

Four receive 'Distinguished Awards' at MSU

Morehead State University's annual Academic Awards Convocation honored achievements by outstanding students as well as the recipients of the distinguished faculty and staff awards. After the ceremony, the honorees posed for an official photograph with MSU President Wayne D. Andrews, far left, and Provost Michael Moore, far right. They included, from left, **Dr. Sylvia B. Henneberg**, associate professor of English and director of the Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program, Distinguished Teacher Award; **April Haight**, energy conservation manager, Distinguished Staff Service Award; **Dr. Bruce A. Mattingly**, professor and chair in the Department of Psychology, Distinguished Faculty Service Award; and **Stephen J. Tirone**, associate professor of art, Distinguished Creative Productions Award.

[Distinguished Creative Productions Award and Distinguished Teacher Award link](#)

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Dr. Duncan to receive honorary Doctor of Public Service degree

A man who has dedicated much of his life to excellence in education, pursuit of the public good, and the business of government will receive an honorary doctoral degree from Morehead State University at the 2006 Spring Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 13.

MSU Board of Regents Chair James H. Booth will present the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Dr. Robert M. (Mike) Duncan of Inez. More than 1,000 students are candidates for degrees which will be conferred by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews during the 10:30 a.m. ceremony at the Academic-Athletic Center.

A banker and attorney, Duncan has served in a leadership role on the governing boards of many private and public institutions, including six years on Morehead State's Board of Regents, where he was chairman from 1984-86, and as chair of the Board of Trustees of Alice Lloyd College. He also served a year as acting president of ALC.

In addition to his service on college governing boards, Dr. Duncan's commitment to education led to his service on the Governor's Scholars Board and the University of Kentucky College of Law Visiting Committee.

Prominent in state and national politics, Duncan is general counsel for the Republican National Committee and a four-term committee member. He was a White House Fellow in the administration of President George H.W. Bush.

His civic activities include board membership on the Tennessee Valley Authority and Appalachian Regional Commission; the Center for Rural Development; Christian Appalachian Project, East Kentucky Corporation, and Highlands Regional Medical Center.

The former president and board chair of the Kentucky Bankers Association, he is a past director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Cincinnati branch. He also was chair of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's transition team in 2003.

Duncan is a graduate of Cumberland College (now University of the Cumberlands), and the University of Kentucky College of Law. Additionally, he completed the owner/president management program at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business.

His numerous honors include the Vic Hellard Award for Public Service, membership in the UK College of Law Hall of Fame, and the Kentucky Jaycees Outstanding Young Man. He has received honorary doctoral degrees from the College of the Ozarks and Cumberland. Duncan was the subject of the CBS Sunday Morning Profile, and is listed in Marquis' "Who's Who in America."

He and his wife, Joanne Kirk Duncan, are the principal owners of Inez Deposit Bank and Community Holding Co., with five offices in East Kentucky. Their son Rob, an assistant U.S. attorney, lives in Lexington.

MSU's commencement exercises are open to the public. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2008.

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Mattingly and Haight receive Distinguished Service Awards

Morehead State University's annual distinguished service awards will be presented to a department chair with an extensive background in psychological research, and to a staff member who has been instrumental in helping MSU save resources and energy.

Dr. Bruce A. Mattingly, professor and chair in the Department of Psychology, will receive the Distinguished Faculty Service Award.

April Haight, energy conservation manager, will receive the Distinguished Staff Service Award.

The awards ceremony is slated for 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, at MSU's annual Academic Awards Convocation which will be held in Button Auditorium. At the ceremony, outstanding graduate and undergraduate students and participants in the George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program will be recognized, as well as the recipients of the Distinguished Teacher and Creative Productions awards.

Dr. Mattingly, in his 26-year career at MSU, has taken an active role not only in academics, but also in professional and community service. He has established himself as a leader on campus, serving on the Faculty Senate for more than nine years, and two terms as the faculty representative on the Board of Regents. During his tenure as a regent, he was instrumental in the establishment of what is now known as the President's Faculty Compensation Committee, which led to several initiatives to raise faculty salaries to benchmark levels.

He played a key role in the development of the University's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, which regulates the care and use of animals in research, and supervises compliance with applicable federal laws. Dr. Mattingly also has served on numerous ad hoc committees that developed policies regulating research and grant activity.

A strong supporter of student involvement in University research, he initiated an endowment to fund student travel to make presentations. More recently, he was the co-organizer with Dr. David Magane, of a two-day on-campus workshop for faculty and administrators designed to enhance undergraduate

research and scholarly activity across the entire campus. He is also a founding member of the state-wide Posters-at-the Capitol organizing committee that arranges an annual showcase of undergraduate student research and scholarly activity at the Capitol building in Frankfort.

Dr. Mattingly is a longtime member of the Kentucky Academy of Science, which represents faculty and students in 20 areas of social, behavioral and natural science, and mathematics. In recent years he has been in leadership positions with KAS, including president in 2005. Currently, he serves on the governing board as immediate past-president.

He also serves on the steering committee of the Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (KBRIN), a consortium of 12 colleges and universities dedicated to improving the state's biomedical research capacity and infrastructure.

As a result of his research program (34 grants, 63 publications, and more than 130 presentations), he has been invited to review research articles submitted to top journals within his specialties and has served on research grant review committees for numerous funding agencies including the National Institute of Health.

Dr. Mattingly has taken an active role in the community, holding various positions with many programs and organizations, including: Rowan County Academic Boosters Club, Learning for Life Foundation, the Rowan County Senior High School Parent Teacher Organization and Morehead Optimist Club youth baseball program.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and mathematics from Morehead State, and both a Master of Science degree and the Ph.D. degree in physiological psychology from the University of Kentucky. Additionally, he was awarded a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in psychopharmacology at the UK Medical Center.

Haight's employment began at MSU in 1994, as the recycling coordinator. She was soon given additional responsibilities as energy conservation manager, and held a dual title until 2004 when her recycling coordinator duties were shifted.

She has long been active in numerous conservation and recycling initiatives, and played a vital role in the development of the Community Recycling Center, a joint project of the City of Morehead, Rowan County Fiscal Court and MSU. The CRC is considered a model center in Kentucky, and has been recognized with awards at the local, state and national levels. Her involvement with the CRC began with continuous service on its board since 1991.

Other collaborative efforts Haight has been involved with include the ongoing development of both the Rodburn Environmental Education Center, with MSU and the city, and the HVAC Training Facility, planned for Reed Hall on the campus.

Haight has been awarded 16 non-research and one research grants, including one for the Campus Environmental Assessment. This assessment served as a marker for the University to gauge its environmental stewardship.

She assisted MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) with the environmental portion of the Community Outreach Partnership center funding proposal in 2002, and advised a student in the development and implementation of the National Wildlife Federation Campus Ecology Fellowship Program.

Haight has been a supporter of the U.S. Forest Service, working as a volunteer in various capacities. She has assisted with trail maintenance, cleanups, bat surveys, an aquatic insect survey and more. Her master's degree thesis focused on the evaluation of wetlands constructed by the USFS.

She coordinates the annual Eagle Triathlon/Duathlon as a fundraiser for MSU's cross country and track teams. Haight also is on the boards of the Daniel Boone Rails to Trails and the Kentucky Rail Trail Council, working towards improving the quality of life in the Morehead area by making it a more attractive place to live, play and exercise.

Haight leads the annual community and campus Earth Day Challenge, in which some 250 faculty, staff and student volunteers participate. In the past two years, student involvement in the planning of this program has continued to grow.

Other workshops and related activities with which Haight is involved include IRAPP's Watershed Planning Workshop and Brownfield Workshop, the World Energy Engineers Congress, and the Campus Safety Walk. She currently serves on the Governor's Recreational Trails Program Advisory Task Force and is a past member of the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women.

One of Haight's more recent duties is her appointment as MSU's coordinator of Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment (PRIDE).

A three-time graduate of MSU, Haight earned a Bachelor of Science degree, a Master of Science degree in wetland ecology, and a Master of Business Administration degree.

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Distinguished Creative Productions and Teacher Awards

Two Morehead State University faculty members who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields were honored during the University's Academic Honors Convocation on Sunday, April 30

Presentations were made to: Stephen J. Tirone, associate professor of art, Distinguished Creative Productions Award; and Dr. Sylvia B. Henneberg, associate professor of English and director of the Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program, Distinguished Teacher Award.

Before joining the MSU faculty in 1982, Tirone was a visiting artist and instructor at West Liberty (W.Va.) State College. He grew up in New York City, which gave him access to all levels of art.

Tirone received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of South Carolina-Columbia, and earned a Master of Arts degree, along with a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The veteran artist has worked mostly in ceramics and sculpture and has been teaching and actively producing creative works in both media for more than 20 years. He has collaborated on various foundry projects including those at Mason County High School, City of Maysville and Kings Daughter's Hospital.

One of Tirone's lasting gifts to the University is the MSU Sculpture Concourse, located near Ginger and Radar halls on the campus, in which he has been involved since its inception. A joint project of the Caudill College of Humanities and the College of Education, the concourse was established in 2002 to visually demonstrate the link between the fine arts and education and to recognize the University's historic mission of teacher training.

The first statue, "Carefree," honored the memory of former MSU President Adron Doran. "Education's Gift" was dedicated in memory of Alpha and Mildred Hutchinson, and "Beauty Heard" honored Jane Caudill for her contributions to education. In 2005, "Parachute Play" was a tribute to the late teacher and MSU alumnus Lynn Stastyshyn and all children who ever played the parachute game with their teacher.

His work on the concourse earned him the title of 2006 Outstanding Fund Raiser of the Year by the MSU Foundation Inc.

A native of Germany, Dr. Henneberg received her Diplom-Vorprüfung from Universität Hildesheim (Germany). She continued her education at the Université d'Orléans (France), where she completed two Diplômes de Licence and Diplômes de Maîtrise. She earned her Ph.D. degree in English from the University of Georgia.

In 2001-02, she was awarded the prestigious American Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) to conduct research on women poets and aging at The Ohio State University. Her manuscript, "The Creative Crone: Aging and the Poetry of May Sarton and Adrienne Rich," is currently under review at the University of Missouri Press.

She has published more than a dozen articles and has made nearly 20 presentations on a diverse range of women's issues portrayed in literature.

Dr. Henneberg, who has been at MSU since 1998, has established an impressive record of professional service to the University and has been actively involved with the Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program since 1999, becoming its director in 2003. She also has been a faculty member with the Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS) and will be teaching in Paris next summer for the third time.

On the MSU campus, she has been instrumental in planning the Wilma E. Grote Speaker Series for the Advancement of Women. She teaches courses in literature, composition, and Women's Studies.

She has been a member of various University committees, including International Affairs, Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, and Technology Resources.

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MSPR will air 'Families of War' on May 29

In recognition of Memorial Day, Morehead State Public Radio will present "Families of War" on Monday, May 29, at 9 a.m. The show will be repeated at 4 p.m.

The special program features vivid stories of American veterans and their families.

The program weaves a tapestry of conflict from World War I to the recent war in Iraq. It includes insightful commentary from journalists who illuminate how wars continue after the shooting stops.

Author Karen Spears Zacharias tells of her quest to find the facts surrounding her father's death in Vietnam. Marlene Lee, Red Cross volunteer since the 1970s, describes helping families and children in contemporary times deal with the loss of loved ones.

Distributed by Public Radio International, former Senator and Vietnam veteran Max Cleland hosts "Families of War," revealing a deep personal understanding of the issues and passionate concern for veterans and their families.

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Coules named MVP

The Morehead State University women's bowling team finished third in the 2006 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships held this past weekend at **The Cherry Bowl in Rockford, Ill.** On Friday, MSU defeated Western Illinois, Pikeville and Central Florida. CFU battled back from the loser's bracket and knocked out Morehead State by winning two straight games in the semifinal round Saturday.

Making their 21st appearance and 14th straight in the nationals, the Eagles were led by tournament Most Valuable Player Lindsey Coules, **Dayton , Ohio** , junior . Also making the All-Tournament squad was Amy Corbin, **Cincinnati** sophomore.

The MSU women took top honors in 1989, 1998, 2000 and 2002 and were runner-up in 1993, all under the direction of Head Coach Larry Wilson . He is assisted by Tim Lockett.

The MSU women's team consists of: Melissa Brownie, **Chester, Va.** , senior; Jessica Fleck, **Kettering, Ohio** , junior; Holly Giacinti, **Toms River, N.J.** , senior; Andrea Lucente, **Youngstown, Ohio** , freshman; Dana Merkley, **Huntingburg, Ind.** , junior; Lauren Swanson, **Freeport, N.Y.** , sophomore, Corbin and Coules. Coules also was named to the first team National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association All-American squad while Corbin was selected honorable mention.

A two-time member of Junior Team USA, Coules, was named one of four runners-up in the Bowling Writers Association of America Collegiate Players of the Year voting.

Earlier this year, Morehead State's Brownie also qualified for a spot at the 2006 USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships, which will be held May 22-23 at Olympic Lanes in Milwaukee.

Overall, Lindenwood University defeated Central Florida 2-0 in the women's title series.

The MSU men's team was eliminated in the fifth round Friday and finished in a tie with Purdue for fifth place. Robert Brown is the men's coach.

The MSU men's team consists of: Connor Dohner, **Palmyra, Penn.** , senior; Ross Hinzman, **Elkins, W.Va.** , junior; Evan Rachbach, **Livingston, N.J.** , junior; Dave O'Sullivan, **Yonkers, N.Y.** , senior; John Petraglia, **Manalapan, N.J.** , sophomore; Henry Pryor, **Miamisburg, Ohio** , senior; Scott Thornton, **Wilmington, Del.** , senior; and Kyle Wogatske, **Germantown, Md.** , junior.

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The Caudill College of Humanities will begin anew and use this model in developing a 2006-2010 comprehensive strategic plan.

Additional information on the study is available by calling the college at (606) 783-2045.

Posted: 5-4-06

Sullivan will be student speaker at MSU's Spring Commencement

Jessica Sullivan of **Falmouth** , a graduate from the College of Business, will be the student speaker at Morehead State University's Spring Commencement on Saturday, May 13.

The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center. President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on the more than 1,000 graduate and undergraduate candidates.

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Sullivan is completing a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an accounting option. She hopes to continue her education, complete a master's degree, and sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. Her future plans include opening her own business.

A Dean's List student, she received the Wall Street Journal Award in the Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance during the University's 2006 Academic Awards Week.

In the 2005 spring semester, she completed a co-op with the office of Robert Montgomery CPA in Morehead and was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, an honor society for business majors.

Sullivan is a graduate of Pendleton County High School where she was valedictorian of her senior class.

After high school, she was enrolled at Maysville Community College for one year before transferring to MSU. While attending college, she worked part-time at the Morehead Clinic Pharmacy as a technician where reconciling bank statements and processing payroll were among her duties.

Sullivan is the daughter of Kyle and Vicki Prince of Falmouth. She and her husband Jonathan, a 2005 graduate of MSU, currently reside in Morehead.

Following commencement exercises, the newest graduates will be inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Chuck D. Charles of Ashland.

The grand marshal and mace bearer will be Dr. Sylvia Henneberg, associate professor of English . Faculty marshals are Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English and Kathy Mincey, associate professor of English.

Student marshals will be George Carter of **Louisa** and Alissa Bloomfield of **Garrison** , Graduate Programs; Jessica Curtis of **Clayhole** and James Atwood of **Morehead** , College of Science and Technology; Derek W. Orme of **Maysville** and Payne J. Best of **Cooperstown, Pa.**, College of Business; Shannon Martin of **Fairdale** and Lee E. Harris of **Ashland** , College of Education; and Brian M. Breeding of **Whitesburg** and Rhea A. Evans of **Grayson**.

Refreshments for graduates and their families, hosted by each college's dean and faculty, will be served immediately after the ceremony. The receptions are co-sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association Inc.

Earlier in the day, the ROTC program will hold commissioning ceremonies at 8:30 a.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center. Students graduating from the nursing programs will be pinned in a special ceremony at 3 p.m. in Button Auditorium.

Additional information on graduation exercises is available by calling (606) 783-2008.

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Students protest project delays; Andrews, Booth to meet with governor

Morehead State University students hit the streets Thursday to protest delays in two student building projects while President Wayne D. Andrews was trying to schedule a meeting with Gov. Ernie Fletcher to ask why MSU has to wait until 2008 for the \$17 million student recreation center and \$10 million in campus housing improvements to be approved.

President Andrews issued a statement later Thursday regarding his efforts to revive the two projects in the wake of news that the University of Louisville would be allowed to proceed with three projects which the governor had vetoed. Dr. Andrews also announced that he and Regents Chairman James H. Booth are scheduled to meet with Gov. Fletcher on May 16 at the Capitol.

Outgoing SGA President Jason Marion and State Rep. John Will Stacy, D-West Liberty, spoke to the more than 100 chanting, sign waving students who later marched from ADUC to Waterfield Hall to protest conditions in residence halls built 40 years ago.

Marion said the students appreciated efforts to clean and repaint the existing housing facilities and they were pleased that the University recognized the need to renovate or replace some of the older residence halls.

Stacy called on Gov. Ernie Fletcher to reconsider his vetoes of the two projects and his opposition to letting public universities issue their own revenue bonds for building projects. Bills to grant such authority have failed in the last three legislative sessions despite overwhelming support in the Kentucky House.

"Yes, the governor had the legal authority to veto those projects but he did not have the moral authority to deny East Kentucky students the same type of housing that is available on campuses in other parts of the state," Stacy told the cheering crowd. "The legislature put those projects in the budget and the governor took them out and he knew all along that they would not cost the state a cent because you will pay for them with your fees."

[Click to view response from MSU President Wayne D. Andrews](#)

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'Sounds of our Heritage'

Ann and Phil Case will be the featured artists as Morehead State University's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music presents its next installment of the "Sounds of Our Heritage" program.

Besides visiting area schools, the duo will give a free performance at the Kentucky Folk Art Center on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m.

The Germantown, Ohio, duet will be entertaining students at Louisa Elementary School and Louisa Middle School on May 15; Rodburn Elementary School and Rowan County Middle School on May 17; and Elliott County Middle School and Isonville Elementary School on May 18.

The Cases have been singing and playing music together since 1990. They specialize in singing old-time Appalachian duets, old-fashioned parlor songs and Depression-era tunes as well as performing old-time instrumental duets. Ann sings with a rare natural sweetness and plays back-up guitar and mountain dulcimer.

Phil has played a wide variety of musical styles for more than 30 years. He plays guitar, claw hammer banjo and mandolin, and provides harmony vocals. Their sound draws upon the influences of the Carter Family and their contemporaries, early country blues, ragtime, and traditional ballad singing. They have recently been awarded a grant as master artists from the Ohio Arts Council to teach Appalachian duet singing.

Their first compact disc, "The Springtime of Life," was released in 1996 on their own Dry Run Recordings label. Their second, "Never Grow Old," was released in 1999 while their third and most recent CD, "Why Should We Be Lonely?" was released in 2003.

All three albums have received enthusiastic support from public radio programmers across the U.S. and overseas. The favorable reviews they have received in magazines such as "Bluegrass Unlimited", "Dirty Linen", "Tradition", and "Sing Out!" have earned them a listing in the "Musichound Folk" buyer's guide.

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MSPR announces election coverage

Morehead State Public Radio will continue its tradition of election coverage on May 16 as Kentuckians vote for candidates for November's general election.

MSPR's primary election coverage will be anchored in-the studio by News Director Chuck Mraz. He will be assisted at MSPR by Dan Conti, assistant news director, with Leeann Tanner, Stan Ingold, Mackenzie Bates, Nikki Back, Brandon Robinson and Jason Blanton all covering various counties throughout the MSPR listening area.

Coverage will begin at 7:06 p.m. on May 16 and will last until final results are available. In addition to all the local races, Mraz and company will provide returns from major statewide races.

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MSU Jackson informational meeting May 22

Morehead State University will offer its Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education degree at Morehead State University at Jackson.

One class will be offered face-to-face each term, beginning with the fall semester. Students will be able to register for additional courses offered through the Internet each term. To answer questions and provide information, MSU will host an informational meeting on Monday, May 22, at the University Center of the Mountains, located on the Hazard Community and Technical College-Hazard campus, Jolly Classroom Center, Room 152. Faculty from the University's Department of Counseling, Leadership, Adult and Higher Education will join Dr. Will Kayatin, director of MSU Jackson and liaison to the University Center of the Mountains, and representatives of the regional campus programs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MSU's adult and higher education 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 the needs of adult learners' 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 credentialing in their work, said Dr. James B. Canipe, assistant professor of education. "This will be a good alternative for those who do program planning, work in adult learning centers and institutions of higher learning," he said.

"The greatest asset is that the program is blendable--it will fit with a variety of others--and students can enroll on a full or part-time basis depending on their area of specialization. It will be compatible with an adult-learning venue.

"Completion of the offering could lead to the Specialist in Education degree," Dr. Canipe added.

Additional information is available by calling the MSU at Jackson regional campus at (606) 666-2800, toll free at (800) 729-5225 or the University Center of the Mountains at (606) 666-7521 ext 73182.

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Gillingham, composer-in-residence, during Contemporary Music Festival

The Theta Pi chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity at MoreheadStateUniversityhosted the Contemporary Music Festival in April on campus. This year's event featured Dr. David Gillingham, left, as composer-in-residence. A world renowned composer , he is professor of music atCentralMichiganUniversity. During the festival, Dr. Gillingham met with senior music education major Mark Webster of **Cincinnati** , Phi Mu Alpha president. Additional information is available by calling MSU's Department of Music at (606) 783-2473.
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Bluegrass n' More offers folk, traditional, and Bluegrass on June 3-4

Bluegrass n' More: A Celebration of American Music will be held on First Street in Morehead on Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4.

Bluegrass n' More features live acoustic music by some of America's finest artists. Saturday offers folk, traditional, and Bluegrass music by such groups as The Clack Mountain String Band, the everybodyfields, Kentucky Wildhorse, Ryan Holladay, Dave Evans, Chatahoochee, Pete and Joan Wernick, and Don Rigsby and Midnight Call . Sunday features Bluegrass gospel by Salvation Rain and The Isaacs. Instrument workshops also are available. A complete schedule can be found on the Web

at www.bluegrassnmore.org .

"We're very excited about this

year's festival," said Terri Cline, Morehead Tomorrow director. "Bluegrass n' More is simply one of the best free music festivals in the nation. Plus, there are many other activities in addition to the music, like exhibitions and folk art festivals. If you want to have a wonderful time, come to Morehead on the first weekend in June."

"Our lineup is a little different this year," said Kentucky Center for Traditional Music Director Don Rigsby. "I think folks will find a more diverse and exciting set of performers. We have folk, traditional and Bluegrass music throughout the day on Saturday. We've got great gospel performers on Sunday. This is a top notch event for fans of acoustic American music."

Activities kick off on Friday, June 2, with the opening of a major exhibition at the Kentucky Folk Art Center from 5-7 p.m. Music begins on Friday night at 7 p.m. with performances by Vanessa Batts and the everybodyfields as part of the Sundown at Moonlight Series, sponsored by [Morehead State Public Radio](#) and [Morehead Tomorrow](#) .

On Saturday, [The Kentucky Folk Art Center](#) will hold A Day in the Country Folk Art Show at the new Morehead Conference Center from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and the Bluegrass Biennial Art Show also will be held in the Claypool-Young Art Building on the Morehead State University campus, beginning at 3 p.m. Bluegrass n' More is sponsored by Morehead Tomorrow, the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, and the Kentucky Folk Art Center. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-9001.

[Click here for additional photos of performers.](#)

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QuickBooks workshops announced

Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will offer a series of QuickBooks workshops designed to help business owners without previous accounting experience manage their company finances.

The seminars will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. according to the following schedule, in room 307 of the Combs Building on the MSU main campus: QuickBooks Basic, May 18; QuickBooks Intermediate, June 15; and QuickBooks Advanced, July 13.

QuickBooks Basic will cover the entire set up of QuickBooks as a designated accounting software system. From creating a company to setting up a chart of accounts, vendor list, and customer list within QuickBooks, this workshop enables company leaders to begin managing their finances more effectively through the proper installation and setup of QuickBooks.

The Intermediate and Advanced QuickBooks workshops cover in-depth data entry of sales and invoices and the receiving of payments and deposits in QuickBooks. With a focus on analyzing financial data, inventory, payroll, tracking and paying sales tax, the intermediate and advanced workshops will enhance and broaden the business owners' knowledge of QuickBooks and its capabilities.

There is a \$25 per person, per workshop fee to participate, and there is a six-person minimum enrollment for each session. Online registration is preferred, and is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc. Additional information and details on registering by telephone are available by calling SBDC at (606) 783-2895.

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CCL presents Mountain Memorial Quilts

Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library is providing an opportunity for patrons to participate in a unique project that will produce a lasting tribute to friends and other loved ones.

Quilt artist Mary Nehring has been commissioned to create a pair of Mountain Memorial Quilts that will hang in the library's lobby. For \$25, donors may have a name embroidered on a quilt block.

Participants may submit their own name, the name of a favorite MSU retiree, friend, family member or student. Once the custom-made quilts depicting a mountain scene are completed, they will be displayed for all library visitors to view.

"The quilts will be a part of the Camden-Carroll Library for many years to come, and will serve as a lovely reminder of the library's many friends," said Elsie Pritchard, dean of library services.

The deadline to make contributions is July 10. MSU faculty, staff, students, alumni and members of the community are encouraged to participate. Checks, made out to the MSU Foundation Inc., may be mailed to Pritchard at Camden-Carroll Library, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY. 40351-1689.

Additional information about the project and the contribution form is available on the library's Web page at www.moreheadstate.edu/library. Persons who prefer that a form be sent to them, may call Ruth Robinson, administrative assistant to the dean, at (606) 783-5169.

Posted: 5-11-06

MSU graduates 1,000 plus at Spring Commencement

With the largest graduating class in the school's history, Morehead State University held its Spring Commencement exercises today for more than 1,000 graduate and undergraduate degree candidates.

Before a standing-room only crowd in the Academic-Athletic Center, James H. Booth, chair of MSU's Board of Regents, presented Robert M. (Mike) Duncan of **Inez** with the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree. Calling the occasion a personal honor, Duncan said he was pleased to be among the best and the brightest.

His advice to the 2006 graduating class was "to look for a life of adventure. You get that by earning, learning and serving others," he said.

Duncan, a banker and attorney, was described as a man who has dedicated much of his life to excellence in education, pursuit of the public good, and the business of government. He has served in a leadership role on the governing boards of many private and public institutions, including six years on Morehead State's Board of Regents, where he was chairman from 1984-86.

The student speaker, Jessica Sullivan of **Falmouth**, reminded her fellow classmates that even with a college degree, the future is still uncertain. "It is not guaranteed that we will choose a job in the area of study we have pursued," she said. "Hopefully, we will be better prepared for whatever it is that the future holds." While graduation symbolizes the end of our technical learning, Sullivan said, "College is more about learning how to deal with people who look, act, talk and think differently than you.

"And as we walk across this stage today, everyone can be sure that we have learned the most important lesson that college could have taught us: finish what you start." She noted that this was a sort of victory as only 44 percent of students who start college ever finish.

An accounting major, Sullivan received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. She plans to pursue a master's degree, sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam, and open her own business.

Sullivan and her husband Jonathan, a 2005 graduate of MSU, currently reside in Morehead.

After the official graduation program, the newest graduates were inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Chuck D. Charles of Ashland.

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MSU mourns student

Allison Brooke Thomas, 21, of Rush, Ky., died Friday, May 12, 2006, in Elliott County, Ky. Allison was born Oct. 19, 1984, in Ashland, a daughter of Richard O. Thomas and Robin Middleton Thomas. She was employed as a cashier at Ralph's Food Fair in Grayson. She was a member of Kilgore Methodist Church and was a junior at Morehead State University.

Friday Night Frolic is the place to be

It will soon be time once again for members of the community to dust off their boots and head down to Morehead State University's Button Drill Room May 19 for the next Friday Night Frolic Square Dance.

The event, slated for 7:30-10 p.m., will feature live music provided by the Clack Mountain String Band and dances will be called by Julie Shepherd of Letcher County. Beginners as well as seasoned dancers are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Friday Night Frolic is sponsored by the Morehead Old Time Music Association and MSU's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music. It has become a regular event in the Morehead community this spring, and it is open to the public.

The Morehead Old Time Music Association is a nonprofit organization committed to cultivating community and culture through the preservation of traditional mountain music and the unique heritage of the southern Appalachians.

Established in 2000, KCTM's purposes include the preservation of traditional music through collection and display of artifacts, sponsorship of public programs of education and performance and the nurturing of music artists and instrument makers.

There is no admission charge for Friday Night Frolic Square Dance, but donations will be accepted.

Additional information is available by calling Ratliff at (606) 356-3315

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Grayson student receives KAS award

A Morehead State University student is the recipient of a 2006 Kentucky Academy of Science award.

Channing Richardson, **Grayson** junior, received the Botany Fund Award for a project titled "A Survey of the Pteridological, Bryological, and Lichenological Diversity of Carter Caves State Resort Park".

Richardson was supervised by Dr. Allen Risk, professor of biology in the University's Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences.

The Kentucky Academy of Science Foundation makes monies available through the Marcia Athey and the Botany funds. The monies are for research planned and conducted by students of Kentucky secondary schools, colleges, and universities under the supervision of a faculty member.

The Kentucky Academy of Science, www.kyscience.org, encourages scientific research and promotes the dissemination of the scientific interests of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Established in 1914, the Academy is an affiliate of the [American Association for the Advancement of Science](#) and the [National Association of Academies of Science](#).

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MSU's 2006 Gala was a huge success

Morehead State University's 2006 gala, "Riverboat!," was a nautical-themed treat for the senses with great food, entertainment and fellowship.

Especially for the event, the Adron Doran University Center was transformed into the "Queen of the Mountains." More than 460 guests enjoyed live music, theatrical entertainment, dancing, dining, auctions and more, with profits benefiting the University's academic programs.

This year, more than \$152,000 was raised at the gala - the largest amount ever. The total surpasses the previous high from last year of approximately \$127,000, according to Al Baldwin, assistant to the provost and one of the event organizers.

"It was certainly a success," he said. "The money will go to support various academic programs at the University." A portion of the proceeds, \$6,000, will be given to help fund rebuilding and recovery efforts in hurricane-ravaged southern Mississippi.

Dr. Robert Coleman of Olive Hill was the winner of the 2006 Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic Motorcycle raffled off during the evening.

Additional information about the gala is available by calling the Office of Development at (606) 783-2033.

[Click here for additional photos of MSU's 2006 Gala](#)

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Fletcher meeting said to be "very positive"

Morehead State University Board of Regents Chair James H. Booth and President Wayne D. Andrews met this week with Gov. Ernie Fletcher for what was described as "a very positive conversation" about the institution's future.

"Chairman Booth and I were very pleased with the governor's interest in learning more about our capital construction needs and the progress we are making in recruiting and retaining better-qualified students," President Andrews said. "It was a very positive conversation and we are encouraged by his willingness to help the University move forward."

Andrews and Booth sought the meeting after the governor vetoed a \$17 million student recreation center, \$10 million in housing improvements and a \$2.5 million business data center from MSU's section of the 2006-2008 state budget.

MSU will receive \$23 million for construction of a joint health, education and research facility with St. Claire Regional Medical Center, \$3.4 million for the second phase of the space science center and \$550,000 for an equine health clinic, in addition to its largest operating budget increase in history, almost \$4.8 million over two years.

"Governor Fletcher pointed out that postsecondary education in general and our institution in particular had fared well in both biennial budgets during his term of office, in spite of the vetoes," Dr. Andrews added. "We expressed our appreciation for his support and agreed to communicate more regularly with his office about our plans for the institution."

Andrews said the issue of agency bonds was discussed but that the governor held fast to his administration's position that bonds issued to finance institutional projects, even with their own revenue source, must be considered part of Kentucky's total state debt for bond rating purposes.

Legislation to allow the state's public universities to issue their own revenue bonds has failed in the last three legislative sessions, despite gaining near unanimous approval in the Kentucky House. More than 40 other states allow the practice, according to legislative testimony.

"We remain committed to the student recreation center and the other housing improvements and will continue to seek state authorization of those critical projects," Dr. Andrews said.

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The Bluegrass Biennial art exhibit open through July 28

Showcasing the wealth of visual art in Kentucky, the Bluegrass Biennial: A Kentucky Juried Exhibition will be held through July 28, in the gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building on the Morehead State University campus.

David Knight, director of exhibitions and collections at Northern Kentucky University, selected 42 artworks out of the 200 submitted for consideration. Inspired by both the quality and quantity of visual art created in the state, the exhibition will display a range of artistic production from across Kentucky.

"The strength of the exhibition truly rests in its diversity, from the types of artists included which run from self-taught to graduates of Master of Fine Art programs as well as the artwork selected which also ranges from the traditional to the truly contemporary," said Jennifer Reis, gallery director. Art media featured includes painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, drawing, textiles, and ceramics.

The 36 artists in the exhibition are: Keiko Akiyama, Crestwood; William Andrus, Lexington; C. Wesley Allen, Lexington; Christine Barker, Morehead; Carolyn Boyd, Morehead; Joel Feldman, Lexington; John Flavell, Morehead; Jill Frank, Louisville; Virgil Henle, Louisville; Joel Klepac, Nicholasville; Ann LeGris, Mays Lick;

Donna L. Lemley-Jordan, Morehead; Desirae Lewis, Bellevue; Kathleen Loomis, Louisville; Aimee Lynee-Hirschowitz, Lexington; Marianna McDonald, Lexington; Erica Meuser, Lexington; Barry Motes, Prospect; Kurt Nicaise, Covington; Ann W. Olson, Sandy Hook;

Matt Page, Lexington; Letitia Quesenberry, Louisville; E.E. Randall, Berea; Derrick Riley, Lexington; Joe Sartor, Morehead; Randy Simmons, Paducah; Brandon C. Smith, Richmond; Clarissa E. Spawn, Lexington;

Marilyn Rose Swan, Lexington; David S. Rosenthal, Owenton; Ken Swinson, Augusta; Karen M. Telford, Wellington; Cathy Vigor, Ashland; Ashley Watson, Lexington; Larry Watson, Alexandria; and Ross Zirkle, Lexington.

Event sponsorship highlights the collaborative spirit of the project that represents both MSU and community groups, and includes MSU's Arts and Humanities Council, the Department of Art, and the Caudill College of Humanities; the Cave Run Arts Association; and the Morehead Art Guild Inc.

Scheduled for the summer of 2008, the next Bluegrass Biennial will include a juror from another region of Kentucky, and will continue the same spirit of partnering with local and university organizations.

The gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building serves the MSU campus and regional community. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. There is no charge for viewing.

Parking is available on Elizabeth Avenue and Main Street, behind the Claypool-Young Art Building. Any questions or comments can be directed to Reis by calling (606) 783-5446. Additional information about the gallery may be found on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/art.

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KFAC receives grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

The [Kentucky Folk Art Center](#) has received a grant from the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) as part of American Masterpieces: Three Centuries of Artistic Genus. This \$30,000 grant will support an upcoming, major exhibition titled "Slow Time: The Works of Charley, Noah, and Hazel Kinney." The exhibition will be on display at KFAC June 2 through Sept. 24, before traveling throughout the Eastern U.S. from October through 2008.

American Masterpieces: Three Centuries of Artistic Genus is a major initiative to acquaint Americans with the best of their cultural and artistic legacy. Through *American Masterpieces*, the National Endowment for the Arts will sponsor performances, exhibitions, tours and educational programs across all art forms that will reach large and small communities in all 50 states.

According to Matt Collinsworth, KFAC director, the visual arts touring component of *American Masterpieces* will celebrate the extraordinary and rich evolution of the visual arts in the United States. Through the creation and touring of major exhibitions, art of the highest quality--that otherwise would not be available--will be experienced by Americans in communities across the nation. "Slow Time" will present more than 80 works, including paintings, drawings and wood sculptures. The exhibition will be accompanied by a 40-page, full-color catalog, which includes essays by Lee Kogan, director of the Folk Art Institute, the educational arm of the American Folk Art Museum, and John Harrod, one of the nation's preeminent authorities on traditional Kentucky music. A brief DVD, highlighting the brothers' music and offering context for the exhibition, also will be produced.

"We are honored by The National Endowment for the Art's investment in our programs," Collinsworth said. "Slow Time is one of the most significant exhibitions that the Kentucky Folk Art Center has ever produced. The Kinneys' work is highly deserving of broader recognition. As both visual artists and traditional musicians, they made a remarkable contribution to the culture of Appalachia and America. There is no doubt that this exhibition includes many American masterpieces."

The exhibition has received additional, generous funding support from [The Judith Rothschild Foundation](#) and [The Kentucky Arts Council](#).

The Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University. The Center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m., seasonally.

Additional information is available by calling the center at (606) 783-2204.

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MSU celebrates Earth Day

The Morehead State University Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force/UNITE as part of Earth Day Celebration presented to the University 15 smoking outposts to help clean the environment. Funding from the Rowan County Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention aided in purchasing the outposts. Assisting with the Earth Day festivities were, from left, Kenitha King task force member and nurse administrator ; Judy Krug, task force member and student wellness coordinator; and April Haight, Earth Day chair and energy conservation manager. Additional information is available by calling Haight at (606) 783-5268.

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During Earth Day/Environmental Awareness Week, Morehead State University staff members from the Office of Counseling and Health Services participated in the Adopt-A-Building Program by selecting Allie Young Hall. The program is an effort to keep the campus clean. Helping with the event were, from left, Heather Caudill, Olive Hill student, Linda Dehart, office assistant; Kenitha King, nurse administrator; and Linda Morris, nurse. Additional information is available by calling April Haight, energy conversation manager, at (606) 783-5268.

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KFAC 'A Day in the Country' folk art show and sale, June 3

"A Day in the Country" folk art show and sale will be held at the new Morehead Conference Center on First Street in Morehead from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 3.

A Day in the Country 2006 will bring together more than 60 self-taught artists to display and offer their work for sale. Artists from all around Kentucky, as well as those from several surrounding states, will be in attendance. Among the participating artists will be Minnie Adkins and Herman Peters of Isonville, Lavon Williams of Lexington, Joel Pinkerton of Louisville, Charles Spellman of Arkansas, T. Marie Nolan of Missouri, Chris Hubbard of Georgia, Shane Campbell of Tennessee, and Eric Pace of North Carolina. Visitors to the show can expect to find wood and stone carvings, paintings and more.

For many years, A Day in the Country had been held on Minnie Adkins' property in Isonville. In 2003, the Kentucky Folk Art Center took over operation of the event at Ms. Adkins' request.

"A Day in the Country continues to draw new artists from other states," said Adrian Swain, KFAC curator. "We're committed to making the show as diverse and exciting as possible. While artists from East Kentucky are the backbone of the event, it's interesting to include the work of people from other regions and cultural backgrounds. It makes for a dynamic mix of talent and personalities."

Last year's show drew more than 1,000 visitors and generated strong sales for participating artists. "We're very excited about this year's event," said KFAC Director Matt Collinsworth. "A Day in the Country drew visitors from 21 states last year. The event is gaining in prominence nationally, and this year we have a great new venue at the Morehead Conference Center."

An auction of works donated by participating artists will be held at 11 a.m. to raise funds for KFAC to offset costs associated with the event. Jim Gary Phillips, a self-taught painter and auctioneer from Edmonton, will conduct the auction.

A Day in the Country is held in conjunction with Bluegrass 'n More: A Celebration of American Music, June 3-4. Additional information is available by calling KFAC at (606) 783-2204 or on the Web at www.kyfolkart.org.

Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University. The center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1-5 p.m.

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MSU West Liberty holds scholarship fishing tournament, May 27

Morehead State University at West Liberty is providing an opportunity to fish for fun and prizes while raising money to support student scholarships. An open bass tournament will be held Saturday, May 27, at the Clay Lick boat ramp on Cave Run Lake.

Registration will begin at 5 a.m., tournament at 7 a.m. and boats must return by 3 p.m. There is a \$100 entry fee per boat.

Prizes donated by community sponsors include: \$3,000 for first place; \$2,000 for second place; \$1,000 for third place; \$800 for fourth place, and \$500 for fifth place. There also is a \$500 big fish prize.

Proceeds from the event will support a scholarship fund for students completing college coursework at MSU at West Liberty.

"We hope area residents will come out and enjoy a great day of fishing, knowing no matter who wins the prize money, our students will benefit," said Dr. Jonell Tobin, director of MSU at West Liberty.

Additional information, complete rules and registration is available by calling MSU at West Liberty at (606) 743-1500.

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Buddy Ratcliff is named 2006 Appalachian Treasure recipient

Morehead State University has announced that Buddy Ratcliff of Rowan County is the recipient of the 2006 Appalachian Treasure Award. He will be recognized on Saturday, June 3, at 3 p.m. at the Moonlight Stage, during the Bluegrass 'n More festival in Morehead.

He was born Luke Byron Ratcliff in Martin in Floyd County in 1922. A self-taught musician, he first achieved fame playing fiddle with some of the most notable names in Bluegrass and country music and who became one of the finest luthiers (makers of stringed instruments, as the guitar and violin) in America.

He fell in love with the "violin" as a child after hearing classical music on a shortwave radio. After pleading with his mother for a violin, she finally gave in and ordered him one from the Sears and Roebuck catalog.

While it was classical music that first caught his ear, Ratcliff was surrounded by traditional mountain musicians in Floyd County. He learned by playing with friends and family near his home. By the time he was a young man, Ratcliff was playing with some of the America's top Bluegrass and country acts such as Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, Little Jimmy Dickens and Merle Travis. It was during these travels that he met Mona Sauber in Michigan, and they were married.

As the family grew, Ratcliff gave up touring but he did not give up music. When his children were old enough, he began teaching them to play, and the "Ratcliff Family Band" was formed. The family band traveled America, playing festivals and major events.

As his children grew up, grandchildren started coming along, and Ratcliff decided to put the little ones to work. A new family act, "Kentucky Country" was formed. Kentucky Country would eventually include four grandchildren between the ages of three and eight playing the fiddle. Kentucky Country gained popularity and spent five years playing at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas. The family band would perform across the world in Italy, Spain, Germany, England, Canada, Japan, and South America. They also made numerous appearances on national television.

Today, the Ratcliff family has settled back in East Kentucky: daughter Angie lives in Floyd County where she instructs the Kentucky Opry Junior Pro Fiddlers; he and his sons Ken and Steve live in Rowan County where they have earned the reputation as being among America's most sought after luthiers. Musicians from across the country come to the Ratcliff's for new instruments and repairs.

Don Rigsby, an award-winning Bluegrass artist and director of MSU's [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#), nominated Ratcliff for this award. "I wouldn't trust my fiddle to anyone else but Buddy," he said. As the 2006 Appalachian Treasure award recipient, Ratcliff joins some of the finest writers, artists, and musicians that East Kentucky has ever produced. Past award winners include Tom T. Hall, Ronald and Jessie Cooper, Loyal Jones, James Still, Gurney Norman, Minnie Adkins and Jean Ritchie.

Other events taking place that day as part of the Bluegrass 'n More festival include A Day in the Country folk art show and performances by some of the top Bluegrass and traditional musicians in America.

Additional information on the event is available on the Web at www.bluegrassnmore.org, or by calling (606) 783-2204. KFAC, located at 102 West First Street in Morehead, is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1-5 p.m.
Posted: 5-26-06

Kentucky to be the first state to launch a satellite

A Morehead State University student and her counterparts at four other Kentucky institutions will have the summer job of a lifetime this year as they begin designing and building a satellite that will be launched into space next year from Russia.

Jennifer Carter, Olive Hill graduate student, will be among the students chosen to participate in "KentuckySat," announced here Thursday by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (KSTC).

"This is an incredible opportunity and I can't wait to report to NASA in California to begin working as a space scientist," said Carter, who will be accompanied by Dr. Ben Malphrus, director of MSU's Space Science Center, in the initial 10-week program in Mountain View, Calif.

They will be joined by students and professors from UK, UofL, WKU and Murray State in what was described to the news media as "an ambitious and unique initiative involving the design, build, launch and ground operation of an actual satellite for education and economic innovation purposes."

Professor Robert Twiggs, director of the Stanford University Space and Systems Development Laboratory, announced that the satellite's principal ground control station will be MSU where data and telemetry will be streamed through the Space Tracking System on the ridgetop above Nunn Hall.

"All of our space science students will benefit greatly from this project and we are looking forward to playing a key role in tracking the Kentucky satellite," said Dr. Malphrus. "In addition to its huge educational benefits, this project has great potential for economic development in telecommunications and related technologies. We are pleased and proud to be members of this project team."

The KentuckySat project involves a design/build team of Kentucky graduate and undergraduate students spending 10 weeks this summer at NASA Ames and KSTC's Office for Advanced Concepts in Mountain View, working with Stanford faculty and students, NASA and other spacecraft design professionals in the Silicon Valley area.

Other members of the KentuckySat consortium are Kentucky Space Grant Consortium, Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation, NASA Ames Research Center in Silicon Valley, KatySat (Kids Aren't too Young for Satellites) and Kentucky Virtual University.

MSU is preparing to build a \$15.6 million support facility for its space science program as one of four universities in the U.S. offering a bachelor's degree in the field.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews told the media representatives that the KentuckySat project is "further evidence that the sky is no longer the limit at Morehead State."

The [MSU Space Science Center](#) is housed in temporary quarters in Regents Hall. For more information, contact Dr. Malphrus at (606) 783-2212.

Posted: 5-26-06

Ashland campus has new director

Joel Pace, an experienced admissions and financial aid professional, has been promoted to director of Morehead State University at Ashland, effective July 1.

A member of MSU's staff since 1996, Pace most recently served as director of admissions. He is working as an assistant to Sandra Cargill, who is leaving the regional campus post at the end of June.

"We are pleased that someone with Joel's strong background in student services will be assuming the leadership of MSU at Ashland," said Dr. Dan Connell, associate provost for academic outreach and support, who supervises all five of the University's regional campuses. "Joel will continue our tradition of student-centered administration at the Ashland campus."

"As a transfer student from a community college, I understand the unique challenges and opportunities that exist at our regional campuses," said Pace, a native of Shepherdsville and an alumnus of Jefferson Community and Technical College.

He added:

"I consider this appointment a great opportunity to work directly with students and provide exceptional service to this community. My background in admissions, financial aid and business services will enable me to expand the concept of a one-stop shop for our students in the Ashland area. I am really looking forward to working with members of the community and showcasing the opportunities available at Morehead State."

Pace holds bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU. His wife, Lora, is the University's first-year programs and retention director. They have two children, Bethany, 8, and Alex 4.

MSU at Ashland is headquartered on the College Drive Campus of Ashland Community and Technical College. MSU has had a full-time presence in Ashland since 1987.

For more information, contact Pace at (606) 327-1777. His e-mail address is j.pace@moreheadstate.edu.

Posted: 5-26-06

Edwards to have book signing in Morehead

Nationally known radio host Bob Edwards will visit the East Kentucky area next weekend and include a stop in Morehead.

Edwards, who for 30 years worked for National Public Radio, will have a book signing at CoffeeTree Books on Saturday, June 3, from 4- 6 p.m. CoffeeTree Books is located in the Morehead Plaza.

"We have been working with his producer at XM for several weeks in trying to find a time in Mr. Edwards' schedule for a Morehead visit," said Paul Hitchcock, general manager of Morehead State Public Radio. "We are extremely happy that he can visit the area."

The Louisville native returned to the Morehead State Public Radio airwaves in February with his new show "Bob Edwards Weekend," airing Saturday and Sunday mornings at 7 a.m., prior to NPR's "Weekend Edition."

The new program showcases the veteran interviewer with some of today's most influential names in politics, sports and entertainment. Each program features an artful mix of natural sound, music, readings, film clips and more.

Edwards will be in Kentucky next week working on a series about coal.

He stepped down as host of "Morning Edition" on April 30, 2004. Later that year, he moved to XM Satellite Radio to launch "The Bob Edwards Show" while Public Radio International produces "Bob Edwards Weekend."

"His weekend program has been well-received on MSPR," said Hitchcock. "I think he is still appreciated for his many years as host of NPR's 'Morning Edition'."

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

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (800) 286-9659 or (606) 783-2001; or log on to MSPR's Web site at www.msradio.com .

Posted: 5-30-06

Nursing student receives Alger award

A Morehead State University nursing student has been awarded a valuable scholarship available only to select military veterans.

Jose Odicta of **Morehead** is a recipient of a \$5,000 Horatio Alger Military Veterans Scholarship. Alger award students must be a veteran of the U.S. Army campaigns in Iraq or Afghanistan, and must meet other criteria.

Odicta, a sophomore pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree in nursing at MSU, is an Iraq war veteran who served much of his time from March 2003 to December 2004 in Tal Afar. The army reservist and his California-based unit were part of the Special Operations Command at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

They were then attached to 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, the first Stryker Brigade in the army. The brigade was the first to use the new wheeled, armored multi-purpose Stryker vehicles in a combat environment.

"I worked in civil affairs, the team sergeant for a four-man team, mostly doing projects like schools, wells and hospitals," he said. Odicta was a liaison between Iraqi citizens and the army. He would go into an area and help determine what the greatest needs of the community were, and then meet with local officials, religious leaders and tribal sheiks. If all parties agreed to repairs or construction, Odicta would then request funding and hire contractors to do the work.

"The schools, for example, had a lot of antiquated Russian systems in them, and some were lacking basics such as toilets and roofs," he said. "We found it was often cheaper to just rebuild."

Establishing trusting relationships with the Iraqi citizenry was beneficial for all involved, according to Odicta.

"Once you had some rapport with them, you gain their trust and they would provide information about the insurgents," he said. "In a sense, we're building projects, but we're also gathering intelligence to reduce or prevent the attacks against the Coalition forces."

Odicta says he and his comrades were often the target of mortar and sniper fire, especially when it became known that they were helping the Iraqi people.

"There are probably 99 percent of Iraqis who like Americans, and want us to be there, but there's always that 1 percent," he said. "But a lot of them are thankful for what we do but are afraid they will be targets of the insurgents."

He said the Iraqi people in general were "very, very kind and gracious. They often would even invite you into their homes for tea."

Odicta just finished his first semester in the associate degree nursing program, and eventually wants to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. His long-term objective is to work as a nurse anesthetist.

"My wife, Mary Lynn, was from here, and when we met and later married, I moved here," he explained. "I wanted to go to nursing school, and was planning on going to another school, when my wife told me that MSU has a nursing program right here in town."

He says the Alger award has been an important boost to his academic and long-term career goals. Odicta remains an active member of the Army Reserve, and serves with a drill sergeant unit in Morehead.

Additional information about MSU's nursing programs is available by calling the [Department of Nursing](#) at (606) 783-2296.

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New members sought by MSPR

In an effort to identify new members within the Morehead State Public Radio listening community, MSPR is sponsoring a New Membership Drive, June 1-12.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), the major funding partner of MSPR, requires a distinct number of "new members" for each partner station and for that population of new members to continuously grow.

While MSPR has enjoyed a solid community of long-time members, it is critical to identify "new members," which are listeners of the MSPR network who have not identified themselves to the stations during fundraising campaigns.

Regular programming will not be interrupted during the drive. New members may contact MSPR through a new membership identification form at www.msuradio.com, or call (606) 783-2001 or (800) 286-9659. In identifying its new members, MSPR will accept financial gifts of any amount. New members wishing to give a financial gift of at least \$35 will receive an MSPR T-shirt. All new members identified during this membership drive will be eligible to enter a drawing for a Carter Caves Get-Away package.

"We want to make it clear that this membership drive is not another fund drive, and we are not looking for support from current and long-time MSPR members," said Amanda Baldwin, MSPR marketing and development director. "Rather it is critical to us and the CPB that we identify new members within our listening community during this time."

During the membership drive, MSPR also will ask for comments on programming, as well as any other information relating to the listening experience of its new members.

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IV simulator enhances students' skills

Technology is a big part of today's educational delivery systems, which is true now more than ever at Morehead State University.

Even in preparation for a nursing career where the literal human touch is as much a necessity as machines, MSU offers students the equipment that enables them to learn with the latest tools available in the digital age.

The University's Department of Nursing has purchased a new intravenous (IV) simulator for use in its student laboratory. The device enables the student nurses to learn how to properly administer an IV needle, using a simulated arm and a computer program. It combines the processing power of the modern computer with today's very sensitive sensor technology, according to Lewis Williamson, campus laboratory coordinator.

"The result is an instrument that can monitor a student's performance with much greater accuracy than is possible by a human monitor," he said. "The angle of attack, the position of the vein wall, the tension on the vein wall and the location of valves in the vessel are

some examples of the precision offered by this device."

"Students can 'start IVs' via a computer-simulated (patient) which mimics the look and feel of starting an IV in a patient's vein," said Dr. Erla Mowbray, department chair. "Students learn to collect supplies, 'start' the IV, maintain patient safety and evaluate their effectiveness, all from their laboratory educational experience."

In the lab, nursing students are tested with the simulator in timed exercises.

"This is training the student in a 'do it right every time' drill that requires a two minute time frame of the critical process," Williamson said. "Any action they do that would endanger the patient or nurse in the real world is an automatic failure of the drill."

Dr. Mowbray said that when students begin actually administering IVs on real patients during their clinical education, the simulator practice has enhanced their skill levels and their competency is improved.

"Students learn and, also importantly, enjoy their learning with this important technological innovation.

"The Department of Nursing actively seeks innovative strategies to increase the competency and skill development of our students," Dr. Mowbray continued. "We are excited about being on the cutting edge of preparing students for nursing practice by using an IV simulator in our learning laboratory."

Additional information about nursing programs at MSU is available by calling the department at (606) 783-2296.

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Batts featured as 'Sundown' series begins

A family-friendly event will return to downtown Morehead starting on Friday, June 2, as [Morehead State Public Radio](#) (MSPR) and Morehead Tomorrow presents the "Sundown at Moonlight Concert Series." The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music and Kentucky Folk Art Center at Morehead State University and the city of Morehead also support the second-year series.

Music lovers are invited to bring lawn chairs and a picnic supper to enjoy the live music on five separate occasions. The free concert will be held at the Moonlight Stage, located next to the Moonlight School on First Street.

This year's event will kick off with Vanessa Batts and the everybodyfields.

Batts, originally from Longview, Texas, did her undergraduate studies at the University of Oklahoma and majored in vocal performance. In 2003, she was accepted at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow, Scotland, where she became immersed in the study of Scottish music. She also performed with several Scottish bands around Scotland and Europe during her time there.

Upon returning to the states, Batts assembled a group of musicians to collaborate on a CD of original and traditional Appalachian music in Nashville. Her new CD, "Heart of Stone," was released in April.

Hailing from Johnson City, Tenn., the everybodyfields (acoustic) are Sam Quinn (vocals, bass and guitar), Jill Andrews (vocals, bass and guitar), and Dave Richey (dobro). They've been playing together in their current incarnation for nearly three years, and have toured extensively throughout the east coast and Midwest for almost as long.

Other scheduled entertainers will be: Greg Schaber Band, blues (July 7); Mother Jane, Luna, country (Aug. 4); Tony Pence and Big Ugly, country (Sept. 1); and KY B3 4, jazz and blues (Oct. 6).

All shows will run from 7 - 9 p.m. Parking and concessions will be available.

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A list of courses also is available in the class schedule listing.

Current students may register via MSU's Web site (www.moreheadstate.edu). Those who do not have a Personal Identification Number (PIN) will be given the option to choose one when they log onto the student user page.

Textbooks for the classes are available from the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center. Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu.

Details on the registration process are available on the Registrar's Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/registrar or by calling the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008. Additional information is available by calling:

Sandy Cargill, director of **MSU at Ashland**, locally at (606) 327-1777 or toll free at (800) 648-5370;

Dr. Will Kayatin, director of **MSU at Jackson**, locally at (606) 666-2800 or toll free at (800) 729-5225.

Dr. Janet Kenney, director of **MSU at Mt. Sterling**, locally at (859) 499-0780 or toll free at (866) 870-0809;

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MSPR students win state AP awards

Three Morehead State Public Radio students have been recognized for their work in the newsroom as they received top honors in the student category of the annual Kentucky Associated Press Awards.

"We are very proud of each one," said MSPR News Director Chuck Mraz. "We demand a lot out of the students who work here, but their hard work pays off in moments like these."

Leeann Tanner, **Flat Gap** senior, captured first and second place for "Best News Report" while Nicole Back, **Mt. Sterling** senior, won first place for "Best Newscast." Back also was second in "Best Feature."

Aaron Breeze, **Batavia, Ohio**, senior, won first place in "Best Sports Reporting" with his preview of the Morehead State football team.

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Sunny Brook reopens

The 45-year old Sunny Brook Golf Course has seen a lot of good times in its day, however, late last summer, Dan Cornett, course manager, knew that something had to be done.

You could say Sunny Brook was going through a mid-course crisis. Something was killing the greens; it was in critical need of some help.

So after getting advice from several experts, in October, work crews came to resurface or repair most of the greens.

"The work did the course a lot of good," Cornett said. "Our course was 45 years old and this was the most extensive renovation done to it."

With the work being done, there was no other choice and Morehead State University had to stop play on the course. Sunny Brook was closed for the winter and recently reopened to the public.

"It's good to be back open. I think the golfers have noticed the work and the improved greens since last summer's play," said Cornett. "There are a couple of things we are still working on, but for the most part the course is taking shape rather well."

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

Sunny Brook, which was voted the best golf course to play in the area, is open from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m., seven days a week.

Cornett also says the local golfers should try to take advantage of a couple of promotions.

"The Early Bird Special" is for players playing between the hours of 7 - 10 a.m. and "The Twilight Special" for players teeing off after 3 p.m.

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

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MSU basketball coach Donnie Tyndall will speak at Charity Golf Scramble

Morehead State University men's basketball coach Donnie Tyndall will be the guest speaker at the 8th annual Steve Hamilton Charity Golf Scramble, Silent Auction and Dinner.

The event, which honors Hamilton, a former MSU athlete, coach and administrator, will be held at Eagle Trace Golf Course on Monday, June 5.

Registration for the golf scramble will begin at noon, with tee-off at 1 p.m. The four-man scramble will be highlighted by several competitions, including (new car) hole in one, longest putt, longest drive, closest to the pin, hit the green and putting contest.

After the golf at 6 p.m., a prime rib dinner will be served and Tyndall will speak. The silent auction will follow the meal.

Cost for the day of golf is \$100, which includes green fees, cart, lunch and dinner. Silent auction and dinner is available for \$15.

A three-sport star as a student at MSU, Hamilton was signed by the Cleveland Indians in 1958. He pitched in the 1963 and 1964 World Series with the New York Yankees and is remembered for the "Folly Floater," a blooper pitch, which helped extend his career.

Hamilton was the first pick (2nd round) by the Minneapolis Lakers in the 1958 NBA draft and would become the first player ever to play in an NBA Finals and World Series.

After his playing days, Hamilton became MSU's baseball coach (1976-89). The winningest coach in Eagle baseball history, he compiled a record of 305-275 in his 14 years and won five Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year honors.

Each year, the Ohio Valley Conference gives the "Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award." The award is given annually to an Ohio Valley Conference male or female student-athlete of junior or senior standing who best exemplifies the characteristics of Hamilton. Criteria include significant athletics performance along with good sportsmanship and citizenship. The award is voted on by the conference's athletics directors and sports information directors.

Hamilton was named athletic director of his alma mater in 1987 and served until the time of his death of colon cancer in 1997.

All proceeds from day will go to the American Cancer Society and the Steve Hamilton Scholarship Fund.

Additional information may be obtained by calling John Robinson at (606) 784-8966, or Jimmy Watson at (606) 780-0697.

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MSU and MCTC plant redbud trees

To symbolize the commitment of cooperation between Morehead State University and Maysville Community and Technical College, a redbud tree will be planted on each campus.

On June 1 at 10 a.m. near the sidewalk east of the Adron Doran University Center, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews and Maysville President Augusta A. Julian will participate in the ceremony.

The second tree will be planted on the Maysville campus on Friday, June 9, at 10 a.m.

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