

Inclement weather plan

As the winter months generally bring unpredictable weather patterns, Morehead State University has announced its policy for announcing delays and cancellations. The University will select from one of three options when dealing with inclement weather that may affect the daily schedule of faculty, staff and students or visitors to the main campus.

Plan A. MSU is closed . All administrative offices will be closed and classes will not meet.

Plan B. MSU will operate on a two-hour delay . Offices will open at 10 a.m. Students will begin the day with the 10:20 a.m. class.

Plan C. MSU classes are on a two-hour delay . Offices will open at 8 a.m., as usual. Students will begin the day with the 10:20 a.m. class.

Essential service personnel will continue to report when Plans A and B are in operation. All questions and/or concerns should be directed to the employee's immediate supervisor.

Evening classes at off-campus sites will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

When the normal hours of operation are interrupted, a bulletin broadcast review message will be placed on the University's voice messaging system, as well as the (606) 783-INFO (4636) number.

In the event of a weather emergency, an alert button will be activated on the University's homepage at www.moreheadstate.edu. Information also will be provided to Morehead State Public Radio (90.3 FM, WMKY; 88.3 FM WOCS, Lerose/Booneville; W202BH, 88.3 FM, Inez), the University's public radio network, and other radio and television stations in the area.

Decisions on schedule changes will be available for listeners/viewers by approximately 6 a.m. whenever possible. Additional information on the weather plan is available from [MSU's Police Department](#) at (606) 783-2035.

Posted: 12-3-07

Dr. Parkansky awarded second USGS contract

What's in a name? Shakespeare once wrote that a rose by any other name would still smell as sweet. Although Dr. Steven Parkansky, an Morehead State University geography professor with the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy might not disagree, he would still want to know exactly what those other names were.

"There is no such thing as a common or unimportant name," said Dr. Parkansky. "Every name is unique and means something. It won't mean the same thing to everybody, but they are all important."

If you are looking for proof that names are important just ask the United States Geological Survey. They awarded Dr. Parkansky a four-year, \$261,000 contract to do Phase II of their Geographic Names Information System project for the western half of Kentucky.

"I guess they've liked our work," Dr. Parkansky said. "Two years ago they awarded us a contract for the eastern half of the state, and now they have awarded us another contract to do the rest of the Commonwealth."

"What is especially wonderful about Phase II is that it goes beyond the basic information. Phase I captured and stored electronic data from existing U.S.G.S. 1:24,000 scale topographic maps, but Phase II is designed to capture historical and variant names, along with their coordinates--latitude and longitude. We're preserving the history of places that no longer exist, or if they still exist, this can show how an area has changed. This project is helping map the history of who we are. Also, this data is Internet-based, so anyone with an Internet connection can access it. This information is useful for the commercial community, researchers, historians, students, geneologists...even those with legal questions about old deeds that are notorious for referencing geological landmarks and place names."

Assisting him on the project will be Cecelia Armstrong, an MSU graduate and professional toponymist who worked on the earlier project with Dr. Parkansky and will continue on with the new one as well.

"Not only is Cecilia doing great work and developing a great relationship with the people from U.S.G.S, but we are also extremely fortunate to have Robert Rennick working on the project with us. Bob's been researching this stuff for more than 30 years and has authored many articles and even several books on Kentucky place names."

Anyone interested in learning more or volunteering to help with this project may contact Dr. Parkansky at (606) 783-2197 or s.parkansky@moreheadstate.edu, or Armstrong at (606) 783-2455 or caarms02@moreheadstate.edu .
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2007 MSPR holiday give-away

For this holiday season, Morehead State Public Radio will offer listeners a chance to win a get-away package to Carter Caves State Resort Park in Olive Hill. Included in the package will be one night's lodging at Lewis Caveland Lodge along with dinner for two in Tierney's Cavern Restaurant. The package would make a perfect gift to enjoy or to give away to celebrate the New Year. Carter Caves State Resort Park features more than 26 miles of wooded nature trails and guided tours of some of the park's well-known caves. The lodge features rooms with private balconies or porches overlooking the surrounding woodlands. The restaurant offers menu choices from steaks to seafood to salads with the highest quality of ingredients.

The drawing for the Carter Caves Holiday Package will be held during Classical Music on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 18.

All entries for this holiday package giveaway must be received by noon on Monday, Dec. 17. Entries will be accepted through the online registration form at msuradio.com.

Entries also will be accepted by mail. Entries should be mailed to Holiday Giveaway Package, Morehead State Public Radio, 150 University Boulevard, Box 903, Morehead, KY 40351-1689.

Registrations by phone will not be accepted. Entrants must be at least 18 years of age. Employees and their families of Morehead State Public Radio are not eligible for this drawing. Limit one registration per household.

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

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001.
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Board of Regents meeting set for Dec. 6

EVENT: Board of Regents Meeting
DATE: Dec. 6, 2007

TIME: 9 a.m.

SITE: Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

The Board will be asked to approve the 2007 winter graduates, a revision of the policy for disposition of surplus personal property and confirm appointment of board members to the Friends of Kentucky Folk Art Center Inc. The Regents will accept the 2006-07 Audit Report and Amended Operating Budget, and the First Quarter Financial Report and Amended Operating Budget.

They also will ratify Personnel Actions and the 2008-10 Executive Branch Budget Request.

The Regents will hear the final report on fall 2007 enrollment, health insurance plan for 2008, personal service contracts and gift income.

The spotlight will be on the Center for Health, Education and Research.

Prior to the Board Meeting, the Audit Committee will meet at 8 a.m.

Media representatives planning to attend the session should call the Media Relations Office at (606) 783-2030 before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

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Textbooks buy back schedule announced

College textbooks are expensive. Although students may deem some of their books valuable and keep them for future reference, most books end up back in the system.

Students at four of Morehead State University's regional campuses will have an opportunity to sell back their fall 2007 semester books.

The following schedule will be followed:

MSU at Ashland, Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 11-13, from 3-7 p.m.

MSU at Mt. Sterling, Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 2-5 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 3-6 p.m.

MSU at Prestonsburg, Wednesday, Dec. 12, and Thursday, Dec. 13, from 3-6 p.m.

MSU at West Liberty, Monday through Thursday, Dec. 10-13, from 4-6 p.m.

Buy backs for on the Morehead campus will be: Wednesday, Dec. 5, through Friday, Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, Dec. 10-13, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 14, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 a.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 15 from 8 a.m. - noon.

Student ID is required.

Additional information is available by calling the University Bookstore at (606) 783-2081.

Posted: 12-05-07

Ballard is finalist for Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year

Morehead State University's Head Football Coach Matt Ballard has been named a finalist for the 2007 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award, which honors the college football coaches who best exemplify responsibility and excellence on and off the field.

Fans can cast a vote for Ballard to win for Division I-AA by Dec. 15 at www.coachoftheyear.com. The winner will be announced on Saturday, Dec. 29 during an ABC/ESPN special.

"More than a half-million fan votes were cast for 597 college football coaches this season, a tremendous and passionate outpouring of support from college football fans across the nation," said Greg Gordon, Liberty Mutual vice president, consumer marketing. "Each finalist embodies what makes this award different than any other: responsibility - not only to his own team and players, but also to his school and his community."

Ballard is MSU's all-time winningest football coach with a 14-year record of 81-70. He led the 2007 Eagles to a 7-4 mark. During the past 12 seasons, the Eagles have had 10 winning seasons and 11 non-losing seasons. The Eagle coach also is active in many community projects.

Joining Ballard as a finalist for Division I-AA are: Mark Farley, University of Northern Iowa; Kevin Higgins, The Citadel; Jerry Kill, Southern Illinois University; and John Stiegelmeier, South Dakota State University.

Each winner receives \$50,000 from Liberty Mutual to support his civic and charitable activities, \$20,000 in scholarship to his school's alumni association, and is recognized in the permanent Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year display at the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind.

During the initial fan-voting phase (Sept. 6 - Nov. 27), the top 25 vote getters in each division qualified to be evaluated by an objective model designed exclusively for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award and reviewed and endorsed by the College Football Hall of Fame.

The model arrived at the finalists by scoring each of these qualifying coaches in four areas: coaching excellence, sportsmanship and integrity, academic excellence, and community commitment.

Fan votes in this second phase account for 20 percent of each coach's final score, with a voting committee of college football media (25 percent) and College Football Hall of Fame coaches and players (55 percent) contributing the remainder.

The winners will be announced Dec. 29 at 5:30 p.m. on an ABC special presentation hosted by Hall of Fame sportscaster Keith Jackson and analyst Kirk Herbstreit. The special award presentation will re-air Jan. 8, on ESPN2 at 2 p.m.

Posted: 12-5-07

Research and creative productions grants awarded

Several Morehead State University faculty members have been awarded research or creative production grants to further academic exploration.

Research grants are available to faculty members for special research within their disciplines. The competitively awarded grants are designed to assist the researcher in meeting the costs of the proposed project.

The awards, ranging from \$2,024 to \$5,000 were granted by the Research and Creative Productions Committee in MSU's Office of Research, Grants and Contracts.

Faculty members and their grant titles are:

Dr. Silvia Atim , assistant professor of organic chemistry, \$5,000 for "Synthesis and Luminescence Properties of Substituted Fluoranthene Derivatives."

Dr. Ann Andaloro , assistant professor of mass communication, and **Dr. Gina Blunt** , assistant professor exercise science , \$4,930 for "Get Fit Like an Eagle: A Series of 12 half-hour Health and Wellness Programs for MSU-TV."
Dr. Bernadette Barton , assistant professor of sociology, \$2,024 for "*The Toxic Closet: Being Gay in the Bible Belt.*"

Dr. John T. Blackledge , assistant professor of psychology, \$4,958 for "Assessing the Impact of Cognitive Defusion and Cognitive Restructuring Techniques on Psychological Distress."

Dr. Cary Feria , assistant professor of psychology, \$3,375 for "Driving While Distracted: The Effects of Glances Away From the Road on Subsequent Perception of Changes in the Driving Environment."

Gary Mesa-Gaido , associate professor of art, \$5,000 for "People, Places and Spaces of France."

Dr. L. Curtis Hammond , associate professor of music, \$4,943 for "Recording of Two Sextets for Piano and Winds."

Dr. Adrian Mandzy , assistant professor of history, \$3,881 for "Battlefields of Ukraine."

Dr. Gilbert Remillard , assistant professor of psychology, \$3,000 for "Implicit Learning of Fifth-Order Sequential Structure."

Dr. Yuqiu You, assistant professor of industrial and engineering technology, \$2,813 for "Investigating the Stability and Efficiency of ADO Modules in a Web-Based Manufacturing Control Interface."

Research grants are available to faculty members desiring to conduct basic or applied research that has potential for contributing to the field of knowledge within their discipline. Creative Production grants are available to assist artists in completing a special creative production. Both are competitively awarded grants and designed to assist the researcher/artist in meeting the cost of the proposed project.

Research or creative production fellowships are available to faculty members to allow them time in the summer to focus their full attention on scholarly or creative projects.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at (606) 783-2010.

Posted: 12-5-07

Winter Commencement slated for Dec. 15

Michael Tyler Spence Harris of **Harold** will be the student speaker for Morehead State University's Winter Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 15. During the ceremony that begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on 559 graduate and undergraduate students.

Harris is a candidate for a Bachelor of Music degree in performance with an emphasis in jazz studies and studio music with guitar as his principal instrument. He will continue his education by pursuing a master's degree in performance at MSU while working as a graduate assistant in the Department of Music.

The Betsy Layne High School graduate has been a member of the award winning Jazz Ensemble I for the past four years and was a member of the Jazz Guitar Ensemble for three years.

Since 2006, he has been one of the student conductors of the Jazz Ensemble II and a leader of several of the jazz combos. He also has provided music for various art show openings, awards luncheons, charity dinners and fundraisers.

He has studied and performed with the foremost guitar and jazz educators in the region for more than 10 years. At MSU, Harris has worked with Dr. Gordon Towell, Raymond Ross Jr., Glenn Ginn, Dr. Steven Snyder, and Grammy Award winning MSU Professor Emeritus Jay Flippin.

In February, Harris was named Outstanding Soloist at both the University of Louisville Jazz Festival and the Elmhurst College Jazz Festival in Chicago. On campus, he has twice been the receiptant of the Jamey Aebersold Jazz Award, and the local musician's union scholarship award for outstanding jazz musicians. He received the Raymond P. Ross Sr. Memorial Award for being the senior music major with the highest grade point average. Harris is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Kappa Lambda, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He has been named an Undergraduate Research Fellow in Music, completing a study titled "The Language of Kenny Burrell: A Transcription Comparison and Analysis."

The son of James and Loma Harris of Harold, he has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and has been a member of the Dean's List every semester since 2003.

For the commencement exercises, the grand marshal and mace bearer will be Dr. Brian Reeder, professor of biology and executive director of the Center for Environmental Education in the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy.

Faculty marshals are Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English, and Peggy Osborne, associate professor of marketing and faculty representative for athletics .

Student marshals will be Randy Manis of **Greenup** and Ashley Groenhout of **Morehead** , Graduate Programs; Casey Hufford of **Wilmington, Ohio** , and Kiertan Sandfoss of **Alexandria** , College of Science and Technology; Jonathan Maynard of **Pikeville** and Erica Belmont of **Ft. Thomas** , College of Business; Angela Hamby of **Franklin, Ohio** , and Twila Hall of **Morehead** , College of Education; Rachel Messer of **Dry Ridge** and Maria Harless of **Madisonville** , Caudill College of Humanities.

Amy Lynn Painter, **Louisa** senior music psychology major, will sing the national anthem; Melanie Everman, **Mt. Sterling** senior music education major, will lead the alma mater; and MSU's Black Gospel Ensemble, directed by Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, will perform during the commencement program.

Following the ceremony, the newest alumni will be inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Gary Adkins of Morehead.

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

During the afternoon, MSU's Nursing Program will host a pinning for 40 students who have completed degree requirements. The pinning will begin at 1 p.m. in the Reed Hall Auditorium.

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

Posted: 12-6-07

Dinner guests enjoy gala purchase

Morehead State University's President Wayne D. Andrews, his wife Sue and their guests recently reaped the "delicious" benefits of giving to the institution.

The Andrewses served as hosts for a gourmet dinner offered as a silent auction item at "Razzle Dazzle," the University's annual gala, held earlier this year. The Broadway-themed event raised more than \$165,000 for academic programs and other educational opportunities for MSU students.

Prepared by Morehead chefs Ryan Neff, vice president of the Citizens Bank, and his wife Debbie, the dinner was purchased at the auction by Dr. Cathy Gunn, dean of the College of Education, and her husband Harry Gunn, risk and compliance manager for MSU.

The menu featured wild mushroom-stuffed beef with crab sauce, roasted sweet potato stacks, seared pancetta-wrapped sea scallops and zucchini spaghetti, among other courses. It was served at the president's home to the Andrewses, Gunns and guests Dr. Karla Hughes, MSU provost, and her husband, Col. L.R. Hughes.

"The president and I are very pleased to open our home for this type of activity," Sue Andrews said. "We are thankful for the support and excellent culinary abilities of Ryan and Debbie Neff."

She also expressed appreciation to the Gunns for purchasing the meal in support of MSU.

"We understand that the bidding was quite spirited, which shows a real commitment to the University."

Additional information on the gala, or on other ways to contribute to MSU, is available by calling the Office of Development at (606) 783-2033.

Posted: 12-6-07

Literacy Day benefits preschool pupils

Morehead State University students supported local literacy efforts with two events. Students enrolled in the CMAP 382, Principles of Public Relations, worked with community and campus leaders to sponsor Family Literacy Day in Morehead. The day's events included Mayor Bradley Collins signing a proclamation declaring Nov. 19 "Morehead Family Literacy Day," and the students delivering more than 350 books to preschool pupils in Rowan County. The book giveaway was funded by a literacy grant from The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. The students worked under the supervision of Dr. Janet McCoy, assistant professor of advertising and public relations, who was awarded the \$2,500 literacy grant from PKP. At the proclamation signing were, from left: Dr. Alana Scott, associate professor of history and president of MSU's chapter of PKP; Glenna Fetters, **Vanceburg** senior; Opal Fannin, ABE program specialist with MSU's Adult Learning Center; Rebecka Hollon, **Middletown , Ohio** , junior; MSU First Lady Sue Andrews; and Megan Faulkner, **Florence** freshman. Additional information is available by

calling Dr. McCoy at (606) 783-2603.

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Regents approve presidential bonus plan

Morehead State University's Board of Regents voted Thursday to establish the institution's first-ever presidential performance bonus.

Board Chair James H. Booth said an annual bonus of up to 40 percent of President Wayne D. Andrews' base salary is designed to reward his superior performance and to keep MSU competitive with other institutions looking for new chief executives in the future.

"We want to send a clear signal that President Andrews is doing an exceptional job and that we intend to keep him in the position as long as he is an effective leader," Booth said. "We are proud to join the growing number of institutions that have instituted performance bonuses to retain outstanding presidents."

Dr. Andrews, who is completing his third year in office, said he is "gratified and humbled" by the board's decision. His base salary is \$238,000. He will be eligible for the bonus at the end of the current fiscal year.

In other action at Thursday's quarterly meeting, the Regents:

- Approved the "Planning for Greatness" business plan to guide the institution's efforts to increase enrollments and improve retention and graduation rates to meet statewide goals by 2020.
- Amended MSU's surplus property disposition policy to allow distribution to non-profit, non-religious organizations, as well as public schools and local government agencies.
- Established a code of ethics for all MSU employees.
- Ratified funding requests to the Council on Postsecondary Education for \$51.6 million in state funds in 2008-09 and \$54.4 million in 2009-10 for operating; for \$5.6 million in state matching funds for private gifts through the "Bucks for Brains" program; and \$35.6 million for capital construction projects.
- Accepted the 2006-2007 fiscal audit conducted by the CPE firm of Dean, Dorton and Ford.

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MSU's NCAA re-certification process is underway

Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, president of Morehead State University, has initiated a year long process of completing requirements for re-certification of its athletics program by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

The NCAA started its certification requirement for all Division I institutions in 1989 with the process taking hold in 1999. MSU is part of that second cycle in review. NCAA certification is similar to academic accreditation.

"We really look at this process as an opportunity for us to improve what we do for our student-athletes," said Brian Hutchinson, MSU director of athletics. "I hope this endeavor allows our community to be aware of the things we do within Eagle Athletics, not just in competition, and affirms the things we do very well. If we're not doing things as well as we'd like, this process will demonstrate a real opportunity to improve."

According to the NCAA, athletics certification has three main goals:

- Open the affairs of athletics to the university community and public;
- Set standards for the operation of Division I athletics programs; and
- Put tough sanctions in place for institutions that fail to conduct a comprehensive self-study or to correct problems.

President Andrews appointed Dr. Dayna Seelig, executive assistant to the president, to chair MSU's certification effort.

Nearly 30 institutional personnel and community representatives will participate in the reporting process as members of the steering committee or working subcommittee.

The Steering Committee members include: Dr. Andrews, Dr. Seelig, Hutchinson, Melissa Dunn, senior woman administrator; Peggy Osborne, faculty athletics representative; Keith Kappes, vice president for university relations, chief report writer; Al Baldwin, assistant to the provost, chair of the intercollegiate athletics committee, logistics manager;

Dr. Bob Albert, dean of the College of Business, chair of the academic integrity subcommittee; Jim Fluty, director of accounting and budgetary control; Dr. Clarendia Phillips, chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology, assistant provost for diversity.

Member of the subcommittee on Academic Integrity are: Chair Dr. Albert; Bob Franzini, chair of the Department of Art; Wretha Goodpaster, associate professor of imaging sciences; Valerie Ousley, academic athletic coordinator; Shannon Harr, director of research integrity and compliance;

Dr. Michael Hopper, director of academic and career services; Holly Bruder, head softball coach; Dr. Steve Chen, assistant professor of health, physical education and sport science; and Melinda Humen, student-athlete advisory council member.

The Equity and Student-Athlete Welfare subcommittee include: Chair Dr. Phillips; Dr. Ewell Scott, community member; Joe Hunsucker, director of internal audits; Heather Butt, member student-athlete advisory council;

Kevin Koett, dean of students; Erin Aubry, head soccer coach; LaRaissa Davis-Morris, multicultural student services coordinator; and Jami Hornbuckle, acting assistant vice president for communications and marketing.

Members of the subcommittee on Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance are: Chair Fluty; Dr. Darrin Demoss, professor of biology; Dr. Francene Botts-Butler, affirmative action officer and director of multicultural student services;

Jaime Gordon, head volleyball coach; Jim Wells, compliance and educational services director; Madonna Weathers, vice president for student life; Loretta Lykins, registrar; and Osborne.

Within each area to be studied by the committee, the program has standards, called operating principles, which were adopted by the Association to place a "measuring stick" by which all Division I members are evaluated.

Once the university/college has concluded its study, an external team of reviewers will conduct a two-day minimum evaluation visit on campus. Those reviewers will be peers from other colleges, universities or conference offices. That team will report to the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification, another independent group. The committee will then determine the institution's certification status and announce the decision publicly. For institutions that fail to conduct a comprehensive self-study or to correct problems, tough sanctions can be imposed.

The three options of certification status are: (a) certified; (b) certified with conditions; and (c) not certified. While universities/colleges will have an opportunity to correct deficient areas, those universities/colleges that do not take corrective actions may be ruled ineligible for NCAA championships.

The NCAA is a membership organization of colleges and universities that participate in intercollegiate athletics. The primary purpose of the Association is to maintain intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the educational program and the athlete as an integral part of the student body. Activities of the NCAA membership include formulating rules of play for NCAA sports, conducting national championships, adopting and enforcing standards of eligibility, and studying all phases of intercollegiate athletics.

Questions concerning the NCAA certification process may be directed to Dr. Seelig at (606) 783-2022 or Hutchinson at (606) 783-2089.

Posted: 12-7-07

CCL going to the dogs during Finals Week

Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library will offer students a little break during finals week (Dec. 10-14), courtesy of Dr. Mattie Decker, assistant professor of education.

Dr. Decker and her certified therapy dog, Halle, will visit. Students will be encouraged to pet Halle as a way to help relieve stress.

The two will be in the library on Monday, Dec. 10, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 1-2 p.m.

"This is the latest in a series of special services we've been offering during Finals Week. Last year, we began offering extended late-night hours, which we will continue to do this year. We also continue to offer free snacks for late night study," said Jason Vance, assistant dean for research and instructional services.

Dr. Decker has been researching therapy dogs and their impact in certain somewhat stressful environments.

"There is evidence that the presence of animals in our environment has been known to lower blood pressure, but enhance a sense of well being," said Dr. Decker.

Hallelujah, a Standard Poodle known as "Halle," is certified with Therapy Dogs International (TDI), and has been working in schools as well as nursing homes and hospitals. She is hypoallergenic, so she poses no problem with those who may have allergies. She also senses when people are afraid of her or uncomfortable with her, and will not approach them.

The Camden-Carroll Library will be open until midnight Dec. 9-13.

Additional information is available by contacting Vance at (606) 783-9343 or by e-mail at j.vance@moreheadstate.edu.

Posted: 12-7-07

MSU hosts mock shooting drill

Morehead State University along with Rowan County and Morehead law and emergency officials met this week for a "mock" shooting exercise.

MSU Police Chief Joe Cline led discussions in what procedures would be taken, if an incident would occur on campus.

"I think we can't be too prepared," said Cline. "If we ever have, and I hope we never have a situation, it will take the entire community to respond."

President Wayne D. Andrews along with Dr. Karla Hughes, provost, led MSU's contingency in the conversation of the planning of actions and responses that the University would undertake.

"We have drills throughout the year. We try to be prepared the best we can for any situations that might come along," said Cline. "That's our job, the safety of the campus community."

Cline stated that the city and county are lucky to have qualified personnel and the resources in place just in case an incident would happen.

Established in response to review of its campus safety procedures, Morehead State is installing a new outdoor, audible alarm system. The warning device includes electronic tones and PA systems and is located atop Cartmell and Ginger halls.

MSU also has published an Emergency Procedures Handbook, with the information displayed on a poster that will be installed in each classroom.

Additional information on MSU's emergency procedures can be found on the MSU Web page at www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency.

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King named interim financial aid administrator

Morehead State University has announced Donna King has been appointed financial aid administrator. She will serve on an interim basis through June 30.

King succeeds Carol Becker, who retired in November. She will fulfill her new responsibilities in addition to her current duties and position as assistant director for outreach services in Enrollment Services.

"With Donna's more than 20 years of financial aid related experience, and eagerness to enhance service, we know this transition will be transparent to our students," said Jeffrey Liles, assistant vice president for enrollment services.

A national search will be conducted to fill the position of director of enrollment services to fulfill some of Becker's former duties. The director of enrollment services is responsible for ensuring excellence in customer service for all visitors and callers; timely and accurate processing of admission applications and financial aid forms; and prompt communication with current and prospective students regarding both financial aid and admission information.

King is a three-time MSU graduate. She earned an associate's degree in business; and a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in sociology.

King and her husband, Willis King, reside in Owingsville. She has two children, Lori McAlister and Thom McAlister.

Additional information is available by calling enrollment services at (606) 783-2000.

Posted: 12-7-07

MSU students take top honors at annual KAS meeting

Morehead State University was well-represented during the 93rd Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) Annual Meeting.

Students and faculty from MSU gave 56 of the 225 presentations and displayed 19 of the

146 posters at the meeting, held Nov. 8-10 in Louisville.

MSU students won first, second and third place in the graduate research competition for physics and astronomy, and second and third place for undergraduate research in that discipline. In the psychology division, they placed first through fourth place in the graduate research competition for psychology, and first through third place in undergraduate research.

A mathematics student tied for first place in undergraduate research, and a geography student was first in poster presentation. In the geology division, two undergraduate students won first place honors for research.

MSU students who took top honors, how they placed, and the name of their winning presentation are as follows:

Graduate research in physics and astronomy:

Marc Beck, **Germany** , second for "A NumPy Program for Producing FITS Images from Observations Made with the 21-Meter Space Tracking Antenna at Morehead State University;" Jennifer Carter, **Olive Hill** , first for "Ground Operations of the Kentucky Satellite;" and Prabhakara Rao Eluru, **India** , third for "KySat ground station: VHF/UHF system."

Graduate research in psychology:

Jason D. Beyer, **Louisville** , third for "The Effects of Selective D1-like and D2-like Receptor Agonists on Circadian Patterns of Food Intake in Rats;" Julie Cash, **Morehead** , third for "The Supremacy of Stigma: Evaluating Individuals' Perceptions of Persons with Severe Illnesses;" Holly Griffith, **Jackson** , second for "The Role of Prejudice and Cognitive Load on the Processing of Stereotypic and Counterstereotypic Information;" and Ashley Kirk, **Lexington** , for "Pilot Comparison of the Aptitude Subscales of the Scholastic Abilities Test for Adults and the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-III." Undergraduate research in geography: Brittany Moody, **Owingsville** senior, first in poster presentation, "Influence of landscape condition on macroinvertebrate communities in eastern Kentucky: effects of spatial scale."

Undergraduate research in geology: Megan Ennis, **West Liberty** senior, first in poster presentation for "Establishment of an Undergraduate Research Program for the NASA Haughton-Mars Project;" and Wesley Smith, **Prestonsburg** senior, first for "Conodonts from Target Bedrock and Impact Breccias of the Haughton Impact Structure, Devon Island, Nunavut, Canada."

Undergraduate research in mathematics: Kim Reiland, **Morehead** senior, tied for first, for "The Mathematics Behind the Equation of Time."

Undergraduate research in physics and astronomy: James Atwood, **Stanford** senior, second for "Development and Implementation of the Radio Astronomical Calibration System of the Morehead State University 21m Space Tracking Antenna;" and Ennis, third for "Development of a G/T Elevation Profile of the Morehead State University 21 Meter Space Tracking System and Radio Telescope."

Undergraduate research in psychology: Jared Dillow, **Greenup** senior, second for "The Relationship of Substance Abuse Symptoms on the Psychiatric Diagnostic Screening Questionnaire and the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory-3;" Marcus Hundley, **LaGrange** junior, first for "The Effects of Doses of Amphetamine on Circadian Patterns of Food Intake in Rats;" and Cassie Watkins, **Vancleve** junior, third for "The Ability of the Wender Utah Rating Scale to Differentiate Among Mixed Symptoms of Major Depression, Anxiety Disorders, and AD/HD."

Additional information on KAS is available by accessing www.kyscience.org, or by calling the Kentucky Academy of Science at (859) 227-2837.

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GIS workshop scheduled for Prestonsburg

East Kentucky community members are invited to attend workshops on how to make use of free Geographic Information Systems (GIS) resources and freely available Kentucky data to enhance government and business activities.

The next workshop is set for Wednesday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. until noon at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Room 239, Bert Combs Drive, in Prestonsburg.

Reservations are not required, but the workshop is limited to 20 participants.

The session is designed to acquaint people in business and government who have limited or no experience with GIS resources and data that are available across the Commonwealth. More and more free GIS applications are being made available both online and on desktop computers. Similarly, many Kentucky agencies are offering excellent data sets.

Presented by The Kentucky Center for Geospatial Education, Research and Outreach (KCGERO) housed in the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) at Morehead State University, the workshops will be conducted by Dr. Timothy Hare, assistant professor of anthropology, director of KCGERO, and instructor in the MSU's Geographical Information Systems Certificate Program within IRAPP.

The workshops will demonstrate how to acquire these resources and provide hands-on training on how to use them to enhance business and government decision-making and service provision. For instance, they can facilitate development of city/county plans and business strategies. GIS can help users understand statistical and geographical information, analyze population growth patterns, and map voting and census data. Business enterprises can calculate optimal locations for retail outlets and developing marketing strategies.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Hare at (606) 783-9436; by e-mailing him at t.hare@moreheadstate.edu ; or by visiting www.kcgero.org .

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FEA groups attend state conference

Morehead State University's Teacher Recruitment Program and Future Teacher Corps joined high school students from across the state that gathered in Louisville for the Fifth Annual State Future Educators Association Conference.

Hosted by the Kentucky Department of Education, the conference offered programming for middle and high school students interested in exploring careers in education. Students and their advisers were privileged to hear Laura Owens, secretary of the Education Cabinet; Michael Dailey, division director of Educator Quality and Diversity at KDE; Jennifer Miller, program consultant in the Office of Educator Recruitment and Retention at KDE; Susie Burkhardt, 2007 Kentucky Teacher of the Year; and Ben Glenn, a national motivational speaker and renowned chalk artist.

Students and advisers were invited to attend workshop sessions to learn about teaching as a career and the role of an educator in the classroom. MSU's Dr. Roger Cleveland, assistant professor of education, and Denise Vulhop Watkins, associate professor of theatre, were part of the conference.

MSU's Teacher Recruitment Program and the Future Teacher Corps recruited FEA high school students to MSU's College of Education during these sessions.

Students also participated in eight competitions, including Chapter Scrapbook, Essay, Impromptu, "Inside Our Schools" Project, Public Service Announcement, T-shirt, Banner and "Unite to Read" Project.

FEA groups from MSU's service region did exceptionally well in the competitions, placing in six categories:

- Public Service Announcement, First Place, Fleming County High School;
- Impromptu Speech, First Place, Lauren May of Pike County Central;
- Unite To Read Project, Second Place, Fleming County High School;
- Scrapbook, First Place, Menifee County High School; Second Place, Fleming County High School;
- Banner, First Place, Elliott County High School; Second Place, Fleming County High School;
- Essay, First Place, Cassandra Murphy of Menifee County High School; Second Place, May.

Additional information is available from Joan Callahan, teacher recruitment coordinator, at j.callahan@moreheadstate.edu or by calling (606) 783-9446.

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Four students capture awards for children's picture books

Morehead State University's education students were recognized earlier this month by the Camden-Carroll Library for their writing and illustrations of children's picture books.

At the EDEE Picture Book Awards Ceremonies, held at the Library's Learning Resource Center, students from two EDEE 327 (Literature and Materials for Young Readers) classes were presented with Best Picture Book award certificates for their work.

The students then read their book aloud to those attending the ceremony.

Megan E. Blake, **Burlington** sophomore, won for her "Backwards and Upside Down!" composition. She was a student of Dr. Mattie Decker, assistant professor of education.

Kerri Skerchock, **Burlington** senior, received an honorable mention for "Mugsy, the Mutt from Outer Space." She also was one of Dr. Decker's students.

Holly Chaney, **Grassy Creek** junior, was presented with the Best Picture Book award for "Freddy the Frog Can Count to 10." She was enrolled in a section of EDEE 327 taught by Dr. Melinda Willis, associate professor of education.

Samantha Young, **Fairfield, Ohio**, sophomore, received an honorable mention for "The Great American Hotel." She was one Dr. Willis' students.

The award-winning book titles will be added to the library's permanent collection.

The program is a joint project between the library and the College of Education's Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Dr. White awarded \$150,000 NIDA grant

Dr. Wesley White, professor of psychology at Morehead State University, was recently awarded a three-year \$150,000 research grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, a division of the National Institutes of Health.

The purpose of the research is to investigate mechanisms that underlie the stimulant state and the acute withdrawal state produced by amphetamine and to study how symptoms of acute withdrawal are organized.

The research involves an animal model approach. Rats are housed in individual stations where behavior can be continuously monitored for extended periods of time. Animals are treated at intervals of five and more days with a moderate dose of amphetamine, and the effects of treatment on behaviors such as activity and food intake are evaluated. The nature of the state present at a particular time is inferred from changes in these measures. For example, reduced activity (hypo-activity) and reduced food intake (hypo-phagia) are evident 18-24 hours following amphetamine treatment, indicating that an acute withdrawal state is present during this interval.

Many of the short-term effects that amphetamine produces involve the neurotransmitter dopamine. One goal of the research is to see whether patterns of activity and food intake show correlated changes in response to manipulations of the dopaminergic system. A behavior-pharmacological approach will be used to assess this. If different symptoms of acute withdrawal are similarly responsive to dopaminergic manipulations, then coordination of these symptoms by a common mechanism would be indicated. In addition, a molecular approach will be used to see whether changes in gene expression in the dopaminergic system are correlated with changes in amphetamine-induced state.

"The research involves multiple levels of analysis. We are trying to relate different behaviors and psychological processes to changes occurring at circuit and molecular levels. We examine the effects of moderate doses of amphetamine given intermittently, a pattern characteristic of recreational drug use. Very little research has examined the effects of such regimes," said Dr. White.

"Though the short-term effects of amphetamine have been well characterized, longer-term effects, particularly acute withdrawal, have received very little research attention. By examining the effects of a variety of manipulations on

multiple measures of acute withdrawal, we can begin to understand whether symptoms are due to a unitary mechanism or to distributed mechanisms. Though understanding how symptoms are organized might provide clues about treatments, methodologies and theories regarding the issue of organization are lacking," he continued.

Consultants on the project include two MSU faculty members: Dr. Ilsun White, professor of psychology, who is an expert on the dopaminergic system; and Dr. David Peyton, associate professor of biology, who is an expert on molecular biology. Dr. Nigel Cooper of the University of Louisville is an external consultant.

Though most of the work will be done in the Behavioral Neuroscience Lab in the Department of Psychology, the gene expression work is being done in the recently opened molecular biology core facility in Lappin Hall.

According to Dr. White, an important component of the research activities is undergraduate training.

"The grant provides money, not only for equipment, supplies, and so forth, but also for undergraduate student research stipends and conference travel. Students would have the opportunity to learn about translational research, the animal model approach to conditions of clinical interest (drug-induced withdrawal or depression and anorexia), the circadian organization of behavior, behavioral procedures for assessing drug effects, the multiple time-dependent effects of psychomotor stimulants on motivation, drug administration procedures, pharmacological processes, the structure and functions of the dopaminergic system, and techniques for evaluating changes in gene expression."

Interested students should contact Dr. Wesley White or Dr. Ilsun White at (606) 783-2981.

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Creative productions summer fellowships awarded

Four Morehead State University faculty members have recently been awarded summer fellowships for creative productions worth more than \$20,000.

The individual \$5,000 awards were granted by the Research and Creative Productions Committee in MSU's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Those receiving these highly competitive awards included:

Dr. Sherif Rashad, assistant professor of computer science, for "Data Mining Approach for Location Management in 4G Wireless Heterogeneous Networks."

Dr. Allen Risk, professor of biology, for "Peat Mosses (Sphagnum) of the Cumberland Plateau."

Dr. Stephanie Welter, assistant professor of biology, for "Variation in Pigmentation, Color Change Ability, and Behavioral Background Preferences in Dragonfly Larvae."

Dr. Kristina Wilson, assistant professor of history, for "Lessons in Black and White: The Racial and Gender Socialization of White Children in the Jim Crow South."

Creative production fellowships are available to faculty members to allow them time in the summer to focus their full attention on scholarly or creative projects.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at (606) 783-2010.

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Foreign Language Program to offer two graduate assistantships

The Foreign Language Program at Morehead State University, housed in the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy, invites applicants for two (one in French and one in Spanish) Foreign Language Residence Hall graduate assistantship positions.

The position will be for an academic year, with possibility of renewal, beginning in August 2008.

The program seeks graduate students (field open) who are fluent in French or Spanish and who can promote a vital and energetic series of activities for the undergraduate foreign language majors and minors in French and Spanish.

Duties and responsibilities will include:

- Working with foreign language students in a variety of contexts;
- Offering informal language practice (advising, mentoring and teaching);
- Organizing cultural events and activities;
- Helping to foster a sense of belonging and group identity in the students;
- Taking some of the responsibilities of resident assistants through supervision of foreign language students, as appropriate.

Qualifications are:

- A bachelor's degree or equivalent in any field;
- The graduate assistant must be admitted to a graduate degree program at Morehead State University and must be enrolled in at least nine graduate hours;
- Demonstrated fluency in French or Spanish (native or near-native fluency);
- Ability to work well with students, including a collaborative management style;
- Experience in international/intercultural living a plus.
- The program will provide free room and board, a stipend of at least \$3,000 and free tuition for two classes per semester.

Review of applications will begin Feb. 15 and continue until position is filled. Send a letter of application written in French or Spanish, curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference to: Dr. Vicente Cano, coordinator of foreign languages, UPO Box 787, 150 University Blvd., Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY 40351.

Additional information is available by calling the Foreign Language Program at (606) 783-2274. Application procedures to the graduate program is available by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/graduate/index.aspx?id=1332.

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Student arrested, jailed on threat charge

An 18-year-old Morehead State University student was taken into custody within 30 minutes of campus officials learning Thursday that he allegedly posted a threatening message on Facebook the night before.

Paul Neal, a freshman living in Butler Hall, was lodged in the Rowan County Detention Center following his arrest by MSU police on a charge of terroristic threatening in the third degree. Neal is a resident of Hi Hat, Ky.

Kevin Koett, MSU dean of students, said the alleged threat was not directed at a specific individual.

Road closing on campus

Beginning Monday, Dec. 17, the contractor will begin work on the storm drainage and utility tunnel for the Space Science Center project. The work will require the closing of Vaughn Drive between Martindale and Lee Avenue, and at times Lee Avenue.

The work is scheduled for completion by Monday, Jan 14.

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Project Graduate at MSU

Morehead State University has joined a statewide outreach effort to attract and graduate adult students returning to college.

MSU's initiative, known as Project Graduate, involves several campus units all working in concert to support students' academic careers. Its purpose is to identify former students who have earned college credit, and assist them in re-enrolling in school and finishing their degree.

Project Graduate developed from MSU's membership in the Kentucky College Access Network (KentuckyCAN), which was funded by the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence.

Jacquelyn Scott, non-traditional and commuter coordinator in the University's Office of Enrollment Services, serves as MSU's liaison for the project.

"There are many adult students who were here in past years but who didn't finish," Scott said. "They're just out there. Many of them had to go to work for one reason or another, and they had a lot of responsibilities, which is why they dropped out."

MSU's goal, according to Scott, is to find former students and offer them the assistance they need to return to college to complete their education. It will involve the efforts of University personnel in the areas of admissions, financial aid, academic advising and registrar at the Morehead and all other regional campuses.

"A lot of folks haven't received the full benefit of having been here as a student, because they don't have their degree," she said. "We want them to know that we care about them as students and we want them to follow up on their dream."

Scott said there are more than 310,000 Kentucky residents who have earned college credit but did not graduate. Of those, some 11,000 have completed 90 or more course hours, which is about 75 percent of the credits required for a bachelor's degree.

MSU's regional launch of Project Graduate is planned for January. The first group of targeted students should receive an initial contact letter and postcard in early January, in time to enroll for the spring semester if they choose to do so. It is expected that the project will have a greater impact on Fall 2008 enrollment.

Additional information on opportunities at MSU is available by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

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Employees honored for service

Several Morehead State University employees were honored recently for attaining milestones in their years of service with the University. MSU President Wayne D. Andrews congratulated each employee as he presented them with a service pin symbolic of the achievement. Among those participating in the ceremony were front row from left: Dr. Andrews, Jenny McKinney, 25; Janet Ratliff, 15; Marie Anderson, 5; Brenda Wilburn, 15; Kathy Mincey, 25; Lisa Caskey, 20; Loretta Lykins, 20; Kerry Murphy, 5; Ruth Robinson, 30; and Jeff Barker, 15. Second row from left, Scott Meisel, 5; Karen Taylor, 5; Mark Stidham, 5; Adrian Swain, 20; Barbara Dehner, 25; David Saxon, 40; Allen Risk, 15; Jennifer O'Keefe, 5; and Elsie Pritchard, 25. Third row from left, Philip Krummrich, 5; James Hall, 25; David Eisenhour, 10; Michael Fultz, 5; Charles Mason, 25; Marshall Chapman, 10; Agnes Manley, 10; Chien-Chih Peng, 5; and Steve Parkansky, 10.

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MSU's Winter Commencement a happy event

Michael Tyler Spence Harris of **Harold** and more than 550 other Morehead State University students were rejoiceful today (Saturday, Dec. 15) as they participated in the University's Winter Commencement exercises.

There were smiles, cheers, and lots of photographs taken as the newest alumni took the ceremonial walk across the stage, signifying the completion of their college degrees. They were greeted by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews who offered a congratulatory handshake to each of those completing graduate and undergraduate degree requirements.

As the keynote speaker, Harris spoke of his pride at being an East Kentuckian.

"I am proud to say that I am from Floyd County. I would not wish to be from any other place or trade the culture of my ancestors for any amount of money. I hope that all of you here have reached the point in your lives where you can feel this way about your particular backgrounds and that you have realized the importance of

continuing or at the very least, maintaining and further educating yourselves," he said.

Harris completed a Bachelor of Music degree in performance with an emphasis in jazz studies and studio music with guitar as his principal instrument. He will continue his education by pursuing a master's degree in performance at MSU while working as a graduate assistant in the Department of Music.

He thanked his family for their support and also gave credit to MSU for its administrative and academic leadership.

"I feel privileged to have attended a university that possesses a music department that is widely recognized for its high standard of excellence and supported by the university and community as a whole," Harris said.

"As a result, I would like to convey my appreciation to President Andrews and the entire administration for their support, to Dean Michael Seelig for his unfailing leadership and to Dr. Scott McBride, music department chair, for all of his assistance, support and excellent direction, which has enabled our department to achieve new heights of distinction and success."

The Betsy Layne High School graduate is the son of James and Loma Harris of Harold. He maintained a 4.0 grade point average and has been a member of the Dean's List every semester since 2003. He was selected to speak on the basis of having the highest grade point average of all of the grads in the Caudill Caudill of Humanities.

Following the ceremony, the newest graduates were inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Gary Adkins of Morehead.

Morehead State's spring semester classes begin Monday, Jan. 14.

[Click here to view Michael Harris' speech](#)

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SBDC helps business open in Prestonsburg

With the help of Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center in Paintsville and the Community Trust Bank in Prestonsburg, Violet E. (Beth) Rowe's business, Simple Changes LLC., opened in November.

Rowe relied on information and experience she gained from SBDC to provide her direction to begin operation of her new business.

According to Rowe, it was evident that a large percentage of consumers from Eastern Kentucky feel that they must travel to the metropolitan cities to purchase quality bedding, bath and fine furnishing products for their homes. Her vision is to provide the same quality products and services to the consumer with a cost savings they will receive in not having to travel as far.

In a letter to the SBDC office, she stated: "I had a vision and Phil Greene, general manager of the Paintsville office, had the business expertise to make my dream of being a business owner a reality.

"Starting a business takes a lot of courage and determination and can be overwhelming and intimidating at times. That is why it is so important to have the Small Business Development Center as a resource. The assistance I received gave me a good foundation to build my sales on."

Additional information on SBDC is available by calling Sabrina Jude at (606) 788-6022.

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Free ultrasounds to be offered

The Department of Imaging Sciences' Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at Morehead State University will offer free, two dimensional fetal ultrasounds to expectant mothers during the 2008 spring semester.

The ultrasound examinations will be performed by appointment only on the fourth floor of Reed Hall in the University's sonography lab from Jan. 16-Feb. 28.

The scans are performed by senior level students who will be directly supervised by Marcia Cooper, associate professor of imaging sciences. She is certified in obstetrics and gynecology by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers.

The fetal ultrasound scans provide students the experience they need for entering into the sonography workforce.

All volunteers will be asked to sign a consent form stating that the scans are "non-diagnostic" and are performed for educational purposes only. Participants are asked to bring a towel and a VHS tape or DVD to record the images, if desired.

Additional information and appointment times are available by calling MSU's Department of Imaging Sciences at (606) 783-2646.

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MSU KySat students receive valuable experience

While the KySat Space Express rocket may have broken up shortly after launch last week, the project was a success in that the Morehead State University crew returned from the launch site with important data the spacecraft collected.

The vehicle was launched Dec. 5 from the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. Its five-minute, suborbital mission was to serve as a test for equipment that will be used on the KentuckySat satellite, which will be launched into orbit next year.

MSU's Space Science Center will serve as the ground control station for that launch, and faculty, staff and student scientists will use the University's 21-meter space tracking antenna to control the satellite and monitor its orbit.

However, the rocket became unstable after a few seconds and broke up, but before it did, its instruments were able to transmit a "data packet" back to the ground station, where MSU students were working as the communications crew.

"This indicated that the student-designed and built payload not only survived the stress of the launch, but also the breakup of the launch vehicle," said Dr. Ben Malphrus, space science director at MSU. He, Jeff Kruth, MSU space science antenna engineer, and two students, Andrew Crowe, **Danville** senior, and Prabhakara Rao Eluru, graduate student from **India**, were among the engineers and other scientists who worked the launch at White Sands.

"As we move forward, the KySat team will study RADAR data and work with the launch vehicle providers to analyze the flight in an attempt to discover the source of the vehicle failure," he continued. "The cause may or may not be determined."

As disappointing as the launch was, Dr. Malphrus nonetheless considers it a strong learning experience.

"Basically, everything the students designed and built worked perfectly," he said.

"We are very pleased that the KySat payload and ground stations performed as intended even in these very difficult circumstances. We also are proud of the student team who exceeded expectations in carrying out this complex mission."

Currently, MSU satellite team members are working on ground station software, along with flight software and hardware for the KySat orbital mission. The plan is to bring on a new student team in the spring 2008 semester.

Those students will actively test the first orbital satellite and then design the second one, according to Dr. Malphrus, and everyone involved is committed to the project's success.

"While Space Express did not reach its target in space, it was a bold first step toward establishing Kentucky's space program and the lessons learned from this mission will serve the KySat team well as we move forward with the program and our plans for orbital flights starting in the next year."

KySat is a joint enterprise involving public organizations, colleges, universities and private companies in a student-led initiative for the design, launch and on-orbit operation of small satellites to promote science, technology, engineering, innovation and education.

In addition to MSU, its members are: the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University, Murray State University, the Kentucky Space Grant Consortium, Belcan, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (managing partner), and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

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Cheerleading showcase slated for Jan. 12

Morehead State University's coed and all-girl cheerleading squads will host the MSU Cheerleading Showcase on Saturday, Jan. 12, beginning at 4 p.m. in the University's Academic-Athletic Center. Area high school, all star, and college teams also will perform.

Both cheer squads will present their routines before heading off to compete in the College National Cheerleading Championships, Jan. 18 -21, in Orlando, Fla. The Universal Cheerleaders Association-sponsored competition will be held at Walt Disney's Wide World of Sports.

The coed and all-girl cheerleading squads placed first in the country in the qualifying round, which consisted of a cheer video, as well as two minute video that demonstrated the teams' stunts, pyramids, basket tosses and tumbling skills.

This is a return trip for both groups. In the 2007 competition, the coed squad won its sixth consecutive national title and 17th overall. The all-girl squad captured its sixth overall championship.

"Placing first in the qualifying round with both teams is a huge accomplishment for us. This is the fourth year in a row that both teams have achieved this; we set this as one of our team goals at the beginning of the year," said Tony Nash, MSU spirit coordinator.

"Now that we have met one of our goals and taping for our ranking is over, we start to focus on another national championship. The competition continues to grow every year for us; so many teams try to knock us off the top. My squads understand that it is much more difficult to stay on top rather than get to the top. That is motivation for my teams to maintain their level of excellence. Our next goal will be to execute a perfect routine at nationals. We don't worry about what other teams do; we just concentrate on what we have to do to accomplish our goals."

Members of the coed squad heading to nationals this year are:

Keri Adami, Snellville, Ga., freshman; Joe Arkansas, San Diego, senior; Patrick Boyer, Simi Valley, Calif., senior; Ali Chapparone, Escondido, Calif., sophomore; David Clemons, Detroit graduate student; Tony Crump, San Marcos, Calif., junior; Jenna Dorman, Crittenden, freshman;

Molly DuChemin, West Alexandria, Ohio, senior; Emily Eversole, Morehead junior; Cassie Fields, Hurricane, W.Va., freshman; Lauren Floyd, Parker, Colo., sophomore; Brandon Garvey, Independence freshman; Meaghan Huffman, Ludlow freshman; Brittany Kacetow, Centereach, N.Y., junior; Patrick Lee, Buford, Ga., freshman; Laurel Long, Chillicothe, Ohio, senior; Shawn Meyer, Eaton, Ohio, freshman; Miranda Noel, Waverly, Ohio, senior; O'Shea Parker, Bowling Green senior; Dave Ranck, Fort Collins, Colo., junior; Mo Rodriguez, Escondido, Calif., senior; David Schuch, Traverse City, Mich., graduate student; Kelsey Simpson, Lexington, senior; Greg Terlau, Sharonville, Ohio, freshman; and Jeff Van Horn, Fort Collins, Colo., senior.

Members of the 2007-08 All-Girl squad are:

Michelle Barton, Florence freshman; Brittany Brown, Sharpsville, Pa., senior; Stefani Cook, Sacramento, Calif., junior; Crystal Courtney, Orlando, Fla., junior; Jennifer Dusing, Ft. Mitchell freshman; Sara Folwell, Atlanta, Ga., sophomore; Katelyn Ellis, Verona freshman; Danielle Garone, N. Massapequa, NY., junior; Terresia High, Cambridge, Ohio, sophomore; Marika Jones, East St. Louis, Ill., senior; Amanda Lewis, Olive Hill, senior; Chelsea Mauck, Crestview Hills sophomore; Beth Millard, Kennewick, Wash., junior; Mallory Mingus, Brentwood, Tenn., freshman; Becca Moughler, Lexington freshman; Kirby Ogden, Anderson, Ind., senior; Tracie Prickett, Newnan, Ga., freshman; Leslie Pulley, Post Falls, Idaho, junior; Kristi Randel, Orangevale, Calif., junior; Krista Sanders, Millbury, Ohio, freshman; Kimberly Schaller, Springfield, Mo., freshman; Holly Stromgren, Sammamish, Wash., freshman; Alison Tinsley, Fenton, Mich., freshman; and Paige Tracey, Martins Ferry, Ohio, freshman.

In addition to both teams placing first for taping, three individual groups placed in the 2007 UCA Collegiate National Partner Stunt Division. The students and their rankings are: Tony Crump and Brittany Kacetow , first place coed; Chelsea Mauck , Stefani Cook , Leslie Pulley and Mallory Mingus , third place all girl; and Crystal Courtney , Marika Jones , Beth Millard and Terresia High , ninth place all girl.

Nash is in his fourth year as the head cheerleading coach and spirit coordinator for the University's cheer squads. Additional information is available by calling Nash at (606) 783-9495 or sending a message to t.nash@moreheadstate.edu .

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Students, faculty submit research posters

Forty-four undergraduate students and 26 faculty members at Morehead State University submitted work describing the research projects they had conducted in the past year for the annual Posters-at-the-Capitol. Sponsored annually by the state supported universities of the Commonwealth, Posters-at-the Capitol showcases research efforts by undergraduate students for the legislators and public officials of the state. It is also a valuable learning experience for the students allowing them to network with other students and faculty and to gain knowledge of the political process.

Posters were submitted by:

Danielle Ahadi-Akhlaghi, **Salyersville** senior; Britney Huron, **Maysville** sophomore; and Nick Rose, **Morehead** senior; along with their faculty mentor Dr. Christine McMichael, assistant professor of geography. Their poster was titled "Spatial Analysis Of The Influence Of Climatic Factors On Incidence Of Disease In Kentucky."

Erica Belmont, **Morehead** sophomore, along with faculty mentor Janet Ratliff, center director for economic education. Belmont's poster was titled "College Students' Knowledge of Basic Personal Finance."

Mallory Draughn, **Pikeville** junior, with a poster was titled " The Correlation of Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences and the Intelligences Exhibited by College Musicians." She worked with Dr. June Grice, assistant professor of music.

Melanie Everman, **Mt. Sterling** senior, along with faculty mentor Dr. Roma Prindle, associate professor of music. Everman's poster was titled "Modern Vocal Pedagogues."

Michelle Fiore, **Morehead** junior, whose poster was titled "What They Said About Her: Images of Womanhood in the 19th Century Press." She worked with Dr. Janet Rice McCoy, assistant professor of public relations. Michael Fitzner, **Shepherdsville** freshman, who worked with Dr. Ahmad Hassan, assistant professor of management. Fitzner's poster was titled "Who's shopping On the Internet? Examining the societal values of online shoppers."

Allen J. Fitzpatrick, **Lexington** senior, and Kristin Hausstein, **Olive Hill** sophomore, who worked with faculty mentor Dr. Robert Frank, associate professor of speech. Their poster was titled "Comparison of German and American Political Cartoons Focusing on China."

Michael Tyler Harris, **Harold** senior, who worked with Glenn Ginn, assistant professor of music. His poster was titled "The Language of Kenny Burrell: A Transcription Comparison and Analysis."

Heather Hazelrigg, **Morehead** senior, along with faculty mentors Stephanie Johnson, assistant professor of nursing, and Donna Corley, associate professor of nursing. Her poster was titled "Identification Of Nutrient Dense Lower Sodium Food Choices From Local Fast Food Menus."

Josh Hicks, **Maysville** senior; Thomas Stevens, **Taylorville** sophomore; Christopher Westendorf, **Clearfield** sophomore; Michael Anteau, **Hazel Green** junior; Aaron Dourson, **Morehead** junior; Cody Hawkins, **Neon** junior; Nicholas Rose, **Morehead** senior; Ainsley Lambert, **Morehead** junior; Joseph Scott Means Jr., **Morehead** junior; Seth Jenkins, **Greenville** junior; Grant York, **Greenup** junior; and James Channing Richardson, **Morehead** junior, whose poster was titled "Assessing Civic Engagement and Community Development through the Kentucky League of Cities' NewCities Institute." They worked with Dr. Stephen Lange, assistant professor of government.

Hicks, York, Tara Nanny, **Morehead** junior, and Brad Carmella, **Morehead** junior, who worked with Dr. Michael Hail, assistant dean and director of masters of public administration for their poster titled "Theoretical Foundations of Public Policy."

Matthew Hurley, **Morehead** senior, along with faculty mentor Kristina DuRocher Wilson, assistant professor of history, worked on a poster titled "The American Savage: The Demonizing of African American Male Masculinity in the Early 1900's."

Chris Leadingham and Tera Jessie, **Morehead** freshmen, along with faculty mentor Dr. John Ernst, professor of history, worked on a poster titled "Buses Go East, Buses Go West."

Nathan Mills, **Pikeville** sophomore, whose poster was titled "The Impact Of A Firm's Alliance Portfolio Diversity On Its Innovation And Performance In The Software Industry." He worked with Fatma Mohamed, assistant professor of management.

Brooke Solloway, **Morehead** junior, and Leslie Martin, **Morehead** senior, who along with faculty mentor Cyndi Young Gibbs, associate professor of imaging sciences, worked on a poster titled "Sports Concussions And Depressions: A Correlational Study Utilizing Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI) In Assessment And Diagnosis."

Cassie Watkins, **Vancleve** junior, and Jared Dillow, **Morehead** senior, worked on a poster titled "High Levels of Test Anxiety May Bias Scores on Popular Narrow Band AD/HD Rating Scales." They worked with Dr. Sean Reilley, assistant professor of psychology.

Casey J. Hufford, **Morehead** junior, and B. Nicholas Wahle, **Morehead** senior, worked with faculty mentors Dr. Robin Blankenship, assistant professor of mathematics, Dr. R. Doug Chatham, associate professor of mathematics and R. Duane Skaggs, technology coordinator. Their poster was titled "Chessboard Problems with Obstructions."

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Bruce Mattingly, associate provost for research and sponsored programs, at (606) 783-2010.

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MSU musicians participate in inaugural parade

Twenty-three student musicians at Morehead State University participated in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Marching Band for Gov. Steve Beshear's inaugural parade on Dec. 11.

The intercollegiate ensemble was established by the Kentucky College and University Band Directors. MSU marching band members performed with fellow students from colleges and universities across the state, all wearing their institution's uniforms as a visual symbol of individual school pride, yet marching together in fellowship with other schools' musicians.

The purpose of the multi-school group was to promote the spirit of the parade with a band that represents non-partisan, non-political, yet unanimous support for the office of the Governor of Kentucky. Additionally, it was intended to foster cooperation and good will among Kentucky collegiate band directors and their students.

Each participating school sent up to 25 of their band members to the event. The entire bands were not to perform, due to the fact that some students would have had to miss and/or reschedule final examinations, or delay going home for Christmas break, according to Dr. Sue Creasup, MSU associate director of bands.

Morehead State students who performed at the inaugural parade, and their instruments, were:

Jake Apke, **Alexandria** sophomore, sousaphone.

Brent Bowlin, **Crittenden** sophomore, bass drum.

Sarah Bowling, **Virginia Beach , Va. ,** sophomore, mellophone.

David Brock, **Batavia , Ohio ,** junior, baritone.

Paige Burgess, **Stanville** sophomore, saxophone.

Kevin Cantrell, **Frankfort** senior, trombone.

Joe Dixon, **Ashland** sophomore, mellophone.

Zach Doyle, **Louisville** senior, mellophone.

Mallory Draughn, **Pikeville** junior, flute.

Amanda Duffy, **Milford , Ohio ,** sophomore, cymbals.

Steffan Hanson, **Kalamazoo , Mich. ,** sophomore, trombone.

Jenny Hipple, **Morehead** sophomore, flute.

Kevin Luken, **Simpsonville** junior, tenor.

Kaitlin Mansfield, **Ashland** sophomore, clarinet.

Allyson Martin, **Frankfort** senior, drum major.

Richard Miller, **Cincinnati** sophomore, trombone.

Robbie Risner, **Prestonsburg** sophomore, guard.

Jonah Sawyers, **Pikeville** senior, trumpet.

Catherine Strobel, **Lexington** senior, clarinet.

Kevin Sucher, **Cincinnati** sophomore, sousaphone.

Andrew Valentine, **Louisville** junior, baritone.

Cody Williams, **Carlisle** freshman, baritone.

Evan Worrel, **Lexington** freshman, snare drum.

Additional information on MSU's marching band is available by calling the band office at (606) 783-2486.

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Holiday Closings

Morehead State University's administrative offices will close for the holiday break at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21. Offices will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 8 a.m.

Camden-Carroll Library and Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will observe the same schedule.

While the University Bookstore will be closed, patrons may check its Web site for information regarding ordering and shipping during the holiday break.

For those who wish to make an end-of-year gift, the MSU Foundation will continue to accept contributions through the holiday break. The development staff will be available to assist donors with tax-deductible contributions through the end of the calendar year. For information, you may leave a message at (606) 783-2033 or (877) 690-4483 and a staff member will return your call.

The Kentucky Folk Art Center will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25, as well as Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Hours on Dec. 26-29 will be 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Dec. 30 from 1-5 p.m. During the winter months, KFAC is closed on Sundays until April.

The University Post Office will be open Dec. 28 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. to distribute mail to UPO boxes only. Window service will not be available.

The Wellness Center will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1. Hours of operation for Dec. 22 will be 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Dec. 23 from 1-4 p.m.; Dec. 27-28, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Dec. 29, 9-2 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 31, 8 a.m.-noon. The center will open on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 6 a.m. The complete schedule is available online or patrons may call (606) 783-2083 for specific times the center will be open.

MSU at Ashland and MSU at Jackson will be closed on Friday, Dec. 21.

The MSU Police Department will be available at (606) 783-2035 to answer questions and address campus concerns.

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SBDC helps Pigeon Roost Dairy Bar and Pizza open

Dorothy and Lonnie Robinson entered into a new adventure in their life when they purchased their own business, Pigeon Roost Dairy Bar and Pizza, earlier this year.

With the help of Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center in Paintsville and the Inez Deposit Bank, Pigeon Roost establishment became a restaurant under new ownership.

The Robinsons relied on SBDC for information and experience to provide them direction in the financing of their purchase. When the previous owner of the business decided it was time to retire, he wanted a new owner who would continue the good service and good food that kept the business going for almost 30 years.

With the help of family and friends, some who worked at the restaurant, the Robinsons made the decision to take the risk and buy the business.

From a business standpoint, the Robinsons were not strangers to the hard work of such a venture. Lonnie has run his own excavating business for the past several years and Dorothy was kept busy handling the paperwork. From a small starting point with minimal investment, Lonnie built his existing business into a busy, thriving operation. Dorothy knew if they could just find the time in their schedule, this business would be successful as well under their guidance.

When the Robinsons purchased the business there were some upgrades the previous owner had not completed. Their first priority was to finish these upgrades. While construction was continuing, the business never missed a beat. They settled into a routine with the goal of making the business more successful that it had been before.

The Pigeon Roost Dairy Bar and Pizza is located on Wolf Creek Road, Route 1714, next to the proposed Pigeon Roost Community Center.

Additional information on SBDC and its resources is available by calling Sabrina Jude at (606) 788-6022.
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Free courses offered to high school students

High school juniors and seniors who want to get a head start on their college career may enroll at Morehead State University. Students with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 may take college courses tuition-free. The process to enroll is simple. Complete the "High School Student Admissions/Registration Application" which is available from your high school guidance counselor or MSU's Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions. Enrollment is currently open with course(s) for the spring term.

Students may choose from 100 or 200 level courses on the class schedule. The special application and list of courses may be obtained from MSU's Office of Enrollment Services, 100 Admissions Center or by calling (606) 783-2000.

Students are responsible for textbooks and any fees not included in tuition.

Textbooks for the classes are available from the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus. Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu. Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

Classes at MSU for the spring semester begin on Monday, Jan. 14, at all locations. The term ends May 11.

Additional information, the application and a list of recommended courses are available by calling Tina Stafford-Baldwin, distance education director, at (800) 585-6781, option #3; or MSU at Mt. Sterling, (859) 498-0780 or (866) 870-0809; or MSU at West Liberty, (800) 648-5371 or (606) 743-1500.

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West Liberty SBDC to offer Quickbooks, Ebay workshops

Morehead State University at West Liberty's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will offer a pair of classes to start the New Year.

An "Introduction to QuickBooks" workshop will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

This course is designed to help business owners, without previous accounting experience, manage their company finances. The seminar will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the MSU Regional Enterprise Center (REC).

The introduction will cover the entire setup of QuickBooks as a designated accounting software system. From creating a company to setting up a chart of accounts, and vendor customer lists within QuickBooks, company leaders may begin to manage their finances more effectively through proper installation and setup.

There is a \$25 per person fee to participate.

Interested in learning more about e-Bay?

This course will introduce class participants to the basic concepts and components of setting up a business on e-Bay. Strategies and tips will be shared on how to go about selling successfully on e-Bay. Participants will walk through the step-by-step process of listing, selling, and then receiving payment for an item once it is sold. Resources will be shared that can help individuals develop their e-Bay business.

The free workshop will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 1-4 p.m. at the REC.

Online registration is preferred, and is available at http://kysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/conferencelist.asp?center_id=9. Additional information is available by calling SBDC at (606) 743-4005.

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Space Flight class has rocket launch

Morehead State University students recently field-tested their classroom knowledge by launching several rockets into the Rowan County sky.

The students were enrolled in an experimental course "Introduction to Space Flight" in which they studied rocket systems, propulsion technologies, guidance systems and orbital mechanics.

"We have been working with model rockets that are real working rockets," said Jennifer Carter, an **Olive Hill** graduate research assistant in MSU's Ronald G. Eaglin Space Science Center. "We built some rockets and bought some engines and igniters and then launched them Dec. 11 at the Jaycee Farm here in Morehead."

The rockets ranged from about one to three feet in length. Prior to the launch, the students calculated how high the rockets would go, based on the size and weight of the vehicle and the specific impulse power of the engines.

"We had some rockets that probably made it to 1,100 feet," Carter said, which was near the students' estimate.

A wireless Booster Vision camera was attached to one of the rockets.

"On the ground, we had a laptop with a receiving antenna, and we were able to receive live footage of the rocket's flight," she said.

The 2007 Fall term was the first time the class has been offered. It was developed by Dr. Ben Malphrus, director of the Space Science Center, and Doug Thorpe, president and CTO of Thortek Space Operations, located in Irvine.

Thorpe, who also worked at NASA on the Space Shuttle, taught the class as an adjunct professor, which provided invaluable experience for students studying space science.

"A rocket course taught by a rocket scientist. It was an outstanding opportunity for our students," said Dr. Malphrus.

"The plan is that every other semester when the class is offered, the complexity of the payloads of the model rockets will be increased," Carter said.

Launching the model rockets was the culmination of weeks of concentrated studying for the students.

"The real learning experience was taking what we had learned in class about propulsion systems and working hands-on with them on a small scale," she continued. "Then, we related that experience to working with them on a larger scale, like the big space shuttle."

Additional information is available by calling the space science center at (606) 783-2381.

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Register now to be part of MSU's spring semester

If your New Year's resolution is to move forward toward a better life for yourself, Morehead State University can help you take that all-important first step. A variety of courses, designed to meet the region's educational needs, will be offered and it's not too late to enroll in the spring semester classes at any of MSU's campuses.

MSU's spring classes begin Monday, Jan. 14, and registration is now available. Students may view course offerings and complete the registration process through the Datatel WebAdvisor.

There is still time to submit an application for the spring term. Prospective students may call the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781 opt #1 for admissions assistance.

Students also may view and pay their bill online via WebAdvisor. Those who are registered for the spring semester will receive monthly paper billing statements to keep them informed of their financial status. Account balances are due in full one week prior to the start of class - Jan. 7 for the spring term.

Although MSU no longer offers a deferred payment plan, students may now take advantage of a different option to pay their bill at a later date, while at the same time, confirming that they will be attending classes.

If any student is unable to pay their full balance prior to the deadline, they may complete a Statement of Intent, which explains payment requirements. The statement must be completed by Jan. 7 to prevent a student's class schedule from being canceled. This also applies to any student who receives financial aid or scholarships, or whose college expenses are being paid by an outside agency.

MSU offers online bachelor's degree "completer" programs designed primarily for graduates of the Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS). These programs are designed to 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.

Textbooks for the classes are available from the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus. Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu. Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

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; MSU at West Liberty at (606) 743-1500 or (800) 648-5371; MSU's regional campus coordinator at (800) 585-6781, option #3; the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008; or by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000.

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YouthBuild holds graduation

YouthBuild student representative Kala Lynn Aregood addressed friends and family that gathered Thursday, Dec. 20, in the Kibbey Auditorium on Morehead State University's campus to honor the 10 YouthBuild participants, who were graduating.

MSU's YouthBuild program, established in the fall of 2005 with a grant award to the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is specifically geared to help encourage Rowan County youths between 18-24 who dropped out of high school to further their education and attain a GED while also gaining valuable construction skills. Since then, the Rowan County program has partnered with various community groups, including Habitat for Humanity, Frontier Housing, and Doves to participate in the construction and/or rehabilitation of low-income housing in the Morehead area.

Participants engage in leadership and civic activities that bring both personal and public benefits and have been selected to serve on local committees and boards, meet and talk with local leaders. One participant was even selected by the national YouthBuild USA group to travel to Washington, D.C. and meet with senators to discuss the program.

Most of those honored at the ceremony for completing the program are now enrolled in college, training programs or in employment positions.

YouthBuild was recently moved to the U.S. Department of Labor, Morehead State University/IRAPP's program was one of only a handful of rural programs across the nation that was selected for funding.

MSU's YouthBuild is currently taking applications for January's enrollment. Additional information is available by calling Loretta Stewart, director, or Shane Dickerson, assistant director, at (606) 783-9469.

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Andrews 'disappointed but not discouraged' by budget cut

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Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews said he was "disappointed but not discouraged" by the state budget cut announced Thursday by Gov. Steve Beshear.

MSU must reduce its current operating budget by \$1,446,100 as soon as possible. The figure represents three percent of the University's state general fund appropriation of \$48.2 million for the 2007-08 fiscal year ending June 30.

"We are hopeful that this will be a temporary setback which the governor and General Assembly can help us overcome in the upcoming biennial budget," Dr. Andrews said. "The University is making progress on several important initiatives and don't want to lose momentum as we move toward our goal of becoming the top public, regional university in the South."

In an interview published by the Lexington Herald-Leader, the MSU president agreed with EKV President Doug Whitlock and KSU President Mary Evans Sias that the state's higher education community should not panic over the proposed cuts.

"The short term is doable," Dr. Andrews told the newspaper.

But the three presidents also agreed that the state's longer-term budget issues could jeopardize the efforts of the public universities and community colleges to double the number of holders of bachelor's degrees in Kentucky to 800,000 by 2020.

"We will probably have to adjust some of our strategies," Andrews said. "But the 'double-the-numbers' goal was set for us by the people who make public policy in this state, and it's still a very worthwhile goal, and, in my opinion, a goal we should not abandon."

Andrews said reaching the goal "will require a significant infusion of new money into higher education. There's nothing magical about it."

Statewide, Gov. Beshear and his leadership team must manage a revenue shortfall of \$434 million. All of the public postsecondary education institutions have been asked to develop plans to reduce their state funds by three percent for a total of \$34.5 million on a yearly appropriation of \$1.1 billion.

Kentucky's 176 public school districts will be exempt from most of the reduction. They receive \$4 billion yearly in state support.

President Andrews said MSU most likely would reduce its current budget by delaying the filling of selected faculty and staff positions, by cutting operating costs, by canceling low enrollment courses in the spring semester and by expending certain unbudgeted funds being held for contingencies.

Gov. Beshear is expected to outline his plans for dealing with the reduced revenue during his first biennial budget address to the General Assembly on Jan. 29. The lawmakers open the 2008 session on Jan. 8.