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Message From The President



Curtis Endowment Will Empower Youth For Many Generations

By DR. RONALD G. EAGLEN

What motivates someone to provide for the education of young people he will never meet? Graduating seniors at Johnson Central High School in Paintsville were asking that question this spring and probably will do so forever because of the incredible generosity of the late Thomas Raymond Curtis, a 1951 graduate of Morehead State University.

It was my privilege recently to announce the \$1.3 million bequest from Mr. Curtis that has forever changed the lives of "gifted and needy" students who graduate from JCHS. The gift is the largest in MSU's history and is being used to establish a scholarship endowment whose recipients will be known, most appropriately, as Curtis Scholars.

Mr. Curtis taught at Flat Gap School in Johnson County for 30 years before retiring in 1983. He devoted the rest of his life to the business of buying and selling collectibles. But he never forgot the financial hardships he had to overcome to earn his bachelor's degree to become a social studies and English teacher.

Always a practical man, Mr. Curtis worked quietly on a plan to leave his mark on his community and the teaching profession. Once he decided that MSU and graduates of JCHS would benefit from his plan, only a handful of trusted individuals knew anything of his intentions or the size of his bequest.

Shortly after learning of his terminal illness, he approached the University with the details of his plan and asked us to help him make that dream come true. He established criteria for the scholarship program and made allowances for special consideration for future teachers.

Mr. Curtis passed away last November and his last will and testament wrote the final chapter in his plan to provide \$10,000 yearly scholarships to perhaps as many as 10 students per year, based on future earnings of the endowment.

He made us promise that nothing would be said of his plan until after his death. We kept our word and the announcement ceremony was a moving experience for everyone involved. I was struck by the fact that the students at Johnson Central reacted to Brandy Castle's selection as the first Curtis Scholar with a standing ovation even though none of them were even in school when Mr. Curtis retired.

Jesse Stuart wrote that good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal. He must have been thinking of someone like Thomas Raymond Curtis, a man whose love for students has become his memorial.

— Ron G. Eaglen

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September 1

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Department Of Agricultural Sciences

Willie Thompson, MSU Agriculture Education major from Hillsboro, Ky., will be receiving his American Farmer Degree at the 1999 State FFA Convention.

Dr. Donald Applegate, associate professor of agriculture, and Dr. Philip Prater, assistant professor of veterinary technology, have been awarded a grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to promote the meat goat market in Kentucky. The first goat collection was held at the DAC on Saturday, May 15, with sales in New Holland, Pa.

Michelle Roberts, MSU Equestrian Team member, participated in the National IHSA competition held in Syracuse, N.Y., on Friday, May 21.

Beginning in Fall 1999, Connie Dixon from Sadieville, Ky., and Sherri Gorrell from Owingsville, Ky., will be attending veterinary school at Auburn University; and Jessica Steed from Monaca, Pa., will be attending veterinary school at The Ohio State University.

On Thursday, May 13, the DAC was the host site for one of three Kentucky Grazing Mini-Schools co-sponsored by the UK College of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council.

Dr. Michael McDermott, assistant professor of agriculture, coordinated a regional FFA small engines and agriculture mechanics contest at the DAC on Monday, May 10. The Vet. Tech. Building served as host site for a regional FFA agriculture business contest that same day.

In April, the agriculture faculty and students coordinated and participated in the Regional FFA Speaking Contest and Field Day.

Dr. Lane Cowsert, department chair, and Dr. Scott Rundell, coordinator of the Vet. Tech. Program, will serve as judges for the State FFA Speaking Contest during the 1999 State FFA Convention. Dr. Michael McDermott will serve as an alternate judge as well as providing administrative assistance during the convention. The MSU Collegiate FFA is providing sponsorship to the 1999 State FFA Convention.

Dr. Lane Cowsert and Dr. Donald Applegate attended the East Valley Goat Fair held at the East Valley Middle School in Wrigley, Ky., on Friday, May 14.

Dr. Lane Cowsert is working with the Kentucky

Department of Agriculture Partners for Family Farms Sustaining Farm-life and Farmland program in establishing local slaughter facilities.

The 21st Morehead Clinic Days will be held at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex on June 5-6. This veterinary continuing education conference is hosted by the MSU Veterinary Technology Program in cooperation with the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association and the Buffalo Trace Veterinary Medical Association. The two-day conference features nationally known speakers and provides 15 hours of CE credit to veterinarians and eight hours of CE credit to veterinary technologists. Attendance is expected to include over 100 veterinarians, 50 technologists, 16 speakers, and 24 exhibitors and sponsors. Highlights of the conference weekend include a banquet on Saturday evening and the ever-popular pig roast for Sunday lunch. The BTVMA donates the proceeds of the conference to the Veterinary Technology Scholarship endowment fund each year.

On February 21, Vivian Barnes, associate professor of Veterinary Technology, attended a wildlife rehabilitation seminar in Louisville to maintain her wildlife rehabilitation license.

During March and April, the MSU Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club traveled to Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine and Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine to attend their annual open house and Pre-Veterinary Medical Association Symposium.

On March 28, Dr. Scott Rundell gave a presentation at the UK Diagnostic Lab on using the World Wide Web to access veterinary information. The workshop was sponsored by the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association.

On May 15, Barbara Lewis, assistant professor of veterinary technology, and Mike Shea held a continuing education seminar on Hematology for Veterinary Technicians.

There were several tours and demonstrations given to high school groups, most significantly for the Louisville Central H. S. Magnet program in Veterinary Science.

The Vet. Tech. Program has received biennial reaccreditation through December 2000.

On April 23, the MSU Veterinary Technology Program

hosted a "Large Animal Workshop" for the students of the University of Cincinnati Veterinary Technology Program. This annual event is held at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex each spring to provide these students with practical experience performing routine procedures on large animals. This year's workshop was attended by 36 students from UC.

Department Of Biological and Environmental Sciences

The 65th Spring Symposium of the Kentucky Junior Academy of Science (KJAS) was held at Morehead State University on April 23, with 79 students competing for awards and all-expenses paid trips to the American Association of the Advancement of Science meetings in Washington, D. C. later this year.

First, second, and third place awards were made in each of eleven different scientific sections. The first place winners then vied for two top spots to be sponsored by KJAS for the trip to Washington, including their teacher or sponsor. All students presented an oral description of original scientific research before a panel of judges in their respective sections of science. The two top winners in this year's competition were Maleeha Mohiuddin of Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in Lexington and Jason Meier of DuPont Manual High School in Louisville. Miss Mohiuddin's winning paper was based on a study of radiation-induced cell death in genetically matched cells. Mr. Meier's research involved the examination of how a viral protein could enhance the degradation of an insecticide residue.

The KJAS first place winners were as follows:

Behavioral and Social Science, Kevin Ross, DuPont Manual HS in Louisville; Biological Topics I, Matthew Falk, DuPont Manual HS in Louisville; Biological Topics II, Maleeha Mohiuddin, Paul Lawrence Dunbar HS in Lexington; Chemistry, Clair Rosplock, Notre Dame Academy in Covington; Computer Science, Max Leidner, DuPont Manual HS in Louisville; Mathematics, Earth and Space Science, Micelle Kovank, Notre Dame Academy in Covington; Environmental Science, Karen Webster, DuPont Manual HS in Louisville; Engineering, David Muscutt, Louisville Male HS; Microbiology, Jerzy Rokicki, DuPont Manual HS in Louisville; Physics, Molly Wolking, Notre Dame Academy in Covington; Zoology, Jason Meier, DuPont Manual HS in Louisville.

The Kentucky Junior Academy of Science is sponsored by the Kentucky Academy of Science and is directed by Dr. Vince Dinoto of Jefferson Community College in Louisville. Dr. Dinoto is retiring as director of KJAS this year and is being succeeded by Dr. Elizabeth K. Sutton of Campbellsville University. The 25 judges for this year's competition were

Food Service Management Contract Awarded

In February, the University requested proposals from food service management companies for the operation of the food services facilities on campus. Proposals were received from Aramark, Sodexho-Marriott, Sage Dining Services, and Chartwells, the University's current contractor.

The proposals were evaluated and ranked by a committee consisting of four students, the Conferences Services coordinator, the associate director of athletics, the director of auxiliary services, the associate vice president for Fiscal Services, and the vice president for Administration and Fiscal Services. In addition, the vendors made presentations of their proposals to a larger segment of the campus community.

As a result of the above process, a contract has been negotiated with Aramark. Aramark was the company of choice of an overwhelming majority of those who participated in the process. A number of new programs have been proposed, including quality food in an all-you-care-to-eat format.

The company provides dining services for the following Kentucky institutions: Western Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky Faculty Club, Asbury Theological Seminary, Bellerme College, Centre College, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Lindsey Wilson College, and Pikeville College. Aramark was also recently awarded a contract to manage the food services for Eastern Kentucky University.



1999 Spring Gala

Since the first Spring Gala in 1993 nearly \$275,000 has been raised for academic programs at Morehead State. Total funds raised at this year's event, titled Jambalaya Jammin', topped \$45,000.

The event is organized by MSU First Lady Bonnie Eaglin.

KFAC

KFAC Director Garry Barker and Board of Directors member Jean Dorton have been accepted into the first class of "Leadership East Kentucky," a six-month program based on "Leadership Kentucky" and initiated by Gov. Paul Patton. One session of the program will be held at the Folk Art Center.

On May 10, the Center hosted an all day workshop on "So You Want to Start A Museum," presented by the Historical Confederation of Kentucky. Session leaders included KFAC Curator Adrian Swain.

New Student Regent

Brandon Fraley, a senior business administration major from Grayson, is the new SGA president and will replace Michelle Francis as student regent on MSU's Board of Regents.

Before his election as SGA president, Brandon served as SGA vice president for programming. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Reminder

The annual administrative retreat is scheduled for Aug. 11-12 in Prestonsburg at the Ramada Inn. The retreat was previously scheduled for Aug. 4-5.

faculty members from Morehead State University, Eastern Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky, and Jefferson Community College. The 66th Annual Research Symposium will again be held in Morehead and hosted by the College of Science and Technology in the year 2000.

Department Of Industrial Education and Technology

The Department of Industrial Education and Technology hosted the Eastern Kentucky Technology Educators' Association (EKTEA) regional Technology Student Association (TSA) Review on February 26, 1999, held on Morehead State University's campus. TSA holds an annual state competition in which students have the opportunity to demonstrate their technical knowledge and skills. The Regional Review hosted by IET gives these students a chance to test themselves prior to the State Review. Five high schools in the MSU service region participated this year and 88 students attended the competition.

The Department of Industrial Education and Technology is pleased to announce the renovation of rooms in the Lloyd Cassity Building to house labs for the option area of Graphic Communications. A computer-aided drafting lab with 20 computers and upgraded software and a technical drawing lab with a modeling room will be available for students to use beginning Fall 1999. The new facilities will provide much greater student access to the technical equipment necessary for success in their course work.

Department Of Nursing And Allied Health Sciences

The pass-rate for Morehead State's BSN program for academic year 1997-98 was 96 percent, which was the highest of all institutions, both public and private, in Kentucky.

The beginning of a new four-year program in Radiologic Sciences begins with the fall semester of 1999. The program is currently accepting the first sophomore class of 36 students. These students have completed one year of pre-requisites and enter the sophomore and junior year to complete the diagnostic radiography part of this curriculum.

What makes this program unique is that the last year as seniors the students will add an advanced imaging area such as sonography (ultrasound) or computed tomography and a mammography module. Currently, the program is investigating a possible link to the Radiation Therapy Program at the University of Louisville's Brown Cancer Center. There is no other pro-

gram like this in Kentucky or the surrounding states and only about 20 similar programs in the nation. With the changing health care environment needing multi-skilled technologists, Morehead State University is the first to move toward the current needs of the imaging departments in the Commonwealth.

Department Of Physical Sciences

Dr. Ronald Fiel, professor in the Department of Physical Sciences, served as tournament director for the finals of the Kentucky Science Olympiad on April 17, hosted by Morehead State University. Fifty-eight teams from five regional contests, and one from Virginia (all having prepared for a year), competed in 54 different events. A team consists of a maximum of 15 students from one school. The winners, DuPont Manual High School and Bell County Middle School, will compete in the National Science Olympiad in Chicago.

Almost 650 high school and junior high school students, along with their coaches, used facilities on campus. One hundred and twenty members of MSU's faculty, staff, and student body created and ran the events. This is the fourth year that Morehead State University has hosted the event. Each year, the executive board of KSO, as well as the coaches and students, have expressed their appreciation for the quality of personnel and services provided by MSU.

In March, Zexia Barnes organized and co-chaired a symposium on "Molecular Modeling in the Classroom" at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society. She took seven students with her to the conference.

BES Paper Presentations Awards

Dr. Darrin DeMoss, assistant professor of biology, and Dr. David Magrane and Dr. David Saxon, both professors of biology, presented papers at the Experimental Biology '99 meeting in Washington, DC, April 17-21. Over 10,000 scientists from 27 professional research societies were in attendance. Dr. DeMoss made two presentations, co-authored with colleagues from the Marshall University School of Medicine, concerning the effect of calcium stress and calcium homeostasis in bone tissue. Drs. Magrane and Saxon co-authored and presented a paper on their research involving antioxidant activities and effects of hormones and secondary compounds in animal systems.

Dr. Allen Risk, associate professor of biology, and Dr. Joe Winstead, chair of the department of biological and environmental sciences and professor of

Teacher Education Update

Teacher education reform continues after a successful symposium series during the Spring Semester on "Preparing Teachers for the 21st Century." A highly committed task force made up of 40 plus faculty members possessing an interdisciplinary campus-wide ownership of teacher preparation at Morehead State University will forge rich partnerships among the academic disciplines on campus and off campus with the public schools.

To facilitate planning and a subsequent action agenda, an organizational structure has been created consisting of a Task Force Steering Committee and a P-16 Leadership Council. The overall charge for this organizational configuration is to conduct a review and make recommendations on policies, procedures, and practices over the next academic year for preparing future teachers at Morehead State University within a P-16 context.

Aspects and issues to be addressed include policy inventory and analysis, capacity building, curriculum revision, clinical redesign, professional development, partnerships, reward systems, information transfer, regional P-16 council, accountability, and institutionalization.

The President will promote multifaceted interaction among the Task Force Steering Committee, the Dean's Council, and the P-16 Leadership Council, and facilitate all reviews of recommendations by appropriate faculty governance committees. To nurture the institutionalization of validated reform elements, the Office of the President will create fundraising opportunities to provide adequate staffing and resources for the Task Force.

biology, presented research papers at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists April 14-17 in Wilmington, N.C. Dr. Risk presented two papers, one on the moss flora of Kentucky and the other on the bryophytes of the Obed River in Tennessee. Dr. Winstead's paper detailed the results of a study on the growth rates and reproductive strategy of the introduced Japanese Knotweed plant. Dr. Winstead also chaired one of the plant ecology sections of the meeting.

Dr. Joe Winstead has been named president-elect of the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society. He will assume the 50th presidency of the society in April 2000. The aims of the society are to promote botanical interest and to disseminate information concerning the flora and ecology of the eastern United States, particularly the Southern Appalachian region. To this end, the society publishes the periodical known as "Castanea," which has been published quarterly and distributed internationally since 1936. The society currently has over 880 members.

Dr. Allen Risk was a principal field trip leader for the 49th annual Spring Wild Flower Pilgrimage held in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, April 23-25. The event drew over 2,000 participants from all over the United States and Canada. The event is hosted by several organizations including the National Park Service, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society, and the Gatlinburg Garden Club.

Mrs. Candance Glendening, instructor of biology, was named as the Master Teacher from the College of Science and Technology for 1998-99 by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council of Morehead State University at the annual Greek Awards Banquet on April 18.

Residence Hall Rooms To Receive High-Speed Network Access

MSU continues to be a leader in developing a state-of-the-art telecommunications network for support of voice, data, and video services throughout campus facilities. During the past 3 years, the multi-phased Digital Network

Project has provided for the installation of a new fiber optic cable plant that reaches every academic, administrative, and residence hall building on campus. This new cable plant serves as the backbone for the campus telecommunications network. High-speed data access is currently provided to all classroom and administrative office buildings and the Eagle Video Network provides cable television services to the campus residence halls over the fiber optic network.

Work is scheduled during the summer of 1999 for further expansion of the telecommunications network with funds allocated from the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University Bond Pool approved by the 1998 General Assembly. A dedicated 10 Mb/s (million bits per second) data connection will be installed in each residence hall room. Students will be able to connect their personal computers to this network to gain access to all campus networked computing resources and the Internet.

Students will pay a data network access fee of \$20.00 per semester per room. That fee is about 25% of what most local Internet Service Providers charge for a dial-up connection for a similar period and will be used to help maintain network equipment. The new high speed data services will complement the 29 channel digital cable television, digital phone, and voice mail services provided free to students living in campus residence halls.

Outstanding Service Awards Announced

The 1998-99 awards for research, faculty service, staff service, distinguished creative productions, and distinguished researcher have been chosen, with recipients honored during the May graduation.

Dr. Bruce Mattingly, professor psychology, was the Distinguished Researcher Award recipient. Dr. Alban Wheeler, professor of sociology, received the Faculty Service Award. Dr. Richard Miles, director of bands, received the Distinguished Creative Productions Award. Dr. L.K. Williams, professor of accounting, received the Distinguished Teacher Award. Ruth Robinson, administrative secretary in the Camden-Carroll Library, was the winner of the staff Service Award.

The Following Students From The College Of Science And Technology Are Recognized For Their Professional/Academic Achievement

- Kari Arnett - Salyersville, Dietetic Internship, Morehead State University
Robert A. Bailey - Pikeville, Graduate School, University of Kentucky
Jamie Black - Ashland, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Brandice Blankenship - Stanville, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Kimberly Bond - Louisa, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Eric C. Booth - Morehead, Doctoral Program, Notre Dame University, Ohio State, University of Arizona or Arizona State
Brandy D. Bromagen - Owingsville, Medical School, University of Louisville
Regina S. Chaffin - Ashland, Graduate School, Marshall University
Michelle Clark - Morehead, Dietetic Internship, Morehead State University
Brook Compton - Pikeville, Dental School, University of Louisville
Maxie Couch - Combs, Dental School, University of Louisville
James Dalton - Catlettsburg, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Kristy Forsythe - Ivel, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Jamie Fultz - Garrett, Pharmacy School, Southern School of Pharmacy, Mercer University; Atlanta, GA
Linda Gilliam - Morehead, Dietetic Internship, Morehead State University
Kevin R. Goetz - Covington, Medical School, University of Kentucky
Sherry M. Gorrell - Owingsville, Veterinary School, Auburn University
Christopher Goshorn - Lexington, Medical School, University of Louisville
Sarah J. Hail - Cincinnati, Doctoral Program in Geology, Miami University, Ohio
Amanda L. Hamilton - Beaver, Medical School, University of Louisville
Jennifer D. Harris - Vanceburg, Medical School, Pikeville School of Osteopathic Medicine
Farah Hensley - Mt. Sterling, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Gregory P. Hicks - Webbville, Graduate School, North Carolina State University
Carrie L. Hieneman - Greenup, Medical School, Pikeville School of Osteopathic Medicine
Krisy Howard - Salyersville, Dental School, University of Louisville
Gwen Johnson - Flemingsburg, Dietetic Internship, Spalding University
Thomas Johnson - Ashland, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Dara N. Jurich - Paintsville, Medical School, Pikeville School of Osteopathic Medicine
Ilene L. Kelly - Erlanger, Doctoral Program in Chemical Education, Purdue University
Stephen T. Kiser - Pikeville, Medical Technology School, University of Louisville
Heather LeMaster - Wurtland, Dietetic Internship, Morehead State University
Thomas Lewis - Maysville, Dental School, University of Louisville
Randolph P. Lillard - Union, Graduate School, Georgia Institute of Technology
Sherry Maggard - Hyden, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Pamela Maquet - Corbin, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Sherri Montgomery - Mt. Olivet, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Pamela Pinson - Pikeville, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Todd Ratliff - Pikeville, Dental School, University of Kentucky
Travis Ratliff - Pikeville, Dental School, University of Kentucky
Joseph Reed - Williamsburg, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Chanda Scott - Argillite, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Bernie N. Sergent - Jackhorn, Medical School, Pikeville School of Osteopathic Medicine
Angela Smith - Sandy Hook, Dental School, University of Kentucky
Greg Sy - Morehead, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Danny W. Thacker - Shelbiana, Medical Technology School, University of Louisville
James B. West - Louisa, Medical Technology School, University of Louisville
Shannon Whitton - Olive Hill, Dental School, University of Louisville
Leslie Wilcox - Grayson, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Carrie Wilhere - Ashland, MSU/UK Physician Assistant Program, Morehead State University
Elisabeth Zetlitz - Morehead, Medical School, Dundee Scotland School of Medicine