actions**
- 9. Approve Reappointment of Auditing Firm**
- 10. Approve Minimum Scope of Annual Audit**

B. Recommendations (Action)

- 1. Approve New Academic Program Proposals:**
 - a. Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy**
 - b. Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Technology**
 - c. Bachelor of Arts in International Studies**
 - d. Bachelor of Arts in Traditional Music**
 - e. Master of Arts in Government**
 - f. Master of Arts in Sport Management**
 - g. Master of Arts in Social Sciences**

- 2. Accept Third Quarter Financial Report and Amend Operating Budget**
- 3. Adopt Regulation Pursuant to KRS 164.367**
- 4. Authorize Financing for Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract**
- 5. Ratify 2012-2018 Six-Year Capital Plan**
- 6. Approve Privately Funded Capital Project for the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music**
- 7. Approve 2011-2012 Operating Budget, Fee Schedule, and Personnel Roster**
- 8. Approve New Format of Student Handbook that includes the Tobacco Use Policy**

C. Reports

- 1. Final Spring Enrollment Report**
- 2. Report on Personal Service Contracts**

D. President's Report

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

A. President's Contract

B. Executive Session

C. Future Meetings

- 1. BOR Work Session, Thursday, August 25, 2011, 9 a.m. (Ribbon Cutting for Recreation Center)**

2. BOR Quarterly Meeting, Thursday, September 15, 9 a.m.

3. Governor's Trusteeship Conference, Lexington Marriott Griffin Gate, Friday, September 23

X. ADJOURNMENT

RCSHS junior to represent Talent Search in D.C.

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Nathaniel Ray Davis, a junior at Rowan County Senior High School, has been chosen to represent Morehead State University's Talent Search as a delegate during the 2011 Council for Opportunity in Education's National Student Leadership Congress (NSLC) in Washington, D.C., June 4-9.

He is the son of Kimberly Bailey Davis and Joe Davis of Morehead.

The goal of the National Student Leadership Congress is to establish a national network of emerging leaders from among the student population served by Talent Search and other TRIO programs. Davis has been a member of Talent Search since the eighth grade.

During his time in Washington, he will participate in a series of workshops introducing him to the effective elements of leadership on Capitol Hill. There will be opportunities to participate in national service, coalition building, decision making and problem solving workshops as well as a mock congressional hearing.

Davis also will be meeting with educational leaders and members of Congress to gain greater knowledge about public service career opportunities.

He is president of FCCLA United and vice president of FBLA. Davis also serves as a member of the Student Government Association, French Club, the Youth Sector for Rowan County Schools and Rowan County Youth Unite.

His plans after high school are to attend Morehead State University as a pre-law major and aspires to one day become a United States senator and continue to serve his community and state.

Additional information is available by calling the Talent Search Program at 606-783-9023.

Fetal ultrasounds to be offered

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Morehead State University's Department of Imaging Sciences' Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program will offer free, two-dimensional fetal ultrasounds to expectant mothers.

The ultrasound examinations will be given Aug. 24 through Sept. 22, and be performed by appointment only on the fourth floor of the Center for Health, Education and Research, Room 402, in the University's sonography lab.

The scans are performed by senior level students who will be directly supervised by associate professor Marcia Cooper. She is certified in obstetrics and gynecology by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers. The fetal ultrasound scans provide students the experience they need for entering into the sonography workforce.

All volunteers will be asked to sign a consent form stating that the scans are "non-diagnostic" and are performed for educational purposes only. Participants are asked to bring a towel.

Additional information and appointment times are available by calling the Department of Imaging Sciences at 606-783-2646.

Regents extend President Andrews' contract through 2015

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Morehead State University's Board of Regents rewarded President Wayne D. Andrews with a contract extension and again commended him for his "stellar leadership" during their meeting held on Thursday, June 9.

"I am deeply gratified by the board's action. I am very proud to lead this institution," Dr. Andrews said.

The contract extension carries his appointment through June 30, 2015 and includes a 2 percent pay raise. The Regents agreed to explore an external bonus for the president, funded by private sources.

Dr. Andrews became MSU's 13th president on Jan. 1, 2005.

In other action at its quarterly meeting, the Regents approved a \$135.5 million operating budget for the 2011-12 academic year and ratified awarding degrees to the 2011 spring graduates. The budget includes a 2 percent raise for employees.

The budget also includes a 5 percent tuition increase for undergraduates and graduate students, which could increase to 7 percent when Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) meets on Friday and approves a tuition exception for MSU. The 2 percent exception is a fee that was approved by the Student Government Association in 2006 to support the debt service on the new Recreation and Wellness Center, which will be in use in the fall.

The Regents recognized outgoing board member Lindsay Adkins of Ashland, student regent, for her service to the University, and Sylvia L. Lovely of Lexington for her term as regent. Lovely was the first female chair of the MSU board.

Lucille Caudill Little will be honored posthumously as this year's recipient of the Founders Award for University Service.

The board also approved seven new academic programs proposals. Approved were Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy; Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Technology; Bachelor of Arts in International Studies;

Bachelor of Arts in Traditional Music; Master of Arts in Government; Master of Arts in Sport Management; and Master of Arts in Social Sciences. The programs still must meet CPE approval.

In other business, the Regents:

- **ratified promotions for four faculty members;**
- **granted emeritus status to four faculty members;**
- **approved tenure for one faculty member;**
- **accepted the third quarter financial report;**
- **ratified a resolution of commendation for the men's basketball squad;**

The Regents heard reports on spring 2011 enrollment, Student Government Association and personal service contracts. The group also amended the operating budget; ratified personnel actions and the Six-year (2012-18) Capital Plan. The Board also authorized financing for Guaranteed Energy Saving Performance Contract and approved privately funded capital project for the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

The next quarterly meeting will be Aug. 25 for the ribboncutting of the new Recreation and Wellness Center.

Dr. Phillips awarded honorary FFA degree

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Morehead State University's Dr. J. Mike Phillips, chair of the Department of Agricultural Sciences, was awarded the honorary state Future Farmers of America (FFA) degree by the Kentucky FFA organization.

He accepted the honor at Lexington's Rupp Arena Thursday, June 8, during the 82nd Annual Kentucky State FFA Convention.

The award is the highest degree that can be bestowed upon an individual by a state FFA organization, second only to the American FFA degree awarded by the National FFA. Individuals nominated for the award have advanced agricultural education through outstanding personal commitment.

Dr. Phillips joined MSU in January 2007. Prior to that, he was director of the University of Arkansas Southwest Research and Extension Center.

"Future Farmer's of America is the nation's premier organization for young people interested in agriculture and we are very proud of Dr. Phillips," said Dr. Roger McNeil, dean of the College of Science and Technology. "He is very committed to the agriculture community and the education of our students. His leadership and vision have been an integral part of our agricultural education success at Morehead State."

Dr. Phillips has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the Distinguished Service Award from the Southern Pasture and Forage Crop Improvement Conference; Merit and Presidential Citation awards from the American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC); and Career-Professional Award in Technology Transfer from the American Society of Agronomy (ASA-CSSA-SSSA). He also was elected vice chair of the Agri-Energy component of the Governor's Task Force on the Future of Agriculture in Kentucky.

"It's a real honor to be a part of this organization, realizing you are making a significant impact in educating the youth of this country who are challenged to feed the world," said Dr. Phillips. "This was a surprise to me in that I didn't realize I was being recognized for this award."

He earned his Ph.D. and master's degrees from the University of Arkansas and his bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Phillips at 606-783-2662.

MSU Prestonsburg BSW winners announced

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Morehead State University at Prestonsburg’s graduating senior class worked throughout the area in multiple agencies learning about the social work profession in the region.

As part of their senior social work classes, students learn about creating community change. Under the direction Deirdra Robinson, instructor of social work, the students completed a “proposal for change,” an assignment which asks the students to develop a project based on the field experience at an agency where they are placed for the semester.

The students were instructed to find out what their agency needed to enhance their work with clients or the community and propose a letter with budget included to a committee on the main campus in Morehead.

Winners were Jenny Shepherd of Salyersville and Barbara Bailey of Royalton.

The agency that won was Mountain Comprehensive Care Center/Victim Services. The agency received \$100 to purchase items such as shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes. These items will go to survivors of rape who come to hospitals for an exam. Survivors who are raped are not allowed to shower before the exam.

The purchased items will allow the survivors to shower as soon as they are finished with the exam and before they even leave the hospital.

To learn more about the social work program offered, contact Elizabeth Bishop, facilitator for the social work program at MSU Prestonsburg, at 606-889-4829.

MSU employees honored for service

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Several Morehead State University employees were honored for attaining milestones in their years of service with the University. MSU President Wayne D. Andrews congratulated each employee as he presented them with a service pin symbolic of the achievement. Among those participating in the ceremony were, front row from left: Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, Sandi Ruth, 15; Sonya Lytle, 15; Sherre Robinson, 10; Teresa Lindgren, 20; and Rhonda Crisp, 20. Second row from left, Kelli Owen, 5; Angela Kelsey, 10; Jeffrey Liles, 10; Matthew Schabert, 5; and Shannon Harr, 10.

CPE adopts policy revisions to improve transfer

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The Council on Postsecondary Education approved key policy revisions to the general education transfer policy that will significantly improve the transfer process for students at Kentucky's public colleges and universities.

The revisions support the Council's strategic agenda to increase transfer opportunities and completion rates of students at all levels. The action also supports the state's transfer action plan designed to implement transfer legislation known as House Bill 160 (2010).

"These transfer policy revisions will increase student success and completion rates, enhance the ease of transfer, and speed time to degree," said Council President Bob King. "We appreciate the level of cooperation of our campus leadership and staff and their shared commitment to improve the transfer process for our students."

Under the policy, students can transfer individual courses and be guaranteed that they will fulfill general education requirements of comparable courses at any public institution in Kentucky. In the past, students had to complete a transfer block of general education courses to guarantee that they would transfer without loss of credit.

In addition to the course-to-course transfer, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System's common course numbering system ensures that comparable general education courses have the same name, content and learning outcomes at all KCTCS campuses. The numbering system, added as a revision to the general education transfer policy, will ensure transferability and quality of courses.

Alignment of KCTCS's general education courses to comparable courses at the four-year institutions will also greatly enhance student mobility and transparency. Students will know how a particular course will be applied toward general education credit through a coding system that will appear with student transcripts and on a transfer Web portal.

The policy revisions take effect in 2012.

In other transfer developments, student learning outcomes are being aligned in five high-need transfer majors, including biology, business, elementary education, nursing and social work. Also in process is the development of a uniform data collection and reporting method, a Web-based system for faculty to determine course equivalencies for transfer, and a student transfer portal.

The Council heard a broad update on student success, including a wide range of strategies to increase degree production and completions, close achievement gaps, and decrease financial barriers to college access and completion. The Council also heard reports from the Executive Committee regarding President Bob King's evaluation, an update on diversity planning from the Committee on Equal Opportunities, and an update on the 2011-12 Council work plan.

In other action, the Council:

--Approved 2011-12 tuition and mandatory fee proposals for Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University. The requests complied with the ceilings set in April by the Council.

--Approved special use fee exception requests for Morehead State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Louisville and Western Kentucky University.

--Approved an admission regulation revision to reflect the change in high school graduation requirements for the class of 2012, revised college readiness indicators, and transfer admission.

The next Council meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2011 Governor's Trusteeship Conference, Sept. 22-23 in Lexington.

Alumni, fans enjoy 'Celebration of MSU Athletics'

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Morehead State University's Office of Athletics held its annual fundraising golf outing, "Celebration of MSU Athletics," Saturday, June 4, at Eagle Trace Golf Course.

The event raised nearly \$20,000 which will support the greatest needs of the athletics program.

The team from WKYT won the scramble-format event with a 23-under par. There were 26 total teams at the tournament.

Tom Hodges, women's basketball coach, and Donnie Tyndall, men's basketball coach, hosted the luncheon portion of the tournament. Door prizes were also given away.

Corporate sponsors were: Anthem; MSU's College of Business and Public Affairs; Fast Lane; Hodges Properties; Humana and H and R Block; John Wood Insurance Agency Inc.; Kentucky Bank; Pack's Inc.; Pepsi; Rex Chaney Golf Academy; Siemen's; The Citizens Bank; The Walker Company; Trademark Insurance; U.S. Bank; Whitaker Bank; and WKYT.

Hole sponsors included: Anthem; Booth Energy; Buffalo Wild Wings; CG&B Marketing/Publishing LLC; MSU's College of Business and Public Affairs; Comfort Inn; E-Campus; Fast Lane; Hodges Properties; Holbrook Drug; Humana and H and R Block; John Wood Insurance Agency Inc.; Kentucky Bank; Larry Fannin Chevrolet; Lexus River Center - Phil Booth; Pack's Inc.; Pepsi; Proventions Group; Rex Chaney Golf Academy; Siemen's; Steve and Mary Ann Hale; Steve Barker - State Farm Insurance; The Citizens Bank; The Walker Company; Trademark Insurance; University Bookstore; U.S. Bank; Walmart; Whitaker Bank; and WKYT.

Additional information on the "Celebration of MSU Athletics" is available by contacting MSU's Office of Development toll free at 877-690-4483 or by e-mail at giving@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU to become tobacco-free, July 1

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Morehead State University will become tobacco-free July 1, joining more than 400 colleges and universities throughout the country that have similar policies.

The decision announced last November was based on the recommendations of a committee composed of students, faculty and staff, the University will extend its current policies prohibiting the use of all tobacco products in its buildings to the entire campus, according to President Wayne D. Andrews.

Chewing and smokeless tobacco products also are included in the ban.

“It is the policy of this University to promote the health, well-being and safety of our students, faculty and staff, as well as visitors to the campus. The University has an opportunity to dramatically impact the health and welfare of the members of our community and guests by making a change in the current campus tobacco practices,” said Dr. Andrews.

Students, faculty and staff are being offered help to quit smoking before the new policy goes into effect. Students can contact the Caudill Health Clinic to begin a cessation program while faculty and staff will be able to receive information on smoking cessation assistance from MSU’s Office of Human Resources.

“We encourage tobacco users to take advantage of the various cessation programs being offered to the campus community prior to the new policy going into effect,” said Dr. Andrews.

Signs on the new ban will be placed throughout campus.

During the June 9 meeting, MSU’s Board of Regents adopted changes in the 2011-12 Eagle Student Handbook and added the new tobacco policy to the Student Conduct Code.

Retirees heading to Legends game

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"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" is the theme for Morehead State University's Retirees Association as members head for Whitaker Bank Ballpark on Wednesday, July 6, to see the Lexington Legends play West Virginia Power.

Game time is 12:05 p.m. and car pools will leave from the Food Lion parking lot at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$8 per person and the deadline for reservations is June 30.

Additional information may be obtained or reservations made by calling 606-783-2080 (toll free 1-800-783-ALUM) or by e-mail to t.jones@moreheadstate.edu.

The retirees' next outing will be a sunset cruise on Cave Run Lake on Thursday, July 21.

A look back 2011 Summer Arts Academy

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Morehead State University hosted 85 students for its Summer Arts Academy, June 12-18.

The Academy consisted of six full days of activities, including individual and group instruction in a chosen area - music, theatre, dance, art and design, and creative writing.

Evening activities included an "Art Hop" night showcasing works of faculty and SAA art and design students, bowling night, game night, a dance and performances /presentations by MSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and Creative Writing faculty

“What made this a unique experience was the focus on the individual having specific study in their medium (music, theatre, dance, art and design and creative writing) several hours a day with faculty,” said Greg Wing, Summer Arts Academy coordinator. “Participants had an opportunity to improve their skills in each area and interact with other students.”

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook attended some of the events and has compiled a [photo gallery](#) of the 2011 Summer Arts Academy.

Williamson named Zimbelman-Hafs Public Policy Intern

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Morehead State University graduate Ben Williamson has been named the second Zimbelman-Hafs Public Policy Intern. The American Society of Animal Science Foundation, through the Zimbelman-Hafs Appreciation Club, selected him for the post.

The son of Chuck and Karen Williamson of Cedarville, Ohio, is a graduate student at the University of Arkansas.

He received his B.S. degree in animal science from Morehead State University in 2009.

In his first year of enrollment at UA in the Department of Animal Science, he concentrated on research, working at the USDA-ARS Dale Bumpers Small Farm Research Center near Booneville, Ark. After concluding his research, he moved to Fayetteville to complete his course work.

The Zimbelman-Hafs Public Policy Internship is designed to give an outstanding candidate the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge of actions in Washington, D. C., that affect animal agriculture. To gain this experience, Williamson will be placed in a Washington, D.C., legislative, regulatory, or administrative office and support activities to improve awareness of animal agriculture issues.

Early College Program hosts 'Superintendent Appreciation Day'

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Morehead State University celebrated “Superintendent Appreciation Day” Thursday, June 16, by signing Memorandum of Agreements with local school systems for its 2011-12 Early College Program. ([View photo gallery](#))

“Our Early College Program enables students to make substantial progress toward earning a college degree while still enrolled in high school,” said Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president. “The program is one example of how MSU is partnering with area high schools to support the goals identified for the Commonwealth in Senate Bill. We expect to achieve improvements in college-readiness and also increase the college-going rate of Kentucky’s high school graduates from the participating high schools. We are delighted to be working with area high schools to provide this wonderful opportunity for Kentucky students.” ”

A total of 39 high or technical schools will offer MSU classes for the fall semester. MSU’s goal is to have 1,000 high school students participating in the program for fall 2011.

School systems taking part are: Bath, Boyd, Breathitt, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Pike, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe counties; as well as Jackson, Maysville’s St. Patrick, Paintsville, Pikeville, Raceland-Worthington, Russell independents; and Lakeside Christian.

“We are extremely pleased with the response that MSU has received for our Early College Program,” said Joel Pace, director of adult and early college programs. “This program is truly a win-win opportunity. Students get to earn college credit for free or at a much reduced rate, parents have less financial burden for a college education and schools get challenging new courses which fully optimize the talents of their high schools. MSU and the high schools are also partnering to help students achieve college readiness benchmarks. This benefits students, school, the University and the Commonwealth and is a great opportunity.”

Qualifying high school students are given the opportunity to prepare for the future while attending high school. In the program, high school students have the opportunity to enroll in a course taught in their high school and receive college credit for successful completion of the coursework. This program allows qualified high school faculty, who meet accreditation standards, to teach the University courses.

“MSU discipline specific faculty mentors will meet regularly with Early College faculty at the high schools to assist in the delivery of a college-level curriculum with the same rigor and support regardless of the location”, said Dr. Dayna Seelig, associate vice president of academic affairs.

MSU and the partner schools are collaborating to offer 24 college credits to all high school students before they graduate.

Additional information is available by calling Pace at 606-783-2005 or you can find an application at www.moreheadstate.edu/earlycollege/.

Fariel drafted by Denver in first-round

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Morehead State graduate and former men's basketball player Kenneth Fariel was selected 22nd overall by the Denver Nuggets in the first round of Thursday's 2011 NBA Draft, held at the Prudential Center in his hometown of Newark, N.J.

Fariel is the eighth first-round pick in Ohio Valley Conference history and the first ever for Morehead State. He is the 17th player in Eagle history to be drafted. He is the first player to be taken from MSU since 2004 (Ricky Minard) and will be the fifth OVC player taken in the past 10 years. Tennessee State's Carlos Rogers, taken in 1994 by the then Seattle SuperSonics, was the last first-round pick from the OVC.

“I’m excited to be playing for Denver. I’m going to bring everything I’ve learned,” Faried said. “I want to thank my Mom and my Dad and my family and my beautiful daughter because she gave me an extra boost to want to reach my dreams for her. I want to thank the people of Morehead and the coaching staff of Morehead State to help me reach my goal, and the support they gave me.”

The two-time Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year and three-time OVC Defensive Player of the Year, Faried led Morehead State to its second OVC Tournament championship in the last three years. He established the NCAA modern-era (post-1973) career rebounding record with 1,673 rebounds. Faried’s 86 career double-doubles place him just one behind only Tim Duncan in doubles-doubles in NCAA Division I history.

Faried, who was named the NABC Defensive Player of the Year and earned seven different All-America honors, led the Ohio Valley Conference in blocks per game at 2.3 and was tied for second in the league in steals per game at 1.9.

Faried and the Eagles tied a school record with 25 wins this season. He led the team with 17.3 points and 14.5 rebounds per game while shooting 62.3 percent from the field.

Eagle draft picks:

**2004 NBA Draft Round 2 Pick 19- Ricky Minard, Sacramento Kings;
1992 NBA Draft Round 2 Pick 27- Brett Roberts, Sacramento Kings;
1987 NBA Draft Round 2 Pick 9- Bob McCann, Milwaukee Bucks;
1984 NBA Draft Round 4 Pick 21- Earl Harrison, Philadelphia 76ers;
 Round 6 Pick 2- Jeff Tipton, Chicago Bulls;
1974 NBA Draft Round 8 Pick 8- Leonard Coulter, Seattle SuperSonics;
1971 NBA Draft Round 6 Pick 3- Jim Day, Portland Trail Blazers;
1969 NBA Draft Round 3 Pick 4- Lamar Green, Phoenix Suns;
 Round 5 Pick 14- Willie Jackson, Baltimore Bullets;
 Round 14 Pick 3- Jerry Conley, Seattle SuperSonics;
 Round 16 Pick 3- Danny Cornett, Seattle SuperSonics;
1966 NBA Draft Round 2 Pick 1- Henry Akin, New York Knicks;
1962 NBA Draft Round 6 Pick 4- Ed Noe, Detroit Pistons;
1958 NBA Draft Round 2 Pick 1- Steve Hamilton, Minneapolis Lakers;
 Round 6 Pick 8- Dave Keleher, Boston Celtics;
1957 NBA Draft Round 9 Pick 5- Steve Hamilton, Philadelphia Warriors;
1956 NBA Draft Round 4 Pick 10 - Dan Swartz, Boston Celtics;
1950 NBA Draft Round 5 Pick 53 - Sonny Allen, Indianapolis Olympians.**

'Slow Time' now open at KFAC satellite gallery

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Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center has announced the opening of "Slow Time: The Works of Charley and Noah Kinney" at the new KFAC satellite gallery at The Mall at Lexington Green.

An opening reception will be held on Friday, July 15, 5-8 p.m. The satellite gallery, sponsored by The Mall at Lexington Green, is a partnership between KFAC and Artique.

The exhibition will draw from KFAC's permanent collection to present 20 works by the Kinneys, two of the 20th century's most significant folk artists.

The brothers were born six years apart—1906 and 1912 respectively—into a life of subsistence farming not so far removed from that eked out by early white settlers in Northeast Kentucky. They died within six months of each other in 1991. Their lives spanned a tumultuous era in history, a time of unprecedented economic, technological, socio-political and cultural change. Many of these developments disrupted and made an anachronism of the way of life and world view the Kinney brothers had inherited from their parents.

"The Kinney brothers are the stuff from which myths and legends so easily arise," said Adrian Swain, KFAC curator. "As artists and musicians, Charley and Noah were local standard bearers of their culture, and of a way of life that they adhered to long after most others had abandoned it for generic late 20th century America. All that discussion notwithstanding, the art is powerful; it stirs your gut. The Kinneys were the real thing."

"For anyone out there who wonders why we make such a big deal about folk art here in Kentucky, I strongly suggested taking a look at the Kinney brothers' art," said Matt Collinsworth, KFAC director. "There's a reason why people from across the globe traveled to their small farm in Lewis County to visit with them; something strange and wonderful happened there. We're so happy that our partnership with Artique allows us to present it to a new audience."

The satellite gallery is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., and Sunday, from noon – 6 p.m.

Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University. The Center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 606-783-2204 or go to www.kyfolkart.org.

Special July 4 program to air on MSPR

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Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) will celebrate July 4 with three special programs.

"Flag of the Free" and "A Grateful Nation" will air at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 4. The show will feature patriotic music with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square.

At 10 a.m., Leroy Anderson will host his own special. The show features Anderson, America's most popular light music composer, conducting The United States Air Force Band, The Purdue University Symphonic Band and The United States Coast Guard Band in his own selections which include: The Captains and the Kings, A Trumpeter's Lullaby, Belle of the Ball, The Phantom Regiment, Serenata, Clarinet Candy, The Irish Washerwoman, The Girl I Left Behind, Horse and Buggy, The Syncopated Clock, Bugler's Holiday, The Waltzing Cat, Home Stretch and Blue Tango.

On July Fourth, there's no place like our nation's capital for America's biggest birthday party. If you can't be in Washington, D.C., in person then listen to "A Capitol Fourth 2011" which will air live at 8 p.m. from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

America's national Independence Day celebration will be hosted by Emmy- and Golden Globe Award-winning actor Jimmy Smits, and will feature unrivaled performances from some of the country's biggest musical names—including Grammy- and Emmy Award-winning actor and musician Steve Martin with the Steep Canyon Rangers, multi-platinum recording superstar Josh Groban, Matthew Morrison (Glee), American Idol winner Jordin Sparks, rock 'n roll legend Little Richard performing with the cast of the Broadway smash hit Million Dollar Quartet, and three-time Tony-nominated Broadway star Kelli O'Hara, all joined by the National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of top pops conductor Jack Everly.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day in digital high definition from the campus of Morehead State University, and serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the network, which includes a translator (88.3 FM) in Inez.

Additional information is available by contacting MSPR at 606-783-2001.

Hill's documentary to premiere at New Hope Festival

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Jeffrey Hill, associate professor of mass communication in the Department of Communication, Media and Leadership Studies at Morehead State University, will have his documentary "The Ballad of Banjo Bill" premiere at the New Hope Film Festival in New Hope, Pa., Saturday, July 16.

The documentary features banjo player and state representative Bill Cornett of Hindman.

Additional information is available by calling Hill at 606-783-9383.

MSU West Liberty Fishing Tournament draws 59 boats

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Morehead State University at West Liberty recently hosted its 6th Annual Open Bass Fishing Tournament. The event was sponsored by the Commercial Bank of West Liberty with all proceeds benefiting the MSU at West Liberty Scholarship Fund.

The team of Jeff Spencer of West Liberty and Dwayne Morris of Morehead won the first place, \$4,000 prize with a catch of 8.59 pounds. James Davis of Mt. Sterling and James E. Davis of Means finished second and received a \$2,000 check for 7.50 pounds, while Glenn Smith and Daniel Smith of Campton took third place and \$1,000 for 7.25 pounds.

Mike Hardin and Donnie Hardin of Owingsville placed fourth (\$750) and John Standafer of West Liberty and Robert Hatfield of Morehead collected the \$500 prize for fifth place. The big fish award (\$500) went to Mike Hardin.

A total of 59 boats participated in the event.

Additional information is available by calling MSU at West Liberty at 606-743-1500 or 800-648-5371.

Stratospheric Space Science Program conducts third balloon launch

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Students, staff and volunteers of the Stratospheric Space Science Program in Morehead State University's Space Science Center conducted their third high altitude balloon launch on Tuesday, June 21.

(View [photo gallery](#))

The balloon was launched from Paris, as part of a teacher workshop for a group of area teachers funded by the NASA-Kentucky Space Grant Consortium.

As it gained altitude the balloon drifted 27 miles northeast toward Mayslick, at which point it went due west for 26 miles before landing near Berry, 10 miles northwest of Cynthiaiana.

The balloon reached an altitude of 117,480 feet or 22.25 miles up. Barometric pressure at this altitude was 0.05 PSI as compared to a normal 14.7 PSI at sea level.

“Unfortunately, the balloon payload landed 60-plus feet up in a White Oak tree about 400 feet into the woods and on the opposite side of the valley from the nearest road,” said Eric Thomas, Star Theater director. “The payload remained in the tree until June 23, when it was cut loose by an MSU employee who, using climbing equipment and a long tree pruner was able to free it.”

Using a meteorological (weather) balloon filled with helium, experiment pods were attached to a parachute to form the flight string. This in turn was attached to the balloon. After launch, the balloon and flight string rose through the atmosphere until the balloon burst. At that point, the experiment pods were returned to earth by the parachute. On board, GPS hardware continuously transmitted the balloon's location to ground receiver stations during the flight to aid in tracking and recovery.

Funded by a grant from MSU's Center for Regional Engagement, the Stratospheric Space Science Program is managed by Thomas.

The goal of the Stratospheric Space Science Program is to provide students a hands-on platform for research and experimentation experiences through the use of high altitude balloon flights to the edge of space environment. The

Stratospheric Space Science Program also offers opportunities for elementary, middle and high school students to fly experiments they have developed as part of MSU's outreach partnership with the public

and private schools in its service area and across the state.

Additional information is available by contacting Thomas at 606-783-9593 or by e-mailing e.thomas@moreheadstate.edu.

Large crowd gathers for Morehead Clinic Days

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Another large crowd of veterinarians and veterinary technicians from across the state and region attended the 33rd annual Buffalo Trace Morehead Clinic Days Conference June 4-5 at Morehead State University's Derrickson Agricultural Complex.

The conference offered many different topics in large and small animal medicine and surgery.

A total of 125 participants were informed of dermatology case studies, practical pathology, equine parasitology, small animal emergency medicine, equine lameness case studies, and large and small animal clinical pathology issues.

The two-day event has been held annually at MSU since 1978.

Timely topics in veterinary regulatory medicine and accreditation were presented. For the second year in a row, a practitioner's forum was held, in which several local practitioners were invited to present case studies and the floor was theirs to discuss how they treated certain conditions. There was lively interaction from the audience as to case management strategies.

Sessions for veterinary technicians are held annually at this meeting, and more than 45 technicians and technologists were in attendance.

The traditional pig roast and "fixins" were enjoyed by all on Sunday.

"The Buffalo Trace VMA conference planning committee would like to express their deepest appreciation to all of the wonderful sponsors that supported this year's meeting," said Dr. Phil Prater, MSU professor of veterinary technology and director of the MSU program.

Proceeds from the conference are used to support scholarships for veterinary technology students at MSU. In 2011, nearly \$6,000 in scholarships will be awarded.

Additional information about programs in veterinary science and technology is available by calling Amy Staton, veterinary technologist, at 606-783-2328 or Liz Carson, veterinary technologist, at 606-783-2978.

