

'Question Reality' surrealism exhibition on display in Sept.

An art exhibition, titled "Question Reality: Surrealism in Contemporary Art," is scheduled for Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building from Aug. 31 through Sept. 30.

The display showcases the work of 17 artists from across the country who explored the concept of surrealism through their artwork. The exhibition opens with a reception, which is free and open to the public, on Wednesday, Aug. 31, from 6-8 p.m., with refreshments and live music.

The original art movement of surrealism had its heyday between the 1920s and 1940s, depicting visions of reality colliding with fantasy by such famous artists as Salvador Dali. Recently, creating art in a style which can be called surrealistic has surfaced once again. The works presented in the exhibition are executed in a range of media including ones favored by the initial surrealists like collage and painting, as well as other materials such as ceramic and metal.

Among the participating artists are: Les Barta, Incline Village, Nev.; Don Bied, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dianne Bugash, Gaithersburg, Md.; Virginia Derryberry, Asheville, N.C.; M.M. Dupay, Bowling Green, Ohio; Pam Fox, Richmond, Va.; Mary Fahy, Columbus, Ohio; Ann Gradwohl, Lincoln, Neb.; Megan Greene, Buffalo, N.Y.; David Moore, Syracuse, N.Y.; Elise McWilliams, Oxford, Ohio; Valerie and Jonathan Nicklow, Evergreen, Colo.; Laura Ruby, Honolulu, Hawaii; Donna Stackhouse, Washington, N.J.; Janna Stern, Santa Monica, Calif.; and Felicia Szorad, Richmond, Ky.

Szorad, a metal sculptor and professor at Eastern Kentucky University, will visit the MSU campus Wednesday, Aug. 31 through Thursday, Sept. 1. She will present artist lectures on her work, two of which are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 1 from 10:20 - 11:20 a.m. and 12:40 - 1:40 p.m.

The main gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building features contemporary art for the Morehead State community as well as the University's service region of East Kentucky. The gallery, which is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment, is free and open to the public. Parking is available on Main Street and Elizabeth Avenue.

Additional information is available by calling Jennifer Reis, gallery director, (606) 783-5446 or j.reis@moreheadstate.edu.

Arts and humanities grant workshop planned for Sept. 29

In light of national trends that favor interdisciplinary projects and collaborations in grant funding, Morehead State University will offer a free workshop to help arts and humanities professionals create partnerships to benefit a common goal.

"Grant Opportunities for Strategic Collaborations in the Arts and Humanities" will be offered on Thursday, Sept. 29, in the Commonwealth Room of the Adron Doran University Center. Slated to begin at 8 a.m. with breakfast and greetings, the workshop will include presentations from the Kentucky Humanities Council and the Kentucky Arts Council, roundtable discussions and networking opportunities.

Sponsored by a grant from the MSU Campus Partnership Fund, the event will bring together K-12 educators, community college faculty, members of non-profit organizations in East Kentucky and MSU faculty members in the Caudill College of Humanities. Together, they will identify mutual goals and work toward enhancing the region's competitiveness in obtaining federal, state and private funding.

Staff from KHC and KAC will discuss strategic approaches to successful grant writing geared toward programs appropriate for collaborations involving colleges and universities, non-profit arts and humanities

organizations and local schools. Workshop participants will be teamed together by topic area and matched with interested MSU faculty who will help identify and develop project ideas.

Other representatives assisting in this project will be Dr. Dale Duvall, associate dean of university and community partnerships, staff members from the Center for Rural Development, Arts Kentucky, MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) and Office of Research, Grants and Contracts, who will contribute to team project development and to identify specific collaboration strategies. Methods of finding suitable funding sources will be discussed for project ideas that are well developed and partner roles clearly defined.

Lunch will be provided. Those who would like to participate in the workshop may send their name and the name of the organization which they represent, along with their mailing address, e-mail, phone number and project ideas to Mary Jerde, grants resource coordinator, at 901 Ginger Hall, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY 40351.

Additional information is available by calling Jerde at (606) 783-2545, or by e-mail to m.jerde@moreheadstate.edu.

CPF grants awarded

The Campus Partnership Fund at Morehead State University has awarded its 2004-05 grants.

Grant recipients are:

- Mary Jerde and Jennifer Reis, MSU Arts & Humanities Council, were awarded \$1,846 for "Grant Writing for Strategic Collaborations in the Visual and Performing Arts." The project will increase externally funded grant awards through strategic training and networking to develop and plan comprehensive and collaborative proposals.
- Sandra Bush, Office of Human Resources, received \$1,569 for a project titled, "Electronic I-9's." This involves moving the I-9 forms from a filing cabinet to an electronic form to enable faster access to records, quicker filing and reduced space requirements.
- Jami Hornbuckle, Office of University Marketing, was awarded \$1,846 for "Online Contact and Self-Service Center for Prospective and Current Students." The funds will be used to purchase a one-year license for the LivePerson/Timpani SB Contact Center communication solution to provide live chat, e-mail management, and self-service capabilities to Enrollment Services and the Student Service Advocate, for recruitment and assistance to students. The project will be done in collaboration with Enrollment Services and the Office of Accounting and Budgetary Control.
- Emma Perkins, Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies program coordinator, received \$1,384 for "The First Annual Cultural Studies Conference: Society, Health and Culture in Appalachia." The conference will present minority and cultural issues within Kentucky and contiguous states and will form partnerships within and beyond MSU that will lead to external funding proposals.
- Mike Morley, East Kentucky Small Business Development Center director, was awarded \$1,846 for the "2005 Regional Entrepreneur Conference." The conference provides intensive entrepreneurial training to 75-100 potential and existing regional small business owners.
- The Student Government Association will receive \$1,509 for "ADUC Recreation Enhancement Project." The proposal, submitted by SGA President Jason Marion and Gerome Stephens, SGA adviser, will compliment the SGA-purchased television in ADUC by providing a foosball table. The project will generate revenue and potentially lead to additional revenue-producing recreational amenities.

The CPF was established in 1999 as an unrestricted fund under the auspices of the MSU Foundation, Inc. Monies contributed by faculty and staff are matched at 50 percent by the Foundation. Additional information is available by calling 606.783.2033 or online at www.moreheadstate.edu/cpf.

High school students may take a free class at MSU

MSU begins its fall classes on Aug. 22, and high school students may be among those enrolled.

While completing their senior year of high school, students may enroll in a one, two or three hour tuition-free course on MSU's main campus or at the Mount Sterling or West Liberty regional campuses.

High school students may choose a class based on their eligibility status from 100 or 200 level courses. Students are responsible for additional course fees and textbooks, which may be purchased online at bookstore.moreheadstate.edu.

To be eligible to enroll in an MSU class, high school students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, and ACT composite score of 18 or above, and approval from their high school guidance counselor. To complete the process, a signed admission/registration application must be submitted to the student's campus of choice. Applications are available from Enrollment Services - [Admissions](#), located in the Admissions Center, at the corner of Second Street and Normal Avenue.; you may call toll-free at 800.585.6781, or from Tina Stafford-Baldwin, regional campus coordinator.

[Click here for admission/registration application \(.pdf\)](#)

If you meet the criteria and are interested in taking a class at MSU, complete the paperwork and register now. Fall semester registration will be held Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18 and 19.

Additional information is available from Tina Stafford-Baldwin at 606.783.2605, or by e-mail to t.stafford@moreheadstate.edu.

A directory of MSU classes is available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/registrar/fallschedule/.

MSU grad named PSC commissioner

FRANKFORT, Ky. - Governor Ernie Fletcher has announced the appointment of Teresa J. Hill of Corbin as commissioner of the Public Service Commission.

Hill most recently served as the assistant to the Governor for boards and commissions, which she began in December. Before that, Hill served as executive director of legal services for the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet.

A native of Whitley County, Hill currently lives in Frankfort. She is a graduate of Morehead State University and the the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at NKU.

Before her work at the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet, Hill was in private law practice in Corbin. She is the daughter of James and Sandra Hill, also of Corbin.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission regulates utility companies providing electric, telecommunications, water, and natural gas service to the public.

MSU is among top schools in the South, again

Morehead State University has been recognized again as one of the top 25 public universities in the South in the 2006 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S.News & World Report.

"We are proud to continue to be recognized as one of the best regional public universities by this widely-used college guide," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "Our faculty and staff are dedicated to making Morehead State the best university it can be to serve our students and this ranking reflects their efforts. I fully expect MSU to move up in the rankings over the next few years."

The rankings place emphasis on acceptance rates, graduation rates and small class sizes. Morehead State offers 51 percent of classes with less than 20 students, which earned a third place ranking among the top tier public universities on that important factor of student success. Only 4 percent of MSU classes have 50 or more students.

Overall, Morehead State is ranked as one of the top 25 public institutions which grant bachelor's and master's degrees in 12 states of the South, including Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana.

MSU moved into the magazine's top tier of ranked institutions in 2005. The rankings are based on research on more than 1,400 institutions nationally.

The magazine notes that 89 percent of MSU faculty members are full-time, a number surpassed by only three other listed public institutions.

"Our students consistently are accepted into professional schools, including medical, dental and pharmacy programs, at rates well above state and national averages, so we know our students have the opportunity to receive a quality education. We are pleased to see others recognize Morehead State's strengths," Dr. Andrews stated.

MSU was founded in 1887 as a private college, became a public institution in 1922, and gained university status in 1966.

"U.S. News & World Report" is the official name of the publication. The magazine's full name appears printed as "U.S. News & World Report," using an ampersand, with no space between U.S. and News.

MSU, UK and St. Claire partner for health education and research facility

A proposed health sciences facility in Morehead may become a reality thanks to \$1.5 million in planning funds awarded by the 2005 General Assembly to a partnership of Morehead State University (MSU), the University of Kentucky (UK) and St. Claire Regional Medical Center (SCR).

The collaborative capital construction project, a regional Center for Health Education and Research, has a projected cost ranging from \$14 million to \$20 million and would be located across Second Street from St. Claire's existing facility.

The facility would house MSU's departments of nursing and imaging sciences, UK's physician assistant and family nurse practitioner programs, in addition to a freestanding primary care clinic, and comprehensive health education center.

"We are very pleased to have this opportunity to work together to provide improved health care services to the people of this region," said Mark J. Neff, president/CEO of St. Claire Regional Medical Center, and Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president, in a joint announcement. "This is a wonderful undertaking that will be advantageous to each of our institutions and to the constituencies we serve."

Neff and Andrews also commended the efforts of Rep. Rocky Adkins, Rep. John Will Stacy and Sen. Walter Blevins Jr. for their efforts in support of the project.

The clinic will serve as the primary training site for the SCR/UK family practice residency program and will include examination rooms, a dental suite, as well as provide for a clinical laboratory and basic radiology services. The comprehensive health education center will be designed to accommodate a wide range of continuing education/workshop programs, teleconferencing and telemedicine initiatives, specialized professional development/enrichment opportunities for health-care providers, and rural health research activities.

The space for MSU's departments of nursing and imaging sciences would include lecture and laboratory classrooms to support the associate and baccalaureate degree nursing programs, the radiologic technology program, and the sonography, computed tomography, and magnetic resonance program options. Also included would be faculty/staff offices and conference areas. In addition, discussion with UK continues regarding other possible educational training programs to be located at the Center.

Additionally, space will be provided for anticipated growth in these programs and the planned implementation of MSU's new master's degrees in nursing and in nuclear medicine. Similar space will be available to support UK's master's-level programs for physician assistant and family nurse practitioner.

Proposed space for the center will include multi-purpose classrooms, meeting rooms, auditorium, medical library, a wellness facility, and administrative offices.

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New financial aid program for students from Morgan County

If you are a Morgan County High School graduate and worried about finances to go to college, a pilot program at Morehead State University at West Liberty can help with your expenses.

A new financial aid program available this fall will allow first-time freshmen who meet certain qualifications to receive up to \$2,000 per academic year if they attend classes at MSU at West Liberty. The two-year grant program gives Morgan County students an opportunity to complete their first two years of college locally before continuing upper division course work on MSU's main campus.

The grant will cover tuition, fees and books for MCHS graduates or students who have completed the GED certification through the MSU at West Liberty testing center. Applicants must have an unmet financial need as determined by MSU's Office of Financial Aid.

To continue receiving the grant, students must maintain full-time enrollment at MSU at West Liberty and continue to show satisfactory academic progress through four semesters.

The grant program was established through a cooperative effort between state Rep. John Will Stacy (D-West Liberty), Morgan County Superintendent of Schools Joe Dan Gold, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews and citizens of the county.

Thanks to the efforts of Rep. Stacy, who chairs the House of Representatives Appropriation and Revenue's Subcommittee on Education, the 2005 General Assembly appropriated funds for the initial two years of the program. "This is a reinvestment of Kentucky tax dollars in our most precious resource--the children of Morgan County," he said.

Gold praised the effort "as a unique way our community shows how it values education."

Dr. Andrews applauded the local leadership for putting the focus on education. "Morehead State University and Morgan County have a long partnership when it comes to supporting education. We believe this new partnership will help students and advance the economic development of Morgan County."

The local citizen leadership group plans to raise sufficient funds annually to sustain the program for future graduating classes. The grant program is administered by MSU's Office of Financial Aid.

Students may apply for the first-time freshman grant at the MSU at West Liberty campus, located at 155 University Drive in West Liberty.

Additional information is available by calling (800) 648-5371 or (606) 743-1500.

State's colleges and universities streamline transfer process

Council on Postsecondary Education - News Release

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(FRANKFORT, Ky.) -- A new memorandum of agreement between the state's public universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System streamlines the transfer process for community college students who want to obtain a bachelor's degree in business. The agreement establishes a consistent standard across all Kentucky's public colleges and universities.

"This is a tremendous step forward towards streamlining the transfer process for KCTCS students who want to pursue a four-year degree," said Dr. Keith Bird, chancellor of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. "It demonstrates the commitment of the universities and KCTCS to provide Kentuckians with a seamless education system."

KCTCS students who complete the 60 hours of coursework prescribed by the new agreement will be eligible to transfer those hours to any of the 14 business degree programs offered by Kentucky's public four-year institutions. Students will still need to apply for admission and meet the requirements of the university and business programs.

Tom Layzell, president of the Council on Postsecondary Education, added, "We congratulate the business deans and representatives of KCTCS for establishing a more efficient and responsive transfer process for students."

Education and business are two of the most popular areas in which students transfer from KCTCS to public four-year institutions.

For more information on transfer, visit the GoHigherKY Web site at http://gohigherky.org/Planning/transfer/transfer_framework.asp *.

For additional information about transferring to MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/transfer.

Student services streamlined to improve the admission and financial aid processes

Morehead State University, in its effort to make a college education more accessible to students, has established a new unit, Enrollment Services. The University's offices of admissions and financial aid, along with representatives from the registrar's office and accounting and budgetary control, are now located under one roof in the former Admissions Center.

"We want all citizens of the Commonwealth to have better lives," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "Education is of utmost importance with us and we want to make this process as simple as possible."

Student success has been a priority for Dr. Andrews since he arrived on the campus in January. He established an Enrollment Management Task Force to study long term issues and present a strategic plan to the university. In addition, the first steps have been taken by forming the new unit of Enrollment Services which will provide the student access to services in one location.

The new unit is being guided by Dr. Dayna Seelig, special assistant to the president. She recently returned to the campus after serving as a participant in the Fellows Program with the American Council on Education (ACE). Her year-long training included intensive study on enrollment trends and student retention.

"We are evaluating the process to determine ways to improve the student's first view of MSU as well as evaluating the ways we serve students through graduation," Dr. Seelig said. "We will always be a work in progress but we have received positive responses for the changes we have made thus far."

With efficiency and availability as the goals, Dr. Seelig noted that students will have more access to the University's staff under the new plan. In the near future, prospective MSU students calling the campus will be greeted by enrollment services staff who have been cross-trained to answer questions related to admissions, financial aid, registration and student accounts.

Several other streamlining efforts have begun in recent months, including live help, available on the University's homepage and throughout the MSU Web site.

Dr. Seelig, an MSU faculty member since 1991, is a former chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences. A two-time graduate of MSU, she earned an Ed.D. degree from the University of Kentucky.

Additional information on becoming a student at Morehead State University is available by calling (800) 585-6781 or (606) 783-2000.

Enrollment Services is located at 100 Admissions Center, on the corner of Second Street and Normal Avenue, adjacent to the Adron Doran University Center.

Theatre program receives national accreditation

MSU's theatre program has been accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

"This is very significant. We are one of only 146 accredited schools in the country and one of two accredited programs in the commonwealth. This recognizes the outstanding work of our students, staff and faculty," said Dr. Bob Willenbrink, chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre.

The National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST) was founded in 1965 to improve educational practices and maintain high professional standards in theatre education and has been designated by the U.S. Department of Education as the agency responsible for the accreditation of all theatre curricula.

In addition to accrediting standards, the association disseminates information to the public, produces statistical research, provides professional development for leaders of theatre schools and engages in policy analysis. Also, NAST has been recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation and is a member of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors.

Dr. Willenbrink said, "Attaining accreditation from NAST is a tribute to all students, staff and faculty who have contributed to MSU Theatre's excellent academic and production program. For many years, the program has produced high quality productions and provided students with outstanding education in the theatre."

The granting of accredited membership by the Commission on Accreditation signifies that an institution has successfully demonstrated compliance with the procedures, standards, and guidelines of the Association. Integral to this voluntary process is ongoing, regularized self-evaluation and peer review.

Accreditation, in practical terms, is a stamp of approval, a sign that an institution ascribes to, believes in, and has met an external set of basic criteria for the programs it offers. In some cases, accreditation assists in the transfer of credits from one institution to another. In all cases, it indicates that threshold standards are adhered to in a fashion that provides a base of academic strength and operational integrity.

The association accepts for membership only institutions established for the purpose of educating individuals in theatre. Member institutions must consistently adhere to sound educational policies and practices.

Additional information is available from Dr. Willenbrink at (606) 783-2134.