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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Nine Morehead State University alumni, including three in key leadership positions and two in committee chairs, will be among the 138 lawmakers serving in the 2010 session of the Kentucky General Assembly which opens here Jan. 5.

Four MSU grads are members of the Kentucky Senate, including one in top leadership -- Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift. He is the minority caucus chair and is in his third four-year term. Sen. Walter Blevins, D-Sandy Hook, is in his fifth term. Two former state representatives newly-seated this year in special elections were Sen. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, and Sen. Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon. Webb was elected five times to the House and Higdon had three terms.

Five MSU alumni serve in the Kentucky House, including two in top leadership -- Rep. Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, and Rep. John Will Stacy, D-West Liberty. Adkins is the majority floor leader, the second highest position in that chamber. He is in his 11th two-year term. Stacy is the majority whip. He has been elected eight times.

Rep. Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville, chairs the Transportation Committee. He is in his ninth term. Rep. Rep. Carl Rollins, D-Midway, chairs the House Education Committee. He is in his second term.

Rep. Mike Denham, D-Maysville, is vice chair of three committees - Agriculture and Small Business, Banking and Insurance, and Local Government. He is starting his fourth term.

The 60-day session opens Jan. 5 and must end on or before April 13. The 10-day veto period runs from -March 30 through April 9 with the legislators returning to the Capitol on April 12 for the final two days.

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Jan. 28, 2010

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews warned of economic consequences across Kentucky today when he asked the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education to preserve the current state funding of the state's public universities and colleges.

"A major reduction in our general fund appropriation would have much the same effect as layoffs by any other major employer," he said. "A smaller workforce obviously earns less and spends less, whether you build cars or educate students."

Andrews and two other institutional presidents, Dr. Doug Whitlock of ECU and Dr. James Votruba of NKU, spent two hours outlining reasons for sustaining the momentum of higher education with a continuation budget.

"We have made cuts in operating budgets and left vacant positions unfilled and postponed the replacement of worn out equipment," Dr. Andrews said. "And we search each day for additional ways to reduce expenses without damaging quality."

He continued:

"Our academic community is concerned about the possibility of more cuts. It is obvious that continued reductions in state support will have a major impact on our ability to further our mission."

MSU's chief executive officer outlined several successful initiatives undertaken by the University despite reduced resources. The list included:

- Evaluating all academic programs and the pending deletion of 17 determined not to be relevant in the 21st century.
- Streamlining most bachelor's degree requirements from 128 to 120 credit hours, starting in the fall for new freshman.
- Becoming one of the state's top producers of science, math and special education teachers through the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program.
- Assisting local school districts in improving high school math instruction and raising the test scores of many once considered at-risk in math.

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- Becoming Kentucky's first public university to adopt a more efficient per-credit-hour tuition model.

- Reallocating existing financial aid resources to help part-time and adult students who get the least assistance in federal and state aid programs.

- Redesigning graduate programs to enable public school professionals to use projects and programs in their own school districts to earn credit toward the teacher leader master's degree.

Dr. Andrews also issued an urgent plea for operating monies for MSU's new Space Science facility and Equine Health Education Center which opened last summer and for the soon-to-be opened Center for Health, Education and Research, due for completion later this year.

"We have a critical need for maintenance and operating funds for the wonderful new facilities you have built for us in the last two years," he told the committee. "Historically, the General Assembly has always provided such funds and we simply cannot operate these new learning facilities effectively and efficiently without adequate funding."

President Andrews later told statehouse reporters covering the budget hearing that he felt the lawmakers on the committee would be supportive but that no one knows if sufficient resources will be available by the time the budget is finalized in mid-April. The state is said to be facing a potential revenue shortfall of \$1.5 billion over the next two years.

"We have no choice but to be hopeful that the General Assembly will be able to resolve this budget crisis without doing serious damage to what all of the institutions have achieved," he said.

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Jan. 25, 2010

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews will be among three institutional chief executives testifying at Thursday's meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education. Also on the agenda are NKU President James Votruba and ECU President Doug Whitlock.

Five other university leaders and the president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) will appear at the Feb. 4 and Feb. 18 meetings of the subcommittee which is chaired by Rep. Arnold Simpson, D-Covington. CPE President Robert King started the process last Thursday with his comments on the budget request submitted to Gov. Steve Beshear.

The CPE and the nine institutions essentially are seeking to maintain current funding levels and hopefully pick up additional monies for operating costs of new facilities, some of which like MSU's Space Science Center, have already gone into service. MSU's Center for Health, Education and Research, a joint project with UK and St. Claire Regional Medical Center, will be completed this spring and in full operation by the opening of the fall semester.

President Andrews says he intends to present a candid assessment of Morehead State's budget situation, including a pitch for at least one capital project, the \$52.9 million joint project involving construction of a student services facility and the final phase of renovation of the Adron Doran University Center.

“My plan is to try to convince the subcommittee that keeping our state funding intact is critical to our future and to the economic recovery of this region and state,” Dr. Andrews stated. “Again this year, I want our lawmakers to see that higher education is part of the solution to the state's budget dilemma, not a part of the problem.”

He added:

“This has become a historic legislative session with the General Assembly's announced intention to write its own budget from the ground up while ignoring the governor's proposed budget. It is obvious that Kentucky needs additional state revenue and we are hopeful the General Assembly will be able to balance the new budget in the face of the largest ever revenue shortfall.”

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, Jan. 4, 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.---Gov. Steve Beshear kept his promise to protect higher education in his 2010-12 budget message here Tuesday night, proposing no cuts in state funding in the first fiscal year and only two percent in the second year.

His proposal also included funding each institution's highest priority capital project with \$584 million in state bonds. For MSU, that is the \$52 million renovation and expansion of the Adron Doran University Center, including construction of a student services wing.

However, the governor's budget is predicated on passage of expanded gambling legislation to allow video lottery terminals at the state's horse tracks. The so-called "slots bill" failed to win passage in the General Assembly in 2009.

Without the new gambling revenue or other additional income, higher education and other state agencies would be facing double digit reductions in state appropriations, according to State Budget Director Mary Lassiter.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews, who attended the joint session, said he was pleased with the governor's continued support of higher education.

"We will be working closely with our friends in the legislature to help develop a budget that will allow all of our institutions to continue to make progress in improving Kentucky's economy and the quality of life of our citizens," Andrews said.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Gov. Steve Beshear demonstrates “the courage of his convictions” in his continuing efforts to protect public education from further budget cuts, according to Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews.

The governor signed a budget reduction order on Monday to fill a \$108 million budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2010 ending June 30. Consistent with earlier orders, it shelters education, healthcare, economic development and public safety as “core services that offer help and hope to our people”, the governor said in a press release.

“All of us in public education are indebted to Governor Beshear for having the courage of his convictions in prioritizing the services of government in a most difficult budgetary period,” Dr. Andrews said. “We at MSU are especially appreciative of his efforts to protect the current state funding level of public higher education. We are hopeful that the General Assembly will be able to take a similar position in this year's legislative session.”

Gov. Beshear has signed six budget reduction orders during his three years in office.

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Jan. 11, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky. ---In celebration of Black History Month in February, several activities have been planned on the campus of Morehead State University.

On Monday, Feb. 1, during the Soulfood Dinner, students who participated in the Muhammad Ali Field Trip in October will present a variety of displays honoring this great African-American hero.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, “The State of the Black Community” featuring Dwaun Warmack, associate dean of students at Rhodes College, will be held in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center at 6:30 p.m. The event will feature a panel consisting of university faculty, staff and students as well as a community member. It will be an interactive session with the audience having the opportunity to participate, followed by a reception. The “The State of the Black Community” is sponsored by Student Programming Board (SPB), Student Government Association (SGA), Minority Leadership Caucus (MLC), Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, Chi Omega fraternity, Office of Student Activities, University College, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and Diversity Initiative.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, Minority Retention Programs and the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics will sponsor “It All Adds Up: Black Contributions to Mathematics and Science.” The event will run 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the second floor of the Adron Doran University Center. There will be various displays designed to illustrate African-American contributions in the fields of math and science.

On Thursday, Feb. 18, “Black in Business” will be held at 6:30 p.m. in 002 Breckinridge Hall. Speaker Nikki Taylor, a native of Louisville, was a teenage mother; she has since earned law and MBA degrees. Her speaking style is straight-forward, thought-provoking and honest. She is a “captivating speaker that motivates and inspires college students to pursue their dreams.”

On Monday, Feb. 22, MSU students will perform “Morehead Goes Motown” at 7 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. This event allows students to participate individually or as groups impersonating famous Motown acts. The winner will receive a \$200 prize. The event will be educational in nature as the audience will have the opportunity to learn about the history of Motown and how it helped shape the music industry into what it is today. The event is sponsored by SPB and MLC.

Additional information is available by calling Michele Thompson, minority retention coordinator, at (606) 783-5195 or Terri Roberts, student activities coordinator, at (606) 783-2071.

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Jan. 19, 2010

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FRANKFORT, Ky.---Months of anxious waiting by agencies, school districts and institutions dependent on state funding will end here Tuesday night when Gov. Steve Beshear delivers his budget message to a joint session of the General Assembly. The speech will be carried live on KET at 7 p.m. from the House chamber.

Kentucky's constitution requires the governor to present a proposed budget to the lawmakers for the operation of state government for next two fiscal years, starting July 1. The enacted budget must be balanced in that expenditures cannot exceed revenues. That legal requirement is a monumental challenge for the Beshear Administration and the General Assembly in view of the projected revenue shortfall of about \$1.5 billion over the biennium.

"We are prepared for whatever happens in the budget process," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "We are committed to doing the best we can with whatever resources are available. And we are confident the governor and the General Assembly will give it their best effort."

Beshear has the option of further reducing the budget or proposing new revenue or a combination of both. Speculation has grown in recent days that he may submit a budget that includes revenue from an expansion of legal gaming. House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, and Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, have advised against taking that approach. An attempt to legalize video lottery terminals at racetracks failed in last summer's special legislative session.

The governor has tried to minimize damage to education, economic development, public safety and health care in the six budget cuts already imposed during his administration. Public universities, for example, have lost about 7.5 percent of their general fund support while many state agencies have been cut by 20 percent. Public school districts have retained most of their primary or SEEK funding.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Due to an unexpected electrical outage, Morehead State University students living in Cartmell Hall will be unable to return to the hall until Sunday, Jan. 10, at the earliest.

Check your MSU e-mail and Web site ([www.moreheadstate.edu](http://www.moreheadstate.edu)) for updates.

The University apologizes for any inconvenience and is working diligently to resolve the problem. Questions can be directed to the Housing Office at (606) 783-2060 or University Police at (606) 783-2035.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University recently hosted 12 students and a teacher chaperone from Escuela San Francisco de Asis, San Carlos, Costa Rica.

These students came to the U.S. to visit Southern Elementary, their sister school in Georgetown. Costa Rican native Dr. Victor Ballesterro, associate professor of educational administration, and Dr. Sam Wright, assistant professor of education, served as drivers and tour guides to transport the group to the MSU campus.

The visit was sponsored by the College of Education as part of its cultural diversity initiatives. At MSU the students were able to enjoy a special presentation at the Star Theater located in the MSU Space Science Center hosted by Eric Thomas. This according to the visiting students became “the highlight of the whole trip”

From Morehead, the students traveled to Montgomery County High School where they were hosted by Principal Todd Wilson. The students had lunch, visited Spanish classes and talked with American students learning Spanish.

“This is the second time a group of Costa Rican students visit MSU thanks to our College of Education interest in internationalizing the campus” said Dr. Ballesterro.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Ballesterro at (606) 783-2893 or Dr. Wright at (606) 783-9447.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Dr. Winston Choi, assistant professor of piano and head of piano studies of the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University, will give a master class at Morehead State University on Monday, Feb. 1, at 10:20 a.m. in Duncan Recital Hall of Baird Music Hall.

The event is free and open to the public.

Laureate of the 2003 Honens International Piano Competition and winner of France's 2002 Concours International de Piano 20e siècle d'Orléans, Canadian pianist, Dr. Choi is an inquisitive performer whose fresh approach to standard repertory, and masterful understanding, performance and commitment to works by living composers, make him one of today's most dynamic young concert artists.

He has performed in recital with orchestras across four continents. He has collaborated with composers including William Bolcom, Elliott Carter, Brian Ferneyhough, Bernard Rands, Sven-David Sandstrom, Bright Sheng, Christian Wolff, Chen Yi and John Zorn.

Dr. Choi's debut CD, the complete piano works of Elliott Carter (l'Empreinte Digitale in France), was given five stars by BBC Music.

Anybody wishing to perform for Dr. Choi should contact Dr. Paul Taylor, associate professor of music, at (606) 783-2405 or e-mail [p.taylor@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:p.taylor@moreheadstate.edu).

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Jan. 15, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Dr. Cathy Gunn, dean of Morehead State University's College of Education, has been reappointed by Gov. Steve Beshear to the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board. Her four-year term expires in 2013.

Her first term ended earlier in September.

"We are very proud of Dean Gunn's reappointment to this important position," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "She is an outstanding educational leader and will be a wonderful asset to the EPSB."

The Education Professional Standards Board is responsible for issuing and renewing certificates for all Kentucky teachers and administrators. Board members, appointed by the Governor, consist of nine teachers, two school administrators, one representative of local school boards, three representatives of higher education, and two ex officio members—the Commissioner of Education and the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Dr. Gunn earned her Ph.D. degree in 1990 from the University of Oregon at Eugene in curriculum and instruction with emphases in reading/literacy and educational technology and educational anthropology. She received the M.A. degree in 1988 from the University of Illinois at Springfield in educational administration, and a B.S. of Education degree in 1971 from Illinois State University at Normal.

Dr. Gunn, who has been with MSU since July 2005, holds membership in several professional organizations including the International Society for Technology in Education, the Kentucky Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, and the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

An educator with more than 35 years of experience, she was executive director of the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory at Learning Point Associates, prior to coming to MSU. Dr. Gunn also has served as director of the Illinois Virtual Campus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and was a professor of educational technology at Northern Arizona University.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Caudill Health Clinic will distribute the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines on Wednesday, Jan. 27, and Thursday Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Commonwealth Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

Students who receive an HINI vaccine are eligible to win a \$25 gift card. A gift card will be awarded at the end of each day.

To obtain a flu shot, individuals must present their MSU EagleCard ID at the time of the vaccination and will be required to wait 15 minutes following the injection. The clinic is open to students, faculty and staff.

Additional information is available by calling the clinic at (606) 783-2055.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Two former Morehead State University assistant football coaches and now NFL head coaches won their respective games over the weekend in the first round of the AFC playoffs.

The New York Jets and Rex Ryan defeated Cincinnati, 24-14, Saturday while John Harbaugh and the Baltimore Ravens eliminated New England, 33-14, on Sunday.

Ryan served as the defensive coordinator for MSU from 1990-93. After spending three years at the University of Pittsburgh under MSU Hall of Famer Mike Gottfried, Harbaugh served as an Eagle assistant in 1988 where he was special teams, secondary, strength and conditioning coach.

Baltimore will take on Indianapolis on Saturday, Jan. 16, while New York will face San Diego on Sunday, Jan. 17, in the AFC divisional round.

A third former Eagles assistant, Mike Smith, former defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at MSU, just finished his second season as head coach of the Atlanta Falcons. He guided the Falcons to their first back-to-back winning seasons in team history.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.--- General Surveys, LLC in Mount Sterling, Kentucky has donated four GPS Receiver/Data collectors to Morehead State University's Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology.

This surveying lab equipment includes two static units and two real-time units with supporting equipment and software with a value of approximately \$22,000. The mobile GPS units will be used to provide IET students with advanced technology skills that will give them an advantage in the highly competitive construction industry of today's job market.

"General Survey's continuing and generous support of the IET department allow our students to be prepared for today's competitive job market," said Dr. Ahmad Zargari, chair of the department. "We would like to personally thank Rodney Jones, owner of General Surveys, LLC for its faith in and commitment to the students of MSU."

General Surveys' focus is Land Surveying using the latest technology with services that include topographic mapping, highway location, GPS control, utility exposure, boundary surveying, subdivision layout, and building and site layout. Their mission is excellence and innovation, focusing on meeting the needs of their clients with cost effective solutions to surveying.

Representatives from the company have agreed to serve on the IET Advisory Board, helping the department stay in tune with industry needs. Currently General Surveys, LLC employs one MSU graduate, Matthew Patrick.

Patrick was vital in securing the donation of the equipment to the department.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Zargari at (606)-2425 or by e-mailing at [a.zargari@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:a.zargari@moreheadstate.edu).

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Jan. 27, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---NASA will launch small research satellites for several universities as part of the agency's Educational Launch of Nanosatellite, or ELaNA, mission. The satellites are manifested as an auxiliary payload on the Taurus XL launch vehicle for NASA's Glory mission, planned for liftoff in late November.

The satellites, called CubeSats because of their shape, come from Montana State University, the University of Colorado and Kentucky Space, which includes Morehead State University.

“Kentucky Space is an example of exactly the kind of innovative ideas and ventures that Kentucky is capable of and that will form the basis for the creation of dynamic new companies and high paying jobs across the state,” said Gov. Steve Beshear.

Kentucky Space is a joint enterprise involving public organizations, colleges, universities and private companies in a student-led initiative for the design, launch and on-orbit operation of small satellites to promote science, technology, engineering, innovation and education.

In addition to MSU, its members are: the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University, Murray State University, the Kentucky Space Grant Consortium, Belcan, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (managing partner), and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

“Student engineering teams have been working diligently on KySat-1, Kentucky Space’s first orbiting satellite, for more than three years. The opportunity to fly it on a NASA flagship mission is extraordinary. This mission represents the first time NASA will have launched CubeSats built by universities to Earth orbit, and KySat-1 will be onboard. Much of the hardware was designed and built at Morehead State University by undergraduate students. It is an historic opportunity and we are proud to be an integral partner,” said Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair of MSU’s Department of Earth and Space Sciences and director of the Space Science Center.

The University of Florida was selected as an alternate in case one of the three primary spacecraft cannot fly.

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## Kentucky Space's satellite to be launch by NASA

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CubeSats are in a class of small research spacecraft called picosatellites and are the brainchild of Bob Twiggs (formerly of Stanford University and now professor of space science at Morehead State) and his colleagues at the California Polytechnic Institute. They have a size of approximately four inches, a volume of about one quart and weigh no more than 2.2 pounds.

To place these satellites into orbit by an agency expendable launch vehicle, NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida is adapting the Poly-Picosatellite Orbital Deployer, or PPOD. This deployment system, designed and manufactured by the California Polytechnic State University in partnership with Stanford University, has flown previously on Department of Defense and commercial launch vehicles.

Montana State designated its satellite as Explorer 1 Prime, or E1P. The name honors the launch and scientific discoveries of the Explorer-1 mission, which detected the Van Allen radiation belts more than 50 years ago. E1P will carry a miniature Geiger tube to measure the intensity and variability of the electrons in the Van Allen belts.

Colorado's satellite is named Hermes. Its mission is to improve CubeSat communications through the on-orbit testing of a high data-rate communication system that will allow the downlink of large quantities of data.

The Kentucky spacecraft is called KySat-1. It includes a camera to support a scientific outreach program intended for, but not limited to, Kentucky students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The satellite also has a 2.4-gigahertz industrial, scientific and medical band radio, which will be used to test high-bandwidth communications in the license-free portion of the S-band. The communications systems were designed and/or built and integrated at Morehead State. The 21-meter Space Tracking Antenna at Morehead will serve as the primary Earth station to control the satellite and downlink data and telemetry. KySat-1 is the first satellite built in Kentucky and the first to be operated primarily from Morehead State.

The satellites will hitch a ride to space with the Taurus rocket's primary payload, NASA's Glory spacecraft. The Glory climate mission, developed by NASA's Science Mission Directorate, will extend the nearly 30-year record of precise measurements of the sun's energy output. It also will obtain first-ever, global measurements of the distribution of tiny airborne aerosol particles. Aerosols represent one of the greatest areas of uncertainty in understanding Earth's climate system.

The ELaNA project is managed by NASA's Launch Services Program at Kennedy. For more information about the program, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/kennedy>.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Malphrus at (606) 783-2212.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will celebrate the life, dream and vision of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 18.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Reflections of Dr. King's Beloved Community: Are We There Yet?"

The event will begin with the traditional march at 6:30 p.m. at the Little Bell Tower on the MSU campus. After brief remarks, participants will march to the Jesus, Our Savior Catholic Church, 309 Battson Avenue, for the unity service, which is set to begin at 7 p.m. or as soon as possible after the march.

The program will feature Dr. Francene Botts-Butler, director of multicultural student services, as the speaker. Following the speakers and musical performances, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews and Dr. Botts-Butler will offer closing remarks.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Multicultural Student Services at (606) 783-2668.

Classes will be dismissed and offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18, at Morehead State University in observance of the national holiday in remembrance of Dr. King's birthday.

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Jan. 13, 2010

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FRANKFORT, Ky.--- A landmark bill aimed at increasing the number of Kentuckians with bachelor's degrees holders in Kentucky by making it easier for students to transfer from the state's two-year community colleges to its public universities sailed out of the House Education Committee here Tuesday on a unanimous vote.

"The entire purpose of the bill is to show a clearly defined path," said Committee Chairman Rep. Carl Rollins, D-Midway, the sponsor of House Bill 160. "If you start at a community college, this is how you get to a four-year degree. These are the courses you take, they will transfer, and there's no question."

HB 160 now goes to the full House for consideration.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews said Tuesday that Morehead State has been a statewide leader in improving transferability and is supportive of the intent of HB 160. However, he expressed concern about the potential cost of implementing the bill and the level of procedural detail being mandated by the legislature.

Under the bill, credit for certain community college courses would be fully credited to related bachelor's degree programs at Kentucky's eight public universities, which would be prohibited from requiring graduates of approved two-year programs from repeating or taking additional courses to earn a bachelor's degree within their major. The bill would also limit the number of required lower-division course credit hours in most associate degrees to 60 and bachelor's degrees to 120 hours, beginning in the fall of 2012.

"Institutions have tended to add hours to their degree requirements, and by doing that they've made it more difficult and more expensive to graduate in four years," Rollins said. "This says they can still do that, but they have to go to the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) to get permission." Certain specialized programs, such as nursing, could be exempted from the credit limits to meet accreditation or other program standards.

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## Landmark bill on college transfers

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HB 160 would also ensure that students with approved two-year degrees would not have to take additional general education or program-specific prerequisites upon entering a bachelor's program at one of the state's eight public universities. Additionally, the bill would give priority for university admission to graduates of the state's two-year public colleges and create a uniform college transcript for Kentucky's public colleges and universities, among other changes.

HB 160 is aimed at helping the state reach its 1997 goal of doubling its number of degree holders to meet the national average by 2020. About one in three Americans is expected to have a bachelor's degree in 10 years, according to the CPE.

If the bill becomes law, it apparently will be the first time for the General Assembly to make public policy around the details of academic degrees offered by the state's public postsecondary education institutions. Historically, such matters have been recommended by faculty, reviewed and endorsed by administrators and ultimately approved by institutional governing boards.

"I am optimistic that the bill will be closely scrutinized as it continues through the legislative process," President Andrews added. "It is important that the faculties of each institution not lose ownership of the curriculum."

Rep. Rollins told the committee that KCTCS, CPE and the University of Kentucky were involved in drafting and refining the bill's language with other input from chief academic officers of each university.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Little Company will present "Some Assembly Required" and "Spontaneous Combustion" on Thursday, Jan. 21, and Friday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lucille Caudill Little Theatre in Breckinridge Hall.

A children's theatre traveling group, the Little Company consists of MSU students who perform and teach the elements of theatre to elementary and high school students across Kentucky.

"Some Assembly Required" tells the story of two competing classmates who are both building robots for the science fair. Conflict arises when one student receives the brand new Rad Rocket Robot while the other is forced to build a robot from scratch with her father.

"Spontaneous Combustion" is an improvisation, where the actors are given various scenarios, props and suggestions to create a hilarious scene in which you can expect the unexpected.

Both shows will be performed each night under the direction of Denise Vulhop Watkins, associate professor of theatre.

Admission is free.

Additional information is available by calling the MSU Box Office at (606) 783-2170.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.--- Morehead State University paid tribute to slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday as the community and campus came together to celebrate his life.

The theme of this year's celebration was "Reflections of Dr. King's Beloved Community: Are We There Yet?"

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual celebration began with the traditional candlelight march at the Little Bell Tower and marched across campus and downtown to a service at Jesus, Our Savior Catholic Church.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Francene Botts-Butler, director of multicultural student services.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews presented the closing remarks.

The event was sponsored by MSU's Office of Multicultural Student Services.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Botts-Butler at (606) 783-2668.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State Public Radio will broadcast Kentucky Educational Television's coverage of Gov. Steve Beshear's "2010 Budget Address" on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m.

During the speech, Gov. Beshear will outline his budget priorities for the 2011-12 biennium before a joint session of the Kentucky House and Senate.

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Sunday, Feb. 14, 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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Additional information is available on MSPR's Web site at [www.msuradio.com](http://www.msuradio.com) or from Paul Hitchcock, MSPR's general manager, by e-mail at [wmky@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:wmky@moreheadstate.edu) or by telephone to (606) 783-2001.

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Jan. 21, 2010

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University students have challenged Eastern Kentucky University to see which school can log the greatest number of community service hours during an almost monthlong celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The challenge will start at the MSU/EKU basketball game in Richmond, Saturday, Jan. 23, and end at the rematch in Morehead, on Wednesday, Feb. 17. That night there will be a trophy presentation and bragging rights for the most involved school.

“We just wanted to make a difference and using the existing rivalry between the two schools will bring more attention to the effort,” said Kyle Yarawsky, Student Government Association president.

The SGA came up with the idea and partnered with MSU’s Office of Athletics and Center for Regional Engagement to encourage students, faculty and staff to participate in community service and gain experience in their field of study as they improve their communities.

The Gateway Homeless Shelter will benefit from the event as individual student organizations “Adopt a Room” in the house. They will paint, refurbish furniture and bedding, and decorate the rooms for the residents.

One student group is making garden boxes, and another group is creating toiletry bags to send to Haiti. Area churches and organizations have been contacted to provide names of residents who need assistance with yard work or snow removal and the Rowan County Recycling Center will use students in processing.

Students will be assisting with a blood drive on Feb. 1-2 at Button Auditorium, Feb. 2 at the Carl Perkins Center and Feb. 10 at the Catholic Church.

The community can get involved by donating to a canned food drive at the MSU Eagle’s games on Feb. 4 and clothing drive on Feb. 6.

Donnie Tyndall, men’s basketball coach, will participate in Samaritan’s Feet Text-4-Shoes program on Feb. 4. Tyndall will be barefoot at all press opportunities – Eagles Sports Coaches Show and Lunch with the Eagles - leading up to the game. Fans can text the word “shoes” to 85944 and \$5 will be added to their next month’s bill and an impoverished child will be given a new pair of athletic shoes.

“The Center for Regional Engagement wants to be the centralized location where students, faculty and staff of MSU’s main and regional campuses connect with local community agencies,” said Melisa McBrayer-Pratt, CRE’s community service coordinator.

Any student interested in participating may contact McBrayer-Pratt at (606) 783-2274 or mm.pratt@moreheadstate.edu, or Yarawsky at kyle.yarawsky@gmail.com.

Members of community organizations that would like to register for volunteers can call the CRE at (606) 783-9327.

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Jan. 20, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's choirs will sponsor an afternoon of music at the First Baptist Church, 123 East Main St. in Morehead, on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 4 p.m.

The music will include solo, instrumental, ensemble, and jazz pieces. The participating members are from the Concert Choir, University Chorus, Chamber Singers, Black Gospel Ensemble, Symphony Band, and faculty members. Emmy Award Winning Jay Flippin will be the accompanist.

There is no admission fee, but donations are welcome. All proceeds will go to help fund the 2010 choir tour to Central Europe, May 10-17.

MSU's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will participate in an eight-day concert tour to Central Europe. The tour will center primarily in Budapest and Vienna and will include at least four concerts in universities and cathedrals including the Aladar Racz School of Music in Budapest and 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 Concert Choir. The first tour was described as a highly successful concert tour of Costa Rica in 2006.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2473.

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Feb. 2, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Morehead State University challenge to Eastern Kentucky University to see which school can log the greatest number of community service hours is going strong.

The challenge will end when the basketball Eagles host ECU on Wednesday, Feb. 17. That night there will be a trophy presentation and bragging rights for the most involved school.

The Student Government Association came up with the idea and partnered with MSU's Office of Athletics and Center for Regional Engagement to encourage students, faculty and staff to participate in community service and gain experience in their field of study as they improve their communities.

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One student group is making garden boxes, and another group is creating toiletry bags to send to Haiti. Area churches and organizations have been contacted to provide names of residents who need assistance with yard work or snow removal and the Rowan County Recycling Center will use students in processing.

Students are assisting with a blood drive on that continues today (Feb. 2) at Button Auditorium, and also going on Feb. 2 at the Carl Perkins Center and Feb. 10 at the Catholic Church.

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Jan. 8, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---With a new semester ready to get under way, Morehead State University reminds students of its emergency notification protocol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Jan. 22, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Police Department will be conducting 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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Jan. 8, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will sponsor College Goal Sunday on Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. in the Crager Room on the third floor of the Adron Doran University Center.

College Goal Sunday is a statewide program that provides free information and assistance to Kentucky families applying for college financial aid.

“We were pleased to serve more students and families than ever during last year’s event. This year, we hope all seniors planning to enroll in college in the fall of 2010 will take advantage of this great opportunity to learn about all of the financial aid resources available to help make the dream of a college education a reality,” said Donna King, director of financial aid.

During this event, MSU professionals will help college-bound students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is required for any student seeking federal financial aid, including grants and loans, for all colleges and universities in the nation.

Students are invited to attend with a parent or guardian and should bring their parents’ completed 2009 IRS tax return or other 2009 income and benefits information. If parents are unable to attend, students may attend alone and bring their parents’ tax return or other income information.

If families have not yet completed their tax returns by this date, financial aid professionals will be able to help fill out the other sections of the FAFSA form and give instructions for completing the financial portion when tax information is available.

College Goal Sunday is a charitable effort of the not-for-profit Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Other sponsors include the Lumina Foundation for Education, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, the Student Loan People and KnowHow2GoKY.

More information on College Goal Sunday at MSU is available by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000.

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Jan. 6, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews outlined the budget crisis facing state government and public higher education here Wednesday but told faculty and staff that the institution could be successful by staying positive, staying focused and staying together.

He used the annual Spring Convocation in historic Button Auditorium to issue a rallying cry to maintain momentum in pursuit of MSU's vision of becoming the top public regional university in the South.

"We have survived - even thrived at times - in a tough environment because we have worked by design, not by chance. We have been true to our strategic plan and it has been our lifeline," said Andrews.

He added:

"We have achieved because we have worked together. Yes, we have differences of opinion but that is the nature of the academy and we must protect it at all times and at all costs."

The MSU chief executive said he is confident that Gov. Steve Beshear and the members of the General Assembly would do their best to solve the state's budget woes but there is no guarantee of protection against additional cuts in state appropriations.

He challenged the campus community to become more involved in efforts to recruit, retain and graduate more students. Increased enrollments would produce additional revenue to cushion the decline in state funds and the slow recovery of investment earnings, he added.

Andrews warned that MSU could not grow unless prospective students and their families are convinced the institution's academic programs are relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

He said:

"If we do not change MSU to keep pace with or move ahead of our competition, we will not thrive in this new, tougher world. In fact, we will be at risk of losing our momentum and sliding backward."

Andrews asked his audience to accept four assignments in the spring semester:

- To be positive in daily interactions with students and with each other;

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- To be focused on daily work and not be distracted by what happens in Frankfort;
- To be upbeat and efficient in finishing work on academic programs, core curricula, outreach task force, SACS preparation, the strategic plan; and
- To be committed to teamwork and to what is best for the entire institution

Also during the convocation, it was announced that the goal of 70 percent participation by faculty and staff in the campus giving campaign last fall had been achieved with total gifts of \$166,900. The 2009 giving raised the 12-year total to almost \$1.9 million.

MSU's spring semester classes start Monday, Jan. 11, at 8 a.m.

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Jan. 5, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---A workshop titled “Bank On It!” will be offered jointly by Morehead State University’s East Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Paintsville and Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED) on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 5-7 p.m.

This workshop is for persons interested in financing options to start or expand their small business. It will be held at the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center at 120 Scott Perry Drive, Teays Branch Road, in Paintsville.

“The workshop is designed to provide information concerning loan qualification criteria, lines of credit, how to acquire capital, collateral value and financial statement analysis and much more,” said Michelle Spriggs, SBDC consultant. “This is an excellent opportunity for entrepreneurs to find financing resources for new or existing businesses.”

The workshop is free for all participants, however; seating is limited and advance registration is recommended.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the MSU SBDC Web site at [www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc).

Additional information and pre-registration are available by calling the Paintsville Small Business Development Center at (606) 788-6008.

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Jan. 12, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Jennifer A. Reis, assistant professor of art and art gallery director, was recently awarded one of four Artist Enrichment Grants by the Kentucky Foundation for Women.

The grants provide opportunities for feminist artists and arts organizations to enhance their abilities and skills to create art that advances social justice. Applicants may request funds for activities including: artistic development, artist residencies, the exploration of new areas or techniques, and/or to build a body of work. The program drew 90 applications from throughout the state. KFW awarded 41 grants, totaling \$100,000.

Reis received \$2,500 to research, create, promote, exhibit and digitally archive a body of embellished textile assemblages that explore the "symbolic vernacular" of contemporary Appalachian popular culture and religious symbols. Creating a digital portfolio and archives will help her secure opportunities such as exhibitions and promotion. The body of work will challenge viewers, both inside and outside of Appalachia, to examine their surroundings, beliefs and stereotypes.

The rest of the winners included:

Elizabeth Barret, Appalshop, with photographer Wendy Ewald of Whitesburg, who was awarded \$2,000 to document and support the creation of new work reconnecting internationally recognized photographer Ewald and women with whom she worked in a community arts-based program in eastern Kentucky in the 1970s and 80s.

Tammy Clemons and Timi Reedy of Big Hill received \$1,000 to support a documentary project about bluegrass musicians Frances and John Reedy.

Leatha Kendrick of East Point was awarded \$2,000 to attend two writers colonies and rewrite her novel "Leavings," focusing on a woman facing crises created by failed social policies and subordination of marginalized people.

"The grants offer artists resources to foster a feminist community equipped to create art-based projects that spark discussions, alter perceptions and create positive social change. By furthering the development of these artists, we recognize the power of feminist social change art to better the lives of women and girls throughout the Commonwealth, and when women and girls advance so does Kentucky" said Dr. Judi Jennings, KFW executive director.

The mission of the Kentucky Foundation for Women is to promote positive social change by supporting varied feminist expression in the arts.

Additional information is available by calling Reis at (606) 783-5446.

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Jan. 7, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Homeowners interested in applying for the second-annual Morehead-Rowan County Repair Affair now have until Friday, Jan. 15, at 4:30 p.m. to submit their applications for repairs. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered for this year's program.

"It is important that those interested in the free home repair service submit their applications before the deadline," said Kali Casper, co-chair of the committee. "Low-income homeowners with a 60 percent area median income, homeowners age 62 and older, and/or homeowners with a disability are encouraged to apply."

Randy Manis, lead coordinator and instructor in Morehead State University's Department of Communication, Media and Leadership Studies, served as vice chair of last year's Repair Affair and is co-chair of this year's event.

"Last year, approximately 50 applications were submitted to the Repair Affair committee," Manis said. "Due to the success of last year's program, I expect to see a significant increase in the number of applications we receive."

Applications can be obtained at local social service agencies, banks, Frontier Housing, Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce and the MRCRA Web site. Completed applications must be sent or delivered to the Chamber of Commerce, 150 E. First St. or Frontier Housing, 5445 Flemingsburg Rd. Completed applications also may be sent to the Repair Affair committee, P.O. Box 323, Morehead, KY 40351.

If applicants meet the minimal guidelines, they will be contacted to set up a site assessment by one of the Repair Affair team members. Following the assessment process, applicants will be notified if their home is chosen to receive repairs.

The Morehead-Rowan County Repair Affair is a community-wide initiative that will address the minor repair needs of low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners in Morehead and Rowan County. Approximately 30 homes will be selected from applications to receive safety, security or energy efficient improvements such as paint, door repair, window replacement, gutter and/or roof repair and other services. Repairs will include accessibility issues or repairs to living accommodations for elderly or for disabled individuals.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 10.

Additional information including income guidelines is available by calling the MRCRA committee at (606) 784-2131 or by visiting its Web site at [www.moreheadstate.edu/mrcra](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/mrcra).

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Jan. 27, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University Retirees Association members are invited to attend an informational session dealing with several topics of interest to them on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 1:30 p.m. in room 312 of the Adron Doran University Center.

Panelists will include Billy Joe Hall of LPL Financial Services, discussing investment strategies; Dara Furman of the Gateway ADD administered State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) discussing Social Security, Medicare and Long Term Health Care; and Pat Wooten, field representative for U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers, discussing health care reform.

All MSU retiree events are open to any interested retired faculty or staff members.

Light refreshments will be provided. The deadline for registering for this session is Feb. 2.

Reservations may be made by e-mailing [t.jones@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:t.jones@moreheadstate.edu) or by calling 800-783-2586 or (606) 783-2080.

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Jan. 29, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Former Morehead State University Eagle football player Gary Shirk will be one of five to be inducted in the 2010 class of the Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame. The announcement was made Friday (Jan. 29) during a press conference in Lexington's Downtown Hilton Hotel.

"Gary had a very good career at Morehead State and very solid professional career," said Brian Hutchinson, director of intercollegiate athletics. "He is a great selection to represent MSU in the Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame."

A tight end, Shirk led MSU in receptions in 1970 and 72 when he was named first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference. A four-year starter for the Eagles, he was offensive captain for two years and team captain and team's most valuable player in 72.

The Marysville, Ohio, native played professionally in three leagues. Shirk was a member of the Memphis Southmen of the World Football League (WFL), New York Giants of the National Football League (NFL) and Memphis Showboats of the United States Football League (USFL).

In his seven-year career with New York, he teamed with another Eagle, Phil Simms.

His best season came in 1981 when he hauled in 42 receptions and scored three touchdowns.

Shirk and his wife, Linda, have been married for more than 40 years and have two daughters, one son and two granddaughters.

He will be joined in the 2010 class by former coach Bill Arnsperger and players Yeremiah Bell, Chris Dishman and Joe Jacoby. Paul Hornung, who is one of four Kentuckians enshrined in the NFL Hall of Fame, will be honored.

The eighth annual induction ceremony will take place June 18 at Lexington Opera House, 401 West Short Street.

The Blanton Collier Award also will be given that night along with a youth volunteer and a prep coach that will be honored by the Blanton Collier Sportsmanship group.

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

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

Additional information on the induction ceremony is available by calling (859) 276-3488.

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Jan. 5, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The 2010 Spring Semester at Morehead State University gets under way next week. Before the students begin classes, President Wayne D. Andrews will address the faculty and staff during the Spring Convocation.

The event will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, in Button Auditorium. After the welcome by Provost Karla Hughes, new faculty and staff will be introduced.

Updates and brief announcements will be made, to be followed by Dr. Andrews' address.

Classes for the spring semester begin on Monday, Jan. 11.

Additional information on classes is available by calling MSU at Morehead at (606) 783-2008; MSU at Ashland at (606) 327-1777 or (800) 648-5370; MSU at Jackson at (606) 666-2800 or (800) 729-5225; MSU at Mt. Sterling at (859) 499-0780 or (866) 870-0809; MSU at Prestonsburg at (606) 886-2405 or (800) 648-6372; or MSU at West Liberty at (606) 743-1500 or (800) 648-5371.

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Jan. 15, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Police Department arrested a student on one count of stalking first degree and alcohol intoxication in a public place, first and second offenses.

Bradley A. Hess, 22, of Morehead, was apprehended by MSU police officer Steve Porter on Friday and lodged in the Rowan County Detention Center after a female student alerted officials of his actions in Cartmell Hall.

The campus community is encouraged to report all suspicious or criminal activity to the police at (606) 783-2035; or at 911 for all emergencies.

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Jan. 22, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Students and others who dream of traveling the world but don't know exactly how to realize that dream may find some answers at an upcoming informational session at Morehead State University.

A Study Abroad Fair will be held Wednesday, Feb. 3, in the front lobby of the Adron Doran University Center. From 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., interested students, faculty and staff members can get information on the educational enrichment opportunities available globally through MSU's Department of International and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Representatives will be on hand to discuss international studies options for fall, spring, summer or yearlong terms, and also exchange programs and internships. Additionally, attendees can learn about specific academic programs, courses and financial aid.

"This is an opportunity for students, faculty and employees to learn more about opportunities for earning credit while traveling and living in other places - both across the United States and in other countries," said Dr. Phil Krummrich, department chair.

Study abroad programs are offered at more than 30 locations, including Ireland, Jamaica, Australia, Hong Kong. The application deadline for Summer 2010 programs is nearing.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2096.

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Jan. 20, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---SYMBIOSISDUO - Dr. Stacy Baker, tubist and professor of music at Morehead State University, and Gail Robertson, euphoniumist and instructor of music at the University of Central Florida - were recently featured on Brasscast.

The 25-minute podcast of brass music, hosted by Lucas Burns and Peter Ryan, is produced weekly keeping 40,000 listeners worldwide informed of events in the world of brass band music from Britain, Ireland, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Belgium.

SYMBIOSISDUO formed in 2007 to increase awareness of the tuba/euphonium duo as performance medium and to promote and disseminate new works for this unique combination of instruments.

In October, they released an eclectic album of original works and arrangements including opera/popular vocal favorites, alternative classical with world-beat, and elements of jazz/rhythm and blues by composers Brian Balmages, Phillip Bimstein, Christopher Marshall, Chris Sharp, and T.O. Sterrett in addition to several new arrangements by Robertson.

This recording is a significant addition to available recordings for the tuba and euphonium.

Others involved were Cincinnati-based collaborative pianist Alex Thio and Dr. Deborah Eastwood, MSU instructor of music, who joined the ensemble to enhance two of the arrangements on the album with the colors of the cornet and flugelhorn.

The music was recorded on the MSU campus. Both the album and sheet music for most tracks were published by GARMUSIC and available from the duo's Web site: [symbiosisduo.com](http://symbiosisduo.com) as well as through CDBaby and DigStation (digital download).

SYMBIOSISDUO also completed a tour in October with performances and master classes during visits to the University of Alabama, Georgia State University, Tennessee Technological University, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, UNC-Pembroke and Lakota Hills Baptist Church, Cincinnati.

The duo will perform as featured artists at the International Women's Brass Conference in Toronto in June.

To listen to SYMBIOSISDUO's appearance on Brasscast, visit [www.brasscast.com](http://www.brasscast.com).

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