

Dith Pran, Cambodian survivor and journalist, to speak Oct. 11

Dith Pran, whose wartime life was portrayed in the award-winning movie "The Killing Fields," will be the featured speaker Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Morehead State University's Duncan Recital Hall.

Pran's talk, scheduled for 7 p.m., is presented by the Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies Council, with support from the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for the Humanities, and the departments of Geography, Government and History and English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy, and the Caudill College Arts and Humanities Council.

Pran and Sydney Schanberg, then a New York Times correspondent, covered the encroaching civil war in Cambodia from 1972 to 1975. While Americans and Cambodian dependents were evacuated from Phnom Penh in April 1975, the two stayed to cover the fall of the capital to the communist Khmer Rouge.

Shortly after the takeover, Pran, Schanberg and two other journalists were arrested by the Rouge and held for execution. Pran saved their lives by persuading Rouge that the three Westerners were French journalists.

After being released, the four took refuge in the French embassy until foreigners were asked to turn in their passports and Cambodians were ordered to leave. Exiled to the killing fields, the forced labor camps in the Cambodian countryside, Pran endured four years of starvation and torture.

A screening of "The Killing Fields" will be held Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 6-8:30 p.m. in 111 Claypool-Young Art Building. Free and open to the public. Additional information: 606.783.2655.

In 1976, Schanberg received a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of Cambodia and he accepted the award for himself and Pran, who escaped to Thailand in October 1979.

Pran was in the tourist business until the war spilled over from Vietnam. He then found work as a war correspondent. The Cambodian holocaust has changed his life forever. He lost more than 50 relatives, including his father, three brothers, one sister, and their families.

His mother died later of malnutrition. Only one sister and he survived.

"I'm a one-person crusade. I must speak for those who did not survive and for those who still suffer," said Pran.

"Since coming to America, I have visited Cambodia three times to evaluate the ongoing Cambodian crisis. The problems Cambodia faces are not only political but also economical and social. The Khmer Rouge has brought Cambodia back to year zero and that's why I'm trying to bring the Khmer Rouge leaders to the World Court," said Pran. "Like one of my heroes, Elie Wiesel, who alerts the world to the horrors of the Jewish holocaust, I try to awaken the world to the holocaust of Cambodia, for all tragedies have universal implications.

"Part of my life is saving life. I don't consider myself a politician or a hero. I'm a messenger. If Cambodia is to survive, she needs many voices."

A reception will be held immediately following Pran's speech, sponsored by the Asia Center of the University of Kentucky.

Additional information on the Cultural Studies Program or events may be obtained by calling Dr. Emma Gillespie Perkins, program coordinator, by calling (606) 783-2548 or 783-2766.

Benefit concert for Dr. Jason Holcomb

Plans are being finalized for a benefit concert for a Morehead State University faculty member, Dr. Jason Holcomb, who was injured in an accident in early September.

The benefit is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 6, beginning at 6 p.m. in the University's Button Auditorium and Drill Room. During the event, there will be various kinds of entertainment, as well as a raffle and silent auction.

"The performers will include faculty members from the departments of music-Larry Keenan, Dr. Gordon Towell and Dr. Stacy Baker--and communication and theatre; Don Rigsby and Jesse Wells, student bands and a comedy act," said Dr. Yvonne Baldwin, chair of the Department of Geography, Government and History.

Proceeds from the program will be used to offset out-of-pocket expenses and assistance for the family of Dr. Holcomb, assistant professor of geography. To date, medical expenses have now reached more than \$200,000.

An account has been established at the Citizens Bank in Morehead to accept contributions. Donations may be sent to the bank, earmarked for the Jason Holcomb Emergency Fund, or delivered to the department's office at 350 Rader Hall.

Arrangements for the silent auction are being coordinated by Dr. Emma Perkins, assistant professor of art. Anyone wishing to donate an item for the auction may do so by contacting Dr. Perkins at (606) 783-2548.

Additional information on the benefit program is available by calling the Department of Geography, Government and History at (606) 783-2655.

MSU Theatre presents 'Ladies' Day'

Morehead State University theatre students will present their first play of the 2005-06 season with "Ladies' Day," in the Lucille Caudill Little Theatre in Breckinridge Hall.

Adapted from a Greek play by Aristophanes, "Ladies' Day is described as a "hilarious satire" where a group of women have the opportunity to put one man on trial for his mistreatment towards females. They have selected Euripitennessee, playwright and producer, to go on trial. To save himself, Euripitennessee convinces his friend Janus Vaynikus to don a disguise and plead his case to the women. Unfortunately, the women uncover this plan and Euripitennessee must face the consequences.

"Ladies Day" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. each night, Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 6-8, and Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 12-14 in the Little Theatre. Additionally, a matinee will be staged at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9.

Among the cast members are Trevor Fannin, Louisa senior, as Euripitennessee; Mike Bond, Carlisle freshman, as Ahnold the Schwartzenegger; Megan Caudill, Carcassonne graduate student, as Hillario, Leader of the Women; Zachary March, Falmouth freshman, as Janus Vaynikus; Jonathan Mayo, Shelbyville senior, as Miguelo; and Jessica Moulis, Maysville sophomore, as Barbitzia.

Dr. Robert Willenbrink, chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre, is directing "Ladies' Day." General admission is \$8, with senior citizens and non-MSU students admitted for \$2. MSU students will be admitted free with a valid EagleCard ID. Reservations are encouraged.

Additional information and reservations are available by calling the Theatre Box Office at (606) 783-2170 .

KCTM to host banjo workshop

Professional banjo player and teacher Ross Nickerson will conduct a banjo workshop on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 1-5 p.m. at Morehead State University's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

Nickerson is a full time musician and is on the road 10 to 15 days a month, doing concerts and workshops. He recently toured England, Ireland, Germany, Holland and Sweden and visited 31 states and Canada in 2004. He has recorded with some of the best in the business including Tim O'Brien, and The Del McCoury Band and has appeared in concert with Ralph Stanley and Riders in the Sky.

His current release with Pinecastle, "Blazing the West," was named "one of the top 10 CDs of 2003" by County Music Television. True West Magazine named it "best bluegrass CD of 2003" and the CD was among the top 15 in ballot voting for International Bluegrass Music Association's (IBMA) Instrumental CD of the Year.

The five-string banjo master is author of "The Banjo Encyclopedia" which was recently published by Mel Bay Publications, as well as a number of other books, CDs, videos and DVDs for learning how to play the banjo.

The seminar is for beginning to intermediate players. The cost for the four-hour session is \$50.

Additional information is available by calling KTCM at (606) 783-9001.

Fall Job Fair is Oct. 11

Are you looking for a part-time or full-time job or maybe it's a school for graduate study? The Fall Job Fair at Morehead State University may have the opportunity that is right for you.

Employers from a variety of fields in both the public and private sectors will be in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, to provide MSU students and alumni, as well as the general public, with information regarding their respective businesses.

"Participants will not need to pre-register for the activity," said [Dr. Mike Hopper](#), director of [academic advising and career services](#). "Bring copies of your resume and come prepared to visit with a future coworker."

Door prizes and free sweatshirts will be given away but one must be present to win.

Employers who have registered to be on the MSU campus include: Appalachian Law School; Auditor of Public Accounts; Bluegrass Imaging, Inc.; Cintas Corporation; Dean, Dorton and Ford; Dayton Power and Light; Eastern Kentucky University graduate school; Department of Environmental Protection; Edward Jones Investments; Enterprise Rent-a-Car; financial institutions; Farm Credit Services; Habitat for Humanity; Frenchburg Job Corps Academy; Kalmbach Swine Management; Internal Revenue Service; Kentucky Transportation Cabinet; Kentucky Community-Technical College System; Lexington-Fayette Corrections; Mitsubishi Electric Automotive; MSU Graduate Programs; Northern Kentucky University; Pikeville Medical Center; Peebles Department Stores; Peace Corps; Peoples Exchange Bank; St. Claire Regional Medical Center; Radio Shack; Rite Aid Corporation; University of Kentucky College of Business and UK College of Public Health; Walgreen's; Woodmen of World; and Wells Fargo Financial.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2233.

Reading series to highlight Kentucky authors

Morehead State University's Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy has announced the lineup of its Fall 2005 Reading Series, highlighting Kentucky writers.

The next guest in the series that began with a reading by Bob Sloan in September, will feature Gurney Norman, author of "Divine Right's Trip" and "Kinfolks." He also is co-editor of "Back Talk: Confronting Appalachian Stereotypes" and "An American Vein: Critical Readings in Appalachian Literature." He will give a guest reading on Thursday, Oct. 13.

Norman's accomplishments include writing and narrating a series of one-hour documentary television programs on Kentucky history, landscape and culture. Additionally, he served as scriptwriter and creative consultant on three short films based on his short stories. He is an associate professor at the University of Kentucky and co-founder of Old Cove Press.

The November guest reader will be James Baker Hall, author of "Yates Paul: His Grand Flights, His Tootings;" "Music for a Broken Piano;" "Her Name;" and "Mother on the Other Side of the World." He will read from his works on Thursday, Nov. 10.

Hall's work has appeared in a variety of journals, including the New Yorker, the Paris Review, the American Poetry Review and the Kenyon Review. Among his awards are a Pushcart Prize and an O. Henry Prize. He is a former Kentucky Poet Laureate.

The state's current poet laureate will be the guest for the Dec. 1 installment of the reading series. Sena Jeter Naslund, author of "Ahab's Wife;" "Four Spirits;" "Sherlock in Love;" and "The Disobedience of Water" will give a reading on Thursday, Dec. 1.

She is a distinguished teaching professor at the University of Louisville and is program director of Spalding University's MFA program.

The final installment of the year for the series will be the One-Legged Cow Press Showcase on Thursday, Dec. 8. The showcase is an independent, Web-based small press particularly interested in work from the Ohio Valley and the Appalachian Region.

All readings will take place at the Kentucky Folk Art Center and will begin at 7 p.m. The reading series is sponsored by the Caudill College of Humanities, the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy, KFAC, MSU's Women's Studies Program and the Appalachian Studies Program.

Admission to all the events is free and refreshments will be provided.

The KFAC is located at 102 W. First St. in Morehead.

Additional information is available by calling the department at (606) 783-2185.

MSPR Fall Fund Drive is Oct. 29-Nov. 4

Morehead State Public Radio will again ask its listeners to provide financial gifts, Oct. 29-Nov.4, during its annual fall fund drive.

New for this fundraiser will be the MSPR Online Auction. More than 50 unique items will be available for bidding such as tickets to Dollywood,

Lexington Children's Theatre and the Nashville Zoo, golf packages, art prints and pottery, MSU season basketball tickets, "Exacta Package" from Churchill Downs, Ruth Hunt Candies gift basket and 12 cases of Ale-8.

The online auction will be available for bidding beginning Wednesday, Oct. 26, and continuing through 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2. The items will be available for viewing on Monday, Oct. 24.

Contributions given during this pledge drive will support MSPR programs such as "Morning Edition," "Car Talk," "All Things Considered," "Front Page," "Classical Music," "Americana Crossroads," and "Bluegrass Diversion."

Gifts to MSPR also support its student work-study program and the purchase of needed equipment and supplies.

Earlier this year, Morehead State Public Radio became one of the first stations in Kentucky to convert to high definition and digital audio, and began offering Podcasting of three of its local shows - "Front Page," "Mountain Edition" and "Health Matters" - to its listeners.

MSPR, which broadcasts 24 hours a day, is part of a network that includes WMKY (90.3 FM) in Morehead, WOCS (88.3 FM) Booneville and a translator (88.3 FM) in Inez.

The network serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia and receives funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Morehead State University, regional business underwriters and through listener support.

Volunteers are needed during the fund raising week to help answer phones. If you would like to volunteer or need additional information, contact [Amanda Baldwin](#), MSPR's marketing and development director, at (606) 783-2394. Gifts to Morehead State Public Radio are tax deductible and may be made online using MSPR's secure Web site at www.msuradio.com.

New Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame members announced

Six alumni will be honored in a special ceremony which will be held during Morehead State University's [Homecoming 2005](#), set for **Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 13-15**.

New members will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center. Tickets are \$15 per person. This will make the fourth consecutive year that alumni and athletes will be recognized in one celebration.

Entering the Alumni Hall of Fame will be:

Pamela K. Cupp, Ph.D. is a research assistant professor and project director in the Department of Communication at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Cupp is working on three funded research projects totaling \$6.5 million. These projects include: "Improving School Learning Environments in HIV Prevention," "School Based Alcohol and HIV Prevention in South Africa" and "Targeting Mass Media Campaigns for Risky Sexual Behavior." Dr. Cupp is a native of Cincinnati and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in radio/TV and political science in 1976 and her Master of Arts degree in communications in 1977, both from MSU. She received her Ph.D. degree in interpersonal and instructional communications from the University of Kentucky in 2002. She lives in Morning View.

Don Hayes Jr., M.D. is a sleep medicine fellow with the Comprehensive Sleep Disorder Center, an adult pulmonary and cystic fibrosis fellow and a pediatric pulmonary fellow at the University of Wisconsin's Medical School. He is currently participating in research as a sub-investigator for the assessment of antibiotic therapy; diagnosis of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection; and determining the role of compromised cerebral perfusion in patients with congestive heart failure and central sleep apnea using MRI. Dr. Hayes was recently awarded the C. Everett Koop Foundation and American Medical Association Paul Ambrose Award for Leadership Among Resident Physicians. A native of Jackson, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry from MSU in 1992 and his M.D. degree from the University of Kentucky's College of Medicine in 1998. He now lives in Middletown, Wis.

Richard A. Walls, Ph.D., is president, CEO and director of the Fairborne Energy, Ltd. He also is the chairman of Stylus Energy Inc., and Oxen Inc. During the past 28 years, he has been involved in almost every aspect of the energy industry and has been instrumental in the discovery of significant oil and gas deposits in both Canada and the U.S. Since 1980, Dr. Walls has been responsible for building several oil and gas companies that operated from either Calgary or Houston. He is a recognized entrepreneurial leader in the Canadian oil and gas industry and has developed five companies since 1989. He is a native of Fairborn, Ohio, and received a Bachelor of

Science degree in geology from MSU in 1971, a Master of Science degree from the University of North Carolina in 1973, and the Ph.D. degree in geology from McGill University in Montreal in 1977. He now lives in Calgary, Canada.

The Eagle Athletic Hall of Fame inductees are:

Mike Brumfield was the 1993 Ohio Valley Conference Golf Player of the Year and was the individual medalist at the 1993 OVC Golf Championship. He had the top stroke average on the MSU squad as a senior and earned All-OVC honors in 1993. He is a Louisville resident.

Howard Wallen was a three-year starter on the Eagle basketball team in a period when there was no freshmen eligibility. He earned All-OVC honors in 1971-72. Wallen still ranks 25th on MSU's all-time scoring list with 1,014 points and third on MSU's all-time assist list with 411. He held the MSU career assists record from 1974 to 2003 and led the team in assists in all three of his varsity seasons. He now resides in Versailles.

Ed Wells Jr. was captain of the 1955 MSU track and field team that won the OVC Championship. He was a top sprinter who competed in the 100-yard dash, 200-yard dash, 220-yard low hurdles and in relays. At MSU, he also lettered four years in football. After leaving the campus, he became a national track and field official and has been named to the Track Hall of Fame in Florida. He currently resides in Clearwater, Fla. The MSU championship track and field teams of 1955 and 1956 also will be honored at the ceremonies.

The Homecoming weekend, following an "Aloha Eagles" theme, will kickoff with the Morehead Area Homecoming Parade that will begin on Main Street at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13. The day has been designated Hawaiian shirt day.

Blue and Gold Day is Friday, Oct. 14, on campus and in the Morehead community and everyone is encouraged to show their Eagle pride by wearing the school's colors.

The evening's activities will begin with a Welcome Reception, sponsored by the Alumni Association, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the [Kentucky Folk Art Center](#).

Several groups will hold activities throughout the weekend. The Delta Eta Alumni Association (Pi Kappa Phi) will host a reception at 7 p.m. in 302 ADUC and then meet at 8 p.m. in 301 ADUC. Theta Chi alumni will have a meeting in the Riggle Room of ADUC at 8:30 p.m.

The fourth statue in a series by Steve Tirone, MSU associate professor of art, will be unveiled on Saturday, Oct. 15. The dedication ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. in Crosthwait Plaza, located between Ginger and Rader halls.

The Golden Alumni Reunion (Class of 1955 and prior) also is set for Saturday beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Len Miller Room of the Academic-Athletic Center. The official MSU tailgate luau runs from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the AAC lobby/lawn. Tickets, at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, must be purchased in advance.

Matt Ballard's football Eagles will take on Austin Peay University in a game set for kickoff at 1 p.m. in Jayne Stadium. Crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced during halftime ceremonies. General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$3 for children. After the game, a Football Festival will be held in the AAC. [>>View Homecoming Court](#)

Admission is a ticket from any previous Homecoming event. Additional information on Homecoming 2005 activities, or to purchase tickets for the events, is available by calling the MSU Alumni Association at (606) 783-2080 or e-mail alumni@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU celebrates World Food Day

Preventing and combating global hunger is a concern of all socially responsible citizens. To that end, Morehead State University will celebrate World Food Day with a special conference on Friday, Oct. 14.

From noon until 3 p.m. in 325D Reed Hall on the MSU campus, the public is invited to join the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences for the 22nd annual International World Food Day Teleconference, "Reflections on Fighting Hunger: Roads Not Taken, Goals Not Met, the Journey Ahead."

The program will review the 60-year battle for food security for everyone and will mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). It is estimated that despite the efforts of government and charitable agencies, more than 850 million people around the world remain hungry. The teleconference will feature Frances Moore Lappé, long-time food activist, and will be hosted by Daniel Zwerdling, a senior correspondent with National Public Radio.

Lappé is the author of "Diet for a Small Planet," and more than a dozen other books. She co-founded the Food First Institute and the Small Planet Institute, two research and information centers on world hunger.

Dr. Pedro Sanchez, a World Food Prize laureate and winner of a MacArthur Foundation "Genius" award, will make a live appearance from Iowa. Dr. Sanchez serves as co-chair of a U.C. task force that recently issued an important report on world hunger. In addition, there will be taped cameo commentaries by Ambassador Tony Hall and Dr. Wangari Maathai, the first African woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

During the second hour of the teleconference, viewers will be encouraged to call in with questions for Lappé or the other presenters, while a special documentary film is shown. For the third hour, the panel will return to the teleconference and answer as many questions as possible.

"The public is invited to learn about world hunger, not only in the global context, but also in the United States," said Kay Holley, human sciences instructor and coordinator of MSU's World Food Day observance.

"Human and cultural ingenuity, the right vision, partnerships and support - including that of FAO and the international community - can surely lead to progress in achieving food security for all."

There is no charge to attend the teleconference. Additional information is available by calling Holley at (606) 783-9315.

Street widening scheduled for fall finish

Construction of a wider, safer Battson-Oates Drive around the Combs Building at Morehead State University is expected to be finished by the end of the fall semester, according to Gene Caudill, MSU's director of physical plant.

The project includes widening of the street coming down the hill and around the east end of Combs and creation of a turn lane behind the building to convert Fourth Street to a one-way street westbound to Tippet Avenue.

Realignment and widening of the street was recommended last summer by a work group which studied vehicle and pedestrian traffic safety issues on campus with the help of a state traffic engineer.

"This project will enable us to eventually restore two-way traffic on Battson-Oates from Second Street at the corner of the University Center to the east side of Breckinridge Hall," Caudill said. "In addition to being safer for vehicular traffic down the hill in front of Jesus Our Savior Catholic Church and around Combs, we will have a much better pedestrian situation behind and beside that building and near the President's Home."

Widening and realignment of the street requires relocation of the garage for the President's Home to a new site at the south end of Senff Natatorium. For the first time, the garage and parking for the official residence will be out of the traffic flow, according to Caudill.

"This work has been needed for a long time and will result in a safer environment for everyone who drives or walks into that part of campus," he added.

Packs Inc. of Morehead is the general contractor for the \$220,000 project.

Exhibition features folk art from the Wenstrups' collection

"Collective Vision: Folk Art from the Collection of Dick and Maggie Wenstrup" is now on display at the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

The exhibition, which is on display through Jan.7, is composed of more than 50 works assembled during the Wenstrups' 20-year collecting odyssey.

In the broader art world, collectors hold an important place, and it is no different in the realm of folk and outsider art. Collectors help to locate new talent. They can play a role in defining trends and movements. They serve as a valuable resource to institutions in the assembling of exhibitions and collections. And, collectors provide valuable financial resources to the artists from whom they purchase work. While art would still exist without collectors, the art world would be less vibrant and many more artists might qualify as "starving."

The Wenstrups began collecting folk art in the mid-1980s in the hills of East Kentucky but were soon led into Alabama and other states. Their travels brought them into contact with some of the most notable folk artists in the American South.

In the catalog for this exhibition, Dick Wenstrup wrote: "There is a certain eccentricity connected with folk art, and it is only natural for one to turn south for good examples. The rural South not only accepts this trait but even encourages it."

The pair lives along a creek, on a wooded hillside just north of New Richmond, Ohio. The interior of their red, 1950s house is covered in folk art with every inch of available space being used to display artworks. Their collection is a symbol of their own eclecticism and eccentricity.

The [Kentucky Folk Art Center](#) is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University. The center, located at 102 West First Street, is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Additional information is available by calling the center at (606) 783-2204.

'Techni-Color' art on display in Claypool-Young

An art exhibition, titled "Techni-Color: Contemporary Art in the Age of Technology," is on display in the main gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building at Morehead State University, Oct. 12 through Nov. 4.

The exhibit showcases the work of 15 artists from across the country who have explored the concept of technology through their work.

Works in the exhibition range in media from oil on canvas paintings to mixed media pieces to computer generated imagery. Among the artists displaying works are: Rachel B. Abrams, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Bruce Anders, Spring Hill, Fla.; Patricia Carelli, Honolulu, Hawaii; Catherine Chiara, Aaron Cucchetti and J. Maurer, all of Cincinnati; Elaine M. Clance, Macomb, Ill.; Kevin Evensen, Ottawa, Ill.; Lezli Goodwin, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Nate Larson, Chicago and Audrius V. Plioplys, both from Chicago; James Mai, Normal, Ill.; Joe Meiser, Athens, Ohio; Patrick Schmidt, Pittsburgh; and Lynn Tomaszewski, Milwaukee.

The main gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building features contemporary art for the Morehead State University community as well as the University's service region. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. There is no charge for viewing. Parking is available on Main Street and Elizabeth Avenue, behind Claypool-Young.

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

Lexington Philharmonic to perform at MSU Nov. 6

Morehead State University will present "An Afternoon at the Philharmonic" with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra on Sunday, Nov. 6. George Zack, music director of the LPO, will conduct the concert, which begins at 3 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall within Baird Music Hall.

The concert program features Ludwig von Beethoven's "Overture and Ballet Music" from Prometheus and his Symphony No. 1, Op. 21, C Major. The program also includes Franz Josef Haydn's Concerto for Trumpet, Hob.Viie:1, E-flat Major featuring Gregory Wing, assistant professor of music at MSU.

"To anyone's knowledge, this is the first appearance ever by the Lexington Philharmonic on a Morehead stage," said Dr. M. Scott McBride, chair of the Department of Music.

MSU music faculty who perform as regular members of the Lexington Philharmonic are Suanne Blair, assistant professor of music, principal violoncello; Dr. Robert Pritchard, professor of music, principal flute; Michael Acord, associate professor of music, principal clarinet; and Brian Mason, instructor of music, percussion.

Concertgoers are invited to meet Maestro Zack and trumpet soloist Wing at a pre-concert lecture held at 1:45 p.m. in Duncan. The lecture, which is free to concert ticket holders, offers an in-depth look into the lives of the composers, artists, and the music they make.

Following the concert, patrons are invited to meet the musicians at a post-concert reception held in the Fulbright Rehearsal Hall in Baird. Classic Fare is catering "An Afternoon at the Philharmonic" Sunday brunch in the Fulbright Room. The brunch is available to concertgoers for an extra charge.

Due to limited seating, admission to the concert program is available by advance ticket sales only. Tickets are \$17.50 per person for the concert and \$11.95 for the Sunday brunch.

Tickets may be purchased at the Kentucky Folk Art Center, located at 102 W. First St., Morehead, KY 40351. KFAC staff also may be reached by phone at (606) 783-2204; by fax at (606) 783-5034; or by sending an e-mail to folkart@moreheadstate.edu. VISA, Master Card, and AMEX cards are accepted. Checks should be made payable to the Morehead State University Department of Music. The presentation of "An Afternoon at the Philharmonic" is being made possible with funding from The Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, MSU Arts and Humanities Council, MSU Department of Music, Morehead State Public Radio, KFAC and the Office of University Marketing.

Additional information is available by calling the music department at (606) 783-2473.

MSU and JSF announce call for entries for First Book Award

Morehead State University, in a publishing partnership with the [Jesse Stuart Foundation Inc.](#), has announced year two of its First Book Award.

The award will be given to the author from the Southern Appalachian region whose book-length collection of poetry is deemed to be the best.

The competition is open to all authors from the regions who have not previously published a full-length book of poetry. Online publication or a publication with a run of fewer than 300 copies does not apply to this requirement.

The winning manuscript will be published in 2007 by the JSF under its standard contract. To enter the competition, authors must submit a book-length manuscript of at least 80 pages of original poetry on a diskette or compact disc. The author must not be identified on the manuscript. Authors are advised to send a separate page with their name, contact information and title of the manuscript.

While a manuscript may be under consideration elsewhere, Morehead State and the Jesse Stuart Foundation must be notified if it is accepted for publication. All submissions must be accompanied by a \$20 non-refundable entry fee, with checks made payable to the MSU Foundation, Inc.

Entries must be postmarked before **Dec. 1**, and should be mailed to: The Morehead New Writers Award, Morehead State University, UPO Box 630, Morehead, KY 40351-1689. Authors may submit one manuscript only.

A panel of judges appointed by MSU and the JSF will choose the winning manuscript. Current employees of MSU or Jesse Stuart Foundation Inc. are disqualified.

The winner will be announced in May, and all authors entered in the competition will receive a copy of the published winning entry.

Spencer Bohren returns to MSU as artist-in-residence

Blues performer Spencer Bohren will visit Morehead State University as an artist-in-residence, Nov. 2-4. During his visit, he will present lectures, seminars, workshops and give public performances of his acoustic blues and shadow box artwork.

Bohren will cap off the week by joining Kentucky Juke Boys for a performance. The special show will be held at Grounds and Sounds, located at 139 East Main Street, starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4. He will take the stage for a solo performance around 9 p.m.

The guitarist and songwriter specializes in blues, gospel and folk music. He was raised in a musical family and sang in a Baptist church during his youth.

The New Orleans native has recorded 10 compact discs of original and traditional material and named New Orleans' "Best Folk Artist" three times by the Big Easy Awards. In addition, the New Orleans Times-Picayune named his "Carry The Word" release the "Best CD of the Year by a Louisiana Artist" in 2001.

Bohren has performed his music on A Prairie Home Companion, Americana Crossroads Live, at Merlefest in North Carolina, and around the world for audiences in Belgium, Denmark, France, Sweden, Holland, Switzerland, Iceland, Finland, Japan, Ireland, Germany, England and Canada.

He is a regular guitar instructor and lecturer at Jorma Kaukonen's Fur Peace Ranch in Pomeroy, Ohio, and has developed a documentary performance program on the history of the blues titled "Down The Dirt Road," which has been adapted for younger audiences.

Bohren also is an artist of cigar box sculptures called "shadowboxes" - using material found in everyday life and on his travels. He is a self-taught artist who enjoys sharing his craft with others.

Hurricane Katrina forced Bohren and his family to relocate to St. Louis from their New Orleans residence. He will share his experiences from the hurricane through words and music during his performances.

The campus visit is made possible through the support of the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for the Humanities, [MSU Arts and Humanities Council](#) , [Morehead State Public Radio](#) , and the University's [Department of Art](#) and [Department of Music](#) .

Additional information is available from Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager, at (606) 783-2334 or p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu .

The following is a tentative schedule of Bohren's visit to MSU:

- **Wednesday, Nov. 2**
Department of Music class lectures on influence of blues music on rock and roll, Baird Music Building, TBA.*
- **Thursday, Nov. 3**
Department of Art class lectures on shadowbox techniques, Claypool-Young Art Building, (10:20-11:20 a.m. and 12:40-1:40 p.m.)*
Public workshop on shadowbox techniques, Claypool-Young Art Building, free admission, 7-9 p.m.*
- **Friday, Nov. 4**
Performance at Grounds and Sounds, admission price \$5, 9-10:30 p.m.

Events marked with * are free and open to the public.

Ensemble to perform in 'Sounds of Our Heritage' series

The Nashville Mandolin Ensemble, in conjunction with Morehead State University's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, will perform Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

The ensemble will present two shows scheduled for 10 a.m. and noon. The concerts are part of "Sounds of our Heritage" program sponsored by KCTM.

With its scintillating contemporary qualities, the Nashville Mandolin Ensemble (NME) has been hailed for revitalizing and reshaping a type of ensemble music that enjoyed nationwide popularity at the turn of the 20th century.

Through its array of mandolins, mandola, mandocello, violin, guitar and bass, NME commands expressive string colors of kaleidoscopic range and variety.

Founded in 1991 by Butch Baldassari of the Blair School of Music, NME performs period arrangements for mandolin orchestra along with animated transcriptions of classical, jazz and pop music, as well as new music from contemporary composers.

The musicians has performed at numerous venues and festivals throughout the country including the Over The Rhine in Cincinnati, Atlanta's Taste of the South and Sewanee Music Festival in Tennessee.

The group's most recent recording is the critically acclaimed Bach, Beatles, Bluegrass (SoundArt) released in October 2003. All The Rage (New World) was presented the 1999 Indie Award for Best Acoustic Instrumental Recording (AFIM) and Best Classical Recording at the Nashville Music Awards. NME's other recordings include Gifts (Columbia) and Plectrasonics (CMH).

In addition to Baldassari (mandolin), the other performers are Steve Dudash (mandolin, violin), **Walter Carter** (mandola), **John Hedgecoth** (mandocello), **Van Manakas** (guitar) and **David Spicher** (bass).

Additional information on the concerts is available by calling KCTM at (606) 783-9001 or from the Mountain Arts Center at (888) MAC-ARTS (1-888-622-2787).

MSU faculty receive EPSCOR grant

Four Morehead State University faculty members in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science have received a \$23,394 grant from the Kentucky NASA Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).

Involved in the research are: Dr. Maureen Doyle, assistant professor of computer science, principal investigator; and Dr. Doug Chatham and Dr. Timothy O'Brien, assistant professors of mathematics, and Duane Skaggs, technology coordinator, co-investigators. They are working in collaboration with Dr. Stephen Bryson at the NASA Ames Research Center.

The objective of this project is to establish a scalable research cluster consisting of eight computer processors. Working with MSU's Office of Information Technology (OIT), an initial eight-node cluster system, composed of high-performance CPUs, will be built, maintained and updated regularly by OIT.

This system will be available to the general university community for research and education. The relative affordability of high performance computing components and recent experience building an MSU-funded eight node prototype from salvaged computers were factors in establishing a scalable cluster.

The project addresses NASA initiatives in education and space exploration. Two MSU students will participate in building the hardware and configuring the operating system. The students will work closely with Dr. Bryson on parallel software design and implementation. Information Technology will finance an additional student to work on this project.

Additional information is available from Dr. Doyle by calling (606) 783-9438.

New laptop program helps students connect

By Leslie Sweeney
MSU student writer

A newly established [laptop lease program](#) adopted this semester at Morehead State University is receiving some positive feedback.

The laptop program enables students to lease a computer for a set fee of \$425 a semester. This cost not only includes the laptop components, but also insurance, services, software and a two-year replacement. The student also is given the option of buying the computer at the time of graduation.

Beth Patrick, vice president for planning, budgets and technology, said, "The cost to purchase the computer is based on the number of semesters that the student participated in the lease program.

"If a student graduates in four years and has participated in the lease program all eight semesters, then the buyout cost for their current computer would be about \$25," she said.

Besides allowing students to affordably purchase a laptop over a short period of time, the program also provides the student with some special services.

Most of these services are supplied by the [Technology Service Center](#), located at 108 Lloyd Cassity, and performed by students themselves. Among the most appreciated services is walk-in technical support.

"One of the most common problems I have come across is students not being able to connect to the wireless network," said Michael "Ryan" Rigdon, Catlettsburg junior, who works in the technology center.

He said this problem is quickly fixed, like most other problems, and the average wait time is usually no more than 10-15 minutes.

Having a service center on-campus, which provides quick repairs, is important to students.

"When I take my laptop to the service center it gets fixed immediately, and I'm not delayed on my assignments," said Danielle Caudill, Morehead freshman.

She noted that if for some reason they can not fix your computer immediately, then the service center will let you borrow one until they have fixed yours.

Rigdon said the service center loans out laptops to students when repairing their computer is going to take more than one-hour or if they need it immediately for a class.

The technology center also provides other services to students, such as technical phone support and software updates.

While offering services to those students who are leasing laptops, the technology center is providing creditable work experience for its student workers.

"I'm majoring in computer science with a minor in information technology. This is what I will hopefully be doing for a career, so it will help me build experience for my resume," Rigdon said.

All laptops come equipped with Microsoft XP, McAfee Anti-Virus and Microsoft Office, which includes Excel, Word, Power Point and

Access, and the latest trend of Tablet Technology.

Tablet Technology allows the student to input information with a stylus on the computer screen instead of writing on paper.

Patrick said, "The goal of the laptop program is to offer students a cost-effective lease program that enables all students to maintain a state-of-the-art portable computer, and on-campus service and support."

"My laptop is convenient to take to class and to take home," said Sandy Hook freshmen Amber DeHart. "Everyone in my household has to share a computer, and now with my laptop I don't have to wait to use it anymore."

"Initially, the University funded the purchase of 500 laptops to lease to students," Patrick said. "We have over 485 laptops leased now, and students have been coming in every day to sign up. We anticipate the remaining machines will be gone within the week."

Additional information on leasing a laptop can be obtained by calling (606) 783-9090, by e-mailing laptop@moreheadstate.edu or on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/laptop.

Tickets on sale for 'Ye Olde Madrigal Feaste'

Members of the community are invited to join Morehead State University faculty, staff and students for the "[Ye Olde Madrigal Feaste](#)," set for Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 1-3.

Designated the University's official holiday dinner, the feaste will be held in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center, beginning at 7 p.m. nightly. Reservations are necessary and tickets must be purchased 24 hours in advance.

The feaste promises to provide gourmet food, great fun and plenty of gleeful frolicking as guests are as much a part of the festival as are members of the court.

The activity will begin with a grand processional of the king, queen, lords, ladies, minstrels and jesters of the court, followed by brass fanfares mixing with traditional Renaissance madrigals and ending with songs of the season. Throughout the evening, there will be character and roving specialty acts of common folks, such as the knights, troubadours, serfs, footmen, wenches and even a beggar or two.

"Ye Olde Madrigal Feaste" is a 20th century theatrical rendition of the 16th century Renaissance feasts held in baronial halls throughout England, celebrating the 12 days of Christmas. For the feaste at MSU, guests may wear the traditional Renaissance festival attire or costumes of the season.

The madrigal dinner, sponsored by the MSU Arts and Humanities Council, is a joint collaboration between six departments in the University's Caudill College of Humanities, Morehead State Public Radio and the Office of the Vice President for University Relations. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser will support educational opportunities for students in the college.

Tickets are \$30, or \$28 per person for groups of eight or more. Guests will be formally announced and seated at tables of eight or family style for other size groups. Tickets can be purchased through the Department of Communication and Theatre, located in 111 Breckinridge Hall, or by calling (606) 783-2134. Additional information also is available on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/arts/madrigal.

Homecoming queen and king crowned

Whitney Dyer of Grayson and Ben Boni of Aliquippa, Pa., have been named Morehead State University's 2005 Homecoming Queen and King.

Dyer, the daughter of Harold and Cita Dyer, is a senior family and consumer sciences major. She is involved in Chi Omega social sorority, College Republicans, Student Activities Council and Baptist Student Union Greek Ministry Team.

Boni, the son of Daniel and Kathleen Boni, is a senior pre-medicine major. He is involved in Kappa Sigma and College Democrats.

The announcement of the Homecoming court was made during halftime ceremonies of the Homecoming football game Saturday, Oct. 15, when the Eagles beat the Austin Peay Governors 44-12.

Among the nominees for Homecoming queen were: Allison Baldwin of Grayson; Larry Sue Deel of Breaks, Va.; Kristi Hamilton of Webbville; Tiffany Howell of West Liberty; Sarah Lenhof of Burlington; Dana Peruso of New Rochelle, N.Y.; Olivia Paige Planck of Morehead; Brooke Sargent of Ashland; Andrea Sharp of Knoxville, Tenn.; and Danielle Spence of Inez.

Nominees for the Homecoming king included: Adam Adams of Whitesburg; Dustin "Townie" Adams of Morehead; Matt Fyffe of Grayson; Jason Gilliam of Morehead; Josh Gruenke of Maysville; Courtney Johnson of Jackson; Jared Rosselot of Fayetteville, Ohio; Andy Short of Pioneer, Ohio; William Casey Shultz of Mt. Sterling; and Craig Smith of Ezel.

KCTM director nominated for two IBMAs

Morehead State University's Don Rigsby, director of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, has been nominated for two International Bluegrass Music Association awards.

The 16th annual awards show will take place Thursday, Oct. 27, at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville.

Rigsby, a previous IBMA winner, was nominated as producer of Larry Sparks' "40," that was tabbed for Recorded Event of the Year and Album of the Year.

"It was the opportunity of a lifetime. My love for Larry Sparks and his music dates back to when I was five years old," said Rigsby, a former multi-IBMA nominee. "I learned many things during the recording of this project. One thing I wanted to do was make sure we made a 'Larry Sparks' record and not overshadow him in any way. I think you will see we have done just that."

Sparks teamed with Rigsby, Ronnie Bowman, Larry Cordle, Kevin Denney, Vince Gill, Andy Griggs, Tom T. Hall, Rebecca Lynn Howard, Jim Hurst, The Isaacs, Carl Jackson, Chris Jones, Alison Krauss, The Marshall Family, Russell Moore, Ricky Skaggs, Kenny Smith, Tim Stafford, Ralph Stanley, Dan Tyminski, Rhonda Vincent, Sharon White-Skaggs, Cheryl White and Paul Williams on the album.

The reigning male vocalist, Sparks received five nominations: Song of the Year nod for the Carl Jackson & Alan Laney penned "Georgia Peaches" with Andy Griggs, Album of the Year, Recorded Event, Male Vocalist and Guitar Player.

The recipients of the 2005 International Bluegrass Music Awards will be broadcast via radio around the world to more than 300 U.S. markets and 14 foreign networks, thanks to the sponsorship of Sirius Satellite Radio, Martha White, MerleFest, Sugar Hill Records, GHS Strings and Deering Banjos.

The awards are voted on by the professional membership of the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA), which serves as the trade association for the Bluegrass music industry.

"Whether this recording picks up any awards or not, it doesn't matter. The real honor and reward was the opportunity to work with a true artist the caliber of Larry Sparks," said Rigsby.

The Award Show is the centerpiece of IBMA's week-long Business Conference and Bluegrass Fan Fest, slated for Oct. 24 - 30. Ticket information is available from the IBMA office by calling 888-GET-IBMA, or by visiting the Web site at www.ibma.org.

Additional information is available by calling KTCM at (606) 783-9001 or visit KCTM's site at www.kctm.info. To review Rigsby's recording career, visit his Web site at www.donrigsby.com.

Journey of Hope raises money for people with disabilities

Morehead State University and the city of Morehead hosted the 2005 Journey of Hope Trans-America cycling team this summer. The group of cyclists is comprised of college men from across the United States who are members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Push America is the national philanthropy project of the fraternity. It was established to raise awareness of people with disabilities by promoting a number of programs geared to involve the undergraduate and alumni members of the fraternity across the U.S.

The Journey of Hope is a summer-long bike ride that begins in San Francisco and concludes in Washington D.C. Throughout the duration of the ride, team members make stops in various cities to participate in "friendship visits" at numerous schools and assisted living facilities as a means of reaching out to those with disabilities.

This year marked the 15th anniversary of the ride which was especially memorable for the brothers of Morehead State's Delta Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi and one Pi Kappa Phi member who was a former JOH team member.

"It (2005 JOH anniversary arrival) was a very special moment," said Jared Rosselot, Fayetteville, Ohio, senior. "To think that our fraternity has been so involved with helping those that sometimes get overlooked and to be doing it for 15 years is really quite amazing.

"I know from my own involvement with the 2004 JOH team that these guys riding through Morehead can really be proud of what they've accomplished, it's a really beautiful thing."

The Journey of Hope team, along with members and friends of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity hosted an evening friendship visit with the residents of the Morehead's Horizon Village. This event included a barbeque and outdoor games at the Morehead City Park. The local fraternity chapter works each semester with the residents of Horizon Village to provide programming and entertainment for its residents.

If you wish to make a contribution to PUSH America or learn more about the programs, visit the Web site at <http://www.pushamerica.org> .

Students perform original play

Recreating the terror felt by a hunted runaway slave is the theme of an interactive play written and produced by a Morehead State University student.

"Hanging from a Root," an original play by MSU senior Nyeesha West of **Louisville** , was performed this month at the Multicultural Student Services house on campus. Each night, West, a theatre major, incorporated her audience into the production, by having them assume the roles of the runaways.

"I wanted to do some sort of show that not only shows you slavery, but makes you a part of it," she said. "In the play, you (audience members) will enter the house with other slaves and be comforted, but you will try to figure out how you will survive, and what and when your next meal will be," she said. West explained that each "slave" would be assisted with finding a hiding place within the house, while white "masters" searched for them.

"The slaves would be cowering while the masters shouted out that they would find them."

West said that many of the audience members/slaves were moved to tears by their dramatic experience.

West was part of the cast, portraying Steven, an older runaway who ultimately chooses death over returning to the bonds of slavery. Her husband Isaac Mabry, a senior English literature major, also participated in character as a slave.

West chose to stage her play at the Multicultural Student Services house because it seemed more realistic for the story.

"The house feels like it had a lot of history, and has the low ceilings, hiding places and other features of a house that might have been used for the Underground Railroad."

The title, she explained, is to emphasize that sometimes slaves as well as free blacks were hanged for their racial or cultural roots.

"I wanted people to remember that slavery did happen," she said. "We're all going to college here, but college is a walk in the park compared to what these people went through. A lot of people died so that we can take that walk."

West says she hopes to present her play again next semester before she graduates in May.

Additional information is available by calling West at (606) 783-3310.

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Tickets are available for Philharmonic concert

Attention music lovers! It is not too late to take advantage of an extraordinary opportunity to enjoy some of the finest classical music ever performed at Morehead State University.

MSU's Department of Music will present "An Afternoon at the Philharmonic" with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra on Sunday, Nov. 6. This musical event of the pre-holiday season is slated to begin at 3 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall within Baird Music Hall on the MSU campus.

The conductor for the event will be maestro George Zack, music director of the LPO. It will be the first-ever known time the orchestra has performed in Morehead, according to Dr. M. Scott McBride, chair of the department.

The concert program features Ludwig von Beethoven's "Overture and Ballet Music" from Prometheus and his Symphony No. 1, Op. 21, C Major. The program also includes Franz Josef Haydn's Concerto for Trumpet, Hob.Viie:1, E-flat Major featuring Gregory Wing, assistant professor of music at MSU.

Several MSU music faculty perform as regular members of the Lexington Philharmonic. They are: Suanne Blair, assistant professor of music, principal violoncello; Dr. Robert Pritchard, professor of music, principal flute; Michael Acord, associate professor of music, principal clarinet; and Brian Mason, instructor of music, percussion.

Concertgoers are invited to meet Maestro Zack and trumpet soloist Wing at a pre-concert lecture held at 1:45 p.m. in Duncan. The lecture, which is free to concert ticket holders, offers an in-depth look into the lives of the composers, artists, and the music they make.

Following the concert, patrons are invited to meet the musicians at a post-concert reception held in Fulbright Rehearsal Hall. Additionally, a catered Sunday brunch, also in Fulbright, will be available to concertgoers for an extra charge.

Admission to the concert program is available by advance ticket sales only. Tickets are \$17.50 per person for the concert and \$11.95 for the brunch.

Tickets may be purchased at the Kentucky Folk Art Center, located at 102 W. First St., Morehead, KY 40351. KFAC staff also may be reached by phone at (606) 783-2204; by fax at

(606) 783-5034; or by sending an e-mail to folkart@moreheadstate.edu. VISA, Master Card, and AMEX cards are accepted. Checks should be made payable to the Morehead State University Department of Music.

The presentation of "An Afternoon at the Philharmonic" is being made possible with funding from The Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, MSU Arts and Humanities Council, MSU Department of Music, Morehead State Public Radio, KFAC and the Office of University Marketing.

Additional information is available by calling the music department at (606) 783-2473.

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Flu vaccinations begin Oct. 31

To promote a healthy campus environment, Morehead State University will conduct an Influenza Vaccination Program for the University's students, faculty and staff and their spouses, and retirees.

The vaccination will be given at various times and locations on campus:

Monday, Oct. 31, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Room 312 Adron Doran University Center (ADUC);

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Room 312 ADUC;

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2 - 5 p.m., Rice Building;

Monday, Nov. 7, 8:30 -11:30 a.m., Room 312 ADUC; and 2-4:30 p.m., Training Room, Jayne Stadium;

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., Room 312, ADUC.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 14, vaccinations will be given in the Caudill Health Clinic, first floor of Allie Young Hall, from 8:30 -11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m., while supplies last.

Individuals must present their MSU ID card at the time of the vaccination and will be required to wait 15 minutes after the injection.

Those considered high risk categories are encouraged to attend the first scheduled vaccination clinic. Priority will be given to:

- Persons who are at least 65 years of age.
- Persons with chronic medical conditions, including heart, lung or kidney diseases; metabolic diseases, such as diabetes; asthma and anemia and other blood disorders.
- Women who are pregnant.
- Health-care personnel who provide direct patient care and household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children less than six months of age.

To remain healthy during the flu season, individuals are encouraged to exercise safety precautions by eating balanced meals, getting the proper amount of rest and washing their hands.

Additional information is available by calling the Caudill Health Clinic at 783-2055.

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Open House for prospective students is Oct. 29

MSU invites you to learn more about the quality educational opportunities available at Morehead State.

From 9 a.m. until noon, MSU representatives will be on hand to answer questions that students or their family members may have about the University. Faculty and staff will discuss academic programs, financial aid, housing and other aspects of college life.

"Our 'Open House' events are a great opportunity to get a taste of what Morehead State is all about," said Joel Pace, director of admissions. "We hope that their visit will convince students that our University is truly a wonderful place to live and learn."

The day's activities will begin with registration at the Adron Doran University Center. Campus tours will provide students an opportunity to visit classroom buildings, residence halls, the athletics complex and other University facilities.

Morehead State University is recognized as one of the top public universities in the South in 2005 and 2006 issues of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report." MSU is ranked in the top 25 public institutions which grant bachelor's and master's degrees in 12 states, including Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana.

To learn more about Open House and to complete an online registration card, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse . Additional information also is available by calling Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

Guest speaker to discuss drug abuse

During his youth, Paul Chabot spent time in drug rehab. He learned from his mistakes and has excelled in life, becoming an inspiration to those around him.

He became a decorated police officer in Los Angeles. He has served at the White House, U.S. Congress, Department of Justice and Department of State. Later he was commissioned as a Naval Intelligence Officer at the Pentagon and founded a community coalition and nationwide non-profit, aimed at bettering our communities.

Chabot will discuss his experiences with the students at Morehead State University when he speaks in Button Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

He has spent the better part of his life helping others better their lives.

In 1999, Chabot was hand picked to work directly for the Nation's Drug Czar in the White House. Once there, he helped shape national policy and programs aimed at substance abuse prevention, education, treatment and enforcement. Today, those initiatives are taking hold across the country and helping rid our nation of substances that kills approximately 58,000 people every year.

Drug use at the high school and college level is through the roof, yet not many people truly know the potential harms of usage, least of all the people using the drugs. Many young people see a cheap, clean high with few short-term effects, while educators, health providers and the general public worry about the long term effects.

Chabot is traveling the nation, speaking to college students about drugs. He is telling them about the effects on individuals, but he's also giving them an idea about the effects on the nation, our local communities and their future.

In college, he was a founder and president of his fraternity. He became a University Ambassador, New Student Orientation Leader, IFC Judicial Director, Resident Adviser and Student Conduct Officer. He was named the Greek Man of the Year and Student Leader of the Year.

He likes to let students know that despite his abstinence from drugs and alcohol, he never missed a party. He found ways to enjoy life drug and alcohol free, and those around him supported him completely.

As a police officer in California, Chabot was assigned to patrol and then promoted to the narcotics division. Chabot saw the ugly side of drugs and alcohol by investigating drug overdoses, drug related homicides and rapes.

"The crazy thing is that the patterns of the use and abuse weren't that different," Chabot said. "The users can be totally different in terms of race, privilege, access to opportunity and locale. But the damaging end result of abusive behavior is pretty much the same, regardless of who you are or how innocent you think these particular drugs are. Nobody thinks it will happen to them."

Chabot hopes to open students' eyes with startling new information, portrayed through his highly popular programs. He discussed the pitfalls of group think and his Chabot rubber band theory. Having gone through rehab before, he knows how to truly reach out to youth and young adults, and make a difference.

"It's amazing the false information that circulates among young people. Like every drug that's ever come along in our culture, the initial word is that the drug won't hurt you. It's not addictive," Chabot said. "It isn't until much later that the truth catches up and people learn that there is a whole lot to worry about."

His campus appearance is sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Student Government Association, Office of Athletics, Office of Housing, Office of Student Activities, Life Enhancement Office, and MSU Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force/UNITE.

Additional information is available from Judith Krug, student wellness coordinator, by calling (606) 783-5248.

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Sunny Brook closed for repairs

Dan Cornett looks over the Sunny Brook Golf Course and smiles.

Even though, there are workers and machines, Cornett, the course manager, can see the finished product in his mind

"This is going to do the course a lot of good," he said Friday afternoon. "Our course is 45 years old and this is the most extensive renovation done to it."

Sunny Brook will be closed until further notice so the crews can work - resurface or repair - most of the greens.

"Over the summer something, and even the experts can't tell us what it was, happened to our greens and we need to fix them," said Cornett.

With the work being done, there was no other choice and Morehead State University had to stop play on the course.

"We just want to let people know that we are improving our course, not closing it down," Cornett added.

The University Golf Course is a 9-hole, 3,000-yard public course, located two miles east of the campus on U.S. 60.

The work itself on the greens should wrap up by early next week, according to Cornett.

His team and a group from MSU's physical plant has worked a lot this past week to enable the final touches to be put on it in the weeks to come.

"This bunch has done a tremendous amount of work to get this project accomplished," said Cornett. "It has taken a huge effort to get this done."

After the fixing of the greens, it will be up to Mother Nature to decide when the course will reopen.

"We are doing extensive work to six of the nine greens. After we get done with our part, it will be up to the weather."

Even though the course is not in use, the driving range is open (9 a.m. until 5 p.m. seven days a week).

Sunny Brook, which was voted the best golf course to play in the area, is shooting for March at the latest to reopen.

Additional information is available by contacting Cornett at (606) 784-7067.

Rigsby wins at IBMA

Morehead State University's Don Rigsby, director of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, captured two International Bluegrass Music Association awards during the 16th annual awards show Thursday night at the sold out historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville.

A previous IBMA winner, Rigsby took home honors as Larry Sparks' "40" was tabbed as Recorded Event of the Year and Album of the Year.

"I am so honored and humbled to win these awards," said Rigsby. "My love for Larry Sparks and his music dates back to when I was five years old and one thing I wanted to do was make sure we made a 'Larry Sparks' record and not overshadow him in any way.

"I can't say enough of the great support I get from the University and I truly appreciate it. Thursday night, we were among the elite in Bluegrass music and I thought we would have a chance at one but never dreamed of winning both," said Rigsby.

Sparks teamed with Rigsby, Ronnie Bowman, Larry Cordle, Kevin Denney, Vince Gill, Andy Griggs, Tom T. Hall, Rebecca Lynn Howard, Jim Hurst, The Isaacs, Carl Jackson, Chris Jones, Alison Krauss, The Marshall Family, Russell Moore, Ricky Skaggs, Kenny Smith, Tim Stafford, Ralph Stanley, Dan Tyminski, Rhonda Vincent, Sharon White-Skaggs, Cheryl White and Paul Williams on the album.

It marks the second consecutive year that Sparks has won the male vocalist award.

The awards are voted on by the professional membership of the International Bluegrass Music Association, which serves as the trade association for the Bluegrass music industry.

Rigsby, an internationally-recognized Bluegrass musician and singer, has been the full-time director of KCTM since 2001. With more than 20 years of experience in the music industry, Rigsby has released four solo albums and performed with several groups, including Longview, Bluegrass Cardinals, J. D. Crowe and the New South, Lonesome River Band and Rock County.

The 2001 male vocalist of the year named by the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America (SPBGMA), he has been nominated by the International Bluegrass Music Association for album and song of the year. He shared two IBMA awards while performing with Longview and also sang on a Grammy-winning album by rocker John Fogerty.

Jesse R. Wells, education coordinator at the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, also participated on the project. On Andy Griggs' "Georgia Peaches," Wells played the clawhammer banjo.

Additional information is available by calling KTCM at (606) 783-9001. To review Rigsby's recording career, visit his Web site at www.donrigsby.com.

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IRAPP hosts lecture series

As part of its ongoing speaker series, Morehead State University's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) will host a talk by Dr. John C. Blakeman on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Author of "The Bible in the Park: Religious Expression, Public Forums, and Federal District Court, " he will lecture to faculty, staff, students and the Morehead community. An associate professor in the Department of Political Science at University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, Dr. Blakeman will present "Federalism, the Establishment Clause, and Religious Liberty" at 1:50 p.m. in the Kibbey Lecture Hall, 109 Combs Building.

Dr. Blakeman earned his Ph.D. degree at the University of Virginia where he studied public law, comparative politics and modern political theory. He also holds the Master of Science degree from The London School of Economics and Political Science and the B.A. degree from Wake Forest University.

He is currently working with Professor Chris Banks on a manuscript tentatively titled "The Rehnquist Court and Federalism: The End of Deference."

Additional information is available by calling IRAPP at (606) 783-5420.

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New graduate program focuses on technology

Morehead State University offers a new Master of Science degree in Information Systems (MSIS). This new opportunity responds directly to the growing need for information technology (IT) knowledge and skills in virtually every industry. Preparing graduates with technology skills is essential for East Kentucky to participate fully in the state's New Economy initiatives that focus on high technology innovation and developing a workforce to compete in the 21st century knowledge economy. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that eight out of the top 30 fastest growing jobs in the U.S. are in the field of information technology. The U.S. is facing a growing shortage of people who know how to use technology to innovate and transform business. While programming jobs may have declined somewhat since 2000, the need for information technology experts has not as jobs that involve tailoring IT to specific industries and companies have increased substantially.

Virtually every industry today is facing a growing reliance on the effective use of IT to compete in the global economy. Small businesses are being affected and rural businesses stand to gain the most as networking technologies diminish old advantages of geographic location.

Morehead State's new MSIS is designed to focus on effective use of information technology. The focus is on building technology competence along with how to use that technology to innovate and transform business. The program is interdisciplinary, designed for students from any field—medicine, government, law, scientific, education, media and the arts. It offers flexible scheduling with a combination of online courses and campus sessions.

MSU also has partnered with Northern Kentucky University, the only other MSIS program in the state, to increase the choice of course offerings. The MSIS Program is offered by the Department of Information Systems in the College of Business, which is accredited by AACSB, the premier international accrediting standard.

MSU offers undergraduate degrees in computer information systems and business information systems designed to provide a foundation in business and organizational skills with information technology competence.

The University also has expanded technology emphasis in other areas in recent years. Last year, a new space science program as announced, one of only a handful in the U.S. The Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology has transformed its emphasis on high tech manufacturing and networking technologies in its first steps to offering an engineering degree. Expanded imaging technology and nursing programs emphasize the latest medical technologies. Biological sciences, art, communications and education have all made major changes in recent years to better prepare students to gain 21st century technology skills.

Morehead State's initiative this fall of making [laptops and tablet PCs](#) available to incoming students is another important step in ensuring that all graduates are well prepared to use technology in their chosen field.

Additional information is available by calling MSU's Department of Information Systems at (606) 783-2163.

Recycling center celebrates fifth anniversary

The Morehead/Rowan County/Morehead State University Community Recycling Center (CRC) is celebrating its fifth anniversary at its location on Triplett Street on Thursday, Nov. 4.

The public is invited to the celebration beginning at 4 p.m. with mini workshops on composting, the art of paper-making, and building your own stepping-stones using recycled glass.

At 6 pm, there will be a reception, a bonfire and live music by the DB3 (DeBellefeuille Brothers) Band on the lawn next door. Guests are invited to join in the marshmallow roasting around a "big ole" bonfire. Food for the reception will be provided by Troy Perkins, Rowan County magistrate and member of the CRC Board of Directors.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and their own hand-carved marshmallow stick and come prepared to join the CRC staff for an old-fashioned "down to earth" good time.

The Community Recycling Center officially opened Nov. 4, 2000, with April Haight, MSU recycling/energy conservation manager, as the board chair. Operation of the approximately 6,000 square foot facility is conducted by a board that includes representation from the city, county and MSU.

"As we celebrate the fifth anniversary of a very successful venture, we need to recognize the leadership of April Haight," said Mike Mincey, city councilman, hobby farmer and winemaker. "Without her commitment and vision to environmental concerns, I am doubtful we would have the present facility or enjoy the collaborative financial effort that we have between the city, the county and the university."

Haight also received high marks from Tracy Williams, executive director of the Morehead Rowan County Chamber of Commerce:

"April is relentless in her pursuit of protecting the environment! She worked diligently on the community recycling center, plans, funding and overall operations so that the citizens of this region would have a state of the art facility at their disposal. She has made tremendous strides in educating our area on the importance of recycling."

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Twelfth annual (MPATE) day at MSU

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Juniors and seniors who excel in sciences will gather at MSU for a day of competition and fun with their peers from other schools, while expanding their educational horizons in those academic disciplines.

The participants, all recommended by their teachers, will be divided into teams of four students. The team members will represent four different schools, to afford the students an opportunity to get to know their peers from other counties or school districts.

"Once the teams are formed, they will have approximately two and one-half hours of problem-solving exploration activities, involving math, physics, computer science or industrial and engineering technology," explained Dr. Tim O'Brien, assistant professor of mathematics and MPATE Day coordinator.

Some of the activities will be hands-on practical exercises, while others will be completed with pen and paper. Various MSU faculty and staff members from the Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences, the Department of Physical Sciences, and the Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology are leading the explorations.

Each of the different activities is scored, and the team with the highest score at the end of the day's events will be declared the winner.

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MSU at Ashland to host meeting Nov. 2

Graduate students at Morehead State University have another opportunity for educational attainment since the Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education degree became available at various locations in the region and online.

The program is on a fall and spring rotation with some classes slated to begin at the Morehead State University at Ashland campus in the spring. An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 5 p.m. at MSU's Ashland campus, located at 1400 College Drive, Suite 272L, on the Ashland Community and Technical College campus.

Morehead State offers the only master's degree in adult and higher education in the state. The graduate program is designed to develop the capacity of individuals to plan, organize and carry through a variety of education and service programs to meet adult learners' needs in postsecondary and adult continuing education institutions. The program is flexible in that students may plan their programs for preparation in teaching, administration, student personnel or developmental studies.

The option is geared to those individuals who need a credential in their work, said Dr. James B. Canipe, assistant professor of education. "This will be a good alternative for those who do program planning or work in adult learning centers," he said.

"The greatest asset is that the program is blendable--it will fit with a variety of programs and will allow transfer hours. Students can enroll on a full or part-time basis depending on their area of specialization. It is compatible with most any adult-learning venue.

"In addition, students may wish to complete the Specialist in Education degree," Dr. Canipe added.

To obtain the degree, students must complete 30 graduate hours, which includes the program requirements and nine hours in a variety of specialization areas.

"We provide classes that will meet the needs of those in this area, as well as other locations," Dr. Canipe said. "We work closely with our students on an individual basis."

Additional information on the degree offering or the informational meeting is available by calling MSU's Department of Counseling, Leadership and Adult and Higher Education at (606) 783-2261; or Sandra Cargill, director of MSU at Ashland, at (606) 327-1777 or (800) 648-5370.

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SGA hosts debate Nov. 9

Morehead State University's Student Government Association will host a special debate on the use of marijuana on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

"Heads v. Feds," a debate on the legal issues involved with marijuana in the United States, will begin at 8 p.m. in Button Auditorium. The featured speakers for the program will be Steve Hager, editor in chief of "High Times" magazine for more than 16 years, and Robert Stutman, who had a 25-year career with the national Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

Called a "true American hero" by legendary news correspondent Dan Rather, Stutman is considered one of the nation's leading experts on drugs and drug prevention. While he was a DEA officer, approximately 5,000 drug investigations were launched, leading to some 15,000 arrests. His assignments included serving as the special agent in charge of the New York City DEA office in 1985. He has received numerous law enforcement awards for his work.

Hager founded the Cannabis Cup competition, which he calls the "Academy Awards" of marijuana, held each year in Amsterdam, Netherlands. He is the author of the book "Adventures in the Counterculture: From Hip Hop to High Times." Hager reportedly has a goal of establishing the counterculture as a legitimate minority group.

Dr. Cathy Thomas, MSU associate professor of speech, will moderate the debate.

"Heads v Feds" is free and open to the public, and it is sponsored by the SGA.

Additional information is available by calling the SGA office at (606) 783-2298.

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MSU's GGH and IRAPP sponsor lecture

Morehead State University's Department of Geography, Government and History and the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy will sponsor an event titled "LSU and Hurricane Katrina: Using GIS as a Response Tool."

This lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be held Thursday, Nov. 3, at 3:15 p.m. in Room 112 Rader Hall.

Dr. Andrew Curtis and Dr. Jacquelyn Mills will be the featured speakers.

Dr. Curtis is an assistant professor of geography and anthropology at Louisiana State University and director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center for Remote Sensing and GIS for Public Health.

Dr. Mills is a GIS research assistant for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at LSU.

The pair worked in the state of Louisiana with FEMA and the U.S. Army in the immediate aftermath of Katrina and met with President George Bush while working in the field.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. John Ernst, associate professor of history, at (606) 783-2484.

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SBDC presents identity theft program

Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center will present a program to discuss the basics of identity theft.

James Johnson, of the Attorney General's Offices Consumer Protection Division, will speak on "Identity Theft-The Name Game" on Thursday, Nov. 3, from 4 - 5:30 p.m. in room 312 of the Adron Doran University Center.

The fastest growing crime in the nation, identity theft occurs when a criminal uses another person's information to take on that person's identity. As this is more than misuse of a Social Security number, Johnson will discuss how identity theft works, who the perpetrators are and how to avoid becoming a victim.

The workshop is free to all participants, however, because of limited seating, advance registration is necessary.

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.

Additional information and registration are available by calling (606) 783-2895.

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ET committee hosts information sharing

The Recruitment and Retention Committee of Morehead State University's Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology conducted a joint informational meeting with the offices of Admissions, Academic/Career/Retention and Student Support services and the Office of the Vice President for University Relations.

The meeting was organized by Sam Mason, IET's committee chair.

The members of the committee--Dr. Charles Patrick, Dr. Ronald Spangler and Dr. Rodney Stanley--made a presentation on IET's undergraduate and graduate programs/options, Industrial Education, Engineering Technology and Industrial Technology: Construction Management, Electronics/Electrical, Computer Aided Design and Graphics, Manufacturing and Telecommunications and Computer Technology.

The group followed up with discussion of the department's recruitment package with brochures, compact disk, and material and program information sheets which will assist students when making decisions regarding academic and career direction.

The meeting concluded with a tour of the IET laboratory facilities located in Lloyd Cassity and Reed Hall.

Those in attendance who contributed efforts to increase enrollment through recruitment and retention in the IET department, as well as the University, were: Joel Pace, La Raissa Davis, Jen Crisp, Jennifer Templeton, Kenya Woods, Mike Hopper, Lonnie Morris, Evangeline Day, Vanessa Stevens, Patty Little, Ernestine Winfield, Peggy Overly, Jeffrey Liles, Dr. Ahmad Zargari, Dr. Charles Patrick, Dr. William Grise, Dr. Ronald Spangler, Dr. Rodney Stanley, Dr. Farouq Al-Hourani, Dr. Yudi Gondokaryono, Dr. Myoungsu Sin, Yuqiu You, Mason and graduate assistants Roy Gentry of Winchester and Keith Roe of Flemingsburg.

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