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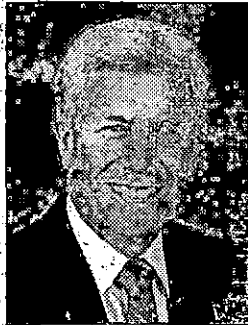
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## Message From the President



### **Binge drinkers beware! Rules are changing!**

BY DR. RONALD G. EAGLIN

As a university teacher, parent, and grandparent, I am deeply concerned about the scourge of binge drinking which is evident on virtually every campus in this country, including MSU. This truly is a national problem and hardly a week goes by without someone's life ending somewhere because of alcohol poisoning.

Alcohol abuse is the most insidious form of self-destructive behavior because too many of our young people do not recognize alcohol as their enemy. Instead, they see it as a means of being accepted by their peers or as an easy way to overcome shyness or loneliness.

The hard, cold fact is that alcohol abuse causes more deaths, serious injuries, and medical problems among college-age persons than all other forms of substance abuse combined. It also has been identified as a major factor in serious academic problems experienced by students. However, the risk does not end when someone survives binge drinking as a college student. Studies show that alcohol abuse at this age can lead to a shortened life filled with pain, disappointment, and economic disaster.

Morehead State University has a good educational program to alert our students to the dangers of binge drinking, and we have dedicated, concerned counselors available to help anyone who feels at risk. In addition, a newly-formed task force of students, faculty, and staff is developing recommendations for more education programs and how to deal with students whose binge drinking violates the University's rules and regulations.

It might be easy to dismiss this article as the same old message that students have heard from parents and others. But the truth is that we can no longer rely on the methods of the past in dealing with a problem that is out of control. We are serving notice to our students at MSU that binge drinking is not acceptable behavior, and that we are redefining "intervention" on this campus.

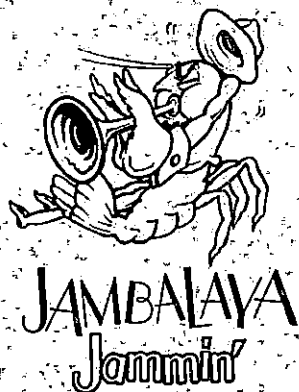
Yes, we are serious about confronting this problem, and we are enlisting the help of the entire campus to find new approaches to shed light on the dangers of binge drinking. We also are committed to new efforts to change the behavior of students who believe drinking is a harmless way to socialize.

Some may say we are trying to be too parental, but one of our new initiatives will be to contact parents when dependent students commit their first offense of alcohol intoxication. Parental engagement will be increased if the self-destructive behavior persists, and, if all else fails, we intend to send problem drinkers home to stay. In short, we are not going to look the other way while students endanger themselves and other members of our University community. We know that binge drinking can lead to alcohol poisoning, auto accidents, unprotected and/or unwanted sex, violence, serious injury and death.

My wife and I sent all four of our children to college, and we feel strongly that most parents would want to be informed if their sons and daughters are involved in irresponsible drinking. This is a serious problem, and we at MSU are committed to giving it serious attention — starting now!

## New Faculty Regent Elected

Dr. Lynne Fitzgerald, professor of HPER, will replace Dr. Ron Mitchelson as the next faculty regent on the MSU Board of Regents. Her appointment begins July 1, 1999. Dr. Fitzgerald holds an Ed.D. in dance education from Temple University. She has been a member of the MSU faculty since 1986. In addition to her faculty position, Dr. Fitzgerald has served on the Faculty Senate and as campus coordinator of the National Council on Accreditation of Teacher Education.



## Spring Gala 1999

Morehead State University's annual Spring Gala promises to be a whimsical evening for party-goers when Jambalaya Jammin' comes to campus on Saturday, April 24. With trumpets blaring, the smell of Cajun food, and the swinging beat of zydeco music, revelers may stroll through the French Quarter or stop for beignets at the world famous Café du Monde.

Since its inauguration in 1993, the Spring Gala has showcased the talents of MSU's students, faculty, staff, and alumni, and this year promises to be no different as gala-goers enjoy "Da Big Easy" Musical Review, along with a rock-n-roll, big band, and classical music performances.

Invitations will be in the mail soon with the deadline to choose between two reservation packages set for Friday, April 9. The deluxe package, which is \$125 per person, begins with a reception at 6 p.m., and dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Crager Room, Adron Doran University Center. Those selecting the package for \$50 per person will begin with a light buffet and reception at 7 p.m.

So, mark your calendar now and plan to enjoy the sights and sounds of Cajun country as you let the good times roll.

## KFAC Board Member Honored

O. Leonard Press, a member of the Board of Directors of Kentucky Folk Art Center, Inc., was honored with Centre College's Jane Morton Norton Award on January 18. Press, founding director of Kentucky Educational Television, is only the third recipient of the award; the first, in 1992, went to Elliott County folk artist Minnie Adkins.

Garland and Minnie Adkins were presented with honorary doctorate degrees from Morehead State University on Dec. 12, 1998. Minnie is also the subject of a feature article in the Winter 1999, issue of *Folk Art Messenger*, published by the Folk Art Society of America. The article was written by KFAC Curator Adrian Swain.

- Upcoming exhibitions in the Garland and Minnie Adkins Gallery at the Folk Art Center are Paintings by Nan Phelps, opening March 5 and running through June 13; Rowan's Treasures, a quilt exhibit, June 20 through Sept. 30; and Kentucky Collects, a showcase of works owned by Kentucky folk art collectors, Oct. 4 through Dec. 3.
- The Folk Art Center and Morehead State University will host the Folk Art Society of America on Oct. 11, 1999, for a full day in Morehead with artists, musicians, and speakers.
- A gift from Dr. Paul Maddox and Patricia Lamb Maddox of Campton, Ky., will fund the new Edgar Tolson Folk Art Library in the KFAC.

## Student Telecommunications Center Consolidates Campus Technology Services

Can you imagine the convenience of having a single provider for all of your telephone and long distance services, Internet access, cable television and voice mail services? MSU students now enjoy that convenience at the Student Telecommunications Center, located in 110 Ginger Hall. The center serves as a one-stop-shop for all student telecommunication needs, including:

- Telephone Troubleshooting and Repair. Students experiencing problems with their residence hall phones can bring their phone sets in for immediate testing and repair.
- Voice Mail Setup. Free voice mail accounts are available to all MSU students. Setup and assistance with voice mail is also available.
- Internet Access. Students living in a residence hall may rent equipment and subscribe for access to the world wide web and MSU's data network from their residence hall rooms. Sign-up, installation and support for student data access is provided through the Center.
- Long distance dialing service. Students may sign up for long distance dialing services, pay their monthly long distance bills, and receive personalized customer service for all their long distance dialing needs.
- Cable television. Students may subscribe to extended cable television and movie channel services from their residence hall rooms. The Center handles all cable television subscriptions and services.

The Student Telecommunications Center is staffed by two full-time employees and assisted by four student workers. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

## New MSU Web Site to Offer On-line Student Services



activities, and event schedules. Add to that publication, an up-to-date status on every student's financial account, financial aid awards, residence hall assignments, and current class schedules and grade reports.

Such a publication is being developed; only you won't see it in print. This information and much more will be available on the new Morehead State University web page. Scheduled to be on-line later this spring, the new MSU web page will feature on-line student services such as grade inquiry, class scheduling, and fee processing for students. All of these services will be accomplished using a secure link between the user's personal computer and the University mainframe system. Secured transactions will require that the user provide authentication using a login ID and a personal identification number (PIN).

The new page has been designed to extend access and improve the convenience of enrollment processes, business services, and academic record processing for prospective and current MSU students.

## Fiscal Services Food Service Contract Evaluation

In 1989, the University switched its food services from self-operated to contract management. The initial five-year management contract was awarded to Professional Foodservice Management, Inc. (PFM). The contract with PFM was renewed on July 1, 1994, after a request for proposals process was conducted. The contract was for a two-year period, with options to extend the contract for an additional eight one-year periods. The current extension of the contract will expire on June 30, 1999.

PFM was acquired in August 1996 by the Compass Group, a food service management company based in Great Britain. The college and university dining operations of the Compass Group have operated under the name of Chartwells since March 1997. The acquisition of PFM and several other college and university food service companies by Compass has led to a restructuring of management personnel assigned to Morehead State University. The new management team has been operating under a long-range plan designed by PFM. This factor, along with changing dining needs of the students, provides an opportunity to evaluate the food service program.

The most comprehensive manner of evaluating the food service program is to conduct a request for proposal process. That process will allow Chartwells and other major food service companies to examine the needs of the students and other members of the campus community and propose a multi-year program that will address those needs. The RFP process will begin in February. A new contract is expected to be awarded in the first part of May 1999.

Imagine a single comprehensive publication containing all the information available on Morehead State University's academic programs, administrative processes and support services, faculty, athletic teams, student organizations, campus

## Appalachian Celebration

The 23rd Appalachian Celebration, coordinated through KFAC, will be June 20-26, 1999, beginning with the 1999 Appalachian Treasure award to author Billy C. Clark, a native of Carlettsburg. Music, book signings, workshops, lectures, and quilting demonstrations fill the week, ending with the Appalachian Arts and Crafts Market on Saturday, June 26.



## Preparing For The Year 2000

Internal preparations began in the spring of 1997 on all MSU systems, equipment, and software at risk to be affected by the Year 2000 date problem. The Year 2000 date problem involves computer software and hardware with embedded technologies that store only the last two digits of the year. When the year changes from 1999 to 2000, the date fields will contain "00." Many computers and other equipment will not know if the year is 1900 or 2000, which could cause program miscalculations, equipment malfunctions, or system shutdowns.

Initial focus for MSU Year 2000 preparations was placed on the administrative computer software (AIMS) which handles the University's administrative and academic record processing. Other central computing and telecommunication systems, applications, and facility equipment with embedded technologies were included in the Year 2000 work plan. With the internal preparation of central systems, software, and equipment nearing completion, focus on Year 2000 planning is now shifting from internal to external to assess risk that may exist through relationships with vendors and suppliers of critical data, goods, and services.

Efforts to educate and raise awareness of the Year 2000 problem and associated risks continue to be a priority as Information Technology staff consult and speak at various on-campus and community group events.

# Department And Unit Reports

## Office Of Physical Plant

### Zone Cleaning Implemented

High turn over and employment of qualified individuals to staff the Building Services (Custodial) Department became a real problem for Physical Plant during the last year. In an attempt to resolve this problem and improve service, the night shift was eliminated and a daytime area zone-cleaning concept for academic facilities was implemented. Service has improved, many positive comments are being received at Physical Plant, and turnover has been reduced. Building Services is and will continue to evaluate performance to assure the University is receiving effective and efficient service.

### Capital Construction Report

Projects currently in the construction phase include the Equine Teaching Facility, Phase II of the Wellness Center, and Chiller Replacement at Adron Doran University Center, Claypool-Young Art Building, Lloyd Cassity Building, Mignon Tower, Mignon Hall, and Cooper Hall. The Equine Teaching Facility is scheduled for completion in March but is currently behind schedule. Except for the walking track and tennis courts, the Wellness Center is complete and being used. The Chiller Project will be completed prior to the cooling season.

Several projects are in the design stage. The architectural firm of Sherman-Carter-Barnhart of Lexington, assisted by GMTA Engineers, has completed the programming and Phase A design for Breckinridge Hall. The project will include a complete renovation and modernization of the existing facility and additions to each end of the facility. At completion, the facility will house an experimental theatre, television production studio, distance learning facilities, WMKY, classrooms, offices, and other amenities. At the close of spring semester, the faculty will be relocated to Waterfield Hall. The first phase of the project will include asbestos removal, with construction work to begin this fall. The \$14-million project is scheduled for completion by summer/fall 2001.

Pearson/Bender Associates PLC Architects and Biagi, Chance, Cummins, London Titzer, Inc., are working on site selection and programming for the West Liberty Extended Campus Center. This \$6 million, state-funded project will provide modern expanded educational and community facilities for the West Liberty and Morgan County community.

The University has committed to a five-year plan to bring residence halls up to code concerning the installation of sprinklers and other fire

detection and safety requirements. Jerry A. Taylor & Associates, Inc. has been selected to provide design services on this project. Phase I will include sprinkler installations and fire alarm upgrades at Alumni Tower and Cartmell Hall. Work on this phase is scheduled for this summer and is estimated to cost \$1.1 million.

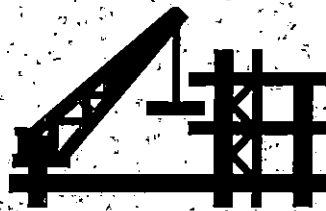
Projects being administered by the University staff under KRS 45.750's Delegation of Purchasing Authority for Capital Projects less than \$400,000 include:

- Roof Replacement/ Mignon Hall, West Mignon Hall, \$230,000
- Mechanical Repairs/Cooper Hall, Mignon Tower, \$200,000
- Elevator Repairs/Alumni Tower, East Mignon Hall, Mignon Hall \$200,000
- Elevator Repairs/ Claypool-Young Art Building, Lloyd Cassity Building, Reed Hall, \$350,000
- Fire Alarm Upgrades - E & G Facilities, \$150,000

The University staff is utilizing the services of architects and engineers on state price contracts (PCT's) to design these projects. Each of these projects is scheduled for completion during 1999.

The University has requested the selection and assignment of a consultant to assist with design work to replace the roofs at Howell-McDowell Administration Building, Laughlin Health Building, Radar Hall, and Support Services Complex. Design work on this project should begin in March.

The University staff is also working on the plans for installation of lights at Allen Baseball Field and construction of a Swine Facility at the University Farm. These projects are being funded externally.



## Human Resources

### Document Imaging System

In early 1999 the Office of Human Resources (OHR), along with the Office of the Registrar, Office of Research, Grants and Contracts, Alumni Relations, and the Payroll Office will implement an Electronic Document Imaging System (EDIS) for record retention.

An EDIS is a computer-based system that stores digitally encoded document images and provides image retrieval on demand. An EDIS is equivalent to an electronic filing cabinet; however, it is superior to a paper filing system in its speed of retrieval, accurate indexing of files, and efficient utilization of space.

The Office of Human Resources is tentatively scheduled for equipment installation and training during late February or early March. Once these phases are completed, OHR will convert all personnel files to electronic media beginning with inactive files and followed by active files.



## College Of Science And Technology

The College of Science and Technology will host the Kentucky Junior Academy of Science on Friday, April 9. High school and middle school students from across the state of Kentucky will participate with paper presentations related to their research projects across all science disciplines.

On April 17, MSU will host the finals in the Kentucky Science Olympiad. Approximately 60 teams from six regional contests, all of whom have prepared for a year, will compete in 54 different events. A team consists of a maximum of 15 students from one school. Last year's winners, Russell High School and Russell Middle School, competed in the National Science Olympiad at Grand Valley State University. This year's winners will compete at the University of Chicago.

Almost 700 high school and junior high school students along with their coaches use facilities on campus from Lappin Hall on one end to Wetherby Gym on the other.

One hundred twenty-five faculty, staff, and students from MSU run the events. This is the fourth year for MSU to host the event. MSU was the first regional four-year institution to host the statewide event. The board of directors of KSO has been pleased enough with this arrangement that they extended the agreement for another three years.

## Department Of Agricultural Sciences

Dr. Brent Rogers, associate professor of agriculture, and four agriculture students — Mary Jane Cooper, Breck Caldwell, Andy Rucker, and Jennifer Leach — attended the Kentucky Farm Bureau Young Farmers Conference held in Lexington, Ky., on January 29-30, 1999. This four-member team participated in the Agriculture Collegiate Competition against teams from the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, and Murray State University. The MSU team was sponsored by the MSU Collegiate FFA Chapter.

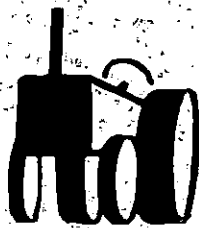
The Department of Agricultural Sciences is represented by Dr. Lane Cowsert, professor of agriculture, on the USDA State Outreach Council. The purpose of this council is to ensure USDA services are available to all constituents.

The Livestock Judging Team — Greg DeRossett, Shannon Harri, Brian Lanier, Andy Rucker, and Keith Trimble — participated in the 93rd North American Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest held in Louisville on Nov. 16, 1998.

The Department of Agricultural Sciences will host a day-long Dairy and Meat Goat Symposium on Saturday, March 27, 1999.

The Equestrian Club Horse Show will be held at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex on Friday and Saturday, April 9-10, 1999.

Six faculty — Dr. Philip Prater, Dr. Don Applegate, Dr. Brent Rogers, Dr. Judy Willard, Dr. Lane Cowsert, and Mr. Robert Wolfe — in the Department of Agricultural Sciences serve as ex-officio members on several



committees of the Kentucky Department of Agricultural Market Development Advisory Board.

## Department Of Biological And Environmental Sciences

Dr. Allen C. Risk, associate professor of biology, was named recipient of a \$4,000 grant to inventory the vegetation of the Hi Lewis Banes State Nature Preserve in Harlan County, Ky. The project is funded by the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission.

Dr. Carol Wymer, assistant professor of biology, is the senior author of a chapter "Confocal Microscopy of Plant Cells" in the 1999 book titled *Confocal Microscopy: Method and Protocols*, published by Humana Press.

At the Kentucky Academy of Science annual meeting held on Nov. 12-14 in Louisville, participants from the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences were Dr. Joe E. Winstead, Dr. Allen C. Risk, Dr. David Magrane, Dr. Darrin L. DeMoss, Dr. Les Meade, Mrs. Candace Glendening, and Chris Goshorn, BES student.

## Peer Reviewed Journals include:

- Risk, A.C. 1998. "Moss flora of Bad Branch, Letcher County, Kentucky." *Castanea* 63: 117-129
- Held, M.E., S. Jones-Held, and J.E. Winstead. 1998. "Forest community structure and tornado damage in an old-growth system in northern Kentucky." *Castanea* 63: 474-481
- Eisenhour, D.J. and R. M. Strange. 1998. "Threatened fishes of the world: *Phosinus cumberlandensis*" Starnes & Starnes, 1978 (Cyprinidae). *Environ. Biol. Fishes* 51: 140
- DeMoss, D.L. and G. L. Wright. 1998. "Sex and strain differences in whole skeletal development in the rat." *Calcified Tissue Int.* 62: 153-157
- Reeder, B.C. 1998. "Using water quality monitoring as a university level teaching tool." *Jour. Ky. Acad. Sci.* 59: 6-11

## Department Of Human Sciences

Mrs. Jane Ellington, associate professor of human sciences, presented "The Follow-Up of Family and Consumer Sciences Graduates: Implications for the Search for Graduates," at the State Vocational Conference held on February 3-5 in Louisville.

Dr. Brenda Malinauskas, assistant professor of nutrition/dietetics, and Dr. Reginald Overton, assistant professor of sports administration and recreation, made a presentation titled, "International Issues and Development: International Internet Collaboration" at the 1998 WebNet World Conference in Orlando, Fla., on Nov. 9-10.

Dr. Marilyn Sampley, chair and professor of human sciences, served as program planner for the Annual Meeting of the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences held in Dallas, Texas, on February 3-6 and made a presentation titled, "Enhanced Integration of Globalization into the Human Sciences Profession."

## Department Of Industrial Education and Technology

Dr. Ahmad Zargari, assistant professor of industrial education and technology, presented "Tools and Techniques for Maximizing Your Teaching Effectiveness at the State Vocational Conference held in Louisville on February 3-5.

## Department Of Mathematical Sciences

Dr. Dan Seth, associate professor of mathematics, participated in the Kentucky Academy of Science annual meeting held Nov. 12-14 in Louisville.

Several upper-level mathematics students have recently been involved in research activities far from the MSU campus. Katie Evans, Brian Lewis, and Greg Hicks have recently gained valuable research experience at Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M. The latest student to broaden her education horizons in this way was Katie Evans, a senior mathematics major, and a graduate of Boyd County High School. Katie spent the fall semester of 1998 at the Los Alamos National Laboratory working with Dr. George Popcun, a researcher in the Division of Computing, Information, and Communication. Katie's research activities focused on speech recognition. In particular, she was researching the possibilities of using regression and discriminate analysis in determining if a person was being truthful or lying based solely on a tape recording of the person's voice.

Katie is not new to this type of research experience. She spent the summer of 1997 with Louisiana State University's Mathematics Department in its Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program. At LSU, the topic of her research was the concept of semi-groups and whether or not they could be embedded in real numbers. During the summer of 1998, just prior to going to Los Alamos, Katie was accepted into the Kentucky Young Scientist Program in the Center for Biomedical Engineering at the University of Kentucky. In this program, she studied times series and their applications to the locomotion of the lamprey eel.

Other mathematics students who have had similar experiences are Greg Hicks and Brian Lewis. Both Greg and Brian were employed during the summer of 1998 at Los Alamos. Greg graduated in December 1998 and is from Greenup County. Brian, who transferred to MSU from the University of Akron, graduated in May 1998. Both Greg and Brian are currently in the Ph.D. program in mathematics at North Carolina State University. Katie is currently applying to graduate schools with the goal of obtaining the Ph.D. in applied mathematics.

## Department Of Physical Sciences

Participants in the Kentucky Academy of Science annual meeting held on Nov. 12-14 in Louisville from the Department of Physical Sciences included Dr. John C. Philley, Dr. Russell Brengelman, Dr. Capp Yes, Dr. Brian Raichle, Dr. Benjamin Malphrus, Dr. Wade Cain, Dr. Robert Boram, and Mr. Charlie Mason. Students participating were Bill Criss, Michael Combs, Randolph Lillard, and Eric Booth. Bill Criss won the student competition for best paper.

Dr. Joan Whitworth, assistant professor of science, participated in a

panel discussion of "How's, What's, and Why's of Distance Learning" and presented a paper, "Reaching Out to Teachers in Appalachia via Distance Learning" at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Educators of Teachers of Science in Austin, Texas, on Jan. 14-17.

Dr. Benjamin Malphrus, professor of science, received \$59,976 from the Council on Postsecondary Education for a project titled: "From the Earth to the Universe - Project to Improve Instruction in Earth and Space Science." This grant will provide a two-week, three-graduate credit course to middle school science teachers using a mobile planetarium. Dr. Malphrus also received \$38,449 from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for a project titled: "IDEAS - Central and Eastern Kentucky Institute to Improve Instruction in Astronomy and Space Science." The grant will be used to develop and/or enhance teacher competencies in astronomy and space science for grades 5-12 teacher participants in Kentucky.

Dr. Joan Whitworth, assistant professor of science, and Dr. Thomas Klein, associate professor of mathematics, received \$26,950 from the Council on Postsecondary Education for the project titled "District VI Science and Math Alliance." This grant is provided to continue developing and establishing alliances with eastern Kentucky science and math teachers for the purpose of providing mechanism for enriching science and math instruction.

Dr. Marshall Chapman, assistant professor of geology, served as ship scientist aboard the R/V Moana Wave on Jan. 25-Feb. 1. The research project included dredging the sea floor (down to 4,500 meters) around the southern tip of Hawaii to correlate ancient lava flows with the evolution of the island's current volcanoes. The project was funded through the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Robert Boram, associate professor of science, and Mrs. Candace Glendening, instructor of biology, received a \$53,000 Project NOVA grant, sponsored by NASA, to design and implement an upper-level course for pre-service elementary and middle school teachers with a math or science component. Other faculty involved are Dr. Dan Seth and Dr. Vivian Cyrus, Department of Mathematics, Dr. Capp Yes, Department of Physical Sciences, and Ms. Karen Lafferty, Department of Elementary Reading and Special Education.

## Caudill College Of Humanities

### Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Philosophy

Dr. Jennings Mace, associate professor of English, is on sabbatical leave this semester to investigate developing a full-blown technical writing program for the department.

The department continues this year with two major grants: from Lexmark Corporation to train technical writers, and from the National Writing Project to serve writing teachers in area public schools.

The annual Foreign Language Festival sponsored by the department, which usually brings about 1,000 high school students to campus, will take place in early April.

The philosophy and creative writing programs have sponsored, or

will be sponsoring several guest speakers and readers on campus during the 1998-99 academic year.

### Department Of Communications

On Feb. 11-12, professional actress Judith Chapman performed the one-woman play the "Belle of Amherst" for 276 people. In addition, she participated in four theatre and video production classes. The visit was funded by the Lucille C. Little Endowment.

On Feb. 25-28, 12 journalism students and Ms. Joan Atkins, faculty adviser of the *Trail Blazer*, will attend the Kentucky Press Association meeting in Paducah.

On March 17-21, 18 theatre students accompanied by faculty and staff will be in New York City to view plays and interact with theatre professionals. The trip will be funded by the Little endowment.

The MSU Individual Events team placed fifth at a Murray State tournament held Feb. 4-8. The IE team also took third at the Kentucky Speech Association State Collegiate Speech Tournament held Feb. 19-20 at Western Kentucky University.

Angel Skipwith, MSU junior, was named Kentucky Speech Association 1998-99 Harlen Hamm Outstanding Female Speaker of the Year, given in honor of the late Harlen Hamm, a former speech professor at MSU.

KSA recognizes one male and one female student each year for outstanding competition results as well as sportsmanship, scholarly achievement, and a dedication to self-improvement. These two students are considered to be the overall best speakers and speech students in the state of Kentucky.

### Faculty Achievements

Dr. Kenneth Sexton, assistant professor of journalism, presented "Studying Women in the 1930s and '40s, Black Publications: Let's Reconsider Methods." The paper was a juried presentation at the annual, national conference of the American Journalism Historians Association, Oct. 22, 1998, in Louisville.

Dr. Robert Frank, assistant professor of speech, presented "Above the Law?: The Debate Between Diplomatic Immunity vs. American Justice" at the National Communication Association Convention in New York City during November 1998. He also presented a paper titled "The Volk: Creating a Notion of 'the People' in Germany" at the Carolinas' Communication Association in Asheville, N.C., during October 1998. Dr. Frank also presented a paper in September 1998 at the Kentucky Communication Conference in Prestonsburg titled "Examining the Holocaust in the Communication Classroom: A Professor's Perspectives."

### Department Of Art

The Department of Art has a full schedule this spring of exhibitions of art work by MSU and regional art students and professionals. The spring schedule includes the following:

- Mail Art Show Curated by Samantha Griffith, graduate student, Strider Gallery, 2/17-3/1.
- "Shared Lives/Divided Lives," Digital Art show in the Strider Gallery by women artists Howerton Leighty, Marilyn Whitesell, and Susan Moffatt, 3/4-3/12.
- KAEA Burley/Coal Region High School Art Show, Claypool-Young Main Gallery, 3/5-3/24.
- Sophomore Art Exhibition, Claypool-Young Main Gallery, 3/31-4/9.
- Senior Art Exhibition, Claypool-Young Main Gallery, 4/19-5/6.

Master of Arts exhibitions in the Strider Gallery include works by the following students: Christina Sunderhaus, 3/21-3/31; Lou Ann Kelly-Parkansky, 4/1-4/12; Juan Brown, 4/13-4/23; and Jason Mullikin, 4/26-5/7. The work of graduate student Samantha Griffith will be displayed in the Claypool-Young Outdoor Sculpture Garden on 4/18-5/7.

## Grants Funded For Three Faculty Members

The Office of Research, Grants, and Contracts recently reported the funding of three grants for MSU faculty members.

Dr. Dianna Murphy, assistant professor of government, received a \$2,500 grant from the American Bar Association to implement her proposal titled "Justice Takes Center Court." The project will focus on developing an interactive teaching unit that will educate fourth- and fifth-grade students about the American civil judicial process through the use of a case simulation involving a gender equity issue. Dr. Murphy's proposal was one of eight funded out of a pool of 108 proposals.

Dr. Youmasu Siewe, assistant professor of HPER, received a \$10,981 grant from the University of Kentucky Research Foundation/National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse for a project titled "Enhancing the Affective Component of an HIV- and Alcohol-Related Intervention." Dr. Siewe's project will supplement an HIV intervention program aimed at adolescents who exhibit high risk behavior such as alcohol use, risky sex, and impulsive decision making.

Dr. Suzanne Hartley, assistant professor of geography, received second-year funding of \$23,425 from the National Science Foundation/Rutgers University for a proposal titled "Eastern United States Climate and Atlantic Sea Surface Temperatures. The study will look at sea surface temperature anomalies to determine links to regional-scale climate anomalies in the Eastern United States.

# Academic Honors Program

Twenty-five students and five faculty associated with the MSU Academic Honors Program participated in the spring meeting of the Kentucky Honors Roundtable at the University of Kentucky on Feb. 5-6, 1999. The Roundtable is an organization of Honors programs in Kentucky institutions and includes each of the eight public universities. Dr. Mac Luckey, professor of philosophy and MSU Honors director, is the current president of the Roundtable.

The Roundtable convenes twice each year during fall and spring semesters. The meetings rotate from institution to institution. Within the next year, MSU will host the biannual conference.

Each roundtable is organized like professional conferences in all fields. During hour-long concurrent sessions, participants make solo and panel presentations on topics of academic and general interest. Many sessions are led by panels of both faculty and students who have jointly developed a presentation.

At the recent spring Roundtable, MSU students and faculty made nine presentations, or almost one-third of the total number. This high level of participation is typical for MSU.

Two examples will illustrate the type of topics covered at Roundtable conferences. "Tools for Success in the Distance Education Classroom" was presented by Gena Henry, senior English/Philosophy, and Dayna Brown, associate professor of HPER. "Ethics in Action: A Case Study in Health Care" was presented by juniors Dawn Brown, pre-med, Jason Damron, nursing, Tami Damron, psychology/creative writing, and Beth Stinson, psychology.

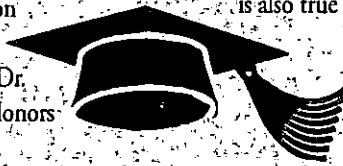
Later this spring, more than 25 MSU students and faculty will attend the annual three-day conference of the Southern Regional Honors Council in Little Rock, Ark. The Morehead State group will travel with students and faculty from Eastern Kentucky University. The Honors programs of the two institutions often cooperate in making travel arrangements in order to minimize transportation costs to regional and national meetings.

## Patrick Appointed To KIRM Commission

Beth G. Patrick, assistant vice president for Information Technology, has been appointed by Governor Paul Patton to serve as a member of the Kentucky Information Resources Management (KIRM) Commission. The KIRM Commission was created by the General Assembly in 1994 (KRS 61.940- 61.954) as an independent agency of state government to coordinate and guide the application of information technologies and resources in the executive branch of state government. Ms. Patrick's term of service on the 13-member KIRM Commission will end July 15, 2002.

At the upcoming Little Rock conference, 10 MSU presentations will be made. Usually, MSU has more proposals accepted for sessions at the regional level than any other institution, with the exception of EKV. This is also true for the annual national honors conference.

Among the Little Rock presentations will be one by Roger Hicks, a non-traditional senior majoring in sociology. Hicks will discuss the "wager" of the 17th Century French mathematician Blaise Pascal. Three first-year students — Shannon Brown, psychology, John Holloway, pre-engineering, and Kaleb Hypes, biology/chemistry — will share their research on education curricula appropriate for different age levels as discussed in Plato's "Republic."



## National Recognition

Several members of the MSU community have received national recognition for recent work and accomplishments.

- A study by Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin, MSU president, titled "The Role of College Presidents in Recruitment and Retention" was featured in the January 1999 issue of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities online magazine. Dr. Eaglin's study focuses on the extent of involvement college presidents play in enrollment. The study included data collected from about 1,200 two-year and four-year institutions. Dr. Eaglin's work, according to AASCU Online, "reveals that college and university presidents are already involved in a wide range of activities intended to bolster initial and continued enrollment, and that some are far more effective than others. It also raises difficult but important questions about the presidential place in the recruitment and retention picture."
- The Kentucky Folk Art Center was featured in the November 1998 issue of *Southern Living* magazine.
- Jerry Gore, former director of Minority Student Affairs, and Peggy Overly, coordinator of Minority Student Affairs, recently appeared in a program on the History Channel. The program featured the National Underground Railroad Museum in Maysville. Gore currently serves as director of the museum, which is supported, in part, by a gift from the MSU Foundation, Inc.
- Kelly Kullick, MSU senior, is being featured in issues of *Bowling Magazine*. The magazine is using pictures of Kullick to demonstrate proper bowling mechanics. Kullick was the Bowling Writers unanimous choice for female college Bowler of the Year last year and is considered to be one of the nation's top three bowlers among college women this year. Kelly led the MSU women's team to a national championship last spring, and the MSU women's team is currently ranked number one in the nation. Kullick is also a member of Team USA, which is touring and competing internationally.

