

Recycled Percussion to perform at MSU

Nationally touring and award winning junk rock group Recycled Percussion is taking America by storm during the spring 2007 leg of its "Rock Your Junk" tour.

Recycled Percussion will take the stage at Button Auditorium on the Morehead State University campus on Monday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. The free concert is presented by the MSU's Student Activities Council (SAC).

The band has emerged from an underground live show sensation to one of the most powerful touring shows in the U.S. The band has single-handedly brought the terms "power-percussion" and "junk rock" into mainstream music circles.

So, how would you describe Recycled Percussion? Imagine rhythm on steroids. Start with a tangle of factory metal and recycled objects and real drums. To this collection of hardware, add the leadership and talent of extreme drummer Justin Spencer; the energy of two uber-percussive junk rockers, Greg Kassapis and Ryan Vezina; and shape the mix with electrically charged hip-hop grooves spun by DJ Pharaoh.

Recycled Percussion make their instruments from stuff other people throw out: barrels, basement garbage, building site leftovers, pots, pans, stepladders, 50-gallon drums and even the occasional recycled chainsaw. Then the guys proceed to create heart-pounding beats in an interactive show that is suitable for all ages.

In the last four years, the group has played with performers such as LL Cool J and entertained crowds during halftime shows of many NBA and NFL games. They also have been featured on television shows such as Late Night and Talk Soup.

For information on the band, visit its Web site at www.recycledpercussion.com . Additional information on the concert is available by calling SAC at (606) 783-2071.

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Higher education rally is Feb. 7

Morehead State University students will join other collegians in voicing their continuing concerns about higher education and its escalating costs at a rally in Frankfort on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Buses will load at 8 a.m. in the Cartmell Hall/Laughlin Health Building parking lot on campus on the morning of the annual rally, according to Brian N. Gay, **Cincinnati** graduate student and president of MSU's Student Government Association. The main rally will begin at 1 p.m. in the rotunda of the Capitol building.

"I appreciate that my fellow students have been very supportive of the event and its many benefits to maintaining affordable access to higher education and continual financial support of our University," he said.

Students who attend the rally will be given the opportunity to meet with legislators who influence tuition rates and other issues. There is no charge to ride the bus, and all participating MSU students will be provided with a free lunch and a T-shirt. However, reservations are necessary for all those planning to attend to guarantee food and seat availability.

Another opportunity for students to impact legislators' actions will be held on campus on Monday, Feb. 5 - "Listen Up Legislators." Coordinated by SGA, students may send an e-mail or make a phone call to their

individual government representatives from the second floor of the Adron Doran University Center. SGA members will be on hand to assist students with speaking points and other tools.

Additional information is available by calling the SGA office at (606) 783-2298.
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VITA offers free tax assistance

During this filing season, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be available at no charge to Morehead State University students and to eligible employees.

Through the University's Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, the tax return assistance will be offered on Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m. in room 311 of the Combs Building on campus. It is free to students, and also to employees with an annual income of less than \$38,000.

No appointment is necessary. Taxpayers will be assisted on a first come, first-served basis, and no returns will be accepted for preparation after 5:30 p.m. VITA will not be available on March 6 and March 20.

It will be necessary for taxpayers to bring with them documentation for any and all that apply:

- W-2(s);
- 1099(s);
- A copy of last year's return;
- Statements of other income;
- Information for deductions;
- Social Security numbers for you, your spouse, and/or dependents;
- Proof of identification for yourself and/or spouse;
- Proof of account for direct deposit of refund (voided check);
- Proof of tuition paid during 2006 for yourself, spouse, and/or dependents;
- Cost of books for 2006;
- Amount of scholarships and/or grants awarded in 2006.

Additional information is available by calling Sharon Walters, associate professor of accounting, at (606) 783-2725, or by sending her an electronic message to tos.walters@moreheadstate.edu .

Posted: 2-2-07

Wellness Center offers a variety of programs

If it's your desire to be more healthy this year, Morehead State University's Wellness Center wants to assist you with keeping that goal.

Important in being health conscious is the food we eat and the nutrition series, that begins Feb. 6, will provide the details. Dr. John Warber, registered dietician and assistant professor of human sciences, will teach this class from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in room 312 of the Adron Doran University Center.

The five-part series will prepare you to make better food choices to look and feel better:

Feb. 6, Nutrition 101: Introduction to optimal nutrition that will improve your overall performance; Feb. 20, Nutrition 102; Know your risk factors and how a heart healthy diet can lower your risk of heart disease and stroke; March 6, Nutrition 103: Obesity is a gateway to most other chronic diseases. Learn what diet principles really work for weight management;

March 27, Nutrition 104: There is more than salt to worry about. Learn how the "Dash diet" is a major part of the lifestyle plan to prevent and control high blood pressure; and April 3: Nutrition 105: Most every family has had someone diagnosed with diabetes. Learn how making wise food choices are the most important way to control blood sugars.

Dr. Warber may be reached at (606) 783-9315.

If you wish a little friendly competition, you are in luck. The Wellness Center will offer Livewell 2007 to help participants decrease body fat and have a buddy system support group. The program will run from Feb. 12-April 27, with team enrollment to be held through Feb. 9.

The winning team will be decided by the greatest relative amount of body fat percentage lost per team. Prizes will be awarded: \$50 gift certificate, first place; men's and women's sports watch, second place; Omron Calorie Pedometer, third place; and a T-shirt and wristband for all participants.

The rules and regulations, along with a sign-up sheet, will be posted at the front desk of the Wellness Center. There will be a competition for faculty/staff and one for students.

Also beginning Feb. 12, is a free tennis clinic for faculty, staff and students. Sponsored by the Wellness Center in cooperation with the tennis team, the course will cover ground stroke, serving and games. Anyone interested should register with Jane Tenyer at (606) 783-5152 by Feb. 9.

A number of other programs are part of the center's wellness offerings for the new year that includes various types of exercise:

A stability ball will be used to tone and firm up all major muscle groups in "Ball"istic. The class will be held on Monday and Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Feb. 5 through April 27. The class also incorporates dumbbells, tubes and the participant's body weight to help achieve overall fitness results.

Fitness Yoga blends the traditional practices of Hatha yoga with a fitness format that includes balance, strength, flexibility and power. This class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-12:30 p.m., Feb. 20 until April 19.

Both are free to Wellness Center members.

Two other exercise classes are ongoing:

Cardio kickboxing classes are offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday, until May 2. The class is open to MSU students, staff, faculty and members of the community.

A class in body sculpting/core toning runs through May 3.

There is a cost for these two classes. If you are interested in the kickboxing or sculpting/toning classes, information is available by calling Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875.

Additional information on the Wellness Center programs is available by calling (606) 783-2083.

Harmon named VP of SGA

Michael Harmon, a **Corydon, Ind.**, junior, has been appointed vice president for administration of Morehead State University's Student Government Association.

Harmon's appointment was necessary to fill a vacancy on SGA's Executive Council, according to Brian N. Gay, SGA president.

He is the son of Richard and Wanda Harmon of Corydon, Ind., and a graduate of Corydon Central High School.

Harmon is a former vice chair of the SGA Public Relations Committee. In fall 2006, he was named Congress member of the semester because of his superior service and dedication to the students of Morehead State. He is currently the webmaster for SGA.

Harmon is active in the Residence Hall Association as well as the Future Manager's

Society. His hobbies include playing sports and volunteering for his county 4-H organization.

Additional information on the Student Government Association is available on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/sga.

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Students reminded to be heart healthy

How is your heart? Did you know that coronary heart disease (CHD) is the number one killer in this country?

February is American Heart Month. The staff at Morehead State University's [Caudill Health Clinic](#) reminds MSU students to take the time to look at their eating and physical activity habits to see if they are heart healthy?

The most important thing you can do to protect yourself from heart disease is never to smoke or chew tobacco. If you already do use tobacco, it is never too late to quit. Ex-tobacco users lower their risk of heart disease very quickly after quitting.

According to the American Dietetic Association, a healthy heart is the result of genetics, physical activity, healthy food choices, and stress management. While you cannot change your genes, you can make sure that you and your loved ones get regular physical activity, make good food choices, and deal with stress.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, many will be giving a gift. Here are some heart healthy gift ideas:

- Fill a basket with fresh fruit, vegetables, or a mix of the two.
- Create a heart-healthy meal with seasonal fruits and vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy foods, and lean protein. Limit foods high in saturated fat.
- Give the gift of physical activity. Buy a gift certificate to a gym or make time to take a walk or go for a bike ride.
- Give a gift that will help manage stress. Give a massage, provide a listening ear, or offer to help out - such as by picking up the kids from school.

Additional information on healthy food choices and physical activity can be obtained by calling Caudill Health Clinic, (606) 783-2055; or visiting the American Heart Association Web site at www.americanheart.org.

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CE offers Introduction to QuickBooks

Running a small business just got a lot easier, thanks to a new online course sponsored by Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education.

The class, titled "Introduction to QuickBooks 2007," is taught by Craig Power, a veteran adult educator and small business owner. This engaging and practical course will allow business owners to control of their finances.

"QuickBooks is the single most popular accounting application for small businesses," Power said. "I'm not aware of any other accounting program that has been as successful at packing so many features into such an intuitive, easy-to-use interface."

Power takes his students step-by-step through QuickBooks' extensive feature set. Participants will gain hands-on experience in a variety of areas, including the chart of accounts, reconciliation, invoicing, managing payables and receivables, tracking inventory and budgeting.

According to Power, this course is not a tutorial. Thanks to the power and convenience of communication across the Internet, his online classroom is frequently filled with lively discussions. Students are able to

interact not only with the instructor, but also with one another. "Bring your questions, ideas, tips, and suggestions," Power said. "We can all learn from one another."

"Introduction to QuickBooks 2007" can be taken online from the convenience of your home or office, and at any time of the day or night.

Additional information on this course, which is a part of a growing catalog of more than 300 classes, including face-to-face and instructor-facilitated online courses, may be obtained by calling MSU's Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875, or on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/oce .
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Setting up a business on eBay workshop, Feb. 15

Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center will hold a workshop for individuals interested in setting up a business on eBay.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in 301 Combs Building.

Topics of discussion will include strategies and tips for successfully selling on eBay, the step-by-step process of listing, and selling and receiving payment for an item.

The charge for the workshop is \$20 for all participants; however, seating is limited and advance registration is preferred.

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.

Posted: 2-5-07

Greg Partain will present recital at MSU

A 20-year veteran of the concert stage, Dr. Gregory Partain has appeared as a recitalist, chamber musician and concerto soloist and he will share his talents in a special performance at Morehead State University.

Dr. Partain will present a recital at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, in MSU's Duncan Recital Hall, within Baird Music Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

He has performed throughout the United States, and also in Poland, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Russia, and Greece. In 1986, he was the national winner of the KMS Resident Artist Competition in Seattle, then won first prize in the Memphis Beethoven Piano Sonata Competition, second prize in the International Bartok-Kabalevsky Competition in Virginia, and was a finalist in the Concert Artists Guild New York Competition.

He also has won honors in the San Antonio International Piano Competition and is a laureate of the Beethoven Foundation Auditions in Indianapolis. Dr. Partain's most recent concerto appearances took place in Yaroslavl, Russia, and Athens, Greece, where he performed the Rachmaninoff second concerto with orchestras of those cities.

Dr. Partain also has appeared with the Seattle Symphony, the Eugene Oregon Symphony, and the Sunriver and Peter Britt summer festivals, performing concerti by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Saint-Saens, Bartok, Prokofieff, and Gorecki.

His wide-ranging repertoire spans music of four centuries. At MSU, his program will include the Chinese traditional "Flute and Drums at Sunset;" "Variations on an Original Theme, Op.21, No. 1" by Johannes Brahms; Sonata No. 23 in F Minor, Op. 57 ("Appassionata") by Ludwig van Beethoven; and Charles Ives' "The Alcotts" from the Concord Sonata.

A frequent competition adjudicator and master class teacher, Dr. Partain judged the American round of the 1999 Vladimir Horowitz International Piano Competition and taught six summers for the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts and Governor's Scholars Program.

Dr. Partain received his bachelor's degree in piano performance at the University of Washington, and masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Texas at Austin as a Javits Fellowship recipient. A professor of music and chair of the fine arts division at Transylvania University in Lexington, Dr. Partain holds a Bingham Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Additional information about his recital is available by calling MSU's Department of Music at (606) 783-2473.

Posted: 2-6-07

Finalists in provost search to visit campus

Morehead State University has announced that three finalists will be interviewed for the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Bruce Mattingly, chair of the search committee, has released the interview schedule:

Monday, Feb. 12, Dr. Michael Seelig, dean of MSU's Caudill College of Humanities;

Friday, Feb. 16, Dr. Karla Hughes, professor and dean of the College of Human Ecology at East Carolina University;

Monday, Feb. 19, Dr. Kenneth Holland, associate provost for international programs and professor of political science at Kansas State University.

The interview process will include designated times for various constituencies to meet the candidates. [Feedback form.](#)

Dr. Seelig will meet faculty, staff and students, 9:20 a.m., Crager Room, Adron Doran University Center; deans and associate provosts, 10:30 a.m., 301 ADUC; lunch with the President's Cabinet; department chairs, 12:50 p.m., 301 ADUC; search committee, 2 p.m., 301 ADUC; and faculty, staff and students, 3:10 p.m., Crager Room, ADUC.

Dr. Hughes will meet with faculty, staff and students, 8:40 a.m., Riggle Room, ADUC; deans and associate provosts, 9:50 a.m., 301 ADUC; department chairs, 11 a.m., 301 ADUC; lunch with the President's Cabinet; Search Committee, 1:20 p.m., 301 ADUC; and faculty, staff and students, 2:30 p.m., Riggle Room, ADUC.

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Dr. Seelig received his B.S. degree in biology, M.A. degree in public administration, and M.S.W. degree in clinical/administrative social work from The Ohio State University. Subsequently, he received his J.D. degree from Capital University Law School.

He began his career at MSU in 1983 as an assistant professor of social work. Prior to his appointment as dean of humanities, Dr. Seelig served in a variety of leadership roles at MSU including director of the social work program, chair of the Faculty Senate, Affirmative Action Officer, executive assistant to the president, University general counsel, interim executive director and chief development officer, and interim dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

Dr. Seelig is a former Fulbright Scholar and an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow.

Dr. Hughes received her B.S. degree in home economics and M.S. degree in foods and nutrition from Kansas State University; and her Ph.D. degree in agriculture (food technology and science) from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

She has taught at Kansas State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and the University of Missouri-Columbia. Prior to her current position, Dr. Hughes served as professor and chair of the Department of Human Sciences at Middle Tennessee State University.

Dr. Hughes has published in, and served as a reviewer for, a variety of peer-reviewed journals while serving on several editorial boards. She recently completed the Bridges Academic Leadership for Women Program, and a year-long appointment as an American Council on Education (ACE) fellow.

Dr. Holland received his B.A. degree in political science from Furman University, his M.A. degree in government from The University of Virginia, and his Ph.D. degree in political science from The University of Chicago.

He has taught at the University of Chicago, Luther College, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the University of Vermont. Prior to his current position, Dr. Holland served as professor and chair of the political science department at The University of Memphis.

He has authored or co-authored nine books and has published more than 50 refereed journal articles and book chapters. Among his many honors, Dr. Holland was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, a Fulbright Lectureship in Japan, and served as chair of the Vermont Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Posted: 2-6-07

Diversity lecture set for Feb. 14

Dr. Kelly James Clark, professor of philosophy at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., will lecture on Wednesday, Feb. 14, on Morehead State University's Morehead campus. His lecture, titled "The Good of Diversity and the Virtue of Tolerance," will begin at 4 p.m. in 410 Combs Building. It is free and open to the public.

The Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy, the Haynes Philosophy Fund, Caudill College of Humanities and the University's Diversity Initiative are sponsoring Clark's visit.

He is author of numerous books and articles in the philosophy of religion and epistemology including "When Faith Is Not Enough," and "Philosophers Who Believe and Return to Reason."

Dr. Clark earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and religious studies from Michigan State in 1978; and received a master's degree in humanities from Western Kentucky University in 1981 and a master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Notre Dame.

Prior to his tenure with Calvin College, he was an assistant professor at Gordon College and a teaching assistant at Notre Dame.

Dr. Clark also was a visiting professor of moral philosophy at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland (1995-96).

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KFAC hosts Adkins exhibit

The Kentucky Folk Art Center has announced the opening of a new exhibit, "Against the Grain: The Works of Minnie Adkins ."

Against the Grain will be on display at KFAC through May 27.

The exhibit will feature more than 60 works by Elliott County folk artist Minnie Adkins. Most of the works presented will be Adkins' wood carvings and will range from the 1940s through 2006.

Adkins is one of Kentucky's best-known folk artists, and her work has been collected by institutions and individual collectors across America. Long known for her generous encouragement of other folk artists, she founded "A Day in the Country" folk art show in Elliott County in the 1980s, and the event continues to be held in Morehead on the first Saturday of June each year.

"Minnie Adkins has been an important presence in Kentucky folk art, larger than life, for over 20 years now," said KFAC curator Adrian Swain. "For her art, her friendship, and her encouragement of numerous other artists, the folk art community has benefited immensely from the life and work of Minnie Adkins."

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. year round and Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., April - December.

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

Posted: 2-7-07

IET luncheon

Morehead State University's Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology recently hosted the counseling staffs from Enrollment Services and Academic and Career Services.

The event was arranged by Sam Mason, instructor of manufacturing and recruitment chairman for IET.

The informational session began with brief introductions followed by lunch, presentation and tour of the department. The presentation included programs of study, information on new programs (technology management completer degree), an update of current projects underway in the department and presentations of student work. Each member received a packet of information that further explained topics covered in the presentation as well as the presentation itself on CD to share with students.

William Lindberg, **Flemingsburg** manufacturing senior, demonstrated the tele-operated robot he and the other team members placed second nationally with at the National Association of Industrial Technology Convention last fall in Cleveland. The robotic teams' first place technical poster was also on display.

David

Shanklin, **Flemingsburg** manufacturing senior, presented a robotic storage/retrieval palletizing workcell he and group members Jace Green, **Shelbyville** senior, Jodie Jent, **Morehead** sophomore, and Gina Chase, **Edmonton** senior, constructed for their ITMT 270 Robotics Applications final project.

Doug Thorpe, Thortek Industries and IET Advisory Board member, was a guest for the informational session. He has established a partnership to work with the IET department on rapid prototyping many new product designs he is currently researching.

MSU staff members attending the IET department informational were:

From admissions/enrollment services: Holly Pollock, assistant director of admissions; Jenn Kidd, Keith Prater, Erin Hopkins, Kris Grigsby, senior enrollment services counselors; and Jen Crisp, transfer counselor.

From academic and career services: Julia Hawkins, director of career services; Dr. Mike Hopper, director of academic and career services; Alvin Madden-Grider, learning strategies coordinator; Peggy Overly, career/academic adviser; James Hodge, minority retention coordinator; Ernestine Winfield, Patty Little and Cindy Skaggs, general studies advisers; and Craig Dennis, coordinator of provisional studies.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Ahmad Zargari, IET department chair, at (606) 783-2013.

Posted: 2-9-07

Orientation for MAT program held at regional sites

Have you completed a college degree and now would like to become a teacher? If so, Morehead State University's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program may be for you!

MSU offers three MAT programs (Middle School/Secondary/Special Education) in which degreed candidates, with no prior teaching experience, may obtain a master's degree and teacher certification, while employed as a teacher. MSU's MAT programs are approved by the Kentucky Educational Professional Standards Board.

If you would like more information, an orientation program will be held at MSU's regional campuses in the coming weeks.

Feb. 20, Morehead State University at Ashland, 1400 College Drive, Suite L272, 6 p.m.

Feb. 20, Morehead State University at Jackson, Breathitt County Life Skills Center, 1127 Main Street, 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 22, Morehead State University at West Liberty, 155 University Drive, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 22, Morehead State University at Mt. Sterling, 3400 Indian Mound Drive, 7 p.m.

Feb. 26, Morehead State University at Prestonsburg, Bert Combs Drive, Building 6, 5 p.m.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective teacher candidates to gain information regarding the programs' designs, including the admission and application processes for all three programs. Participants are asked to bring transcripts and ACT or GRE scores," said Rosemarie Gold, MAT coordinator.

Additional information, including downloadable application forms, is available on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/mat or by calling Michelle Roberts at (606) 783-2079.

Posted: 2-9-07

Dance ensemble prepares for show

One of Morehead State University's newest academic programs is keeping students on their toes - literally.

The University's dance program, currently being developed into an academic minor, features practical instruction in contemporary dance forms, according to Ashley L. Suttlar, assistant professor of dance and director of the MSU Dance Ensemble.

She describes the program as "a creative track that includes technical practice, and process-orientated courses like Dance Improvisation and Introduction to Dance as Performance Art." A course in dance history is planned for the future.

"I found the opportunity to build a program from the ground up very appealing," said Suttlar, who teaches from her years of experience as a performance artist. "Even though the majority of my training has been in classical ballet, I am essentially a modern dance choreographer at this point. I have developed my aesthetic in that discipline." She added that she remains open to other movement forms like martial arts and traditional dances from other cultures.

Suttlar began her dance training at age 6 in a private studio.

"I knew at an early age that I wanted to do something in the field," she said. "I love performing, but I am definitely a choreographer. Seeing how my choreography translates in different bodies is fulfilling for me as an artist."

She said that while some choreographers "make movement for movement's sake," her work as an artist is "an exploration of human culture on many external and internal levels."

Suttlar holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in dance performance and choreography from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in dance from Temple University.

From 2001-05, she worked as a performance artist in Philadelphia, and is a former member of both Paule Turner's Court and Charles O. Anderson's Dance Theatre X. She also has performed with Tania Isaac Dance Projects, Darla Stanley, Melanie Stewart Dance Theater and Kariamuwelsh. Her work has been presented at numerous festivals, conferences and universities.

As the director of MSU's Dance Ensemble, Suttlar is coordinating the group's second annual concert, "Canvas," to be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22-24 in the Lucille Little Theatre within Breckinridge Hall. [Photos from dress rehearsal click here.](#)

Seven student choreographers will participate in the event, showcasing a variety of dance styles as solos or small groups. The Dance Ensemble will perform two works, both choreographed by Suttlar.

"Canvas" tickets are available for \$8 for adults, and free to MSU students with a valid EagleCard ID. Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling the Theatre Box Office at (606) 783-2170.

Additional information is available by calling Suttlar at (606) 783-2694.

Posted: 2-12-07

EKSBDC captures awards

Directors at two East Kentucky Small Business Development Centers (EKSBDC) attended the first Kentucky Small Business Development Center (KSBDC) awards recognition banquet to accept awards.

KSBDC hosted the event to highlight the accomplishments of the small business development centers across the state.

Prior to the banquet, nominations were solicited from all 15 state centers for the five categories: Best Marketing Materials, Innovative Center Awards, Extraordinary Achievement by Individual/Center, Best Event Put on by a Center Award, and Friend of the Program.

The winners were selected by an independent judging panel and announced at the banquet.

EKSBDC captured two awards. Mike Morley, district director of EKSBDC in Pikeville, was presented the Extraordinary Achievement by Individual/Center award for his sincere and committed dedication to bettering the lives of the small business community and its residents.

The award criteria was based on achievements which an individual or center was directly or indirectly responsible. This included stakeholder funding, center operations, and any duties or tasks that were performed above and beyond the "call of duty."

In his 20-year career with Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center, Morley has seen tremendous change in the economic development efforts of the small business community. According to his peers, his adept ability to respond to this change in a positive way is one of main reasons why EKSBDC has been so successful.

He is a member of the Pikeville Rotary Club and in 2001 won KSBDC's state star award which is given in recognition of outstanding achievements.

The Best Event Put on by a Center award went to EKSBDC's Ashland center for its Northeast Kentucky Small Business Awards breakfast. Now in its ninth year, this event recognizes small business success in three Northeast Kentucky counties--Boyd, Carter, and Greenup.

Kim Jenkins, director of the Ashland SBDC and the event's coordinator, heads up a committee of 20 of the area's top leaders in banking, economic development, business and industry and education.

The event, which is hosted by WSAZ News Channel 3's Rob Johnson, has grown to nearly 300 attendees and is another way EKSBDK serves small businesses.

The MSU East Kentucky Small Business Development Center is a network of four centers across Eastern Kentucky with the focus of bringing together a full range of services to small businesses including one-on-one confidential counseling and an intensive schedule of seminars including new online workshops.

Additional information is available by visiting

the Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc .
Posted: 2-13-07

Second finalist to visit on Friday

The second of three finalists for the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Morehead State University will visit the campus on Friday, Feb. 16, according to Dr. Bruce Mattingly, chair of the search committee.

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Earlier in the week (Feb. 12), Dr. Michael Seelig, dean of MSU's Caudill College of Humanities, completed the interview process.

Dr. Seelig received his B.S. degree in biology, M.A. degree in public administration, and M.S.W. degree in clinical/administrative social work from The Ohio State University. Subsequently, he received his J.D. degree from Capital University Law School.

He began his career at MSU in 1983 as an assistant professor of social work. Prior to his appointment as dean of humanities, Dr. Seelig served in a variety of leadership roles at MSU including director of the social work program, chair of the Faculty Senate, Affirmative Action Officer, executive assistant to the president, University general counsel, interim executive director and chief development officer, and interim dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

Dr. Seelig is a former Fulbright Scholar and an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow.

Anyone attending the forums are urged to complete an [evaluation sheet](#) .

Posted: 2-14-07

OCE presents multi-generational workshop

Today's workforce may include Baby Boomers, Generation Xers, Silents and Millennials, all working side-by-side. Understanding the unique motivators, communication styles and work values of four distinct generations is among the greatest challenges business owners face today.

Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education will sponsor an "Engaging a Multi-Generational Workforce" workshop to help today's diversity mesh into one successful business. If you are finding yourself with a workforce of multi-generational employees, this program may be right for you.

Identifying the positive workplace characteristics, unique needs and values associated with each generation will be a major part of the session. In addition to being able to better relate to each diverse category, the workshop will supply effective strategies of coaching a multi-generational workforce by utilizing things that the generations have in common.

This course is a great resource in dealing with today's diversity among the workplace. It is designed to help a business become more efficient and employees more effective, resulting in more productivity and increased profits.

The class will be held Monday, March 12, from 9 a.m. until noon in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus. Fee for the class is \$149.

Additional information and registration is available from Linda McCleese by calling (606) 783-2875, or on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/oce .

Posted: 1-15-07

Meet MSU Days: A Picture Story

Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services held its first "Meet MSU Days" for Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) students interested in learning more about the University. Representatives from each academic department, financial aid, enrollment services and housing were present to meet and discuss their programs with prospective students. Information about 2+2 agreements (completer degrees), KCTCS transfer scholarships and online programs also were available.

Other "Meet MSU Days" are scheduled:

Tuesday, Feb. 20, Student Lounge, Ashland Community and Technical College, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.;

Wednesday, Feb. 21, Calvert Center, Maysville Community and Technical College, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.;

Thursday, Feb. 22, Student Lounge-Administration Building, Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.;

Tuesday, Feb. 27, Academic Technical Building Lobby, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.;

Thursday, March 1, Community Room-Harold Rogers Student Commons, Somerset Community College, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MSU offers online bachelor's degree "completer" programs designed primarily for graduates of KCTCS. These programs will allow KCTCS graduates to earn bachelor's degrees while continuing to meet work and family obligations and without traveling long distances.

Courses are offered via the Internet, providing busy adults the opportunity to complete class work at a time and place convenient to them.

Emphasis is placed on seamless transition from KCTCS to Morehead State University. No registration is necessary for this event and refreshments will be served.

Additional information is available from Jen Crisp, transfer/adult/GED enrollment services counselor, at (606) 783-5421, or by e-mail toj.crisp@moreheadstate.edu.

Lynne Arriale gives campus performance

Lynne Arriale, a major jazz artist, will be an artist-in-residence at Morehead State University, March 6-8.

Highlighting her visit will be a free performance on Thursday, March 8, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. Her campus visit and concert are sponsored by Morehead State's Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Morehead State Public Radio, Caudill College of Humanities, Department of Music, Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program, as well as the Southern Arts Federation and Rocco's Ristorante in Ceredo, W.Va.

Arriale has long been critically acclaimed as having a "singular voice" as a pianist, composer, arranger and trio leader. Her music, which JAZZIZ Magazine describes as coming from "the synaptic intersection where brain meets heart, where body meets soul" crosses demographic boundaries, captivating the imaginations of all who hear her.

A consummate educator, Arriale conducts workshops and master classes internationally and was recently appointed visiting professor of Jazz Studies at The University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

While at Morehead State, she will visit a couple of jazz classes per day, Tuesday through Thursday. During her first day at 3 p.m., Arriale will discuss "How to establish a band and get gigs" in Duncan Recital Hall.

Besides the classes on Wednesday at 10:20 a.m. in 413 Combs, Arriale will discuss "Women in Jazz," and at 4:30 p.m. in Duncan she will present "What to listen to in music."

At 3 p.m. on Thursday, Arriale will host a workshop on group practice techniques and interaction. All events are free and open to the public.

Arriale knows what she likes and has established criteria for selecting material that allows for those interactive conversations. "First, I look for a strong melody which reaches me emotionally and stands alone without a lyric. Second, it must have an inherent potential within its structure that allows for reinvention and rearrangement. Third, the melody must lend itself to the exploration of different 'feels,' so that the trio can reinvent it with each live performance."

She continues, "Next is the tempo in which a tune seems to find itself at home. And, finally, how the trio comes together then 'breaks apart' to create those "aha" moments for itself and the audience."

Arriale has had successful back-to-back No. 1 hits on the national Jazz Week Radio Charts; topped the "Best Of" lists of the New Yorker, UPI, and the German Critics Association; charted No. 17 on Billboard; toured Japan with the legendary "100 Golden Fingers" group; and won the 1993 Great American Piano Competition.

She recently performed to packed houses at the prestigious Spoleto Festival, The Gilmore Piano Festival, Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola at Jazz at Lincoln Center and Kansas City's noted Folly Theater to name a few.

The Lynne Arriale Trio opens the May 2007 Women in Jazz Festival at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and will continue to tour performing arts centers major festivals internationally.

Additional information is available from Dr. Gordon Towell, MSU associate professor of music, at (606) 783-2189.

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Dr. Herron to receive ACS award

Dr. J. Dudley Herron, retired chair of the Department of Physical Sciences at Morehead State University, has been honored by the American Chemical Society with the ACS Award for Achievement in Research for the Teaching and Learning of Chemistry.

Recipients are honored for contributions of major significance to chemistry. Dr. Herron and other award winners will be honored at the Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, March 27, in conjunction with the 233rd ACS national meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Herron earned his doctorate from Florida State University, the master's degree from the University of North Carolina and his bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky.

In 1965, Dr. Herron began his career as an assistant professor at Purdue University; five years later, he became an associate professor and then a full professor in 1977. He left Purdue in 1994 for the MSU post.

He was director of the National Science Foundation Summer Institute in Chemistry at Purdue from 1967 to 1974 and head of the department of curriculum and instruction from 1989-1991.

Dr. Herron was active in various scientific and scholarly organizations and held offices or committee chairs in the ACS, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Association for Research in Science Teaching and the National Science Teachers Association.

In 1971, he won the Kappa Delta Pi Outstanding Teacher Award at Purdue and the Catalyst Award from the American Chemistry Council (1983). In 1985, the Association for the Education of Teachers of Science named him an Outstanding Science Educator.

Dr. Herron has written or co-authored numerous papers for scientific journals and textbooks and has been a reviewer/analyst for several research publications.

A member of ACS until his retirement from MSU in 1996, he chaired the Division of Chemical Education Task Force on Chemical Education Research between 1991 and 1993.

Additional information on the ACS national meeting is available by visiting its Web site at <http://acswebcontent.acs.org/nationalmeeting/chicago2007/home.html> .

Posted: 2-16-07

Trumpet Ensemble going to nationals

The Morehead State University Trumpet Ensemble has been invited to compete in the National Trumpet Competition which will be held March 14-18 on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Members of MSU's Trumpet Ensemble include: Matt Anklan, Kettering, Ohio, junior; Josh Breckenridge, Maysville sophomore; Jake Cummins, Crab Orchard freshman; Frances Lotz, Shelbiana senior; Ryan Mussetter, Xenia, Ohio, junior; Eric Siereveld, Cincinnati senior; Ricky Spears, Ashland senior; and Jeff Wells, Melbourne freshman.

Siereveld also was invited to compete in the finals round of the Jazz Division.

The students are under the direction of Greg Wing, assistant professor of music/trumpet.

The National Trumpet Competition, which was begun in 1992, is now the largest single instrument competition in the world. Held annually at George Mason University, the competition provides performing and educational opportunities for students from the middle school through the collegiate level, representing 40 states and six foreign countries.

Music professors and professional musicians from across the nation have donated their time to serve as judges for the semi-final and final rounds of the competition. Not only does NTC sponsor the annual student competition, artists such as Doc Severinsen, the Canadian Brass, Arturo Sandoval, Maynard Ferguson and Phil Smith have performed at exhibition concerts for the competition, providing inspiration for the students.

Each year, the National Trumpet Competition receives thousands of entries from around the country. "To be asked to compete in the semi-finals round on this level is indeed an honor," Wing said.

Additional information regarding the competition can be found at www.nationaltrumpetcomp.org or from Wing by calling (606) 783-2401 or sending a message to g.wing@moreheadstate.edu.

Posted: 2-16-07

Third provost finalist to visit campus on Monday

The search committee for the open position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Morehead State University will host the third and final candidate for the job on Monday, Feb. 19.

Dr. Kenneth Holland, associate provost for international programs and professor of political science at Kansas State University, will be on campus this Monday, according to Dr. Bruce Mattingly, chair of the committee.

Dr. Holland will meet with faculty staff and students, at 9:50 a.m., Crager Room, ADUC; deans and associate provosts, 10:50 a.m., 301 ADUC; lunch with the President's Cabinet; department chairs, 1:10 p.m., 301 ADUC; Search Committee, 2:20 p.m., 301 ADUC; and faculty, staff and students, 3:30 p.m., Crager Room, ADUC.

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The two other finalists for the position, Dr. Michael Seelig, dean of MSU's Caudill College of Humanities, and Dr. Karla Hughes, professor and dean of the College of Human Ecology at East Carolina University, completed the interview process on Feb. 12 and Feb. 16, respectively.

Everyone who attends the forum is encouraged to complete an evaluation sheet.

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CANCELLED!!!!

Honors Band Concert

The Honors Band Concert scheduled for Feb. 18, in the Wetherby Gymnasium at 1 p.m. has been cancelled due to the severe weather. Additional information:(606) 783-2473.

Posted: 2-18-07

Women's History Month activities set

Several events celebrating the contribution of females to history and culture will be featured at Morehead State University in March.

In observance of Women's History Month, the Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program will sponsor a jazz performance, a legal lecture by an MSU alumnus, and a reading by a prominent Appalachian writer.

The Lynne Arriale Jazz Trio will kick off the month-long celebration with a concert on Thursday, March 8 in Duncan Recital Hall within Baird Music Hall. The trio's performance, slated to begin at 8 p.m., is free and open to the public.

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Also on March 8, the Student Association for Feminist Thought (S.A.F.T) is hosting "International Women's Day Poetry Reading" at 4:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Adron Doran University Center.

Local attorney Earl Rogers III will discuss women's legal rights in his lecture, "Marriage and Divorce in Kentucky: Women's Rights and Responsibilities," on Wednesday, March 14, at 4:30 p.m. in 2 Breckinridge Hall.

Rogers, a 1989 graduate of MSU, earned his law degree at the University of Louisville. His practice includes criminal defense, domestic litigation and more, and he also is the master commissioner for his native Bath County. Co-sponsors of Rogers' lecture are the Department of Geography, Government and History, and the Appalachian Studies Program.

Award-winning author and poet Crystal Wilkinson will present a reading from her works on Wednesday, March 28, at 4:30 p.m. in 2 Breckinridge. She joined MSU's Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy for the 2006-07 academic year as a teacher, writer in residence and adviser.

Raised in Casey County, Wilkinson says much of her work draws from her experiences growing up in Appalachia. She is the author of two books, "Blackberries, Blackberries," and "Water Street," and

numerous short stories and poems. She was the recipient of MSU's Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Celebration of Appalachian Writings Award in 2002.

"Blackberries, Blackberries" was named best debut fiction by "Today's Librarian" magazine, and "Water Street" was a finalist for both the Orange Prize and the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Foundation Legacy Award in fiction.

All events are free and open to the public.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Sylvia Henneberg, associate professor of English and director of women's studies, at (606) 783-5288

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Wilburn earns doctorate

A Morehead State University nursing professor has completed requirements for a doctoral degree.

Dr. Brenda Wilburn, associate professor of nursing, earned the Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.) degree with a focus on health behavior in December from the University of Kentucky.

She primarily teaches within the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (BNP). A licensed nurse since 1979, a registered nurse since 1986 and an advanced practice nurse since 1995, Dr. Wilburn has earned National Certifications as a Nurse Educator from the National League of Nursing and Family Nurse Practitioner and School Nurse Practitioner from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

She was awarded her original diploma in practical nursing from Ashland State Vocational School, an associate degree in nursing from Ashland Community College (now Ashland Community and Technical College) and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Bellarmine College in Louisville.

Dr. Wilburn earned a master's degree in nursing with an area of concentration as a family nurse practitioner at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., and then went on to complete post-master's requirements for School Nurse Practitioner.

Dr. Wilburn has been on the faculty for the Nurse Residence Program through King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. She is the preceptor for nurse practitioner students from the University of Kentucky and Frontier School of Nursing in Hazard.

Faculty positions prior to the current BNP, include assistant professor of nursing in the associate degree nursing program at MSU and instructor and coordinator of the Health Occupations Department at the Ashland State Vocational Technical School.

Additional information about careers in nursing is available by calling Dr. Wilburn at (606) 783-2431.

Posted: 2-20-07

Some MSU classes to begin in March

Do you wish you had started or continued your college career when the semester began earlier this year?

Morehead State University has nearly 70 different courses which will begin on the main campus or at its regional campuses later this semester. To view the options, access the University's Web site (www.moreheadstate.edu); select class schedule from the current students' portal; then select Second Half Semester to view the list.

Registration information, and other frequently asked questions, is available on the Eagle Express Lane.

The MSU at Mt. Sterling regional campus will offer six classes:

- SOC 376, Industrial Sociology, March 2-17;
- PSY 154, Introduction to Psychology, March 12-May 11;
- EDGC 105, Career Planning, March 17-May 11;
- MSU 400, The World of Work, March 17-May 11;
- MSU 399, Manipulating Digital Images, March 31-April 28;

Among the classes offered at MSU at Prestonsburg are:

- MSU 399, Outdoor Recreation, March 17-May 5;
- GEO 300, World Geography, March 17-May 11;

Offered at all five regional campuses--Ashland, Jackson, Mt. Sterling, Prestonsburg and West Liberty--is GOVT 351, Public Administration, March 30-April 28.

MSU has been recognized as one of the top public universities in the South in the 2005, 2006 and 2007 issues of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report.

U.S. News notes Morehead State offers 50 percent of classes with less than 20 students, which earned a third place ranking among top tier public universities. Only 3 percent of MSU classes have 50 or more students. The magazine shows 88 percent of Morehead State faculty members are full-time, a number surpassed by only four other listed public institutions.

Additional information is available by calling MSU at Ashland at (606) 327-1777 or (800) 648-5370; MSU at Jackson at (606) 666-2800 or (800) 729-5225; MSU at Mt. Sterling at (859) 499-0780 or (866) 870-0809; MSU at Prestonsburg at (606) 886-2405 or (800) 648-6372; or MSU at West Liberty at (606) 743-1500 or (800) 648-5371; MSU's regional campus coordinator at (800) 585-6781, option #3; or the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008.

Posted: 2-20-07

Dr. Little to be featured on KET

Morehead State University faculty member Dr. Ricky Little will be featured in a performance that will be aired on Kentucky Educational Television (KET).

Dr. Little, associate professor of music, will appear in the documentary "The Spirituals," which will be aired on KET 1 and 2, Feb. 24, 25 and 27. An assistant conductor and soloist with The American Spiritual Ensemble, he speaks and performs in the film.

"The Spirituals" made its world premiere in October 2006 at the University of Kentucky's Singletary Center for the Arts. Directed and filmed by Mexican-American filmmakers Ari Luis Palos, and Eren McGinnis of Dos Vatos Productions, "The Spirituals" documents the story of the Negro spiritual and features The American Spiritual Ensemble.

It was shot on location throughout the United States and Spain, and has been released to air nationally. In January, Dr. Little appeared in the documentary "Impresario," which also was broadcast on KET.

"The Spirituals" will air Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m., KET1; Sunday; Feb. 25 at 3:30 a.m., KET1, and at 4 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on KET2; and Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 2 a.m., KET1 (all Eastern time).

Dr. Little earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from Oakwood College, and the Master of Arts in vocal pedagogy and the Doctor of Musical Arts in vocal performance from The Ohio State University.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Little at (606) 783-2492.

Posted: 2-21-07

Higher education leaders unveil statewide plan

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews and other Kentucky higher education leaders recently unveiled a statewide plan designed to improve college readiness for students.

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education's (CPE) Developmental Education Task Force released its suggestions for reducing the number of students who are academically underprepared for postsecondary education, and for better supporting and retaining those students.

The task force's report, "Securing Kentucky's Future: A Plan for Improving College Readiness and Success," was released Feb. 12 and outlines six core suggestions. They include: updating college admissions regulations, creating an integrated accountability system tied to performance funding; funding infrastructure improvement; aligning college readiness standards and tie to educator professional development; better linking educator preparation to college readiness; and

developing early student interventions.

"These recommendations outline a comprehensive strategy to tackle the challenges Kentucky faces in the area of college preparation and success," said Tom Layzell, president of the CPE.

The council's Quality and Accountability Policy Group formed the task force as a result of recent reports showing that in both 2002 and 2004, just more than 50 percent of first-time freshmen did not meet the council's standard for preparation in math, English and reading. Members of the task force included representation from all sectors of education as well as state leaders in the legislative and executive branches.

The group looks at the roles of higher education institutions, as well as what middle and high schools can do toward attaining the long-term goal of increasing the number of people holding college degrees in Kentucky. By raising educational attainment to the national average by 2020, the state will attract higher wage and knowledge-based business and industry and the overall quality of life for Kentuckians is projected to improve in several areas.

Additional information on the task force, and its full report, are available online by accessing www.cpe.ky.gov/committees/develop_ed.

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Bill to restore vetoed projects clears House committee

Posted: 2.20.07

FRANKFORT --- The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee passed out a bill today that will restore projects vetoed by the governor last year, including a \$17 million student recreation center and \$10 million in housing improvements for Morehead State University.

MSU also would benefit from the restoration of \$500,000 in coal severance funds for operating support of the University Center of the Mountains at Hazard. MSU is part of that academic consortium which brings four-year and graduate degrees to an area without a four-year, public postsecondary institution.

House Bill 1, sponsored by House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, restores both state and agency bond projects and coal severance projects approved by the General Assembly that were vetoed by the governor after the 2006 session had adjourned, preventing lawmakers from overriding the vetoes. The legislature can only override a veto of legislation during the session in which the legislation was passed.

Richards said most of the bonds that HB 1 restores are agency bonds that allowed mostly universities to use their own money for capital projects. HB 1 now goes before the full House for a vote.

TRiO Day set for Feb. 24

Morehead State University will host TRiO Day, on Saturday, Feb. 24, on the campus. More than 400 students from 15 institutions across the state are expected to attend.

For more than 30 years, TRiO Programs (Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Veterans Upward Bound, Student Support Service, Educational Opportunity Centers and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program) have been providing valuable support services to help students who are economically disadvantaged or from working families to successfully enter college and graduate.

Attendees of the TRiO Day event will have an opportunity to join in a variety of activities and workshops, including campus tours, student ambassador's workshops, two historical Chautauqua reenactments and three student academic competitions: Academic Bowl, Scholars Bowl and SSS/McNair Debate. Registration will be held in the Adron Doran University Center.

During the afternoon, all TRiO Day participants will attend an awards ceremony which will include several guest speakers. The master of ceremony will be Gera Drake, associate director of the Educational Opportunity Center and president of the Kentucky Association of Educational Program Personnel (KAEOPP). MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will welcome the TRiO participants and Brad Collins, Morehead mayor, will proclaim it TRiO Day in Morehead.

A TRiO alumni gathering, organized by KAEOPP, will include a reception buffet, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Speaking at the buffet will be MSU alumni Steve O'Conner, a Morgan County attorney, and State Sen. Walter Blevins Jr., who also was an Upward Bound participant.

The day will conclude with presentations of the awards to student winners of the morning competitions.

TRiO Day was enacted by Congress in 1986 "to turn the attention of the nation to the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives" through access to higher education.

Additional information is available from Annette Hines, academic technology coordinator for Student Support Services, by calling (606) 783-2140 or by e-mail toa.hines@moreheadstate.edu .
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Wellness Center workshops offered in March

Want to learn the correct way to get back into shape while avoiding injuries?

Morehead State University's [Wellness Center](#) is offering workshops designed to teach you how to exercise with proper techniques for maximum efficiency and safety. The Wellness Center exercise science interns will present body resistance training workshops throughout the month of March.

The schedule will be as follows:

Chest and triceps, March 5 and 7, 5 p.m.; Hamstrings, March 13, 5 p.m. and March 15 at 7 a.m.; and Back, biceps, and shoulders, March 26 and 28, 5 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the MSU Wellness Center classroom.

Also at the Wellness Center in March, Dr. John Warber, registered dietician and assistant professor of human sciences, will continue his series about the food we eat. The series is designed to help you make better food choices to look and feel better.

The classes are scheduled on Tuesdays from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Topics scheduled for March also include:

Nutrition 103: Obesity is a gateway to most other chronic diseases. Learn what diet principles really work for weight management; March 6, Wellness Center, room 113;

Nutrition 104: There is more than salt to worry about. Learn how the "Dash diet" is a major part of the lifestyle plan to prevent and control high blood pressure; March 27, Adron Doran University Center, room 312.

Dr. Warber may be reached at (606) 783-9315.

The workshops are free for all MSU students, faculty, staff and community. Additional information on the Wellness Center programs is available by calling (606) 783-2083.

Posted: 2-21-07

Digital photography course offered by OCE

Want to take your digital photographs to the next level?

Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education is offering a new online course, "Photoshop Elements 5.0 for the Digital Photographer II," that will provide the tools you need for quick fixes and detailed enhancement of digital photos.

The class also will extend the learning options for more advanced digital photographers.

With Elements, Adobe combines the power of its award-winning Photoshop technology with the ease of use desired by users who want quick results. Dr. Beverly Schulz, an experienced digital photographer and Photoshop Elements user, helps students use this program for advanced and sophisticated projects.

Students in the course will learn how to restore old photos and add a hint of color for a hand-tinted look, as well as how to build high-impact collages with images and text. In addition to combining images with layers, synchronizing frames and images, and increasing the options for flexibility, participants will gain an overall knowledge of all aspects of this popular program. For those looking for ways to share images through animation, slide shows, or collages, Photoshop Elements provides easy solutions.

"If you haven't unlocked the mysteries of Photoshop Elements 5.0, leave your frustrations behind and enjoy a simplified introduction to this fascinating program," said Dr. Schulz. "Having worked with students in this field for a number of years, I've designed examples and exercises that produce a great feeling of accomplishment."

"Photoshop Elements 5.0 for the Digital Photographer II" can be taken online from the convenience of your home or office. Additional information about this course, which is a part of a growing catalog of more

than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses, may be obtained by calling MSU's Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875, or on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/oce .
Posted: 2-21-07

Our Hearts Hero in concert on Feb. 26

Morehead State University's [Student Government Association](#) and the [Wesley Foundation](#) will present Our Hearts Hero in concert on Monday, Feb. 26, in Button Auditorium. Doors open at 7 p.m. with showtime at 8 p.m.

Our Hearts Hero (Nick Joyce, vocals/guitars; Jeremy McKnight, bass; Jason Nattier, guitar; and Ricky Holbrook, drums) is a four-piece, popular-rock group originally hailing from the tri-state area but now residing in Franklin, Tenn.

The band has toured relentlessly for five years on a full-time level, with a broad demographic of fans in all 50 states and Canada.

Since the release of the band's 2004 independently produced debut, "Can You Hear Me," sales in excess of 20 thousand units paved the way for the anticipated sophomore self-titled release, "Our Hearts Hero." The band maintains a strong online presence at ourheartshero.com and several thousand "friends" on myspace.com/ourheartshero.

Opening the show will be P.B. Thrice.

MSU students will be admitted free with a valid EagleCard I.D., while a \$3 charge and a canned food donation is asked from the general public.

Posted: 2-21-07

'Crash Course Fishing Clinic' held on campus

The avid fisherman will want to check out the "Crash Course Fishing Clinic" which will begin Thursday, March 1, at Morehead State University.

Crash Mullins, owner of Crash's Landing Outfitters and Musky Guide Post on Cave Run Lake, has 30 years of fishing and guide service experience. His knowledge of fishing southern water at Cave Run Lake has earned him the reputation of being one of the top musky anglers in the country, according to "Musky HunterMagazine."

With fishing on the rise like never before, old and young alike are getting into musky fishing. Mullins is a national seminar speaker, radio and TV personality. He also has produced a video, titled, "Southern Style . "

Mullins' goal is to teach you how to fish for the elusive southern musky and to share the information required to be a true musky fisherman.

He will discuss seasonal fishing patterns, choosing the proper lure depending on water conditions, and how to work the lure properly. He also will discuss when to use a stiff short rod or a longer more flexible one, why you should use leaders and when to use them and when not to use them. He wants to share his knowledge so that you may experience the thrill of a lifetime by catching a trophy musky.

Cave Run Lake is included on the Professional Musky Tournament Trail (PMTT). With your rod and reel readied, your hooks sharpened and advice given as to depth of water and what type of lake bottom is present, you will be ready to fish.

The class will run from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus for three consecutive weeks, beginning March 1. For the final class, students will have an opportunity to learn hands-on casting techniques at McClure Pool in the Academic-Athletic Center.

The fee is \$125 per person. Students will be charged \$90 and children under 12 will be admitted free. Advanced registration is required.

Additional information on these courses, which are a part of a growing catalog of more than 300 classes, including face-to-face and instructor-facilitated online courses, may be obtained by calling MSU's Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875, or by accessing the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/oce.

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Ireland study tour deadline is today

Students interested in working in the healthcare field have the opportunity to study abroad this summer.

Morehead State University, in conjunction with the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad, is offering "The Lived Experience of Irish Healthcare Experience" in Ireland. The trip will begin July 9 and run through July 24.

The course, taught by Dr. Erla Mowbray, chair of MSU's Department of Nursing, will help students to understand the meaning of health and wellness within the Irish culture. Students will interview Irish citizens about their experiences in accessing health care. They will develop field notes by visiting various healthcare institutions in Dublin and surrounding cities.

"These combined experiences will provide students with the opportunity to interact within the cultural dimensions of the healthcare field," Dr. Mowbray said.

The cost is \$3,955 which includes round-trip air transportation, airport transfers, ground transportation from designated cities in Ireland, a Dublin bus/city rail pass, accommodations, daily breakfast, some additional meals, and program excursions. The deadline to register is Feb. 28.

Additional information is available from Dr. Mowbray at (606) 783-2642 or e-mail her at e.mowbray@moreheadstate.edu. Details on this and other study abroad opportunities may be obtained from CCSA at (800) 319-6045, logging on to www.ccsa.cc, or from CCSA campus representatives Dr. Janet Gross at atj.gross@moreheadstate.edu and Dr. Samuel Faulkner at s.faulkner@moreheadstate.edu.

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SPS chapter honored

Morehead State University's chapter of the Society of Physics Students has been selected as an Outstanding SPS Chapter in Zone 8 for the 2005-2006 school year.

The selection is based on the depth and breadth of SPS activities conducted by the IC chapter in such areas as physics research, public science outreach, physics tutoring programs, hosting and representation at physics meetings, and providing social interaction for chapter members.

Less than 10 percent of the SPS chapters nationwide are so honored.

"Our chapter is honored to have received this award," said Dr. Capp D. Yess, chapter adviser and associate professor of physics. "The Society of Physics Students is an outstanding program of which our chapter is extremely proud to take part."

The MSU chapter attended the Zone 8 meeting in Louisville along with the Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship Showcase, the Kentucky Academy of Sciences meeting and the Kentucky Honors Roundtable Conference.

The group also visited the Fermi-Lab and Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago along with a tour of Oak Ridge National Lab in Knoxville.

Morehead State's chapter, which has nearly 30 members, also helped with the Math, Physics and Technology Exploration Day (MPATE) held on the MSU campus.

"Thank you for the time and energy you devote to the students and to their betterment," wrote Greg White, SPS director, in a letter to Dr. Yess. "This award is a testament to your personal leadership skills as much as it is an acknowledgment of your chapter's superior performance."

The chapter's officers--Grant Webb, **Eubank** senior; Toby Hale, **Mallie** senior; Sara Smith, **Martin** senior; and Jared Cordray, **Falmouth** senior--were responsible for the event planning and advertising of activities.

In early February, SPS sent the local group a certificate for display.

Additional information on MSU's chapter of the Society of Physics Students may be obtained by contacting Dr. Yess at (606) 783-2939.

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Hamilton to be honored during Founders Day

The first athlete to ever pitch in Major League Baseball's World Series, play in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball tournament and National Basketball Association's Championship

series will be honored by his alma mater, for which he served more than 20 years as athletic director and head baseball coach.

Morehead State University's 2007 Founders Day Award for University Service will be given posthumously to Steve A. Hamilton of Morehead.

He will be honored during the annual Founders Day Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, March 13. The ceremony begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

"Steve Hamilton embodied the spirit of Morehead State University. He was a fierce competitor, but was one of the most respected and honorable men to don the blue and gold as an athlete and administrator," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "We invite you to join us to play tribute to Coach Hamilton for his dedicated service to MSU."

A standout athlete during his college days, he played on Ohio Valley Conference championship teams in baseball, basketball and track.

After an 11-year major-league pitching career, he coached in the minors before returning to MSU in 1976 to become baseball coach. He held that position for 13 years and accumulated a 305-275 record and led the Eagles to five divisional champions and two OVC crowns. In NCAA tournament competition, his 1983 squad was runner-up in the Midwest Regional.

He was named director of athletics in July 1988, a post he served until his death in 1997.

As the A.D., Hamilton led the program to success on the field, in facilities and in the classroom. During his tenure, a weight room was built, an academic counselor for athletes was added, graduation rates of student-athletes improved and the University won the OVC Academic Achievement Banner four times.

Hamilton earned a bachelor's degree from MSU in 1958 and a master's degree in 1963.

Among his honors include spots in the Morehead State University Athletic Hall of Fame, the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame and the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame.

In 1999, the OVC honored him with the establishment of the "Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award." It is given annually to an OVC male or female student-athlete of junior or senior standing who best exemplifies the characteristics of Hamilton. Criteria includes significant athletic performance along with good sportsmanship and citizenship.

Most everyone who knew the "old left-hander" has an enjoyable story to tell or can recall his graciousness, contagious laughter and respect for others. As part of the Founders Day planning, everyone is invited to share their "Steve Stories" by sending an e-mail to giving@moreheadstate.edu. Stories also may be mailed to Mindy Highley, Palmer Development House, Morehead, KY 40351-1689.

Also during the luncheon program, new members will be inducted into the Society of MSU Fellows and new Visionaries will be honored.

Morehead State will celebrate its 120th year of higher education and its 84th anniversary as a public institution with a Retirees Breakfast and Memorial Brick Dedication. Advance reservations are necessary.

The day will begin with the recognition of faculty and staff members, beginning at 8:30 a.m., also in the Crager Room, ADUC. President Andrews will offer congratulations to those retiring this year.

Former faculty and staff members will be remembered at the memorial brick dedication beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Little Bell Tower. The tolling of the bell will follow the reading of the names and years of service of the departed individuals.

Tickets for the luncheon, at \$10 per plate, must be ordered and purchased in advance. Deadline is Friday, March 2.

Visitors attending Founders Day events are encouraged to park at the Academic-Athletic Center where a shuttle bus will carry them across campus with stops at the Little Bell Tower and ADUC.

Additional information and tickets to the awards luncheon are available by calling the Office of Development at (606) 783-2033 or (877) 690-4483.

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A Morehead State University student group spends a good deal of its time making noise - a joyful noise.

The University's Black Gospel Ensemble, celebrating its 39th year, is an example of a harmonious blend of education, music and religion, while providing a cultural outlet for interested students.

Black gospel music has been performed by non-music majors at MSU since 1968. The musical genre is often referred to as African-American vocal music that celebrates Christian doctrine in emotive and sometimes dramatic ways.

With nearly 30 members, MSU's ensemble sings at various University events, and its participants specialize in contemporary gospel music singing for church and community functions.

Its members will give a special performance Sunday, Feb. 25, in Covington at 3:30 p.m. at the United Community Christian Church. The concert is free and open to the public.

BGE members include: Justin

Barker, **Louisville** freshman; Kristin

Black, **Maysville** sophomore; Jordon Burks, **Louisville** senior; Damieon Cotton, **Hopkinsville** senior;

Taria Daugerty, **Winchester** senior; Valencia Dickerson, **Franklin** sophomore; Tapri

Fields, **Richmond** senior; Lanika Freeman, **Chillicothe, Ohio**, senior; Tareesha

Gardner, **Louisville** senior; Ashia Garrett, **Cincinnati** freshman; Bethany Gordon, **Lebanon** junior; Dwight Harris, **Lexington** junior;

Brittany Henderson, **Covington** sophomore; Ericka Hibner, **Radcliff** junior; Megan

Howard, **Louisville** freshman; Ebony McCoy, **Louisville** senior; Daniel Murphy, **Ironton, Ohio**, junior;

Sharnetta O'Bannon, **Carlisle** junior; Thelma Prysock, **Columbus, Ohio**, senior; Craig

Smith, **Nicholasville** senior; Justin Story, **Cadiz** senior; Shea Templeman, **Morehead** sophomore;

Jeanette Valentine, **Louisville** freshman; Kayla Watts, **Latonia** sophomore; and Danielle

Wilson, **Lexington** junior. Wilson and Smith are director and assistant director, respectively, of the ensemble.

There is no formal audition for students who would like to be a part of the group. All are welcome if they have a desire to sing songs of Christian praise.

Additional information is available by calling one of the ensemble's faculty advisers - Dr. Ritta Abell, visiting assistant professor, at (606) 783-9800; or Madeline Murphy, instructor of human sciences, at (606) 780-9158.

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Sen. Bunning will give keynote address at KPSA

U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning will be the keynote speaker Friday, March 2, at the annual banquet of the Kentucky Political Science Association (KPSA). His talk will begin at 7 p.m. at the Morehead Conference Center.

The KPSA annual meeting, which will be held March 2-3, will feature a variety of speakers at the sessions that will address several issues, including Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations; American Politics; Campaigns & Elections; Public Administration; Politics, Poetry & Symbolism; State & Local Politics; Economic Development and Stewardship of Places; Public Law and Federalism; Public Policy; and Political Philosophy.

The complete program is available on the Web at www.kpsaweb.org. The \$45 registration fee includes the Friday night banquet and keynote address.

Dr. Michael W. Hail, assistant dean for the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy and director of the Masters in Public Administration program at Morehead State University, is president of KPSA for 2007.

KPSA's mission is to advance knowledge and understanding of political science in Kentucky, to strengthen the political science profession in the state, and to improve communications among both teachers and practitioners in the profession.

"The KPSA has a very exciting program this year featuring faculty and student presentations from across Kentucky as well as from several other states including Virginia, Ohio, Alabama, Minnesota, Michigan and Pennsylvania. We are very honored to have Sen. Bunning as our speaker," Dr. Hail said.

In his University role, Dr. Hail has administrative as well as academic duties at IRAPP, MSU's Program of Distinction. His work was recently published in the Greenwood Press book "Federalism In America." In addition, he serves as associate editor of "The Federalism Report," published by the Center for the Study of Federalism.

Dr. Hail leads such initiatives as MSU's prestigious award from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's Community Outreach and Partnership Center (COPC) program. He currently serves as assistant director of The Institute for Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations (IFIR), a collaboration between MSU and UK dedicated to basic and applied research dealing with the relationships among governments and their organization in federal structures.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Hail at (606) 783-5407.

Professor will do book signing today

Dr. Scott A. Davison, professor of philosophy at Morehead State University, has written a chapter in the new book "Basketball and Philosophy: Thinking Outside the Paint" that recently hit bookstores.

Dr. Davison's chapter is about luck and fairness of the game.

The book, published by The University Press of Kentucky, was edited Jerry L. Walls, professor of philosophy at Asbury Theological Seminary, and Gregory Bassham, department chair and professor of philosophy at King's College.

There will be a reading and book signing at CoffeeTree Books in Morehead on Wednesday, March 28, at 7 p.m.

According to the publisher, "In *Basketball and Philosophy*, a Dream Team of 26 academics trained in philosophy--also diehard hoops fans--proves that basketball is

the thinking fan's sport. Whether you play basketball, coach it, or just love to watch it, this book will forever enrich your understanding and appreciation of the game."
The book is one in the series on philosophy and popular culture.

"This looks like one of the best," said Dr. Davison. "The articles (in the book) are on a wide range of topics, and they locate a number of places in which issues in basketball intersect with philosophy and ordinary life."

The book's foreword was written by ESPN basketball analyst Dick Vitale, and the book also has been reviewed by Duke University head basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski.

"Basketball isn't just about wins and losses, points and turnovers. It's about preparing young athletes for the disappointments and victories that we all experience. Basketball and philosophy clearly demonstrates that basketball can teach us a lot about life and gives the reader a deeper appreciation of the depth and complexity of this great sport," wrote Krzyzewski.

Dr. Davison, who has written numerous chapters in other books, is currently writing a chapter on the ethical issues raised by violence in football for a forthcoming book on football and philosophy.

The book is available from www.kentuckypress.com or Amazon.com.
Additional information is available by calling Dr. Davison at (606) 783-2273.

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March courses and workshops offered by CE

Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education will offer a wide range of courses and workshops in March. From fishing to dancing and horseback riding to lawn care, the courses may educate or entertain the mind.

Highlights of courses and workshops are:

Crash Course Fishing Clinic: With fishing on the rise like never before, old and young alike are getting into fishing. Crash Mullins has fished as a professional guide for 30 years and owns his own guide service. His knowledge of fishing southern reservoirs has earned him title of "The Southern Musky Fishing Expert." The fishing school will begin March 1 and continues through March 29. During the final class on March 29, attendees will learn to cast a line at McClure Pool. The cost will be \$125 or \$90 for MSU students.

Word: Brush up on your word processing skills or learn new shortcuts to make you more efficient. Impress your current employer or include the training on your resume to be more attractive to potential employers. The course will be held March, 6, 8, 13 and 15 in 312 Combs from 6-8 p.m. The cost is \$79.

ACT Test Prep: Learn how to prepare for the ACT or increase an existing ACT score. This course will help you become familiar with all test components, and test taking and problem solving strategies. Refresh your math and English skills by going through the types of problems that will be on the test. As a prerequisite, students must purchase the ACT 2006 by Kaplan. The class will be held on Saturdays from March 12 through May 19 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The cost for this course (**excludes textbook**) is **\$49.**

Engaging a Multi-Generational Workforce : Identifying the positive workplace characteristics, unique needs and values associated with each generation will be a major part of the workshop, which is scheduled for March 12 in room 321 of the Adron Doran University Center. It is designed to help a business become more efficient and employees more effective, resulting in more productivity and increased profits. Session I will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and Session II will be held from 1-4 p.m. Cost per session will be \$149.

Pharmacy Technician : The Pharmacy Technician certification will prepare individuals to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) exam. This 50-hour course will teach students, how to

read and interpret prescriptions, and how to define drugs by generic and brand name, how to order and inventory medications, and calculate drug dosages. The class, which will start on March 12, will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 6-9:30 p.m. until May 8. The cost for this class is \$999.

Medical Billing and Coding : The Medical Billing and Coding Certification course will begin March 13. This 70-hour course teaches individuals the necessary skills to manually file claims using the CPT and ICD-9 manuals. Individuals will learn how to solve billing problems, file claims, complete insurance forms, trace delinquent claims, appeal claims, streamline billing procedures, and find service and codes using provided manuals. Individuals who complete this course could qualify to sit for the Certified Coding Associate exam. After six months job experience, individuals may then sit for the Academy of Professional Coders-Certified Professional Coder Apprentice exam. The class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-9:30 p.m. until May 15. The cost is \$1,299.

Phlebotomy Technician : The Phlebotomist is a vital member of the clinical laboratory team, whose main function is to obtain patient's blood specimens by venipuncture and micro-collection. This 90-hour program, which begins March 13, prepares professionals to collect blood specimens from clients for the purpose of laboratory analysis. The program also includes lab exercises, live blood draws, work with a training arm and other exercises intended to prepare students to function as an entry level Phlebotomy Technician. . The class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-9:30 p.m. until May 29. The cost is \$1,599.

Basic Drawing Fundamentals: Learn the basics of drawing in two-dimensional media, using dry media (pencil, charcoal, chalk and crayon) and liquid media, using pen and ink, and brush and ink. This course will be held on Thursday March 15 - May 10 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in 305 Claypool-Young Art Building. Cost is \$55.

Dance Techniques: This introductory course offers a comprehensive study in the fundamentals of dance. Each class meeting consists of a 30-minute study in three genres of the discipline: tap, modern dance and jazz techniques will be held from March 26 - April 23. Ballet, hip-hop and modern dance will be offered from March 28 - April 25. The instructor is Ashley L. Suttler, assistant professor of dance and the MSU Dance Ensemble director. Classes will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. and will cost \$150.

Beginning Horseback Riding II: Learn general care of the horse and how to tack. Riding skills will be taught for both English and Western saddles. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, March 28-May 2, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the University Farm. Class size is limited to eight students.

Learn the basics of Knitting : When it's cold outside, there is nothing better than slipping a long, warm scarf around your neck before you go out the door. Now you can learn to knit. This class is designed to teach the basics of knitting, including casting on, the knit stitch, and casting off. Additional stitches may be taught as desired by "quick learners." Participants will need to purchase their own "Learn to Knit Kits" and yarn. Instructor Valerie Wagoner has more than 30 years of knitting experience. The class will run March 7-April 4, on Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in 305 Allie Young Hall. The fee is \$39. Questions should be directed to Wagoner (606) 783-5204.

CPR for Health Care Professionals: This hands-on course, scheduled for March 28, teaches the primary and secondary techniques of first aid, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and the basic skills of patient care until professional medical help arrives. At the completion of this course, you will receive the American Heart Association two-year certification for CPR Training. Pre-registration is required. It will be held from 3:30-7:30 p.m. in 305 Allie Young. The cost of the class is \$45.

Additional information may be obtained by calling MSU's Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875, or on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/oce .

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FFA Speaking Contest to be held on campus

Again this year, the Department of Agricultural & Human Sciences at Morehead State University will host the Licking River Regional FFA Speaking Contest.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. with opening ceremonies scheduled for 10 a.m. in Duncan Recital Hall, within Baird Music Hall, on Friday, March 9. Attendance is anticipated to be approximately 150 high school students.

Activities for this event include impromptu presentations in areas such as dairy, beef, swine, sheep, horses, crops, turf and lawn, goat, floral, greenhouse as well as nursery and landscape, forestry, fruit and

vegetable, small animal and environmental technology. Those who rank highest in these events will advance to the State FFA Convention which is scheduled to be held in June.

Additional information on the event is available from Dr. Adam Kantrovich, assistant professor of agricultural & human sciences at (606) 783-2662 or by e-mail to a.kantrovich@moreheadstate.edu .
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High school art exhibition to be held on campus

The gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building on the Morehead State University campus will be the site of the "Kentucky Burley/Coal Regional High School Exhibition and Competition," March 7-14.

A jury, comprised of art faculty and a member of the Kentucky Art Education Association, will present the Best in Show award as well as ribbons for first place in each art media category. The winning artworks will be included in a statewide student art exhibition and competition.

In conjunction with the exhibition, MSU's Department of Art will host its annual High School Art Day on Wednesday, March 14. There will be activities and demonstrations throughout the day as well as a sculpture competition.

High schools participating are from these counties: Bath, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Carter, Elliot, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Perry, Pike, Robertson, Rowan and Wolfe.

The gallery in Claypool-Young 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 and the public is invited to attend. Parking is available on University Street and Elizabeth Avenue, directly behind the Claypool-Young Art Building.

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

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Spring Job Fair to be held March 6

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

The fair will be held Tuesday, March 6, in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. to provide MSU students and alumni, as well as the general public, with information for future employees.

Employers from a variety of fields in both the public and private sectors will be in attendance.

"Participants will not need to pre-register for the activity," said Julia Hawkins, career services director. "Bring copies of your resume and come prepared to visit with a future coworker."

More than 600 employers who have previously attended and/or shared job vacancies with the Office of Academic and Career Services have been invited.

Employers who have registered to be on the MSU campus include: Affiliated Computer Services (ACS), Administrative Office of the Courts-Minority Affairs, AFLAC, Auditor of Public Accounts, Cedar Point Amusement Park, Cintas Corporation, Citizens National Bank, Commonwealth of Kentucky Personnel Cabinet, Department of Energy, Department for Environmental Protection, Eastern Kentucky Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Edward Jones, Eastern Kentucky University Graduate Education and Research, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Family Dollar Services, Inc., Federal Correctional Institution; First Investors Corporation, First Omni Mortgage, Frenchburg Job Corps Academy, Hitachi Automotive Products (USA), Inc. , Interstate Natural Gas Company, Kelly Services, Inc., Kenton County Police Department, Kentucky 4-H Camps, Kentucky Department for Fish & Wildlife Resources, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Kroger Company, Mary Kay Cosmetics;

Morehead State University Graduate School, Peebles, Rite Aid, Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom, Social Security Administration, St. Claire Regional Medical Center, Stober Drives, Inc., Total Quality Logistics, U.S. Army Recruiting, USDA Rural Development, U.S. Penitentiary Big Sandy, Waddell and Reed, Walgreens, Wells Fargo Financial, Wilderness Road Girl Scouts and YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly.

Additional information regarding the participating businesses can be accessed on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/career/ or by calling (606) 783-2233.

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Kentucky Visions at the Capitol features MSU professors

Two Morehead State University professors and one alumnus were among those invited to participate in the Kentucky Arts Council's visual art exhibition, "Kentucky Visions at the Capitol" which is on display in Frankfort.

The art is located in the Senate Leadership offices and will be there for the duration of the 2007 session of the General Assembly.

Among those participating are David Bartlett, professor of art; Gary Mesa-Gaido, associate professor of art; and recent graduate Laura Eklund of Olive Hill.

To be eligible, artists had to be previously accepted into the Kentucky Arts Council's Visual Arts at the Market Program or have been awarded Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowships.

Both Bartlett and Mesa-Gaido are two-time winners of Al Smith Fellowships.

A total of 36 pieces of artwork by 26 artists from 14 Kentucky counties make up the exhibit. The total value of the artwork in the exhibition is \$73,196.

Bartlett was born in Minneapolis, Minn. and raised in Green Bay, Wis. After graduating from Carleton College (Minn.), he joined the Peace Corps, teaching high school in Micronesia.

After the Peace Corps and a master's degree in philosophy from Yale University, he received his first training in photography. This led him to further pursue his interest in art at the University of Michigan.

Bartlett has taught art at Morehead State since 1980. Besides the Al Smith Fellowships (1996 and 2005), he has received a Distinguished Creative Productions Award from MSU in 2002. He has garnered more than 50 national and regional juried show prizes and has exhibited extensively nationally and internationally.

Mesa-Gaido received his Master of Fine Arts degree from Ohio University in 1992. During the last decade, he exhibited his work in more than 80 solo, small group, and large group international, national and regional juried exhibitions from New York City to San Francisco.

Mesa-Gaido's work has been supported through various grants and awards, including two Kentucky Arts Council grants. In addition, his pieces are held in the permanent collections of individuals, as well as, organizations including the Pittsburgh Plate and Glass in Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Avampato Discovery Museum in Charleston, W.Va.

Eklund graduated from Morehead State with a master's degree in painting in 2006. She has studied extensively with Bob Franzini, Greg Penner, Janena Reynolds, Doug Adams, Larry Carroll, Jerry Ulesmann, Bartlett and Mesa-Gaido.

Her paintings have won honorable mention and first place awards in juried shows, and she received a grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women in 2005. Her works are part of several private and corporate collections across the nation, including Classic Art Gallery of Carmel, Calif., and Paragon Music of Columbus, Ohio.

She is married to poet George Eklund, MSU associate professor of English.

Other participating artists were: Patricia Brock, Jefferson County; Jim Bryant, Calloway County; Ken Landon Buck, Campbell County; Paul Burns, Madison County; Warren Farr, McCracken County; Linda Fugate-Blumer, Fayette County; Elsie Kay Harris, Fayette County; Rebecca Cathleen "Cathy" Hill, Jefferson County; Emmy Houweling, Henry County; Michael Thomas McCardwell, Shelby County; Dan McGrath, Fayette County; Kevin Munte, Kenton County; Mary Newton, Jefferson County; Kathleen O'Brien, Mercer County; Letitia Quesenberry, Jefferson County; Sandy Miller Sasso, Calloway County; Carol Shutt, Fleming County; Gueniver Smith, Jefferson County; Karen Spears, Fayette County; David Stratton, Daviess County; Robert Tharsing, Fayette County; Ralph Tyree, Clark County; and Gayle Williamson, Jefferson County.

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MSPR's Spring Fundraiser underway

Morehead State Public Radio's Spring Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday through Friday, March 10-16. Financial gifts to MSPR help support the learning environment for students attending Morehead State University and the purchase of new equipment and supplies.

Contributions given during this pledge drive will support MSPR's regional news, educational and entertainment programming.

Thank you gifts will be available to listeners such as an MSPR T-shirt or a National Public Radio Morning Edition/All Things Considered mug. In addition, everyone who makes a gift for the spring fundraiser will be eligible for daily prize drawings.

MSPR is especially seeking new listeners and first-time supporters. Visit MSPR's Web site (www.msradio.com) or call 1-800-286-9659 to pledge your gifts of support to Morehead State Public Radio.

On Wednesday, March 14, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. MSPR will have its annual CD sale at Adron Doran University Center.

Earlier this month, MSPR was recognized by the Kentucky Arts Council as the recipient of the 2006 Media Award through the Governor's Awards in the Arts. "This is a unique honor which spotlights our

dedicated staff, students and community volunteers," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager. "For more than 40 years, we've offered programming which is educational, informative and entertaining with an emphasis on preserving and promoting the region's cultural heritage through the arts."

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3 FM) 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.

Gifts to Morehead State Public Radio are tax deductible and may be made online using MSPR's secure Web site at www.msuradio.com. Volunteers are needed during the spring fundraiser to help answer phones and to greet guests. If you would like to be a volunteer, you may contact Amanda Baldwin, MSPR's marketing and development director, at (606) 783-2394.

Posted: 2-26-07

Special recital scheduled for March 4

Two accomplished musicians will present a special recital at Morehead State University on Sunday, March 4.

George Palton, tubist, and Tedrin Blair Lindsay, pianist, will perform at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall within Baird Music Hall on the MSU campus. The performance is free and open to the public.

Palton, a Cleveland native, is a Doctor of Music Arts degree candidate at the University of Kentucky, where he studies with Dr. Skip Gray. Under the direction of Dr. Gray, Palton received his master's degree in music performance in 2004. He received his bachelor's degree in music education and music performance on the tuba at Bowling Green State University.

While he was a resident in Northwest Ohio, Palton was the tubist for the Glass City Brass Quintet, a professional brass quintet in the Toledo area. He also served as the principal tubist for the Lima Symphony Orchestra during the 2002-03 season.

Palton is active as a performer, and his accolades include being named the 1st Place winner in the Tuba Artist Competition at the 2006 International Tuba Euphonium Conference, and 2nd place at the 2006 Potomac Festival. He also has recently given solo performances at the 2006 International Tuba Euphonium Conference and the 2006 Phi Mu Alpha National Convention. In addition to his performing and teaching activities, he is an active arranger and developer of pedagogical materials. His arrangements have been performed by the UK Tuba-Euphonium ensemble, and he has recently published some of his pedagogical research in the Journal for the International Tuba Euphonium Association.

In addition, several of his works are published by Tuba-Euphonium Press and Cimaron Music. He currently is adjunct instructor of tuba at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., and adjunct instructor of low brass at Transylvania University in Lexington.

Lindsay was raised in Rome and has been a professional accompanist since the age of 10. He performs more than 100 recitals annually, with specialties in 20th century French and American music.

Lindsay presently is on the opera faculty at UK, where he works as vocal coach and musical director. His UK productions have included Aaron Copland's "The Tender Land," Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music," Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," Andre Previn's "A Streetcar Named Desire," Rachel Portman's "The Little Prince," and six incarnations of UK's annual Broadway revue "It's a Grand Night for Singing." Additionally, he played the harpsichord continuo for UK's Mozart productions." He also teaches "Introduction to Opera" for the Lexington Opera Society, and for several years has hosted the Opera Quiz intermission feature for the Metropolitan Opera Council Auditions at both the district and regional levels.

While in Kentucky, Lindsay has collaborated several times with Actors' Guild of Lexington - as award-winning musical director for Sondheim's "Assassins," William Finn's "Falsettos" and as composer of an elaborate score for "Angels in America: Perestroika," by Tony Kushner.

He performs in concert throughout Europe and North America several times a year as pianist with the American Spiritual Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Everett McCorvey. Lindsay also has worked with such New York companies as Bel Canto Opera, Golden Fleece Opera, Westchester Opera, Rockwell Productions, and the off-Broadway Lamb's Theatre Company. In the early 1990s, he traveled as musical director of the first two national tours of Randy Courts and Mark St. Germain's "The Gifts of the Magi," and another national tour of Roger Miller's "Big River."

Lindsay is a Ph.D. degree candidate in musicology at UK, completing a dissertation on the topic of mid-20th century American opera. He also occasionally appears as an actor.

Palton and Lindsay's program at MSU will include Suite No. 1, "Effie," by Alec Wilder; "Syrinx," by Claude Debussy; a medley of songs by Stephen Foster; the "Sonata for Tuba and Piano" by Zoltan Gardonyi; the "Concerto for Tuba and Orchestra," by John Williams; "Bonampak" by Alice Gomez; and "Capriccio #24," by Nicolo Paganini.

The recital will include an intermission.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Stacy Baker, associate professor of music, at (606) 783-2107.

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Provost named at MSU

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews today announced that he is asking the Board of Regents at its March 8 meeting to approve the appointment of Dr. Karla Hughes of East Carolina University as MSU's next chief academic officer.

Dr. Hughes, who was selected in a national search, currently serves as dean of ECU's College of Human Ecology. She would take office as provost and vice president for academic affairs on July 16, succeeding Dr. Michael R. Moore, who is returning to teaching after 10 years in the position.

"Dr. Hughes has established a strong reputation as an academic leader of vision, energy and integrity," Dr. Andrews said. "I am confident she can help our faculty take us to even greater heights as a top tier public regional university."

He described Dr. Hughes as "the right person at the right time" to become MSU's 10th chief academic officer and the second to hold the title of provost.

An administrator and faculty member at East Carolina since 2000, she has been dean of the College of Human Ecology since it was created in 2004. She has oversight of seven units which includes five departments with 130 faculty and staff who support 1,400 graduate and undergraduate students, as well as an off-campus Family Therapy Center affiliated with the first Ph.D. program in Medical Family Therapy in the United States.

Dr. Hughes spent the 2005-06 academic year as a fellow with the American Council on Education where she was placed in the Office of the President at the University of North Carolina System. In addition to traveling to eight ACE campuses, she was invited to visit administrators at the Universities of Venda and Western Cape, as well as Tschwane University of Technology, and the Office of Higher Education-South Africa. While in South Africa, she observed a newly reorganized, international system of higher education.

She previously was a tenured professor and chair of the Department of Human Sciences in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at Middle Tennessee State University at Murfreesboro, from 1994-2000. Dr. Hughes was a tenured associate professor and unit leader for the state food and nutrition office in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and the College of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Missouri in Columbia, 1980-1994.

Dr. Hughes also held posts at Kansas State University in Manhattan, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University at Blacksburg.

Active in securing funds for individual and corporate gifts of \$1,475,000 for various programs at East Carolina from 2001-06, she has had more than 30 other grants funded during her professional career.

She has published numerous articles in professional journals, and presented 40 papers at meetings and conferences across the country. In addition, she was a professional consultant on a variety of topics including nutrition, team building, creative thinking, and leadership styles for more than 10 years and holds memberships in various service, professional and honorary organizations.

Dr. Hughes earned the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees, majoring in nutrition from Kansas State University. She received the Ph.D. degree in agriculture, majoring in animal science from the University of Tennessee, and completed postgraduate work in the College of Business and Public Administration at University of Missouri-Columbia, studying personnel management, organizational theory and finance.

She and her husband are parents of a daughter who is in college.

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SAC presents 'DUI: A Powerful Lesson'

The Student Activities Council (SAC) at Morehead State University will present Mark Sterner and his program, "DUI: A Powerful Lesson," on Tuesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Sterner's life changed drastically when three of his best friends and fraternity brothers were killed in a drinking and driving car crash during spring break. He was at the wheel of the car, intoxicated. Sterner ended up with three felony manslaughter convictions and spent three years in a Florida prison.

He was scheduled to be the first in his family to graduate college. Instead, he was the first member of his family to go to prison.

During their week of spring break, the friends each took a turn as the designated driver. On their final night, they fatefully decided that the "least drunk" among them would drive. Although Sterner was less drunk than his friends, he was still impaired, and was held responsible for the accident and the deaths of his friends.

"Would my friends be married now?," Sterner wonders. "Would they have kids? I don't know. I'll wonder 'what if' for the rest of my life."

He doesn't want others to have to ask themselves the same questions, so Sterner shares his message with college students across the country. To date, he has spoken to nearly a million students.

Sterner has received requests to appear on Oprah, Montel, Geraldo, 20/20 and 48 Hours.

He has denied these requests for two reasons. First, he feels his presentation is most powerful in person. Second, out of consideration for his friends' families, Sterner does not want national media attention that might cause them to have to relive the tragedy.

The families of his friends have encouraged his efforts to prevent impaired driving, and supported his reduced prison sentence so he could share his story. Sterner shows a video the men made during their trip. Images of laughing college kids driving from one bar to the next, downing shots of alcohol and dancing are followed by still photos of the car after the crash. The impact is incredible on students who quickly realize the dangers of their own drinking and driving decisions.

At 6 p.m. in Button Drill Room, there will be a "Mocktail" event in support of Sterner's message. Student organizations will display and serve non-alcoholic drinks. The groups will be judged on best theme, best drink and best overall.

Sponsors the program are MSU Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force/UNITE, Office of Student Activities, Pepsi and ALERT.

Additional information is available by calling [SAC](#) at (606) 783-2071.

MSU Job Link to benefit future employees

Morehead State University's Office of Career Services has launched the "MSU Job Link" which will be an asset for employers and potential employees.

"This is a career management system that will allow students to have more control over their job search," said Julia Hawkins, career services director. "The students can upload resumes, cover letters, transcripts, any document they have available for employers."

On "MSU Job Link" students can search for internships and jobs. Currently, the site has 724 employers and 89 job postings.

There is a calendar that lists career workshops and employer information sessions. Students also can put personal items on their calendar that only they see.

To use the system, students must sign an authorization form and return it to 220 Allie Young or fax to (606) 783-5018. The form and instructions are available on its Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/career . Employers can access the system to post jobs and internships and access resume books of students who have published their resumes in the system. Since the MSU system is powered through NACE-LINK, employers who are posting positions at other participating schools can click one button and post the position at all sites.

This means that MSU students and alumni may have access to positions not previously posted on the campus.

"This system is wonderful for large companies that recruit on a regular basis and for small organizations that only post one occasionally," said Hawkins. "For employers to use the system, they can go to our Web site (www.moreheadstate.edu/career) and click the employer information section of the 'MSU Job Link Employer' to set up their online account."

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Career Services at (606) 783-2233.

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MSU takes economics lesson to area students

A Morehead State University administrator recently coordinated a program designed to give elementary students an introduction to economics.

Janet Ratliff, center director for MSU's Center for Economic Education, oversaw the Econ for Kids Clubs, 10-week pullout, extension or after-school economic activity program. It consisted of eight clubs in five schools and more than 138 elementary students. The clubs were the creation of the Kentucky Council on Economic Education (KCEE) to meet the educational outreach needs of National City Bank. In addition to providing funding, National City Bank has 14 volunteers who help lead club meetings in the Ashland-area schools.

Ratliff worked with school staff from two school systems: Charles Russell Elementary, Crabbe Elementary, and Hatcher Elementary in the Ashland Independent School District; and Cannonsburg Elementary and Catlettsburg Elementary from the Boyd County School District.

"Today's young students are tomorrow's leaders of Kentucky," said Ron Dixon, president of National City in Ashland, "and their economic skills will go a long way in shaping the future of our state. Education of our youth is very important to National City."

During club meetings, students engage in active learning about making choices, money management and economic literacy while working on products to market and sell for a class philanthropy project.

As an extra bonus, participating schools receive large, colorful banners denoting the schools' status as official club members. In special presentation ceremonies, the five Ashland-area schools were designated as the latest Econ for Kids "banner" schools.

KCEE President Jan Mester hopes the clubs will create an atmosphere of fun and creativity while making a lasting imprint on the students. "With the program's expansion into the Ashland region, KCEE anticipates reaching as many students as possible with a real-life demonstration of the impact of financial literacy while engaging National City Bank professionals as role models and mentors for students, teachers and parents."

Adding to the fun for students are Econ for Kids Club membership cards and club incentives, while teachers receive a stipend and an orientation to the program. Under the bank's sponsorship, KCEE provides curricula to each Econ for Kids Club School, including print materials, 22 vocabulary posters and 22 hardback children's literature books.

"The kids love it," said Cannonsburg Elementary School teacher Judith Nichols, referring to her students' enthusiastic reaction to being a part of the club.

Nichols and fellow Cannonsburg teacher Cathy Jackson lead a combined Econ for Kids Club comprised of about 45 third, fourth and fifth graders. As part of the curriculum, they use "Chocolate Economics," a curriculum that, through the use of candy, teaches such concepts as scarcity, opportunity cost and resources.

According to Crabbe Elementary teacher Bryan Fleming, the hands-on approach to making a product helps to get students excited about their work. "It's their product, they have the opportunity to sell it and they have knowledge about it," he said.

Charles Russell Elementary teacher Amanda Hood agrees, adding that since her club is doing a community service project, she hopes her students take into account how much they have going for them. Hood also wants her students to realize they have choices as consumers, that some products are as good as others. "We talked about that at the beginning, about having choices and trying to understand that even though they can't get that first thing they wanted, they have other choices out there."

Myra Robertson, the director of student achievement for the Ashland Independent School District, is happy to have the Econ for Kids Club program extend into her school district.

"We're pleased because of the tremendous support the clubs offer to the program of studies, and the manner in which the clubs build self-esteem within the students by providing solid skills for decision making, working as team members and taking responsibility for one's actions."

MSU's Center for Economic Education, one of nine centers located on college campuses throughout Kentucky, is part of the Kentucky Council for Economic Education, as well as the National Council for Economic Education. As part of these affiliations, MSU's Center serves as part of the nationwide network that leads in promoting economic literacy to teachers and their students.

Additional information is available by calling Ratliff at (606) 783-2390.

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