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MOREHEAD, Ky.---It had not happened since 2004 but the 138 members of the 2010 Kentucky General Assembly went home Thursday without completing their only constitutional duty -- enactment of a state budget for the next two fiscal years starting July 1.

The Senate adjourned about 6 p.m. and the House followed just before 7:30 p.m. on the 60th and final day of the 2010 regular session. Later, Gov. Steve Beshear described the session as an "abject failure" and said the citizens of Kentucky were "disgusted" by the turn of events. House Democrats led by Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, and Senate Republicans led by Sen. David Williams, R-Burkesville, blamed each other for the collapse of budget negotiations which began three weeks ago. Both sides accused the other of playing politics with the budget because of this year's elections in which all 100 House seats and 19 of the 38 Senate seats will be on the ballot.

Beshear, who had pleaded with legislators to work out their differences on a state spending plan, now is faced with the constitutional responsibility of calling a special legislative session to develop a budget before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. If that does not occur, the governor will be forced to shut down most of state government at midnight on June 30, except for public safety operations. Beshear has indicated he will issue that call in May. Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews said he is disappointed by the lack of a budget but remains hopeful that the impasse can be resolved in the special session. Draft budgets adopted by both the House and Senate included cuts in state appropriations for public colleges and universities as the lawmakers wrestled with a projected revenue shortfall exceeding \$1.2 billion.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center will host "A Day in the Country 2010" on Saturday, June 5. The folk art fair will be held at the Morehead Conference Center on First Street in Morehead from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

A reception for artists and visitors will be held on Friday, June 4, from 5-7 p.m. at KFAC.

The event will bring together more than 50 self-taught artists from more than 10 states to display and offer their work for sale. Visitors can expect to find wood carvings, stone carvings, paintings and more.

"A Day in the Country continues to draw new artists as participants and new collectors from across the nation," said Adrian Swain, KFAC curator. "We're committed to making the show as diverse and exciting as possible. While artists from East Kentucky are the backbone of the event, it's interesting to include the work of people from other regions and cultural backgrounds. It makes for a dynamic mix of talent and personalities."

The featured exhibition during the event is "Red River: The Narrative Works of Edgar Tolson, Carl McKenzie, Earnest Patton, and Donny Tolson." Guest-curated by Larry Hackley, the exhibition features at least 10 major works by each of these artists, for a total of 46 works in all. The focus is on their narrative work, so most of the carvings are complex, multi-figure scenes, including six Garden of Eden pieces by Edgar Tolson. The exhibition will be on display through July 3 and will then be shown at other venues in the region.

"We're very excited about this year's event," said Matt Collinsworth, KFAC director. "A Day in the Country drew visitors from more than 20 states last year. Minnie Adkins had a vision when she began this event in her yard in Isonville. We hope that we've done right by her in growing it and promoting it. The event is gaining in prominence nationally, and it's simply a unique opportunity, especially when paired with the great music offered at the Clack Mountain Festival."

"A Day in the Country" is held in conjunction with the Clack Mountain Festival. Complete festival information, including musical performances is available at www.clackmountainfest.com.

The 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.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2204 or visiting www.kyfolkart.org.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Lynda Barry, an award winning artist and author, will be on the main campus of Morehead State University, April 22-24, hosting student and public workshops, seminars, and a lecture with a book signing.

Her publications include “What It Is,” “Cruddy, One! Hundred! Demons!,” “ The Good Times Are Killing Me,” and “The Greatest of Marlys,” and the comic strip “Ernie Pook's Comeek” that ran weekly for 30 years.

She is the recipient of numerous awards for her work, including two William Eisner Awards, the American Library Association's Alex Award, the Washington State Governors Award, and the Wisconsin State Library Association's RR Donnelly Award.

Barry will give a lecture about her work on Thursday, April 22, at 7 p.m. in 111 Claypool-Young Art Building, followed by a book signing and reception in the art gallery.

The workshop "Writing the Unthinkable" - reserved for MSU students - will be held on Friday, April 23, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., for \$10 per student which covers the cost of lunch.

The public workshop "Writing the Unthinkable" is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and is \$50 per person (brown bag lunch).

Barry's events are sponsored by MSU’s Department of Art and Design, Arts and Humanities Council, College of Education, Department of English, Department of International and Interdisciplinary Studies, Morehead State Public Radio and CoffeeTree Books.

Workshops will have limited seating and reservations are required by Thursday, April 22.

Additional information is available by contacting Jennifer Reis, assistant professor of art and art gallery director, at (606) 783-5446 or by e-mail at j.reis@moreheadstate.edu.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, April 5, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The system consists of three speakers that use an alert tone as well as voice messages to warn the campus during an emergency. The high powered amplifiers are located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---AmeriCorps members and volunteers across Kentucky will build 500 beds during a 24-hour bed-blitz on May 8.

The Kentucky Build-a-Bed project has been selected to kick-off the 2010 National AmeriCorps Week, an annual recruitment and recognition event designed to bring more Americans into service while saluting the efforts of AmeriCorps members and alumni for their powerful impact on society.

According to AmeriCorps members it is a big deal for Kentucky, because in the past the National AmeriCorps Week Kick-Off-Events have been held in big cities like New York, Chicago and Washington D.C.

The Build-A-Bed project, has gained much momentum since its formation last year. The project, conceived by AmeriCorps members, delivered more than 50 beds to K-12 Kentucky students last May.

The program targets a very specific and often neglected community, the working-poor. Many children are living in homes with not enough beds, or none at all. Homeless shelters and various nonprofits take care of the homeless, but those who have homes and not furniture rarely receive much focus for help. The Build-A-Bed's mission is to ensure that K-12 Kentucky children are guaranteed a proper place to sleep in their homes.

To achieve this year's goal of 500 beds, Kentucky Build-A-Bed has partnered with outreach groups at Morehead State University, which include Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), MSUCorps, Adult Education and College Access, Center for Regional Engagement, Youth-Build, Today's Youth, Upward Bound, Student Support Services, and Campus Compact VISTA members.

Kentucky Build- a-Bed is working with Frontier Housing, VISTA and other agencies, nonprofits and regional schools to begin collecting community donations and assembling volunteers to help build the beds on May 8.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the event should contact Julia McCarty at (606) 783-5302 or e-mail j.mccarty@moreheadstate.edu.

“AmeriCorps has truly made a difference in the lives of so many people throughout Kentucky and across the country,” said Eileen Cackowski, director of Kentucky Cabinet for Community Service and Volunteerism. “That is why I am so pleased that Kentucky is hosting the annual National AmeriCorps Week kick-off event that I hope will encourage and inspire even more Kentuckians and Americans to engage in community service and volunteerism.”

For additional information on Build-A-Bed, visit its Web site a www.build-a-bed.org or contact Sherrie Bennett, MSUCorps director, at (606) 783-2719 or Sharon William, RSVP director, at (606)783-5124.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Kevin Michael Callihan Jr. is the recipient of the 2010-11 Robert Hawkins Memorial Scholarship Award administered by the John Philip Sousa Foundation. A junior music education major from Raceland, he is the son of Sherry Callihan.

This national award is presented to the selected upperclassman who is pursuing a career in band directing and is recognized by the foundation as one of the nations leading scholars, musicians, and prospective candidates for success in the field of band directing.

The award is endowed by Betty Jo and Kathy Schmidt in memory of Dr. Robert Hawkins and in honor of Kathryn Morris Hawkins. Dr. Hawkins was a former director of bands and professor of music at MSU. He was an elected member of the American Bandmasters Association and was inducted into the National Band Association Hall of Fame of Distinguished Band Conductors.

The Russell High School graduate is a euphonium student of Dr. Stacy Baker, professor of low brass, and is an active member and student leader in the Morehead State University Bands.

Callihan has received numerous awards and honors and has served as principal euphonium in high school band, district bands, The Brass Band of the Tri-State, Huntington Symphonic Band, MSU Symphony Band, Kentucky All-State Bands, Bluegrass Wind Ensemble, Blue Lake Staff and Festival Bands, and the Kentucky Intercollegiate Band.

In addition, he has served as a featured soloist with varying ensembles, has been awarded two undergraduate research fellowships in arranging, transcribing and composing, and has been honored to have one of his musical arrangements performed at the International Tuba and Euphonium Conference.

Additional information is available from the John Phillip Sousa Foundation and by calling Dr. Richard Miles, MSU director of bands, at (606) 783-2486.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library has organized a series of events designed to ease the stress for students during the final weeks of the semester.

"CramFest" will be April 26 through May 5. Tutors, provided by the tutoring lab, and librarians will be on hand for some last minute help. The schedule will be Monday and Wednesday, April 26 and 28, 2-6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, April 27 and 29, 4-8 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, May 3, 4 and 6, 1-5 p.m.; and Wednesday, May 5, 4-8 p.m.

The library will remain open 24 hours per day during Finals Week. Funding for this is provided by MSU's Student Government Association's Life Committee.

In addition, the library will also be providing "a stress-free zone." Small stations will be set up throughout the library for stress relief. Pamphlets will be available with tips on relieving stress along with board games.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4-5, from 2-3 p.m., there will be free massages. Anna Rucker will give five-minute stress relievers.

After 9 p.m., the library will provide snacks for students studying.

There will be a "nap zone," a small area on the third floor, where the lights will be turned off and pillows and blankets will be available for students to take a short nap in between studying.

Hallie the therapy dog will also be available for you to pet and play with during select hours.

Additional information is available by calling Sandy Sumner, instruction and outreach librarian, at (606) 783-5110.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University Camden-Carroll Library will celebrate “National Library Week,” April 11-17.

During the celebration, several events are planned.

On Monday, April 12, the library will be streaming live a question and answer interview session between author Neil Gaiman from 6-8 p.m. in the library commons.

Gaiman is the 2010 Honorary Chair of National Library Week.

A bestselling author, he has long been one of the top writers in modern comics, as well as writing books for readers of all ages. He is listed in the Dictionary of Literary Biography as one of the top 10 living post-modern writers, and is a prolific creator of works of prose, poetry, film, journalism, comics, song lyrics and drama.

He was the 2009 winner of the John Newbery Medal, a literary award given by the Association for Library Service to Children. This event is in conjunction with the Jessamine County Public Library.

Born and raised in England, Gaiman now lives near Minneapolis, Minn.

Get ready to smile on Tuesday, April 13, as the Camden-Carroll Library will be taking photos of students to be made into a poster.

The first 50 students will receive their free READ poster.

The READ Poster Project is based on a series begun by the American Library Association in 1985. Actors, sports figures, musicians and celebrities have appeared in the series. The posters promote reading, literacy and research.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Morehead State University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present a concert on Tuesday, April 20, at 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street, Morehead. Admission to the concert is free of charge.

The 44-voice Morehead State University Concert Choir and 17-voice Chamber Singers are conducted by Dr. Greg Detweiler. The choirs will include the Tuesday evening performance at First Baptist Church as part of its 2010 concert tour throughout Kentucky.

The Concert Choir will open the concert with “Down to the River to Pray” arranged by Marc Hafso. They also will “Ascendit Deus” by Peter Philips, “Jesus sprach zu dem Blinden” by Melchior Vulpius, “Os justi” by Anton Bruckner, “Ich freue mich im Herrn” by Gottfried Homilius, “The Ocean of Peace” by Ralph Johnson, “The Spheres” by Ola Gjeilo, and “Song of Triumph” by Dale Grotenhuis.

The Chamber Singers will continue the program with a set about flowers including “Die Primel” by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, “in time of daffodils” by David Dickau and “Rozsa Madrigal” by Ferenc Farkas. The group will also perform “Epitaph for Moonlight” by R. Murray Schafer, and jazz arrangements of “They Say It’s Wonderful” and “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.”

Concert Choir will conclude the program with Eric Whitacre’s “With a Lily in Your Hand” and arrangements of the spirituals “There is a Balm in Gilead” and “I Got a Home in-a Dat Rock.”

In May, the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will travel to Central Europe for an eight-day concert tour. The tour will center primarily in Budapest and Vienna and will include five concerts in cathedrals including the famous St. Stephen’s Cathedral in Vienna. A number of educational activities will allow the performers to experience the cultures of Hungary and Austria.

This is the second international tour for the MSU Concert Choir. The first tour was a highly successful concert tour of Costa Rica in 2006.

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Concert Choir and Chamber Singers to present concert, April 20
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Dr. Detweiler was the 2002 Kentucky Music Educators Association Teacher of the Year in College-University Education.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Detweiler at (606) 783-2480.

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April 6, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Morehead State University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present a concert on Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m. at the Gateway Regional Arts Center, 101 East Main Street, Mt. Sterling. The Gateway Children's Chorus also will be on the program.

Admission to the concert is free of charge.

The 44-voice Morehead State University Concert Choir and 17-voice Chamber Singers are conducted by Dr. Greg Detweiler.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Jennifer Crisp, transfer senior enrollment services counselor, has been selected to accept an award on behalf of the Kentucky Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers during the annual American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers conference in New Orleans in April.

The Transfer Initiatives and Support Committee has been awarded the Elbert W. Ockerman State and Regional Professional Activity Award by the American Association (AACRAO).

She serves as chair of KACRAO's Transfer Initiatives and Support Committee as well as a member of the executive committee for the organization.

Crisp will be joined by Charity Ferguson of Lindsey Wilson College, who serves as the current president of KACRAO.

The group was honored for leadership in establishing the KACRAO/KCTCS Transfer Fairs that were started in 2006. Each April, these fairs take place at each of Kentucky Community and Technical College System's districts and includes up to 25 colleges/universities at each event.

The four-week series includes up to 18 KCTCS campuses and sees an average of 800 prospective students each year. These fairs were established to allow KCTCS graduates to meet with several university representatives at one time to gain assistance in creating a smooth transition from KCTCS to a four-year university. Information provided at these fairs puts particular emphasis on regional campuses, online degree programs, transfer scholarships, and 2+2 agreements.

"We have worked diligently to improve these events each year to make them most beneficial for KCTCS graduates, so it's a tremendous honor to be recognized by our peers for what we have been able to accomplish. We are extremely proud of this achievement," said Crisp.

A two-time MSU graduate, Crisp also is a member of the Kentucky Association of Secondary and College Admissions Counselors, the Big Sandy Area P-16 Council, and the MSU at Prestonsburg Advisory Board.

Additional information is available by contacting Crisp at (606) 783-5421 or e-mailing j.crisp@moreheadstate.edu.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Dr. William F. Carroll Jr., a past president of the American Chemical Society, will give a seminar “From Garbage to Stuff: How We Recycle Plastics“ at Morehead State University on Tuesday, April 13. The free event will take place in 414 Lappin Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Carroll is vice president of industry issues for Occidental Chemical Corporation and also adjunct professor of chemistry at Indiana University.

He is a past president (2005) of the American Chemical Society, and a current member of its Board of Directors. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and chair or member of a number of committees for the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences. A member of advisory boards for DePauw University, Tulane University and the Colorado School of Mines, Dr. Carroll is the 2009 chair of the Council of Scientific Society Presidents.

Dr. Carroll holds a B.A. degree in chemistry and physics from DePauw, a M.S. degree from Tulane and a Ph.D. degree from Indiana University, both in organic chemistry

He has been honored with the Henry Hill Award, sponsored by the ACS Division of Professional Relations, the Michael Shea Award from the ACS Division of Chemical Technicians, an Indiana University Distinguished Alumni Service Award and the Vinyl Institute’s Roy T. Gottesman Leadership Award for lifetime achievement.

Dr. Carroll holds two patents, and has more than 60 publications in the fields of organic electrochemistry, polymer chemistry, combustion chemistry, incineration and plastics recycling.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Mark Blankenbuehler, associate professor of chemistry, at (606) 783-2915.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Dr. Steve Chen, assistant professor of sport management, co-authored a paper that was selected the 2010 Best Paper in Sport Marketing Track at the annual Association of Marketing Theory and Practice's conference in Hilton Head, S.C.

Dr. Chen along with Dr. Jennifer Mak, professor and director of sport management at Marshall University, authored the paper, "Collegiate Basketball Season-Ticket Holders' Purchasing Motivation and Interests."

The purpose of the paper was to explore different aspects of men's basketball season ticket consumption behavior. In addition, the study identified the differences among marital status and those who brought kids to the game, to varied aspects of men's basketball season ticket consumption behavior.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Chen at (606) 783-2433.

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April 1, 2010

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Clarenda Phillips, chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology, has been named an ACE Fellow for academic year 2010-11.

The announcement was made by Molly Corbett Broad, president of the American Council on Education (ACE).

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

The ACE Fellows Program, established in 1965, is designed to strengthen institutions and leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing promising senior faculty and administrators for responsible positions in college and university administration. Forty-six Fellows, nominated by the presidents or chancellors of their institutions, were selected this year following a rigorous application process.

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

A member of the first class of the MSU President's Leadership Academy, she is a former director of the MSU Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program and also a principal investigator and project director for the Governor's Minority College Preparation Program.

Each ACE Fellow will focus on an issue of concern to the nominating institution while spending the next academic year working with a college or university president and other senior officers at a host institution. The ACE Fellows Program combines retreats, interactive learning opportunities, campus visits and placement at another higher education institution to condense years of on-the-job experience and skills development into a single semester or year.

Dr. Phillips named ACE Fellow for 2010-11
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The Fellows are included in the highest level of decision making while participating in administrative activities and learning about an issue to benefit MSU.

Fellows attend three-week long retreats on higher education issues organized by ACE, read extensively in the field and engage in other activities to enhance their knowledge about the challenges and opportunities confronting higher education today.

Founded in 1918, ACE is the major coordinating body for all the nation's higher education institutions, representing more than 1,600 college and university presidents, and more than 200 related associations, nationwide. It seeks to provide leadership and a unifying voice on key higher education issues and influence public policy through advocacy, research, and program initiatives.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Phillips at (606) 783-2434.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---An opening reception will be held Wednesday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at the Rowan County Arts Center, 205 East Main Street, for an exhibit featuring the second annual drug awareness project, which is sponsored by the Rowan County Middle School art program and Morehead State University's Department of Art and Design.

The collaborative project promotes healthy lifestyle choices among Rowan County youth through the arts. Middle school students created drawings on the dangers of substance abuse and university students then designed posters using these drawings.

Printing of the posters was made possible through generous contributions by Morehead community partner PostNet and the Department of Art and Design.

This year 39 RCMS students and 10 MSU students participated. Middle school students will be presented with a poster incorporating their drawing at the opening reception.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

The work will be exhibited at the Rowan County Arts Center through May and will then be featured on the Eastern Kentucky Arts Project Web site (www.ekap.org).

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Joy Gritton, associate professor of art, at (606) 783-2762.

Morehead State University students and their majors participating are:

Michael Ash, Olive Hill senior (art and advertising); Colin Baker, Dayton, Ohio, senior (advertising and public relations); Addie Herman, Waverly, Ohio, senior (journalism); Layla Howard, Lexington sophomore (art); Justin Howell, Leburn junior (art); Rick Lewis, Owingsville senior (computer science and art); Allison Stanley, Hardy senior (advertising and public relations); Alison Tinsley, Hartland, Mich., junior (art); Josh Wolfe, Falmouth junior (art); and Lydia Womack, Grayslake, Ill., senior (art).

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Earl Clements Drive on the Morehead State University campus will temporarily be reduced to one-lane traffic starting Monday, April 12, in the area in front of Alumni Tower, due to repaving and painting associated with the renovation of the entrance.

The work is expected to take three days.

Some parking spaces on Earl Clements Drive will be taken out of service during this period. Use caution during this phase of the renovation.

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MSU EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR SERVICE

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, Steve Richmond, 20; Judy Stafford, 20; Calvin Lindell, 25; Gary LaFleur, 15; Cathy Thomas, 15; and Beverly McCormick, 25. Second row from left: David Flora, 5; Wanda Staley, 15; Joy Cecil, 15; David Oyen, 10; and Allison Modaff, 5. Third row from left: Lloyd Jaisingh, 25; Eugene Hastings, 20; Ed Breschel, 15; John Ernst, 15; Drew Henderson, 25; and Mark Jarvis, 10.

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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, Sherrie Bennett, 5; Kristie Gullett, 10; Wendy Griffitts, 10; Taunya Jones, 15; Jessica Muncy, 10; Misty Lilley, 5; Nathania Bush, 5; and Larry Ferguson, 5. Second row from left: Joanna Conley, 20; Jeff Bizzel, 30; Jay Porter, 5; James Knoll, 15; Velda Mabry, 15; and Peggy Overly, 25. Third row from left: Terry Mays, 25; Connie Kibbey, 25; Charlie Patrick, 25; Jackie Darling, 30; and Marcia Cooper, 15.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Equestrian Team made history in late February when it showed all three seats at the same time. The Western and Hunt Seat teams showed both on Saturday and Sunday and the Saddle Seat Team showed on Saturday.

MSU brought 12 horses: four for hunt seat, two for western, two for both hunt seat and western, and four saddlebreds.

"All of MSU's horses did their job beautifully and once again proved their capability and willingness to work for their riders," said MSU coach Erin Lecompt.

The Saddle Seat team emerged victorious as high point team. Novice riders Katie Hart, Madeira, Ohio, sophomore; and Cory Ruffing, California senior, were in the ride-off for high point rider, in which Ruffing earned the title of Reserve High Point Senior rider.

Beginner walk trot canter rider Krissy Green, Alexandria junior, won High Point Junior Rider and teammate Cody Howard, Salyersville sophomore, followed as the Reserve High Point Junior Rider.

On Saturday and Sunday the Western Team won High Point Team which gave the team overall advantage for the year. The Western Team won the region by remarkable numbers and will be going on to show as a team at semifinals in Syracuse, N.Y., on March 27-28.

One rider from each division will be selected to represent the team and the school. If the team succeeds, they will go on to show at the Kentucky Horse Park for Nationals during the week of finals.

The Equestrian Team has qualified as a team to go to semifinals only once in the past 12 years. Representing MSU in New York as part of the team will be open and reining rider Brittney Aaron Fields, Walton sophomore; advance rider Rebecca Sulken, Bethel, Ohio, junior, novice rider Ruffing; intermediate rider Karri Logan, Morehead sophomore; walk trot rider Allison Brown, Hurricane, W.Va., freshmen; and captain Alyssa Alexander, Richmond senior.

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Equestrian Team makes history

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The Hunt Seat team, although they did not qualify for zones, did come in third place for the year; an impressive feat considering they are not a full team. As individuals more than 80 percent of the hunt seat team qualified for the regional horse show in hopes to go on to zones.

In addition, captain Hanna Toebben, Crescent Springs senior, ended her regular season on a high note by qualifying for the High Point ride-off on Sunday after winning both of her classes.

As it was the last show of the regular season for all of the senior riders, the team came together and congratulated the graduating members with flowers as they came out of their final classes. Overall, it was a successful and eventful weekend for all three seats

In early March, MSU hosted the IHSA Zone 6 Region 2 Regional Finals at the Derrickson Agriculture Complex. There were 95 of the top riders from the region competing for the top two places to qualify on to semifinals or zones.

Qualifying for the hunt seat zones in Findlay, Ohio, to represent MSU is Toebben in intermediate fences and Hart in novice flat. Qualifying as an individual to represent MSU in New York at semifinals is Fields in reining and open horsemanship; Logan in walk jog horsemanship, and Brianne Osborne, Bellemead, N.J., junior, in advance horsemanship.

The Equestrian Team is a large contributor to the 2010 IHSA national Horse Show that will be held the first week of May at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Additional information is available by calling Lecompt at (606) 783-2800.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Steven Middleton, instructor of mass communication, and Cal Harris, Cincinnati senior, won "best short film" during the Appalachian Film Festival.

The duo won for their documentary "Fire in the Mountains."

"I am extremely excited and surprised by the award," said Middleton "It was a great honor to be selected to participate in the festival. Many people look upon Eastern Kentucky with negativity. There are so many positive and creative people in this region that go unnoticed. I am glad Cal and I were able to showcase that reality."

The film, shot in the summer of 2009 throughout Eastern Kentucky, documents an independent wrestling organization in Appalachian Kentucky and shows the hardships of life in both being a wrestler and promoter.

The documentary depicts the wrestling business, once a dream and now limited to very small armories and school lunchrooms across the mountains.

"Fire in the Mountains" was shown on Kentucky Educational Television (KET) in March.

Additional information is available by contacting Middleton at (606) 783-9583 or at s.middleton@moreheadstate.edu.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Nearly 400 high school juniors from across the state were awarded \$1,000 college scholarships in the “Drive the Dream” scholarship program, sponsored by GEAR UP Kentucky. Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded program with the goal of increasing the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Twenty-two Fleming County High School juniors were among the scholarship recipients: Taylor Schwartz, Kayla Brown, Robert Plummer, Ellen Vice, Courtney Gulley, Hannah Bryant, Carey Holton, Kody Miller, Katherine Wiley, Dallas Cox, Cheylene Plummer, Emily Jamison, Cassandra Royse, Peyton Suit, Elisha Adkins, Christina Perry, Sarah Boyd, Christopher Cannon, Dekeitha Wagoner, Ryne Ocoll, Joseph Hunt, and Zachary Hunt. The students will receive the scholarships, provided by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), when they enroll in college.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must attend a GEAR UP KY school; have taken the EXPLORE and PLAN assessments since seventh grade; and have reached the benchmark in at least two of the subject areas of the 2008 10th grade PLAN assessment. They also needed to maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average and submit an essay and references.

“We are thrilled to offer this scholarship program to students and hopefully help drive their dream of a college degree,” stated Yvonne Lovell, Executive Director of GEAR UP. “This scholarship program represents a shared commitment among all our partners and seven host sites to keep the door of opportunity open.”

The GEAR UP grant serving Fleming County High School is a state grant awarded to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. The grant is implemented regionally by GEAR UP staff at Morehead State University, one of the seven host sites across the state. The MSU site serves students enrolled in grades nine through 11th at Bath, Fleming, Powell, and East Carter high schools.

GEAR UP grants serve an entire cohort or class of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and following through high school graduation. GEAR UP began working with the current junior class at Bath County High School when they were in seventh grade and works with the entire group of students, their parents, teachers, and school administrators to foster a culture that encourages and prepares students to continue their education beyond high school. GEAR UP provides services such as mentoring, test preparation, college campus visits, teacher resources, professional development, and financial aid information.

For further information, contact Summer Copley, GEAR UP KY site coordinator, at (606) 783-2249.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Nearly 1,000 students are expected to participate in Morehead State University's Regional Foreign Language Festival on Tuesday, April 13.

The students will represent 15 senior high schools and two middle schools throughout East Kentucky, according to Dr. John Secor, associate professor of French and festival director.

High schools participating include: Madison Central, Fleming County, Paul G. Blazer, Rowan County Senior, East Carter, Raceland-Worthington Senior, Menifee County, Paintsville, Prestonsburg, Greenup County, Sheldon Clark, Rose Hill Christian, Russell, Elliott County and Johnson Central. The middle schools participating are Russell and Raceland-Worthington.

The event includes modern language proficiency assessments in listening, speaking, reading and writing proficiency and recitation of a literary passage in French, Latin and Spanish. Cultural proficiency assessments include frameable art, costumes, projects, drama, dance and chorus in the same languages.

These events take place in the Adron Doran University Center, Button Drill Room and Breckinridge Hall. The projects in the Button Drill Room are open to the public from approximately 1-1:30 p.m. The drama, dance and choral events held in the Crager Room of ADUC are open to the public and will run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Faculty members from MSU's Department of International and Interdisciplinary Studies, graduates and area residents will serve as festival judges.

Additional information is available by calling Vandy Trent, assistant director, at (606) 783-2582.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.--- The Gateway Regional Arts Center in Mt. Sterling will host a week of arts events in conjunction with Morehead State University, celebrating their partnership, April 10-15.

Starting the celebration on Saturday, April 10, at 7 p.m. will be a production of *La Boheme*, produced by MSU's OperaWorks and directed by Dr. Roma Prindle. Before the contemporary musical "Rent," *La Boheme* dealt with some of the same ideas, following a group of young people in Paris facing the challenges of love and life in the "city of light." This production will cost \$5 a ticket and has an unusual twist because it has been updated to take place during our own time.

On Monday night April 12, at 7 p.m. join the Little Theatre Company for their performance of "Spontaneous Combustion." This is an improvisation performance whereby the audience helps to create the play by suggesting a character or characters and the cast performs—sometimes with hilarious results. Bring the whole family as young people will enjoy the fun along with their parents.

On Tuesday, April 13, spend the afternoon with some of the seniors in the Creative Writing Program as they read from their works. They will be in the performance hall from 2:30-4 p.m. Hear some of the writing from future famous authors and enjoy watching students grow in a literary way.

On Wednesday, April 14, the drawing class from MSU currently being taught at the Gateway Regional Arts Center will hold an open studio from 4-6 p.m. Students range from traditional college students to senior citizens and they are all creative. Come view their work, do some drawing yourself if you'd like and maybe think about taking a class in the fall.

Rounding out the week on Thursday, April 15, is a remedy for tax day. The Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. Greg Detweiler will be joined by the Gateway Children's Chorus, under the direction of Debbie Stegner, will be perform a wide variety of music from spirituals to classical to jazz. This concert is in preparation for a tour of Central Europe that the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will take in May. The concert, though free, will serve as a fundraiser for this trip.

All events, except *La Boheme*, are free and do not require tickets in advance. Additional information is available the Gateway Regional Arts Center at (859) 498-6264.

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Locally, 76 high school juniors in Bath, Fleming and Powell counties along with East Carter were among the scholarship recipients. The students will receive the scholarships, provided by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), when they enroll in college.

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Additional information is available by contacting Lauren Joseph, Summer Copley or Beth Lawson, GEAR UP KY staff, at (606) 783-9505.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State Public Radio will feature a new monthly program beginning Friday, April 30. "The Birth of Alternative Country Music" will air the last Friday of each month at 7 p.m.

"I've been listening to music as long as I can remember, and started getting paid to write about it when I was 19 or so," said Grant Alden, the host of the show. "I'm old enough to have been raised on freeform FM radio and enough of a control freak not to try to pull that off."

Alden has worked as a music critic off and on since the fall of 1978. For 13 years, he was co-founder of the roots music magazine "No Depression." He also has been an editor at RayGun Publishing in Los Angeles, and at The Rocket magazine in Seattle.

As a freelance writer, he has contributed to Rolling Stone, Spin, The Oxford American, Time Out New York, and a host of publications which no longer exist.

He lives in Morehead, with his wife, their daughter, two cranky cats and four goldfish.

"Each show is my attempt at an audio essay. Principally, I want to stand in the middle of the road and make people stop and listen to me so I can shout as loudly and politely as possible: 'listen to this, it's really good.' But I also want to make each show reflect the connections between songs and musicians and ideas coursing through society," he said.

"Each show, then, is built around a theme. Some of them are historical. This is where alternative country came from, and what it sounded like."

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

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001 or visiting www.msradio.com.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.--- Morehead State University's Office of Student Activities (OSA) recognized fraternities and sororities at the annual Greek Awards program held Thursday, April 15.

Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and Chi Omega sorority were chosen as Chapters of the Year. In this category, chapters must demonstrate excellence in event production, scholarship, involvement on campus by members.

Other categories were:

The Martin Huffman Advisor of the Year: Ramona Gardner, Chi Omega, of Morehead. Selection was based on years of service, and a nomination letter from the chapter explaining why they think their advisor deserved the award. Gardner has been advising Chi Omega for 21 years.

Kyle Yarawsky, **Burlington** senior, student body president and student regent, was selected as Greek Man of the Year. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and is majoring in sociology. Criteria for the award include involvement on campus, involvement within the Greek community, academics and contributions to the greater MSU community. The Greek Woman of the Year award, whose criteria is the same as the men's award, was Laura A. White, **Morehead** senior, a health promotion major and member of Kappa Delta sorority.

OSA initiated three new awards this year, titled "New Member of the Year." These three honors were awarded to an Interfraternity Council (IFC) member, a Panhellenic Council (PHC) member and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) member.

The intent of the honor was to recognize up and coming students with great potential. The IFC honoree was Michael Schneider, **Morehead** freshmen, an accounting major and member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. PHC's winner was Paige Barhorst, **Morehead** freshmen, a Kappa Delta member and English major. Sophomore Davonia Stuart, **Freeport, Bahamas**, sophomore, a nursing major, was chosen as NPHC's winner.

Another new citation this season was the "Greek Collaboration" award, which honors outstanding efforts by chapters to partner with others to achieve a common goal or goals. Two chapters were named, Chi Omega sorority and Sigma Gamma Rho sorority.

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Greek Awards program held
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The annual community service awards were presented again this year. Criteria for the award included number of people involved, positive impact to the community and achievement of the stated goals of the project. Chi Omega won the first honor for its work on the annual Chi O' Follies, which raised nearly \$8,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Pi Kappa Phi won the second award for continual work at Horizon's Village, which serves people with disabilities.

The final honor bestowed was the new campus programming award which was given to Sigma Gamma Rho sorority for hosting more than a dozen campus-wide programs on educational topics.

“The Greek Awards program is one of my favorite events because it honors the very best in student cocurricular achievement,” said Mike Esposito, director of student activities. “When you look at everything these individual students and their chapters achieve in a given year, it boggles the mind. And it isn't just the winners that make an impact—there were other nominees who were very worthy.”

General eligibility for awards require chapters to have a 2.50 or better cumulative GPA for the previous semester, be free of any social probation, be in good financial standing, have attended all mandatory events and be current in all paperwork required by the Office of Student Activities at the time of application. Judges for the awards were three MSU administrators with backgrounds in Greek Life, but were not currently advising or otherwise involved with chapters on campus.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Brittany Hackworth, **Mt. Sterling** senior, presented a research paper in Chicago in March, which received the Best Paper Award for the Social Media Marketing Track, at the Marketing Management Association's Annual Spring Conference.

The daughter of Roy and Teresa Hackworth of Mt. Sterling, Hackworth is a marketing major.

She is an Undergraduate Research Fellow for Dr. Michelle B. Kunz, associate professor of marketing, in the Department of Management and Marketing.

Hackworth's paper was titled "Fans, Friends and Followers: Social Media in the Retailers' Marketing Mix."

Funding for her travel was provided by the College of Business and Public Affairs and Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

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April 29, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.--- Twenty-four area high schools competed in Morehead State University's Raider Challenge, sponsored by the MSU Army Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Each school brought its top Army Junior ROTC students to compete in the six-event exhibition, totaling more than 600 students and another 150 instructors and parents.

Ripley Union Lewis Huntington High School of Ripley, Ohio, took first place (46 points) overall in the event. RULH was the only school to bring a non-Army JROTC.

Second place went to Wayne County High School in Monticello (50) while Spring Valley High School, Huntington, W.Va., was third (58).

"The number of students, instructors, parents and teachers nearly doubled the size of our past-record turnout," said Lt. Col. Maxwell Ammons, professor of military science and commander of the MSU Army ROTC program.

Top scores in the modified Army Physical Fitness Test went to Cadet Fithen from RULH for the boys, and the top girls score went to Cadet Warner from Greenbriar East High School in Lewisburg, W.Va.

Fithen scored 366 points and Warner reached a 297, respectively, off point tables based upon 2 minutes of pushups, 2 minutes of situps, and a 1-mile run. Wayne County had the highest overall average, 281. RULH scored second with 280, and Grant County High School, from Williamstown, averaged a 279.

Since the high school Junior ROTC program is a citizenship program, there were no military events at the Raider Challenge, though many of the programs do participate in separate rifle competitions. Each team competed in six events. Lawrence County High School finished first in Urban Orienteering. This event sent each team running around the MSU campus to find 2-digit alphanumeric codes written on signs, after properly plotting points on a map of the area. George Rogers Clark finished second in the event while Louisville Eastern High School took third.

A timed Obstacle Course forced the teams to negotiate multiple obstructions while trying for the fastest time around Eagle Lake on the north end of MSU's campus. Madison Central High School took top honors in the race. Spring Valley finished second while John Hardin High School of Elizabethtown placed third. The event produced exhausted cadets with extremely dirt-filled uniforms and grit-filled smiles.

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High School Students compete in Junior ROTC Challenge
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The Squad Drill event was a pre-released set of instructions that each team memorized and performed. Color Guard is a parallel yet different event involving rifle and flags. Both events were held in MSU's Laughlin Gym. RULH took top honors in Squad Drill, closely contested by North Hardin High School, and Lincoln County High School, respectively. Spring Valley won the Color Guard event, while Lincoln County took second and Wayne High School placed third.

One-rope bridge is a competition that forced each team to negotiate a river-like gap. One cadet is allowed to run across the gap and firmly tie the rope to a tree. Then, he or she runs back across the gap, and each cadet crosses the gap using only the rope. Wayne County topped the other 23 teams with a time of 2:17. George Rogers Clark was second (2:31) and Grant County placed third (2:50.)

Montgomery County High School won the Commander's Challenge, RULH finished second while Elliott County High School was third. The team was forced to negotiate a minefield, with only the squad leader able to view the field. The remaining squad members were blindfolded. This is the only event that was not divulged to the participants before they arrived at the competition. They were required to use their leadership and listening skills to complete it with a respectable time.

RHLH also won the tug-of-war contest, and lost a close battle to the MSU senior Army ROTC tug team.

The proceeds from the day helped to pay for the Military Ball and other events held annually by the ROTC Battalion.

"One of the things that make our annual Raider Competition unique is that it is completely planned, coordinated and executed by MSU ROTC students," Lt. Col. Ammons said.

Additional information on the ROTC program is available by calling the MSU's Department of Military Science, at (606) 783-2050 or by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/military.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Eastern Kentucky's own regional opera company, Highlands Light Opera will hold open auditions for the upcoming summer production of Lerner and Lowe's classic musical "Camelot" on Monday, May 3, and Wednesday, May 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. Auditions will take place in Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Hall on the Morehead State University campus.

The auditions are open for singers and actors ages 15 and older. Please bring a copy of the song you will sing and an accompanist will be provided. Songs from musicals written before 1970 or light opera selections are encouraged. Songs do not need to be from Camelot and appointment times are not necessary.

Call-back auditions are scheduled for Friday, May 7, from 4-7 p.m. Those who are invited to callbacks will be asked to sing again, present a monologue of choice, and read from the script.

HLO's production will be presented in Morehead at the Rowan County Arts Center, June 24-27, and in Mt. Sterling at the Gateway Center for the Arts on July 1. Rehearsals will begin on May 19. They are written for the legitimate singing style voice, although some male roles are less vocally demanding. A large cast and chorus are required and all roles are open.

Camelot is based on the King Arthur legend as adapted from T.H. White's novel "The Once and Future King." The original 1960 production ran on Broadway for 873 performances, winning four Tony Awards and spawning several revivals, foreign productions and a 1967 film version. The original cast album was America's top-selling LP for 60 weeks. The musical has become associated with the ideals of the Kennedy Administration.

Highlands Light Opera is the first opera company to be established in central Appalachia. Its mission, according to founder and director Dr. Roma Prindle is to function as a regional organization. Recognizing that there is an abundance of musical talent in this part of the country, efforts will be made to draw all personnel from eastern Kentucky, West Virginia and southern Ohio.

Dr. Prindle will volunteer her time and services, and hopes to attract singers who will be generous with their talents as well. The company also will seek to identify volunteers from the community willing to serve in roles such as box office help, set and costume construction, as well as business and legal services.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Prindle at (606) 783-2481 or r.prindle@moreheadstate.edu.

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April 28, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Kappa Delta Pi recently inducted 30 education honor students into the international honor society.

Students were recognized for their academic achievement and leadership in the field of education. The inductees represented several program areas in the College of Education such as elementary education, middle grades education and special education.

The ceremony was held in the Commonwealth Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

In attendance were: Dr. Kathryn Polmanteer, associate dean of MSU's College of Education, who provided the welcome address; Noelle Boggs, a Mason County teacher, who provided the KDP alumnus address; Dr. Kimberlee Sharp, assistant professor of education and adviser of MSU's Epsilon Theta Chapter; and Dr. Jody Fernandez, assistant professor of education and co-adviser of the Epsilon Theta Chapter; along with KDP officers, members, inductees and their families.

Kappa Delta Pi's mission is to foster service, scholarship and professional growth among its members. The Epsilon Theta Chapter of the KDP of Morehead State achieves this by involving its members in community service, fund raising and professional development activities.

The inductees include:

Amanda Faust, Blanchester, Ohio, junior; Nichole Fitzner, Shepherdsville junior; Jacqueline Fultz, Springfield, Ohio, senior; Isabella Glinski, Franklin, Tenn., sophomore; Ashley Hall, Salyersville senior; Alesha Howard, Hazard senior; Sarah Hudson, Morehead junior;

Kallie Lake, Berea sophomore; Ericka Maze, Hillsboro junior; Bethany Muncy, Louisa junior; Brittany Muncy, Louisa senior; Pamela Strassel, Cincinnati senior; Rachel Schneider, Ashland senior; and Susan Webb, Olive Hill senior.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Sharp at (606) 783-2853.

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April 23, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---A Morehead State University alumnus and former ROTC cadet battalion commander has been honored at the Pentagon during the 4th Annual Department of Defense Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Award Ceremony .

Col. Donna K. (Cecil) Korycinski was the uniformed recipient of the U.S. Army's 2010 STEM Role Model Award.

She is acting deputy head of the Department of Systems Engineering at the United States Military Academy (West Point). The Louisville native has been a professor at West Point since 2006.

A 1986 graduate of MSU, Dr. Korycinski earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Aviation branch.

She continued to pursue her education through the Army Advanced Civil Schooling program, earning both a master's degree and a Ph.D. degree in operations research/industrial engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Dr. Korycinski and her husband are a true military family. He is Chief Warrant Officer 5 Richard E. Korycinski of Detroit, and is an Army Apache Longbow helicopter instructor pilot/instrument flight examiner currently flying the Army's new Lakota helicopter. They have two daughters, Sydney and Jordan.

A graduate of Western High School in Louisville, Dr. Korycinski is the daughter of Joseph and Phyllis Cecil of Shively.

Additional information on MSU's Army ROTC program is available by calling the Department of Military Science at (606) 783-2050.

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April 2, 2010

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MOREHEAD, Ky.--- R. D. "Doc" Marshall, Floyd County judge/executive, celebrated Monday, March 8, professional social work on the campus of Morehead State University at Prestonsburg.

The annual event, co-sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers and the Student Association of Social Workers at MSU at Prestonsburg brought professional social workers together from the Big Sandy region to spend an evening celebrating their profession.

This year, tables representing Highland Regional Medical Center's Behavioral Health Unit, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Foster Care and Adoption Service, Victims' Advocate Services, and other agency programs; Catholic Charities; University of Kentucky's Master of Social Work Degree Program and National Association of Social Workers, Kentucky Chapter, Eastern Branch provided up-to-date information on the services offered by the agencies.

MSU offers 100 percent its Bachelor of Social Work program at its Prestonsburg campus in collaboration with Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The Student Association of Social Workers is made up of social work students who contribute to various community activities.

Additional information on the Social Work program is available by calling Elizabeth Bishop, social work program facilitator/instructor, at (606) 889-4829 or 1-800-648-5372.

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From left, Tammi Rowe, vice president, SASW; Misty Pennington, president, SASW; Melissa Slone, chair, NASW-KY, Eastern Branch; Jessica Crabtree, senior, Elizabeth Bishop, BSW facilitator Social Work program; R.D. "Doc" Marshall, Floyd County judge/executive; Stevie Spears, secretary, SASW; Sharon Norris, Senior; Nivia Bruner, junior; Barbara Bailey, junior; Jessica Frasure, senior; Carolyn Adkins, junior; and Sheila Adkins, junior.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---The traditional spring musical event at Morehead State University will celebrate the piano.

The 13th Annual Piano Monster Concert and Festival will feature the talents of amateur and professional pianists, teachers and students playing in ensembles and as solo artists. The concert will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, in Baird Music Hall.

There will be more than 30 pianists from across the Commonwealth who will perform solos as well as “monster” ensemble pieces with the MSU Piano Ensemble.

Featured works include “Mars” by Holst (arranged for 15 pianos, Tympani and Gong); “Rock of Ages” (with jazz/gospel pianist Chase Lewis on the Hammond B3 organ); Themes from Verdi’s “Rigoletto,” and several others. The American composer Michael Young also will perform his Prelude and Fugue in B-flat major for piano solo.

In addition, the private piano studios of Lois Starkey (Morehead), Carina Tiotuico (Elizabethtown), Jennifer Bersaglia (Campbellsville), and the faculty at the Downing Music Academy in Maysville will have several students perform in this annual event.

The Monster Concert and Festival, which is free and open to the public, is coordinated by Dr. Paul Taylor, associate professor of music.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Taylor at (606) 783-2405.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Two Morehead State Public Radio students have been recognized for their work in the newsroom as they received top honors in the annual Kentucky Associated Press Awards.

“We are very proud of each one,” said MSPR News Director Chuck Mraz. “We demand a lot out of the students who work here, but their hard work pays off in moments like these.”

Tanner Hesterberg, **Morehead** sophomore, captured first place for “Best Sports Reporting” and an honorable mention for “Best Political Coverage.”

Shayla Menville, **Morehead** senior, was part of the team which included Dan Conti, assistant news director, and Hesterberg, that won “Best Newscast” for Mountain Edition.

MSPR also won “Best Web Site.” Greg Jenkins, operations director, is the webmaster.

Mraz finished second for “Best Sports Reporting” and “Best Newscast” and received an honorable mentioned for “Best Radio Anchor.”

Former MSPR workstudy and MSU alumnus Stephanie (Sanders) Crosby earned first place for “Best Sports Reporting” and second place for “Best Hard News Feature.” Crosby works for WFPL in Louisville.

MSU graduate Amber Philpott earned second place in “Best TV News Anchor.” Philpott works for WKYT-TV in Lexington.

“I’m very proud of our news staff,” said Paul Hitchcock, general manager of MSPR. “Competing against professionals from across Kentucky, these are very high honors for our full time staff and students. It’s just another example of our commitment to quality at MSPR.”

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

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (800) 286-9659 or (606) 783-2001; or log on to MSPR’s Web site at www.msuradio.com.

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Cutline:

MSPR winners in the annual Kentucky Associated Press Awards were, from left, Greg Jenkins, operations director; Tanner Hesterberg, **Morehead** sophomore ; Shayla Menville, **Morehead** senior; and Chuck Mraz, news director.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State Public Radio is cleaning out its closets for its annual Spring CD Sale on Wednesday, May 5, from 9:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Adron Doran University Center at Morehead State University.

There will be a large selection of used Americana, Bluegrass, blues, jazz, classical and world music CDs from which to select.

Proceeds from the CD sale benefit programming and outreach services of MSPR.

All CDs are \$2 and will be available on first-come, first-serve basis. Only cash and checks will be accepted.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Sunday, May 2, at 3 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the MSPR studios, located in Breckinridge Hall on the Morehead State University campus. Meetings of the board are open to the public.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's President and Mrs. Wayne D. Andrews hosted the 18th annual Spring Gala on Saturday, April 24.

This year's theme was "Viva Las Gala," which brought the Vegas nightlife to the MSU campus.

The Gala reception and dinner was held in the Adron Doran University Center. The reception featured a silent auction. A live auction was held later in the evening.

Following dinner, a Vegas style variety show, "Jump, Jive and Wail," was performed by MSU faculty and students. MSU graduate Amber Philpott, anchor of WKYT news, was the special emcee.

The annual event honored several outstanding individuals and organizations which are dedicated to enhancing the educational experience for MSU students. It was an opportunity for Morehead State to reinforce appreciation to its supporters.

Coordinated by the Office of Development, this year's event raised more than \$XXX,000.

MSU Chief Photographer Tim Holbrook has put together a photo gallery of the night.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2033.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University has been selected as a finalist for the third annual Contactless Intelligence Monkey Awards, which is sponsored by VISA Europe.

MSU is one of the top four in the “Competitive Advantage Through Technology” category for its EagleCard. The award is for any company or organization that has gained an advantage in business by implementing contactless technology.

Others in MSU’s category are: AMT Coffee (U.K.); Wright Express - Sheetz NFC trial in petrol stations (U.S.); and ViVOtech - Citibank NFC trial in Bangalore (India).

Project partners for MSU include the CBORD Group and HID Global.

“Our nomination for this international award came as a complete surprise,” said Doug Snedegar, EagleCard coordinator.

“Being recognized for our hard work and dedication is truly an honor, but to be included with such nominees as Aramark, Subway, and Coca Cola Vending for the 2010 Winter Olympics, is a wonderful acknowledgement not only for the EagleCard program but for Morehead State University as well.”

The Monkey Awards are presented to those companies, organizations and retailers who have done the most to embrace and implement contactless technology into their day-to-day operating practices. These awards represent a real promotional springboard and give the winners a reputation and credibility for their efforts within the industry.

The competition is open to all implemented contactless applications within the relevant sectors, regardless of geographic region or size of corporation.

Selected by a panel of experts, the awards will be presented at a prestigious ceremony to be held in London, England, on Thursday, April 29.

Additional information is available by contacting Snedegar at (606) 783-2701.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Four Morehead State University students will be among the class of 34 from 12 U.S. states and six foreign countries, who will participate in the five-week Summer 2010 Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program.

Dallas Hurley, a junior government major, will serve with Wayne Marston, a New Democratic Party Member of Parliament (MP). He is the son of Jim and Julie Hurley of Louisville.

James Brandon May, a senior government major, will serve with Joe Comartin, a New Democratic Party MP. He is the son of James and Jennifer May and Susan Justice of Paintsville.

Ally Miller, a junior government major, will serve with Patricia Davidson, a Conservative Party MP. She is the daughter of Mary Miller of Raceland.

Zachary Ousley, a senior government and paralegal studies double major, will serve with Jean Crowder, a New Democratic Party MP. He is the son of Rodney and Leslie Ousley of Prestonsburg.

In preparation for their internships, they are taking a Canadian Politics seminar from Dr. William Green, professor of government. Each MSU intern will receive a \$925 Canadian Studies Scholarship provided by the MSU Office of Financial Aid and the Department of Government and Regional Analysis.

In Ottawa, the interns will participate in a wide variety of parliamentary activities. In their MP's office, they will answer constituency mail, assist in writing and editing press releases, and research current policy issues. They also will accompany their MP to parliamentary meetings, party caucuses, and press conferences.

For information on the Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program, visit the Kentucky Canadian Studies Association site at www.moreheadstate.edu/kcsa/index.aspx?id=47211, which captures in pictures and sound the experiences of the 26 MSU students who have served in the Canadian Parliament since 2000.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---As the spring semester begins to wind down, Morehead State University's Police Department offers this advice to the campus community: Be aware of your surroundings and take the necessary precautions to avoid loss of your belongings.

"It is not uncommon to see an increase in crime at this time of year," said MSU Police Chief Matt Sparks. "On the campus, everyone is busy with the end of the year activities and fail to adhere to the safety rules that they usually follow."

Purses, wallets, cell phones, iPods and textbooks are among the list of items that are reported missing most often.

Always on the lookout for suspicious activity, an increase in the number of reports of theft has police officers being ever more vigilant. Students, as well as faculty and staff, are urged to take all necessary measures to secure and protect personal belongings in residence halls, offices and vehicles, in addition to office equipment and other vulnerable items.

"We want to remind you to take the extra time to secure items in the trunk or under the seat before leaving your automobile," Chief Sparks said. "The threat of a break-in is reduced if your belongings are not visible. Remember to lock your vehicle before leaving it in the parking area."

University police remind students to also practice safety in the residence halls:

- Make sure your door is locked when leaving your room, even if you are only going next door. It takes less than 10 seconds for a thief to enter an open room and steal property.
- Do not leave messages on phones, My Space or other computer accounts, indicating how long you will be away or when you expect to return.
- Follow the safety in numbers rule when going out at night and arrange to go with friends/roommates. It is a good practice to scan your surroundings whether walking on campus, traveling by automobile or enjoying a shopping excursion.
- Do not leave valuables or property (purses, backpacks, books, personal identification, etc.) visible in or around the office or living area.
- Keep emergency numbers by the phone. Call 911 to report any suspicious person or activity.
- Everyone should take the time to be aware of their surroundings and any unusual activity.

Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at (606) 783-2035.

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MSU RETIREES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Morehead State University's Retirees Association recently held its annual business meeting and elected/installed officers for the 2010-11 year. Following the business meeting, which included remarks from MSU President Wayne D. Andrews, the members played games. Officers and executive board members present included, front row from left: Peg Jones and Merl Allen co-chairs of the volunteers committee, and Barbara Niemeyer, president. Second row, from left, are Mark Minor, immediate past president; Debbie Abbell, co-chair of the activities committee; Paul McGhee, secretary; Dennis Karwatka, vice president, and Tami Jones, MSU's director of alumni and constituent relations. Other board members include Ron Fiel, webmaster; Sue Luckey, national publicity; Judith Yancy, local publicity, and Joyce Hart, co-chair of activities. The retirees next outing will be May 12 and will feature a program on the Underground Railroad.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University at West Liberty is providing an opportunity to fish for fun and prizes while raising money to support student scholarships. An open bass tournament will be held Saturday, May 1, at the Clay Lick boat ramp on Cave Run Lake.

The event is sponsored by the Commercial Bank of West Liberty.

Registration will begin at 5 a.m., tournament at 7 a.m. and boats must return by 3 p.m.

There is a \$125 entry fee per boat.

Prizes donated by community sponsors include: \$4,000 for first place; \$2,000 for second place; \$1,000 for third place; \$750 for fourth place, and \$500 for fifth place. There also is a \$500 big fish prize.

Proceeds from the event will provide scholarships and support services for students completing college coursework at MSU at West Liberty.

“We hope area residents will come out and enjoy a great day of fishing, knowing no matter who wins the prize money, our students will benefit,” said Dr. Jonell Tobin, director of MSU at West Liberty.

Additional information, complete rules and registration are available by calling MSU at West Liberty at (606) 743-1500.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Police Department will conduct traffic safety checkpoints now through the end of the spring semester in an effort to make the roads safer. The checkpoints will take place at various times of the day and night.

"We want to do our part to help keep our community safe as students, faculty and staff, and visitors travel to campus," said MSU Police Chief Matt Sparks.

The checkpoints will focus on reducing the contributing factors involved in vehicle crashes such as impaired drivers, failure to wear seat belts and other traffic violations.

Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at (606) 783-2035.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Students enrolling at Morehead State University for the 2010 fall semester will see some procedural changes in how tuition and fees are paid. Students will continue to have access to their billing statements and other pertinent information, all from one's personal MSU account.

Students create a financial obligation to Morehead State when they register for classes. The total semester charges—including tuition, housing, meal plans, books and fees—less financial aid, scholarships or third-party payments, result in the amount for a payment plan.

“We are excited to offer these payment plans to give students options,” said Carol Ford, assistant director for student services in the Office of Accounting and Financial Services. “This should speed up the enrollment process and allow it to move faster and in a more efficient manner. If students cannot pay in full, they will now have the option to sign up on a fixed payment plan and know their University obligation by logging on to their MSU account.”

Following the 2010 summer sessions, MSU will implement two plans for paying fees and eliminate the Statement of Intent. One week prior to the start of classes, all students must make payment in full or enroll in a payment plan to prevent their schedule from being canceled.

Enrollment in the Standard Payment Plan will be available beginning July 1. The enrollment fee is \$40 for a net balance of less than \$1,000, or \$75 for a net balance of \$1,000 or more. The financial obligation will be determined by the student's expenses less financial aid or scholarships awarded. The amount will be divided into three payments which will be due in August, September and October. The enrollment fee and first payment will be due at the time of enrollment.

Students must register prior to the first day of classes to avoid a \$75 late registration fee. Students must make payments on time to avoid a late payment charge at the monthly rate of 0.65 percent on outstanding balances and to avoid a hold being placed on their account.

Recipients who are eligible for and awarded financial aid to cover their entire obligation are required to enroll in the Financial Aid Pending Plan one week prior to the start of classes to avoid cancellation of class schedules. There is no enrollment fee.

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Any changes in financial aid, tuition, books, meal plan or other charges, will be automatically reflected in the billing statement and result in an increase or decrease in the monthly bill. Students may elect to pay an amount greater than the amount due or the entire balance in full at any time.

Students who have had their schedules dropped will have until the last day to add a class (Aug. 31), to reregister and pay in full or enroll in an online payment plan. One week after the last day to add a class (Sept. 7), there will be final schedule drop for all students who have not enrolled in a payment plan or paid their balance in full.

The enrollment process also will include a change in how refund checks will be disbursed. Checks will not be disbursed until after all financial transactions are complete. Two weeks after the beginning of classes, checks will be direct deposited or mailed to the address the student has on file with the University. Checks will not be available for pick up.

Information on student refunds, including direct deposit, is available on WebAdvisor, located at www.moreheadstate.edu. The University will distribute monthly e-bills with the amount owed and with detail of any changes made to the account.

“We want our students to fully understand the financial obligations created with University enrollment,” Ford said. “we now have available current detailed billing information that each student can access through WebAdvisor. We encourage our students to review that account information at least monthly. Regular review of this information, reporting any discrepancies, and taking action to keep their account in a current status, will help our students develop financial management skills that are valuable throughout life.”

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WEST LIBERTY, Ky.---Morehead State University at West Liberty will host its third annual “College for a Day” on Monday, May 10.

This event is for adults who want to learn more about how to start college. Adults who were in college years ago and are interested in returning are also welcome.

“It is exciting to see how many of those who attended last year are now taking college classes. If you have ever dreamed about going to college, this event will show that dream can be a reality,” said Dr. Jonell Tobin, director of MSU at West Liberty.

The half-day program will include an opportunity to see a sample college class session. Question and answer sessions on financial aid resources, college admission and career planning will be offered.

Registration will be held from 9:30-10 a.m. The program will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided and door prizes will be given away at the end of the day.

To register, call Sherry Fannin, regional campus assistant, at (606) 743-1500 or (800) 648-5371.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---The General Assembly went home more than a week ago from the 2010 regular session without a new state budget, leaving Gov. Steve Beshear with the task of calling a special legislative session before the current fiscal year ends on June 30. As of today, a firm date has not been determined and the call has not been issued.

The governor was critical of the legislature's failure to enact a new biennial budget and continues to encourage legislative leaders to work out their differences before he brings the lawmakers back to the Capitol at a cost of about \$60,000 per day.

With all 100 House seats and 19 of the 38 Senate seats at stake in this year's elections, it was assumed that the special session would be called for late May or early June to avoid the May 18 primary. However, Gov. Beshear has said that he wants a new budget by June 1 so that he can make adjustments in the state's bonded debt before July 1. If so, that would require a session in May.

Senate President David Williams says his chamber will not accept a budget with substantial new debt or increased business taxes. House Speaker Greg Stumbo insists that his members only will support a budget that creates jobs by funding millions of dollars of capital construction projects, primarily the replacement of dilapidated public school buildings.

If a new budget is not in place by 12:01 a.m. on July 1, the governor will be forced to shut down all state government operations, including public higher education, that are not essential to public safety.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Kentucky's poet laureate Gurney Norman and poet Frank X Walker will read from their work at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in 002 Breckinridge Hall as part of the Department of English's Creative Writing Symposium.

The authors will conduct a discussion of writing and take questions Friday, April 16, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in 311 Lappin Hall.

Norman is director of creative writing at the University of Kentucky. His first novel, "Divine Right's Trip" was published by The Dial Press and Bantam Books, and Pantheon Books of England. In 1978, Norman's book of short stories, "Kinfolks," was published by Gnomon Press and subsequently by Avon Books as part of its "Southern Authors Series."

He is co-editor, with Katherine Ledford and Dwight Billings, of a collection of essays, "Back Talk: Confronting Appalachian Stereotypes," published by The University Press of Kentucky in 1999. He also is co-editor, with Sharon Hatfield and Danny Miller, of a collection of essays, "An American Vein: Critical Readings in Appalachian Literature," published in 2005 by Ohio University Press. Norman's novella-length folktale "Ancient Creek" originally published as a spoken word album by June Appal Records at Appalshop, will be released as a book by Old Cove Press in 2010. It will be accompanied by an archival reading of the tale produced by Appalshop.

Walker is the author of four poetry collections: "When Winter Come: the Ascension of York," "Black Bo," "Buffalo Dance: the Journey of York," which won the Lillian Smith Book Award in 2004; and "Affrilachia."

A 2005 recipient of the Lannan Literary Fellowship in Poetry, Walker serves as a faculty member at the University of Kentucky and is the proud editor and publisher of "PLUCK!," the new Journal of Affrilachian Art and Culture.

Morehead State University's Reading Series is sponsored by MSU Arts and Humanities Council, the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of English, Kentucky Folk Art Center, Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Morehead State Public Radio, Thomas and Lille D. Chaffin Endowment, Multicultural Student Services, and Interdisciplinary Women's Studies.

Additional information is available by contacting the Department of English at (606) 783-9448 or by e-mailing Chris Holbrook, associate professor of English, at c.holbrook@moreheadstate.edu.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Students and faculty from Morehead State University's Department of Nursing will be traveling to Haiti in July and August to help provide basic medical care, including wound care, treatment of burns, amputation care and education, to the people in Haiti.

Haiti is still recovering from the devastating earthquake that hit the country in January and is still in need.

Nearly 40 students along with seven faculty members will team with Children's International Lifeline, a well-established Kentucky operated organization that has served Haiti for more than 20 years, for the visit.

The organization provides solid education, essential food, clothing, medical supplies, and physical facilities for educational assistance for the underprivileged children and their families in underdeveloped areas in Haiti.

The cost of the trip is \$1,000 per person. Any additional monies raised will go toward medicines and medical supplies.

The Department of Nursing is accepting donations to help defray the cost of the goodwill trip. Visit www.moreheadstate.edu/haitinursingtrip to learn more and pledge your support.

"Any individual, business and agency donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated," said Dr. Erla Mowbray, chair. "We sincerely thank the Center for Regional Engagement and St. Claire Regional Medical Center for their support."

For more information, contact MSU's Office of Development at (606) 783-2033.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews and others took a pie-in-the-face for the American Cancer Society this week. The event was presented by the MSU chapter of the American Chemical Society.

A total of \$2,100 was raised.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook captured some of the images from the event and has placed them in a photo gallery.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Mark Blankenbuehler, associate professor of chemistry and adviser to the American Chemical Society, at (606) 783-2915 or e-mail m.blanken@moreheadstate.edu.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---President Wayne D. Andrews is hosting two public meetings with Morehead State University faculty and staff members on Tuesday, April 6, at 3 p.m. and Wednesday, April 7, at 8 a.m. Both sessions will be held in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

“In my ongoing effort to improve and strengthen communications within the University community, I am scheduling two open forums for faculty and staff,” Dr. Andrews said. “There has been a lot of information coming out of Frankfort concerning the budget and I want to update everyone on the latest news and how it concerns MSU.”

Time will be allocated for questions to be addressed during the forum. Faculty and staff also may submit their budget questions via e-mail prior to the session at budgets@moreheadstate.edu.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Retirees Association will travel to Maysville Wednesday, May 12, for a program on the Underground Railroad.

Cars will leave from the gravel parking lot across from the Academic-Athletic Center at 9 a.m.

The program begins at the Underground Railroad museum in Maysville at 10:30 a.m., with lunch at Moyer's Winery in Ripley, Ohio, at about 1:15 p.m., followed by tours of the Rankin and Parker houses in Ripley.

The cost will be \$13, but does not include lunch. The museum program is \$5 and each house tour is \$4.

The deadline to register is Wednesday, May 5.

The MSU Retirees Association is open to all retired staff and faculty members.

Additional information on car pooling and registration is available by calling Alumni and Constituent Relations at (606) 783-2080 or by e-mail to t.jones@moreheadstate.edu.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Sharon Williams, right, director of Morehead State University's Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP), accepted a quilttop from Sharon Reynolds, director of Today's Youth.

RSVP is working with volunteers and other programs around Morehead, along with MSU programs, to help 500 children in Kentucky receive a quilt and/or afghan to go with a twin bed being built by the Build-A-Bed project on May 8 and 9 in Frankfort.

The Build-A-Bed project is an AmeriCorps initiative that plans to build 500 twin beds for children in Kentucky. All beds will be staying in Kentucky and will be given to children in need.

To donate a twin-size quilt and/or afghan or to find out more information about the Build-A-Bed project, call the RSVP office at (606) 783-5124.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---George A. Sadler, former associate professor of health, physical education and recreation and tennis coach at Morehead State University, died Monday, April 5. He was 91.

MSU paid tribute to Sadler as the outdoor tennis courts were named in his honor in 1992. He also served as a coach at Munfordville and Hiseville high schools and Campbellsville College.

A WWII Army veteran, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Kentucky University.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Elizabeth Sadler; children, Dr. Nancy Sue Corbett, Laura Jean Sadler-Harperink (George), John Cad Sadler (Teresa), Sally Anne Tisdale (Eric). Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, April 8, Westport Road Baptist Church, 9705 Westport Road, Louisville, with entombment in Louisville Memorial Gardens East.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7 at Newcomer Funeral Home, 235 Juneau Drive, Middletown.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---A memorial service will be held for George A. Sadler, Sunday, April 18, 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street in Morehead.

The community is invited to attend the service and reception that will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Sadler, a former associate professor of health, physical education and recreation and tennis coach at Morehead State University, died Monday, April 5. He was 91.

MSU paid tribute to Sadler as the outdoor tennis courts were named in his honor in 1992.

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PIKEVILLE, Ky.---Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center will present "Using eBay to Start or Expand a Business" on Thursday, April 29, from 5-8:30 p.m.

The free workshop will be held at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 120 S. Riverfill Drive in Pikeville.

The seminar will introduce the basic concepts and components of setting up a business on eBay. Strategies and tips will be shared on how to make this a successful venture on eBay. Participants will walk through the process of listing, selling and receiving payment for items sold.

Mark Johnson of the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet will be the presenter.

The program is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance. Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

For more information or to preregister, you can call Mike Morley, director, or Linda Casebolt, secretary specialist, at the East Kentucky Small Business Development Center at (606) 432-5848.

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PIKEVILLE, Ky.---Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center will present "Effective Marketing Means Money" on Tuesday, May 25, from 5:30-8 p.m.

The free workshop will be held at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 120 S. Riverfill Drive in Pikeville.

Mike Morley, director of the EKSBD, will be the seminar presenter.

Topics to be covered will be: marketing strategies, strategic marketing mix, advertising segments, and developing a marketing culture.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Claypool-Young art gallery on the campus of Morehead State University will present the “Fresh: 2010 MSU Senior Juried Art Exhibition,” April 21-May 5.

The exhibition, juried by three Department of Art and Design faculty members, enables art students of senior ranking to exhibit their work in the professional realm, an important experience prior to beginning an arts career.

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, April 21, from 6-8 p.m. with refreshments and live music by Brandon Coleman, an MSU student musician. It is free and open to the public.

The following students will be participating in the exhibition: Kerry Adkins, Ashland; Ryan Andersons, Burnt Hills, N.Y.; Meranda Campbell, Crittenden; Aaron Cooper, Tollesboro; Jenna Dailey, Paris; Megan Mitchell, Ludlow Falls, Ohio; Ashleigh Mullins, West Liberty; Patricia Murphy, Frankfort; Pete Negron, Shelbyville, Ind.; Andrew O’Brien, Elizabethtown; Bonita Parsons, Sandy Hook; Zachary Potter, Pikeville; Stephanie Ratliff, Pikeville; Natasha Reader, Cumberland; Evan Sanders, Louisville; Bridgette Sloan, Morehead; Karri Smith, Pikeville; Will Smith, Morehead; and Brandon Thacker, Belfry.

The exhibition recognizes artistic excellence through both inclusions in the exhibition as well as cash prizes. In the 2010 exhibition, the following students were awarded meritorious awards: Ratliff, Best in Show; Parsons, first place; Potter, second place; and Evan Sanders, third place.

The gallery in Claypool-Young features contemporary art for the Morehead State University community as well as the University’s service region. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. There is no charge for viewing and the public is invited to attend. Parking is available on Main Street during the day, and on the campus of MSU after 5 p.m. weekdays, and all day on the weekends.

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

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Morehead State University Space Science Center's Star Theater will present the planetarium program "Infinity Express" and the Laser program "Laser Metallica" in April.

The Star Theater planetarium programs will be held on Friday, April 16, at 7 p.m., followed by the Laser program at 8:15 p.m. The programs continue on Saturday, April 17, with afternoon showings of "Infinity Express" at 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m., and 3:30 p.m., and evening laser shows of "Laser Metallica" at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

Selected laser music shows can contain unedited language.

Planetarium Programs:

- \$2-Adults
- \$1-Students and senior citizens (60-plus)
- Free-four and under (must sit in parent/guardian lap)

Laser Programs:

- \$5-Adults
- \$4-Students and senior citizens (60-plus)
- Free-four and under (must sit in parent/guardian lap)

Seating is limited to 90 per program and tickets (cash only) for all shows are available at the door. No advance tickets or reservations are available.

Additional information is available by calling the Space Science Center's Star Theater at (606) 783-9593 or visiting its Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater.

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April 21, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, will speak at Morehead State University, Wednesday, April 28, at 1 p.m. in historic Button Auditorium and discuss the importance of community involvement and civic participation.

A reception will follow.

A former Kentucky Attorney General (2003-07), the Floyd County native also served in the Kentucky House of Representatives (1980 to 2003) and was Majority Floor Leader (1985-98).

Stumbo serves as the chair for the Committee on Committees and the Committee on Rules. He also is active in several organizations as he is chair for the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board.

President Wayne D. Andrews will introduce Stumbo.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by a student grant from MSU's Center for Regional Engagement.

Graduate assistants Erica Allen, of Flaherty, and Stephanie Webb, of Prestonsburg, were awarded the grant in September during MSU's celebration of National Constitution Day and are responsible for planning and presenting this discussion.

Additional information is available by calling Margaret Sloan, assistant professor of government, at (606) 783-2920 or m.sloan@moreheadstate.edu.

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April 23, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will host a Symphony Band Concert on Tuesday, April 27, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall of Baird Music Hall.

The event is free and open to the public and will feature Lori Baruth, as guest clarinetist, and Dr. Earle Louder, as guest conductor.

Baruth has been with MSU as an assistant professor of clarinet since 2007. She received her Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education, and Master of Music degrees from The Ohio State University. She will complete her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati in June.

Baruth has performed with the Huntington Symphony Orchestra, Westerville Symphony Orchestra, the Central Ohio Symphony Orchestra, the Heisey Wind Ensemble, and the Opera Theater and Music Festival of Lucca Orchestra of Lucca, Italy.

This summer, she will return as clarinet faculty at the Lutheran Summer Music Festival and Academy in Decorah, Iowa. She has served as director of Morehead State University and Ohio State University clarinet choirs, and has coached and adjudicated clarinetists of all ages in Ohio and Kentucky.

Professor emeritus of euphonium and tuba, Dr. Louder was resident artist and associate director of bands for 28 years. He has had an illustrious career including 12 seasons as the principal and featured euphonium soloist of The United States Navy Band in Washington, D.C., 15 years as the assistant conductor, principal euphonium, and featured euphonium soloist with Leonard B. Smith's Concert Band.

Currently he is the principal and featured euphonium soloist with Keith Brion's New Sousa Band, the New Columbian Brass Band, the Danville Advocate Brass Band, the Lexington Brass Band, the Virginia Grand Military Band, and the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Festival Band where he is a permanent faculty member and annually adjudicates the Leonard Falcone International Euphonium/Tuba Solo Competition.

He holds degrees in music education and euphonium performance from Michigan State University and a doctorate from Florida State University. At Michigan State, he was a student of the late renowned euphonium artist/teacher Leonard Falcone.

Dr. Louder's honors include MSU's prestigious Distinguished Faculty Award, the Kentucky Universities' Teacher of the Year Award, and in 1998, the International Tuba and Euphonium Association's highest honor, its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Louder is only the fourth euphoniumist to receive this award since I.T.E.A.'s inception in 1973, one of the other three being his mentor, Falcone.

Additional information is available by calling MSU's University Bands at (606) 783-2486.

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April 22, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---College textbooks are expensive. Although students may deem some of their books valuable and keep them for future reference, most books end up back in the system.

Students at four of Morehead State University's regional campuses will have an opportunity to sell back their 2010 spring semester books.

The following schedule will be followed:

MSU at Ashland, Tuesday through Thursday, May 4-6, from 3-7 p.m.

MSU at Mt. Sterling, Tuesday, May 4, from 3-6 p.m.; Wednesday, May 5, from 2-5 p.m.; and Thursday, May 6, from 4-6 p.m.

MSU at Prestonsburg, Wednesday, May 5, and Thursday, May 6, from 3-6 p.m.

MSU at West Liberty, Monday, May 3, from 4-6 p.m.; Tuesday, May 4, from 4-7 p.m. and Wednesday, May 5, from 3-6 p.m.

Buy backs on the Morehead campus will be held on the first floor of the Adron Doran University Center: Wednesday, April 28, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, May 3-6, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, May 7, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, May 8, from 8 a.m.-noon.

Student ID is required.

Additional information is available by calling the University Bookstore at (606) 783-2081.

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April 1, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program, the Department of International and Interdisciplinary Studies and ALLYance student organization will present a multimedia presentation, "The Toxic Closet: Being Gay in the Bible Belt," on Thursday, April 8, at 4:30 p.m. in 002 Breckinridge Hall.

Dr. Bernadette Barton, associate professor of sociology, will present her research on the consequences of religious based homophobia on the lives of homosexuals through interviews, photos and video clips.

The event is open to the public and free of charge.

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April 15, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Center for Leadership and Professional Development, in collaboration with the Department of International and Interdisciplinary Studies, has announced the selections for grants to travel abroad during the summer of 2010.

These individuals will visit one of the programs offered by the Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS), the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA), or the Magellan Exchange.

The visit will last at least a week, although faculty members may choose to stay longer, enabling the faculty member to become familiar with the site and the program, and to gain a better understanding of the dynamics and special challenges and rewards of teaching in a study abroad program.

Recipients are expected to apply to teach in an approved study-abroad program within two years of the grant-funded visit, and to make a conscientious effort to internationalize a class they teach. The grant will fund the airfare and help defray the costs during the visit.

The faculty members selected are:

Dr. Capp Yess (College of Science and Technology) will travel to Italy and joining a KIIS program in June 2010, visiting Rome, Florence and Venice, which were key locations in the life of Galileo. He will be identifying ways to infuse an astronomy course with some of the philosophical influences that shaped the thinking of this great astronomer. In a potential future international course, students would actually travel to these places and see them first-hand.

James Masterson (College of Business and Public Affairs) will travel to China in association with the KIIS program there. He will be gathering information concerning globalization and the role of the economic development in China in the world economy. Masterson would eventually like to teach a course in China, where students could visit key locations concerning the cultural history and economic rise of China.

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'Travel abroad' grants announced

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Dr. Timothy Simpson (College of Education) will travel to Ireland through the CCSA to explore ways to bring the cultural heritage of folktales, stories, and storytelling into his classes, and comparing/contrasting Irish and Appalachian stories. Future students might attend both the Cave Run Storytelling Festival, and one in Ireland. Dr. Simpson may even design a course that explores the relationships between stories and moral education, a focus of his current research.

Dr. Glen Colburn (Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences) will travel to the KIIS site in Berlin, where he plans to apply to teach in 2011. Dr. Colburn would like to teach two courses, one on English translation of novels set in Berlin in the last 60 years, and another on English translation of German literary classics. Information from the visit this summer would infuse current courses of world literature, and provide venues for student visits in future courses.

Additional information on these activities may be obtained by contacting the faculty members, the Center for Leadership and Professional Development, or the Department of International and Interdisciplinary Studies.

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April 26, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University students will have an opportunity to learn about University funding as it relates to tuition and fees at a special forum slated for Wednesday, April 28.

The forum, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Adron Doran University Center, will include a presentation by Beth Patrick, chief of staff and vice president for planning and budgets. She is expected to share financial information with students, making them aware of the funding needs of the University and the process by which tuition rates are set.

Officials from the Office of Accounting and Financial Services also will be there to discuss the “new payment plan options” that MSU will offer to students beginning in the fall.

Students will be permitted to submit comments and/or questions.

“The event organizers are trying to promote positive mediums of open communication between students and administrators,” said Kyle Yarawsky, Student Government Association president. “They will not only detail MSU’s resources and needs, but let the students know what they can do to impact the situation.”

Additional information about the forum is available by calling the Student Government Association office at (606) 783-2298.

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April 9, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Filippo Graziani, professor of astrodynamics and dean of the Aerospace Engineering School at the University of Rome, will be the next guest of the 2009-10 Morehead State University Department of Earth and Space Science speaker series.

Graziani will lecture on Friday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the Star Theater of the Space Science Center.

Graziani is visiting Morehead to work on a collaborative space mission called “Gliolab” which is a joint effort between the GAUSS-Group of Astrodynamics at the “Sapienza” University of Rome and MSU’s Space Science Center and Department of Biology and Chemistry.

The primary objective of Gliolab is to investigate the combined effects of microgravity and ionizing radiation on the survival rate of cancer cells affected by Glioblastoma multi-forme. Chantal Cappelletti, a Ph.D. student in astrodynamics at the University of Rome, has been working at the Space Science Center this past year as a visiting scholar on the project. She has established a team of several student researchers at MSU.

Dr. Darrin DeMoss, professor of biology, is leading the effort designing the biological experiment and Bob Twiggs, professor of space science, and Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair of the Department of Earth and Space Science and director of the Space Science Center, are working on systems engineering and management of the project. Several MSU students in biology and space science are involved in the research. Gliolab is intended to fly on the International Space Station next year as part of the Kentucky Space NanoRacks program.

“It is a particular honor to have Dr. Graziani visit and to provide a talk for our students and the public,” said Dr. Malphrus. “The opportunity to collaborate on an important space mission like Gliolab is an incredible opportunity for our students and faculty and has potential to produce some very interesting science relative to the understanding of cancer cell mitosis in microgravity.”

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University of Rome's Graziani to lecture, April 16
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A veteran educator with more than 30 years experience, Dr. Graziani is a member of the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) for the Engineering Sciences Sector and Italian delegation of IADC (Interagency Space Debris Coordination Committee).

During his tenure at the University of Rome, he has supervised many research programs and since 1996, he has been the team leader of the UNISAT Program: educational microsattellites completely designed and manufactured by the students and the researchers of the Gruppo di Astrodinamica Università degli Studi la Sapienza (GAUSS) team. The first microsattellite (UNISAT) was launched in September 2000 and a fifth satellite (EDUSAT) is under development and scheduled for an October 2010 launch.

Graziani's speech is free and open to the public.

Additional information is available by calling the Space Science Center at (606) 783-2212.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Have you ever wanted to take a whipped cream pie and smear it into the face of Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews?

Here's your chance.

Dr. Andrews has agreed to take a pie-in-the-face for the American Cancer Society. The event is being run by the MSU chapter of the American Chemistry Society.

Tickets may be purchased from a member of the club or in the Adron Doran University Center on April 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., or in 103 Lappin Hall.

Tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20, or 15 for \$50.

The winner will be drawn on April 19 and Dr. Andrews will get the pie on April 20 at 3 p.m. on the ADUC Terrace.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Mark Blankenbuehler, associate professor of chemistry and adviser to the American Chemical Society, at (606) 783-2915 or e-mail m.blanken@moreheadstate.edu.

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