

Fall semester meetings planned

The start of the 2008 fall semester is just around the corner for faculty and staff at Morehead State University.

The orientation programs for new faculty will be held on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 7 and 8, in Breckinridge Hall, room 302 from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Orientation for new lecturers at the regional campuses will be held Monday, Aug. 11, from 5 until 7 p.m.

The schedule for all faculty and staff begins on Wednesday, Aug. 13. The Camden-Carroll Library will host a continental breakfast from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. in the library.

The annual convocation will begin at 10 a.m. in Button Auditorium. New faculty and staff will be introduced. Offices will remain open with minimal staffing.

Faculty members in the colleges will meet from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. in various locations: Business, 209 Combs; Education, 307 Ginger; Humanities, 002 Breckinridge; Science and Technology, 419 Reed; and Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, Kibbey classroom. Departmental meetings will follow from 2:30 until 3:45 p.m. in various locations.

Returning students who have not pre-registered will schedule classes in their academic departments on Thursday, Aug. 14, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 15, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. First-year students will move into the residence halls on Friday, Aug. 15, and register for classes from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 17, all faculty, staff and students are invited to the annual street dance/ice cream fest. The event, co-sponsored by the Student Activities Council and President and Mrs. Wayne D. Andrews, will run from 8:30 until 10 p.m. at the ADUC Commons.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, new faculty will participate in a regional trip of the area.

All MSU employees and their families are invited to the University-wide picnic on Saturday, Aug. 30, from 5-6:30 p.m. at Jayne Stadium. President and Mrs. Andrews will be the hosts. In case of rain, the picnic will be held in the front lobby of the Academic-Athletic Center.

Following the event, MSU's football team will play Southern Virginia at 7 p.m.

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Fall term begins Aug. 18

Morehead State University's 2008 Fall Semester will begin on Monday, Aug. 18, on the Morehead campus and at MSU's five regional campuses. There is still time to sign up for classes.

Registration for the semester is available online at MSU's Web site (www.moreheadstate.edu). Students may view course offerings and complete the registration process through the [DataTel WebAdvisor](#). It may be accessed from the MSU home page's current student link, then by selecting online services and finally WebAdvisor from the Quick Login drop-down box. Classes for the fall term will be offered from Aug. 18 through Dec. 12.

For those not yet enrolled who are considering attending MSU, there is still time to submit an application. Prospective students may call the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781 opt #1 for admissions assistance.

Prospective students can complete the online application and pay a \$30 fee in one visit to the Web site. Students choosing to submit a paper application may submit the application fee by check or money order.

Account balances are due in full one week prior to the start of class for each semester being attended. Although MSU no longer offers a deferred payment plan, students may 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 his or her full balance prior to the deadline, he or she may complete an online Statement of Intent, which explains payment requirements. The online statement must be completed by set deadlines 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.

Students may access the Statement of Intent via [WebAdvisor](#) .

The pay-in-full or Statement of Intent deadline for the fall is Monday, Aug. 11.

MSU offers online bachelor's degree "completer" programs designed primarily for graduates of the Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS). Courses are offered via the Internet and at the regional campuses, 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 the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000; or the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008.

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Audible alert system test today

Morehead State University will conduct its monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, Aug. 4, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The system consists of three speakers that use an alert tone as well as voice messages to warn the campus during an emergency. The high powered amplifiers are located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium.

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MSPR donates weather alert radios to Greenup county

Morehead State Public Radio is distributing 50 Midland AM/FM Weather Alert Radios to 18 primary counties that includes Bath, Breathitt, Carter, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Greenup, Lee, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe.

"It's our goal at Morehead State Public Radio to inform our listeners about impending weather and to protect the families in the communities we serve. We hope the weather radios will be used at key locations in our primary service region to supplement the national emergency alert system to further protect our listeners," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager.

The radios are being presented to public officials and placed in public buildings such as schools, health clinics, libraries and first responder facilities. MSPR also will distribute informational brochures on

emergency preparedness from the Ready America project provided by the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA).

The radios utilize Specific Area Message Encoding (S.A.M.E.) technology, which allows the radios to be programmed to receive only those warnings that apply to local counties. Operated by AC or emergency battery, the radios can be programmed for up to 30 counties and features AM/FM tuning, color coded alert lights and several alarm functions.

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Additional information on Ready America and this project is available on MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com .
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Alumnus is researching his book in Kentucky

Dr. Marshall D. Banks, the first African American to earn athletically-related aid and coach at Morehead State University, recently returned to his hometown of Ashland to do research on his book that he is writing.

MSU was among the first non-traditionally black mid-southern institutions to accept a black student as a recruited student-athlete. Dr. Banks filled that role in the fall of 1958. He is a member of MSU's alumni and athletic halls of fame and received an honorary doctoral degree. He was recipient of the 2008 Founders Day Award for University Service in March.

Dr. Banks earned a bachelor's degree from MSU in 1962 and received his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A full professor, he has been on faculty at Howard University since 1978 where he also served as department chair for 20 years.

The Independent's Mark Maynard featured Dr. Banks in an article in Sunday's edition.

'I'm Not That Innocent' exhibit opens Aug. 27

Morehead State University's Claypool-Young art gallery will be the site of "I'm Not That Innocent: Alternative Visions of Childhood," a group exhibition featuring the works of Christina Bartsch, Jacqueline Bishop, Phil Davis, Brian Fencl, Rhonda Gushee, Aimee Koch and Chris Willcox, Aug. 27-Sept. 26.

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 27, from 6-8 p.m.

The exhibition features the works of seven artists who all explore themes of childhood in their art. Gushee, of Cincinnati, creates ceramic sculptures that refer to dolls, and another sculptor, Jacqueline Bishop, of New Orleans, uses baby shoes and other mixed media to comment on the interaction between humans and nature.

Photographs by Koch of Oyster Bay, N.Y., capture eerie images of baby dolls that have been manipulated by adults, while printmaker Davis, of Alexandria, Va., depicts stuffed animals in animated dance and other imagined contexts. Fencl, of Wheeling, W.Va., illustrates narrative visions of storybook creatures, and children inhabit an underwater world in paintings by Willcox, of Minneapolis, Minn.

There will be two visiting artists, both sculptors, associated with the exhibition. Bishop, who is a mixed media artist, will be giving two lectures about her work on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 10:20 - 11:20 a.m. and 12:40 - 1:40 p.m. A ceramic sculptor, Gushee will lecture on her work on Oct. 2 from 10:20 - 11:20 a.m. and 12:40 - 1:40 p.m. All lectures will be held in 111 Claypool-Young.

The gallery in Claypool-Young features contemporary art for the MSU community as well as the University's service region of East Kentucky. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. There is no charge for viewing. Parking is available on Main Street and Elizabeth Avenue, behind Claypool-Young.

Additional information is available by calling Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at (606) 783-5446, or visit the Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/art .

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2008 Journey of Hope cyclists visit campus

Morehead State University and the city of Morehead hosted the 2008 Journey of Hope Trans-America cycling team this week. The group of cyclists is comprised of college men from across the United States who are members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and its philanthropy project Push America.

The cycling squad arrived on Aug. 5, and left the Morehead area the next day.

Push America was established to raise awareness of people with disabilities by promoting a number of programs designed to involve the undergraduate and alumni members of the fraternity across the U.S.

The Journey of Hope is a summer-long bike ride that begins in San Francisco and concludes in Washington, D.C. This year marks the 21st anniversary for the event. Throughout the duration of the ride, team members make stops in various cities to participate in "friendship visits" at numerous schools and assisted living facilities as a means of reaching out to those with disabilities.

The Journey of Hope team, along with members and friends of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, hosted an evening friendship visit with the residents of Morehead's Horizon Village. The local fraternity chapter works each semester with Horizon Village's residents to provide programming and entertainment.

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

New parking system, shuttle times announced by MSU

Morehead State University would like to remind students, faculty and staff of its new parking system and new times for its shuttle service.

A new parking system will be operational on the MSU campus beginning with the fall 2008 semester. New parking fees will create revenue that will lead to the construction and operation of two multi-level parking structures on campus.

Effective with the first day of classes, MSU's basic parking fees for faculty, staff and students will be \$120 annually for spaces north of U.S. 60 and \$60 annually for the lot south of U.S. 60.

For faculty and staff members desiring a reserved space, the cost will be \$360 per year for parking privileges on University Boulevard and in the Third Street lot between Lappin Hall and the Rowan County Board of Education. Reserved spaces will be enforced each weekday from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MSU employees may purchase parking permits through payroll deduction.

Shuttle service will begin at 6:40 a.m. Monday-Friday and will end at 5:30 p.m. Shuttles will cycle approximately every 10 minutes prior to 8 a.m. and approximately every 15 minutes after.

>> [Print Shuttle Schedule & Route Info](#)

The cycle time will be dependent on weather-related road conditions and traffic patterns. The shuttles have scheduled stops and pickups at the intersection of Battson-Oates and University Boulevard (Breckinridge Hall and Baird vicinity), behind Ginger Hall and at Lappin Hall.

Shuttles are intended for use only by patrons of the commuter parking lot on the south side of Wilkinson Boulevard.

Employees and students depending on the shuttle service as a means of transportation to the main campus should allow ample time prior to the start of the work day or class meeting time.

Additional information about the new parking regulations can be found at www.moreheadstate.edu/police.
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Reis to conduct workshop and booksigning

Jennifer A. Reis, assistant professor and gallery director at Morehead State University, will host an embellished textile workshop and book signing at CoffeeTree Books on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The cost of the four-hour workshop, scheduled from noon - 4 p.m., is \$50 and includes all supplies and the book *Creative Quilting with Beads*, published by Lark Books that features her work. The book signing is scheduled from 4-5 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Participants in the workshop will explore the fantastic medium of embellished textile collage through learning a variety of hand-worked art quilting techniques including embellishing with traditional beads and

unusual materials, non-traditional quilting, and appliqué and embroidery to make an embellished textile collage.

Students will learn the basics of art quilting and embellishing, including embroidered text, shi-sha mirror application, and utilizing found objects on fabric. All work is hand-done, no machine and open to all skill levels.

Reis, an arts professional, is a practicing artist with a B.F.A. degree from the Columbus College of Art, an M.A. degree in Museum Studies from Syracuse University, and an M.A. degree in Studio Art with an Art Education emphasis from Morehead State University.

As an actively exhibiting and award winning artist, she has shown her work at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, WomanMade Gallery in Chicago, Turchin Center for the Arts in Boone, N.C., American Quilter's Society Museum in Paducah, the Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio, Miami of Ohio University Galleries, Southern Ohio Museum, among others.

In 2007, Reis received the prestigious Al Smith Fellowship from the Kentucky Arts Council, an award designed to honor high artistic achievement, as well as grants from the Kentucky Foundation for Women and Americans for the Arts. She has taught textile embellishment at the Society for Contemporary Craft in Pittsburgh, Penn., Craft Alliance in St. Louis, and Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft in Louisville.

Additional information about her work is available at www.jenniferareis.com. Workshop registration is on a first come, first serve basis and is limited to 10 people. To register or for more information, contact CoffeeTree Books at (606) 784-8364.

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CPE now reports to governor's office

With postsecondary education leaders and Dr. Richard Crofts, the interim president of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), at his side, Governor Steve Beshear today signed an executive order that administratively transfers CPE to the Governor's Office from the Education Cabinet.

"This action more clearly demonstrates the importance of higher education to my administration while removing an unnecessary layer of government bureaucracy," said Gov. Beshear. "This change also elevates the position of CPE president to one of my top advisers, which is critical to developing a more highly educated workforce that is armed with the skills to compete and attract new jobs to our state while also making the dream of a college education more affordable and accessible to all Kentuckians."

"We applaud Gov. Beshear for taking action to strengthen his involvement with public postsecondary education in the Commonwealth," said Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews. "This organizational structure apparently worked well during Gov. Paul Patton's administration and we believe it will do so again."

The Governor's Executive Order returns CPE to the original organizational structure envisioned when 1997 Postsecondary Education Reforms were implemented. Although the order administratively attaches CPE to the governor's office, the council will remain an independent higher education governing body and the president will report directly to the board.

"This organizational change will strengthen the lines of communication between the postsecondary education system and the Governor's office, which is very important to the achievement of postsecondary education reform goals," said Dr. Crofts.

Gov. Beshear emphasized the timeliness of this action as the CPE continues its search for a new president.

"To recruit the kind of national educational leader we need as the new CPE president, he or she must be a close adviser to the governor of the commonwealth," said Gov. Beshear.

While the search for a new CPE president continues, Gov. Beshear has continued to emphasize his commitment to higher education by appointing to the CPE board former Gov. Paul Patton, under whose administration the 1997 higher education reforms were implemented, along with former Lexington mayor Pam Miller, Paducah attorney Glenn Denton and student member Christopher Crumine.

Gov. Beshear will propose legislation for the 2009 session to ratify his action and make this move permanent.

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Patton speaks to PLA

Former Gov. Paul E. Patton spoke recently to the President's Leadership Academy at Morehead State University. Gov. Patton served as the Commonwealth's 59th governor from 1995 to 2003. Attending were, front row from left, Farrah Baldwin, educational services coordinator; Amanda Baldwin, staff writer; Gov. Patton, Terri Roberts, student activities coordinator; Lisa Shemwell, speech team coach; Sharon Williams, director of the retired and senior volunteer program; and Donna Baker, coordinator of special collections at Camden-Carroll Library. Second row: Toni Hobbs, creative director; Krista Barton, instructor of education; and Provost Karla Hughes. Third row: Dr. Keith Moore, MBA program director; Dr. Darrin DeMoss, professor of biology; Joel Pace, director MSU at Ashland; Dr. David Olson, associate professor of psychology; Dr. Jaby Mohammed, assistant professor of industrial technology; Janet Ratliff, director of economic education; Dr. Verdie Craig, assistant professor of geography; and Dr. Royal Berglee, associate professor of geography.

Welcome back activities announced

The summer is drawing to a close and Morehead State University faculty, staff and students are preparing for the start of the fall semester.

Classes will begin on Monday, Aug. 18, at all MSU locations and many activities are planned to welcome students back to campus.

Residence Hall check-in for freshmen runs from Friday, Aug. 15, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. New students may complete financial, academic and housing tasks on this day. Academic advising will be available to students who need to make a class schedule or change their existing schedule. Advising will be done in the academic departments from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The EagleCard Office has new policies regarding the distribution of MSU ID cards. Returning and new residential students who have advance registered for the fall term, have a photo on file and have a room assigned will receive their new EagleCard with their housing packets upon check-in.

Returning and new non-traditional and commuter students that have advance registered for the fall term and have a photo on file, may pick up their new ID card in the EagleCard office in room 107 of the Adron Doran University Center.

Returning students at the regional campuses can submit their order for the new EagleCard at their center. The cards will be sent to the regional campus centers for distribution. Students that have not taken a photo will need to bring a copy of their class schedule with MSU ID number and a photo ID to the office to receive their new EagleCard.

Student parking passes will be available for purchase and pickup in the Traffic office, 100 Laughlin Health Building. The times are: Aug. 14 and 15, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Aug. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Aug. 18-20, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Student Support Services will hold a participant orientation event in room 301 of ADUC on Aug. 15 from 3:30 until 5 p.m. The New Student and Family Welcome Dinner will be held from 4 until 6:45 p.m. on the second floor of ADUC. A Welcome Celebration will follow at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium.

The traditional Student Activities Council (SAC) Block Party will be located at the Alumni Tower bridge area beginning at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, new students will attend a variety of informative and entertaining orientation sessions. At 9:30 a.m., Curtis Zimmerman will present "Living Life at Performance Level" in Button Auditorium. This will be followed by "Student Life @ MSU" at 11 a.m.

During the lunch break beginning at 11:45 a.m., students are encouraged to attend the student activities fair at ADUC. Beginning at 1:30 p.m., C.L. Lindsay will present information on Facebook and other online communities followed by "Funny Money" with James Cunningham at 2:30 p.m. Later, "Picnic and a Movie" will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Male students interested in fraternities may attend a Fraternity/Greek Life event on Saturday at 8 p.m. on the Laughlin lawn.

A non-denominational morning worship service will be open to all at 11 a.m. in Button Auditorium on Sunday, Aug. 17. Wellness Center orientations will also take place that day.

Female students interested in Greek life may attend a sorority orientation beginning at 2 p.m. in Button Auditorium. Music students will also have class piano placement assessment examinations at 5 p.m. in room 205 of Baird Music Hall.

President and Mrs. Wayne D. Andrews invite all faculty, staff and students to the annual street dance/ice cream fest. The event, also sponsored by the Student Government Association, will run from 8:30 until 11 p.m. at the ADUC Commons.

The University Bookstore will extend its operating hours during the fall semester's opening days, beginning on Friday, Aug. 15, when it will remain open until 6 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 16, the store will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. to accommodate shoppers. On Sunday, Aug. 17, the hours will be from noon until 3 p.m. Beginning on Monday, Aug. 18, hours of operation will be from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. through Aug. 21 and also from Aug. 25-28. Additionally, the bookstore will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23 and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

As the first academic week of the semester gets underway, a performance by hypnotist Dale K will be held in Button Auditorium on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 8 p.m.

Several other activities will be held in late August and early September, leading up to Family Weekend, scheduled for Sept. 26-28. This annual event provides an opportunity for parents and other family members of students to get a taste of the MSU experience. During Family Weekend, the MSU Football Eagles will host St. Francis (Pa.) at 1 p.m. at Jayne Stadium. Everyone is asked to mark their calendars for MSU's Homecoming 2008, scheduled for Oct. 17-19.

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

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Former chair Dr. Broadus Bryant Jackson dies

Dr. Broadus B. Jackson, former professor and chair of the geography, government and history department at Morehead State University, died on Saturday, Aug. 9.

He started in 1969 at Morehead State and worked until his retirement in 1998. He came to MSU from the Maryland State College (now University of Maryland Eastern Shore), where he was chairman of the Social Science Division.

Jackson, a Harlan native, earned his B.A. degree from Fisk University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University.

He was a frequent guest speaker for civic, religious and campus groups and was the first known African-American to lecture on the University of Mississippi campus.

Dr. Jackson is survived by his wife, Myrtle, a daughter, Bonnie Carter, and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 1825 Russell Cave Road, Lexington, Ky. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

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New handbook, Web site aim to increase transfers

Students at Kentucky's 16 community and technical colleges have two new tools to assist them in furthering their education at Morehead State University or any other four-year institution.

A transfer handbook and Web site have been created to motivate more students to transfer by providing streamlined and relevant information about the transfer process. The handbook was made possible through a partnership between the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

As part of the KnowHow2GOKy outreach initiative kicked off by the Council in May, the handbook outlines three steps to transfer and offers helpful planning tools. Those tools include: checklists of important steps to follow and questions to ask, explanation of transfer policies, lists of transfer contacts for each public and independent institution and an index of transfer scholarships at public institutions. A corresponding online component at KnowHow2GOKy.org offers additional resources for exploring careers, searching schools and finding financial aid.

"The Council's 2004 transfer research showed one of the main barriers to transfer is a lack of information about how to plan and prepare to transfer," said Dr. Richard Crofts, interim CPE president. "The development and distribution of these planning tools are an important step toward breaking down that barrier."

MSU, along with the other four-year colleges and universities, also will receive copies of the handbook to use in recruiting students to transfer to their institutions.

The transfer handbook is available on the KnowHow2GOKy Web site at <http://www.knowhow2goky.org/transfer> .
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Music faculty to play at Lexington's Public Library

Some members of the Morehead State University Jazz Faculty will be the featured entertainment as the Lexington Public Library continues its ">"Jazz: Live At The Library!" series. The concert will be held Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Central Library Theatre, 140 East Main Street, in Lexington.
The free show will run from 7-8:30 p.m.

Performing will be Dr. Gordon Towell, saxophone, Glenn Ginn, guitar and Dr. Steve Snyder, piano, with guests Matt Davidson, on bass, and Dave McWhorter on drums. The series is sponsored in part by LexArts, Jamey Aebersold Jazz and The Jazz Arts Foundation, Inc.

Additional information is available by calling (859) 273-5193.

Posted: 8-13-08

MSU police offers campus safety tips for fall semester

With the fall term ready to get underway, Morehead State University's Police Department offers this advice to the campus community: Be aware of your surroundings and take the necessary precautions to avoid loss of your belongings.

"It is not uncommon to see an increase in crime at this time of year," said MSU Police Chief Matt Sparks. "On the campus, everyone is busy with the beginning of the year activities and fail to adhere to the safety rules that they usually follow."

Purses, wallets, cell phones, iPods and textbooks are among the list of items that are reported missing most often.

Always on the lookout for suspicious activity, an increase in the number of reported thefts will cause police officers to be even more vigilant. Students, as well as faculty and staff, are urged to take all necessary measures to secure and protect personal belongings in residence halls, offices and vehicles, in addition to office equipment and other vulnerable items.

"We want to remind you to take the extra time to secure items in the trunk or under the seat before leaving your automobile," Chief Sparks said. "The threat of a break-in is reduced if your belongings are not visible. Remember to lock your vehicle before leaving it in the parking area."

University police remind students to also practice safety in the residence halls:

- Make sure your door is locked when leaving your room, even if you are only going next door. It takes less than 10 seconds for a thief to enter an open room and steal property.
- Do not leave messages on phones, My Space or other computer accounts, indicating how long you will be away or when you expect to return.
- Follow the safety in numbers rule when going out at night and arrange to go with friends/roommates. It is a good practice to scan your surroundings whether walking on campus, traveling by automobile or enjoying a shopping excursion.
- Do not leave valuables or property (purses, backpacks, books, personal identification, etc.) visible in or around the office or living area.

- Keep emergency numbers by the phone. Call 911 to report any suspicious person or activity.
- Everyone should take the time to be aware of their surroundings and any unusual activity. Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at (606) 783-2035.

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MSU wins OVC Institutional Academic Achievement Award

Morehead State University has been awarded the 2007-08 Ohio Valley Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award, the fourth consecutive year the institution has won the award. The award is presented annually to the member institution with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for that academic year. The University of Tennessee at Martin finished as runner-up and was closely followed by Eastern Illinois University and Southeast Missouri State University.

It marks the ninth time overall that Morehead State has claimed the honor in the 22-year history of the award, which is now the most in Conference history.

"We spend a great deal discussing with and demonstrating to student-athletes the value of academics and that you can have balance between being a great student and a great athlete while in college," said MSU Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson. "We congratulate our more than 350 student athletes on this very important honor."

The league also announced the recipients of 16 OVC Team Academic Achievement Awards, which are presented annually in each Conference-sponsored sport to the member institution's team with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. Two Morehead State teams were honored: Women's Tennis and Volleyball.

"This Conference takes great pride in the success of its student-athletes, not only on the playing field, but more importantly, in the classroom," said OVC Commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher. "The Academic Achievement Awards are a very visible reminder of the values of the Ohio Valley Conference. Morehead State University deserves to be proud of this significant accomplishment by its student-athletes."

It was also announced that 116 student-athletes were awarded Ohio Valley Conference Medals of Honor. The Medal of Honor is given annually to the student-athlete who achieves the highest grade point average in a Conference-sponsored sport.

MSU had 12 student-athletes honored with Medals of Honor: Mary Linehan (Women's Cross Country), Michael Brown (Men's Golf), Zack Unger (Men's Golf), Kim Beiting (Soccer), Shannon Smith (Soccer), Sarah Funston (Softball), Brittany Scheer (Softball), Catherine Butts (Women's Tennis), Allison Nickell (Women's Tennis), Kelsey Cronin (Volleyball), Holly Evans (Volleyball) and Emma Keough (Volleyball).

The OVC also announced that 82 MSU student-athletes were named to the 2007-08 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. To be listed, recipients must have achieved at least a 3.25 grade point average and have been eligible and on the team throughout the competitive season in their chosen NCAA-sponsored sport or sports.

MSU's Honor Roll members were:

BASEBALL - J.D. Ashbrook; Tyler Bess; Michael Bottoms; Michael Fear; Justin Johnson; Drew Lee; Clay Maddox; Quentin Morgan; Kyle Robertson; Nathaniel Sallee; and Andrew Wertz.

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Cecil Brown and Nikola Stojakovic.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - Brittany Bass; Tarah Combs; and Philnisha Lindsey.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - Ryan Hudson; Robert Johnson; Morgan Sloas; and Joshua Wakeman.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - Brittany Brown; Nicole Dodd; Molly Duchemin; Terresia High; Mary Linehan; and Amber Webb.

MEN'S GOLF - Michael Brown; Lee Chaney; Jeffrey Pierce; Shawn Tipton; Zach Unger; and Jonathan Martin.

RIFLE - Alexandria Bivin and Shawn Holley.

WOMEN'S SOCCER - Erin Adams; Mariko Alley; Julie Arnold; Kimberly Beiting; Micaela Hornstein; Hillary Johnson; Rachel Kendall; Rebekah Kendall; Leslie King; Laurie Lacroix; Lauren Melzer; Diane O'Neal; Jennifer Rinehart; Lauren Seebach; Shannon Smith; and Amie Weckenbrock.

SOFTBALL - Ashley Archer; Brandy Bucher; Bianca Cardenas; Bethany Ellis; Sarah Funston; Alexandra Gjevre; Brianna Jones; Jessica Pierce; Kari Quinn; Brittany Scheer; Courtney Seiler; and Heather Widner.

MEN'S TENNIS - Dusan Milovanovic and Dao Song.

WOMEN'S TENNIS - Catherine Butts; Allison Nickell; Heather Butt; Lauren Kelaney; Adriana Espinosa; Alixandra Lakow; Meredith Lortie; Megan Rozboril; and Alexandra Rydberg.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Katelyn Barbour; Kirstie Brangers; Amber Campbell; Kaitlin Craven; Kelsey Cronin; Holly Evans; Emma Keough; Erin Peak; Lindsey Ruddell; and Kristina Schoo.

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Chef Mike Haynes blogs from Beijing

Morehead State University Dining Services and Aramark's Executive Chef Mike Haynes is serving an executive chef during the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

Haynes is one of nearly 7,000 managers, chefs and employees from all over the world that will offer their culinary skills for the summer games. He earned his diploma with honors at the French Culinary Institute in New York City and has been a part of the dining team at Morehead State since May 2005.

[Click here to view his blog](#)

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MSU reminds students of campus safety

With a new semester ready to get underway, Morehead State University reminds students of its emergency notification protocol.

This past spring, an outdoor, audible alert system which utilizes electronic tones and public address speakers was installed and tested. It includes high powered amplifiers atop Cartmell and Ginger halls and Jayne Stadium and is designed primarily to alert pedestrians on campus sidewalks and streets.

"Like other campuses, we have constant foot traffic and those individuals outdoors deserve to be notified in the same timely fashion as others who are indoors," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "This is yet another means of warning our academic community of impending danger in weather or safety emergencies."

He also reported that MSU has prepared and distributed an emergency procedures handbook for all employees. In addition, the same information is available on the Web and on posters displayed in each classroom, laboratory and office.

"We are constantly reviewing our emergency communications procedures to protect the safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors," Dr. Andrews added. "Our text messaging system has been in place for nearly three years and we continue to encourage members of our community to sign up."

In addition to the new outdoor, audible system, MSU also utilizes a number of other media strategies to communicate with its campus community. Depending upon the nature of the emergency, any or all of the following methods may be used:

- Cell phone text messaging with e-mail ([e2Campus](#)) ; Sign up is voluntary but strongly recommended
- Mass e-mail to students and employees
- Campus-wide voicemail
- Postings on University Web site and portals
- Radio, TV, and other media outlets, including Morehead State Public Radio
- Campus cable television override announcements
- Digital information system displays
- Printed notices in residence halls and administrative and academic buildings

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

MSU PD assists in 'Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest'

Morehead State University's Police Department is joining other state and local agencies in an effort to make the roads safer this fall.

MSU's officers, in conjunction with the Governor's Highway Safety Office, Kentucky State Police, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement and local law enforcement departments, are assisting in coordinating the "Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest" along the U.S. 60 Corridor to reduce vehicle crashes, fatalities and injuries.

"Last year there were 6,308 total alcohol-related collisions in Kentucky. We want to do our part to help reduce these collisions and keep our community safe as students, faculty, staff, and visitors travel to campus," said MSU Police Chief Matt Sparks. "We will focus on the U.S. 60 Corridor. We will be assisting city and state police with traffic check points and conducting our own on campus."

The Enforcement Blitz will run through Sept. 1. This operation will focus on reducing the contributing factors involved in vehicle crashes such as impaired drivers, failure to wear seat belts and other traffic violations.

Violations relating to non-use of safety belts, children not in safety seats and expired or no liability insurance, as well as equipment violations will be strictly enforced.

Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at (606) 783-2035.

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MSU firmly on course to greatness -- President Andrews

Even with a reduction in state appropriations and the size of its workforce, Morehead State University is "firmly on course to greatness," MSU President Wayne D. Andrews told faculty and staff members at the convocation opening the 2008 fall semester.

Borrowing a phrase from Shakespeare's Richard III, Dr. Andrews said of MSU's recent past:

"Today I am proudest of the fact that, despite a long, hard period on several fronts - a time we might look back on as our 'winter of discontent' - it is clear our institution remains focused on our mission, vision and values and moving toward our goal of being the best public regional university in the South."

MSU lost nearly \$3 million in state support and was forced to eliminate 37 full-time jobs as a result of the state's 2008-10 budget which was adopted last April by the state legislature.

Dr. Andrews cited several examples of MSU's progress, including announcement of a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 1:30 p.m. on the institution's largest ever construction project, the \$28 million Center for Health, Education and Research on the campus of St. Claire Regional Medical Center. The project is a joint effort of MSU, St. Claire and the University of Kentucky.

"This project will be a turning point in the history of our institution and community and I believe it will change the face of medicine and medical education in East Kentucky," Dr. Andrews said.

He was referring to last summer's announcement by UK President Lee Todd that the UK College of Medicine would be training medical students in the new building, starting in the fall of 2010, as part of its new rural physician track. Todd also hinted that the College of Pharmacy eventually would have a branch operation in the facility. MSU already hosts UK master's programs for physician's assistants and advanced nurse practitioners.

Dr. Andrews also announced that construction bids on the University's new \$30 million student recreation and wellness center would be sought in early 2009. The facility will be located between Regents Hall and Eagle Lake Apartments near Eagle Lake. It will be financed with student fees.

The MSU chief executive reiterated his commitment to the University's historic mission of serving East Kentucky, noting that \$12 million had been allocated to merit and need-based financial aid. More than half of MSU's students are eligible for federal Pell grants based on family income.

"We've been an institution of opportunity for 121 years and that will not change on my watch," he stated.

Referring to the budget shortfall resulting from the state's revenue problems, Dr. Andrews said he was proud of what MSU was doing for its employees in 2008-09.

"Perhaps our greatest achievement in this difficult budgeting process was the \$1,000 base salary increase for full-time faculty and staff members and the 50-cent increase for hourly employees."

Dr. Andrews cited the following examples of MSU being on course to become the "best of the best", including the highest-ever ACT composite score of 21.3 for the new freshman class, more than \$15 million in external grant funding, establishment of a state-of-the-art molecular biology laboratory as a core facility for faculty and student researchers, further improving emergency communications by adding an outdoor alert system, and MSU's distinction as the only public institution of higher education in Kentucky to receive a state-funded capital construction project - nearly \$6 million for replacement of environmental controls at the central heating plant.

In closing, he challenged his audience to fully embrace the vision of becoming the top public regional university by committing to help attract, retain and develop the best students, faculty and staff; by enhancing a campus climate that welcomes and fosters diversity in all respects; by becoming a marketplace of ideas; by adopting the notion of

"teacher-scholar" so that teaching, research and service will have a direct impact on the residents of East Kentucky; and by seeking out those persons willing to show their love and support of MSU by generously investing their time, talent and treasure.

Dr. Andrews became MSU's 13th president on Jan. 1, 2005.

[Click here to view his prepared remarks.](#)

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President Andrews' fall convocation speech

2008 Fall Convocation Remarks

Good morning.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer...and that you have returned with great energy and fresh ideas...ready to continue our institutional quest to be the best of the best.

It is said that the first responsibility of a leader is to define reality...and the last is to say thank you. I trust that I will have done both by the time I finish these remarks.

I have 4 objectives in my remarks this morning:

1. To bring you up to date on recent events and:
2. To recognize several of you who have brought distinction to yourselves and this institution.
3. To review the issues and outcomes of our budget-making processes after last winter's rough legislative session, and
4. To share my very personal ideas on what we must do to achieve our vision and become an even greater institution.

As we begin...I'd like to take a moment to thank and recognize my wife...Sue...and 2 staff members in my office...Carol Johnson and Donna Calvert...as well as 3 campus members of the Board of Regents who are with us today:

- Dr. Ron Morrison of the faculty
- Lora Pace of the staff, and
- Michael Harmon, president of the Student Government Association.

We congratulate Ron and Michael who were elected last spring and took office July 1.

To those joining our University family today...we welcome you as colleagues. You now are part of a wonderful institution of higher education that has been making dreams come true for almost 121 years. We wish you the very best.

Before I go further...I want us to pause for a few moments to remember 3 of our colleagues who have passed away since our last meeting.

1. Major Wayne Isham, a member of our military science faculty for 9 years, was an inspirational leader to several young men and women in ROTC.
2. Belva Sammons spent more than 30 years counseling our students...then retired...and came back to help on a part-time basis.

3. Most recently we lost Dr. Nancy Peterson who had taught English and directed the writing project for 14 years. To her husband, Glen, also a faculty colleague, and their son, Henry, we extend our condolences.

4. The death of Dr. Peterson brought to mind the loss we suffered last fall of Dr. Greg Goldey, associate professor of government...another outstanding professor struck down in the prime of life. All are being missed.

On a happier note...we have selected 17 faculty and staff members as the new class of the President's Leadership Academy. They were asked to sit down front so we can recognize each one:

- Donna Baker, coordinator of special collections at Camden-Carroll Library.
- Amanda Baldwin, staff writer in the Office of Communications & Marketing
- Farrah Baldwin, educational services coordinator, College of Education
- Krista Barton, instructor of education
- Dr. Royal Berglee, associate professor of geography
- Dr. Verdie Craig, assistant professor of geography
- Dr. Darrin DeMoss, professor of biology
- Dr. Michael Dobranski, assistant professor of mathematics
- Toni Hobbs, creative director in the Office of Communications & Marketing
- Dr. Jaby Mohammed, assistant professor of industrial technology
- Keith Moore, M-B-A program director
- Dr. David Olson, associate professor of psychology
- Joel Pace, director of M-S-U at Ashland
- Dr. Janet Ratliff, director of economic education, College of Business
- Terri Roberts, student activities coordinator
- Lisa Shemwell, speech team coach
- Sharon Williams, director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Thank you for becoming our 3rd class. We wish you the best this year.

There are others among us who need to be recognized for their achievements since we last met in January...and I'd like them to stand as I tell you about their accomplishments.

This is just a sampling of those who are doing good things each day for M-S-U. Please stand when I call your name:

- Dean Cathy Gunn of the College of Education was appointed by Gov. Beshear to the Education Professional Standards Board.

- Brian Hutchinson, director of athletics, was named by the N-C-A-A to serve on its new committee that will govern the recruitment of student-athletes.
- Dr. Kimberly Peterson, assistant professor of veterinary technology, has worked with community groups to engage her vet tech students in the rescue of small animals.
- Dr. Ben Malphrus, professor of space science, is handling ground operations for the Kentucky Space initiative which recently sent a balloon to the edge of space. 5 of our students helped plan and execute that mission.
- Dr. Betty Regan, chair of information systems, has been appointed to the board of the Kentucky e-health corporation and healthcare Infrastructure Authority. She is recognized as an expert in electronic health records.
- Paul Hitchcock, general manager of Morehead State Public Radio, is the new president of the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce.
- Dr. Jennifer Birriel, associate professor of physics, was awarded a research grant by the National Science Foundation. Her research took her this summer to Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona.
- Donnie Tyndall, men's head basketball coach, was named Coach of the Year in the Ohio Valley Conference.
- Monica Magner and Gina Blunt, faculty members in Health, Physical Education and Sports Sciences, have worked with Dr. Dayna Seelig in my office and Dr. Michael Hail and David Sloan in IRAPP to receive federal grants totaling nearly \$800,000 to support our community wellness initiative in Martin County.
- Dr. Richard Miles, director of bands, has accepted invitation to membership in the American Bandmasters Association.
- Dr. Tom Pannuti, assistant professor of space science, had some kind of a first year as a new faculty member. He had 9 scientific papers either published or accepted for publication and he wrote 5 successful grant applications.
- Don Rigsby, director of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, received the media award of the East Kentucky Leadership Conference.
- Connie Kibbey, associate director of Upward Bound, was recognized as an Unsung Hero by the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity for her 22 years of service to students in the TRIO programs.
- Frank Oddis, associate professor of music, was named Kentucky's college music professor of the year.
- Dr. Paul Steele, associate professor of sociology and director of the Center for Justice Studies, presented a paper at Oxford University in London last month.
- Dr. Robin Blankenship of the math faculty and Dr. Bob Willenbrink, chair of communications and theatre, co-wrote the "Last Fraction Hero" for the touring Little Company players.
- Al Baldwin, Kevin Koett, Jami Hornbuckle and all of the others who worked so hard to make this year's Governor's Scholars another great success. We will be bidding this fall on a new contract to keep that program here through 2014.

Thank you - one and all - for what you do each day for M-S-U.

Before I go further...I want to thank each of you who responded to the Senior Administrator Survey conducted by the Faculty Senate and Staff Congress.

We will be sharing those findings with you in the near future but I can tell you that I am pleased that many of you said we are doing better in keeping you informed.

In that spirit...you should be aware that the General Assembly returned to Frankfort during the last week of June for a special session on reforming the state's 4 retirement systems for public employees.

That session affected about 300 of us in the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System (KTRS) and about 600 of you in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS).

At this point...we know that new hires in both systems will pay an extra 1 percent into the health insurance funds of each respective system.

The University also will have additional costs but...at least for the time being...the only major change for those of us already in those systems is that future cost-of-living increases for retirees likely will be capped at 1.5 percent.

Our friends in the legislature say that changes in the retirement systems will continue over the next several years.

Please be assured that we will be working to protect your interests but you also should be aware that the systems have huge unfunded liabilities that will require hundreds of millions of dollars to correct.

About 200 of you in optional retirement plans are not affected by what happened in the special session but you will benefit from changes during last winter's regular session which stabilized the level of contributions from employers and members.

While I'm on the subject of the state legislature...I want to update you on the status of our capital construction projects now underway or in various planning stages.

Work is progressing nicely on the support building for the Space Science Center at a cost of 15.6 million dollars. The addition to the Wellness Center is finished at a cost of about \$750,000.

We cut the ribbon this summer for the new equine health science building at the Derrickson Ag Complex...which cost just over \$800,000...mostly from state funds.

The Nunn Hall renovation at 5 million dollars is proceeding on schedule and will be completed this winter. It should be back on line in the fall of 2009 and then work will start on Alumni Tower.

If you've driven in the area of Regents Hall I hope you've seen the big sign identifying the site of our 30-million-dollar student recreation and wellness center. Detailed planning is underway and we hope to advertise for construction bids early in 2009.

But the best news of all is that bids were opened a few weeks ago for the new health sciences building at St. Claire Regional Medical Center...and we have started construction on that 28-million-dollar project.

In fact...we will have a groundbreaking ceremony next Wednesday, Aug. 20th, at 1:30 p.m. at the site between Sun Street and Second Street...behind St. Claire's Family Clinic.

We hope that many of you will be there to witness the start of the largest capital construction project in our history...but more importantly...to witness what may well prove to be a turning point in the history of this institution and this community.

I firmly believe that the Center for Health, Education and Research will change the face of medicine and medical education in East Kentucky.

For those who weren't here this summer...President Lee Todd of the University of Kentucky came to Morehead to announce that the U-K College of Medicine would be training medical students in that new building...starting in the fall of 2010...as part of the new rural physician track.

And don't be surprised in the future when U-K also announces a branch of the College of Pharmacy in partnership with us and St. Claire.

Now I want to spend the rest of my time talking about what has happened to all of us over the last 6 months and what it means for us today and in the future.

Thankfully...this message is not what I expected to be sharing with you last December and January. The new year brought terrible news about the state budget and it appeared for a time that Morehead State could lose as much as \$7.2 million in state general fund support for 2008-09.

That was a worst case scenario that no one wanted to even think about...but it came very close to happening.

As I look back at those gloomy, often discouraging days...I recall Benjamin Franklin's quote:

"When you're finished changing, you're finished."

Fortunately...the General Assembly changed its approach to funding the new budget and didn't have to cut public higher education as much as first feared.

And our M-S-U community stepped up with a willingness to change how we do business...the Council on Postsecondary Education allowed us to become the first public university in Kentucky to adopt a per-credit-hour tuition model...starting this semester.

We believe this new approach will be fairer to all of our students than the traditional flat-rate method. Moreover...the new model will result in a smaller increase for our students than we had first anticipated.

I am grateful to the budget staff and everyone else who worked so hard to develop the tuition model. The C-P-E even complimented us on this creative alternative.

So how will our students and their families cope with higher tuition costs?
Here's some perspective on that issue:

1. We know that 49 percent of our full-time students last year had their tuition paid through grants or scholarships.
2. Only about 15 percent paid full tuition...and most of them were out-of-state students.
3. More than half of our students qualify for Pell Grants.

Many of our students will benefit from the largest-ever increase in the Pell grant ...more than \$400 a year...plus generous tuition discounts for students taking more than 12 hours. We also are helping with dependable federal direct student loans.

As 1 of only 3 Kentucky public universities in the federal direct loan program...we have continued to award such loans to all qualified students.

We have been reassuring new and returning students and their families that there is no student loan shortage at MSU.

We also protected the full tuition scholarships that are so critical to our efforts to recruit and retain the best students.

Here's the most important fact to keep in mind about financial aid...Morehead State is spending \$12 million this year...nearly 10 percent of our entire budget...to help our students afford to go to college.

As for the new budget...we spent countless hours at all levels in efforts to minimize the impact of a reduction in state funding without damaging our vision of becoming the best public regional university in the South...or our strategic focus on students and employees.

We have a good business plan that will get us closer to the statewide goal of significantly more bachelor's degree graduates by 2020. What we have done with next year's budget will allow us to continue to move forward, despite the loss of nearly 3 million dollars in funding.

We are so appreciative of the hundreds of students...employees...alumni...parents and other friends who contacted state legislators on our behalf during the session and obviously influenced the decision to preserve most of our funding and that of the other institutions.

Yes...we survived the legislative session but not without pain. Working with unit budget managers at all levels...we strategically reduced operating expenses by just over \$2.6 million on a recurring basis and by nearly \$700,000 in one-time costs for a total cutback of nearly \$3.4 million.

Those reductions came mainly from the elimination of 37 positions - 13 faculty and 24 staff - all but 4 of which were vacant.

Several units have been reorganized to improve efficiency and reduce personnel costs. Other reorganizations will occur in the coming months.

We have created a phased retirement program to help us manage the future loss of senior faculty members. This will reduce personnel costs while maintaining the teaching force necessary for the viability of our academic programs.

Our first core value states that people are our highest priority. We have kept that commitment uppermost in our minds as we weighed the impact of budgetary decisions on our university family.

Perhaps our greatest achievement in this difficult budgeting process was the \$1,000 base salary increase for full-time faculty and staff members. Hourly employees received an equivalent amount through an increase of 50 cents per hour.

This across-the-board increase and the faculty promotions, staff reclassifications and implementing the second year of the Segal study for more competitive staff salaries cost about \$2.1 million - nearly two-thirds of the new revenue we expect to receive.

That shows where our priorities have been throughout this difficult process.

Some of you have told me you don't know about the Segal study and why we used it as justification for increasing staff salaries.

The study was done by an outside consultant and it told us that - on average - our pay for staff was 23 percent below the market. From that data...we devised a plan to close that gap over a 3-year period and this is the second year.

Those of you who work at the bookstore and in custodial services are aware that we studied the feasibility of outsourcing those functions as we looked closely at how we spend our money.

I hope that those 2 groups of employees are proud of the fact that national and regional companies in the bookstore and cleaning businesses came here...studied what you are doing...and decided they couldn't do your work better or more cost effectively than how you are doing it.

Our evaluation committees recommended that we continue to run our own operations and that is exactly what we are doing.

The institution also is impacted by other changes necessary to balance our budget. We are delaying the replacement of microcomputers for one year - moving back temporarily to a 4-year cycle.

We eliminated the tuition waiver for employee families at the graduate level while preserving it for your family members seeking undergraduate degrees.

This change has no impact on your personal right to free tuition here or at other public institution for graduate courses.

We reduced the number of free classes for top-level high school students. We are disposing of our aging tour buses in favor of chartering buses for group travel.

We developed a new approach to campus parking which resulted in higher permit fees but should result in a parking system with permanent solutions to the age-old problem of insufficient parking and the difficult choice of using our land for parking or green space.

No one likes to pay more for anything but we had no choice...if we are serious about solving the parking dilemma once and for all. Increased revenue will give us the resources to eventually issue bonds to build parking structures.

Despite the tension and anxiety caused by budget issues...there have been many positive developments this year for our institution and I hope you take pride in what we have achieved...together.

- We recruited another incoming freshman class with better grades and higher test scores...with the composite A-C-T for the class expected to exceed 21. That's a great improvement from the 19.7 in the fall of 2004.
- We implemented the new admissions index of 450 and raised the minimum A-C-T score to 18 for unconditional admission...that cost us about 100 prospective students in the lowest quartile.
- We had our largest fall enrollment in three years - almost 9,100.
- We improved our ranking in the college guide published by U.S. News and World Report magazine.
- We competed even more effectively for external grants and contracts...with a total estimated at more than \$15 million...plus we expanded the undergraduate research fellowships. That total is \$2.5 million more than we did just 2 years ago.
- We became the only public institution of higher education in Kentucky to receive a state-funded capital construction project - nearly \$6 million for replacement of the environmental controls at our central heating plant. That work is underway now.
- We established a state-of-the-art molecular biology laboratory as a core facility for faculty and student researchers in several academic disciplines. And it is already paying dividends as shown by the \$200,000 grant received by Dr. Doug Dennis, our biology chair, from the National Institutes of Health. This prestigious award will support faculty, students and a post doctoral fellow working as a colleague...another first for M-S-U.
- Working with the other institutions, we helped preserve funding of the statewide KEES scholarship program.
- We enhanced our regional campus at West Liberty by assuming operation of the Regional Enterprise Center.
- We continued improving emergency communications by adding outdoor alerts from large amplifiers on Ginger and Cartmell halls and Jayne Stadium.
- We launched our regional engagement initiative with a series of community meetings across the service region.
- We redesigned our summer school calendar for more flexibility and access.

- We enriched the lives of more than 40,000 public school students with live theatrical productions by our students and traditional music and folk art workshops.
- We completed an extensive N-C-A-A recertification self-study of our intercollegiate athletics program.

I spoke earlier about pride in our institution. We have much to be proud of and I propose that we make pride-raising a priority this year...especially as we enter the silent phase of our capital fund raising campaign.

Let no one leave here without hearing me say that all of us must work together to find major gifts that will transform this institution for those who will follow us.

I challenge you to be proud of your work and to take pride in this institution. Without it...we will be unable to attract those transforming gifts as investments in the future of Morehead State University.

Today I am proudest of the fact that ...despite a long, hard period on several fronts...a time we might look back on as our "winter of discontent"...it is clear our institution remains focused on our mission...vision and values and on course toward our goal of being the best public regional university in the South.

Several of you have asked what that phrase means...to be the best public regional university in the South.

Does it mean we intend to literally overtake James Madison University in the rankings of America's best colleges?

Does it mean we will walk away from our historic mission to serve East Kentucky and the underprepared students who look to us as an affordable institution of opportunity? Not on my watch!

Does it mean that we are waiting for a wealthy benefactor to step up and double or triple our institutional endowment? That would be wonderful but highly unlikely in this economy.

The best answer I can give you today is that becoming the best of the best will require improvements in a number of areas...most of which are underway. Here is my current "must" list:

- We must continue to attract and retain and continually develop the very best faculty and staff available.
- We must create and sustain a campus culture that embraces change and agility.
- We must enhance a campus climate that is more welcoming and nurturing to those different from ourselves in color...in belief ...and in practice.
- We must become a marketplace of ideas and be willing to engage in civil discourse as we sort out the best from the rest. I appreciate those of you who attended one of my listening sessions on campus this summer. I plan to do that more often in our continuing effort to improve communications to and from those of us who lead.
- We must adopt the notion of teacher-scholar and endeavor to use our teaching, research and service for the benefit for those persons and communities we serve.
- We must aggressively recruit those students with a high probability of success...and accept the fact that less qualified students have other options for public postsecondary education.
- We must never rest until we have done everything within our power to guide, encourage and mentor our students to achieve graduation. 4 out of 10 may be a good batting average but it doesn't work for those 6 who don't finish a college degree.
- We must build or retrofit physical facilities that enable our faculty and staff to do their work efficiently and effectively and achieve personal goals.

- We must provide vibrant extra and co-curricular activities - including a competitive athletics program - to involve students in learning through all facets of their educational experience.
- We must seek out and cultivate those persons who share our vision and values and who are willing to show their pride and support by generously investing their personal time, talent and treasure in this institution.
- We must finish the job of transforming M-S-U into a 21st century institution in every respect.

Adapting to change is being addressed with the academic audit - a detailed analysis of each academic discipline.

Another vital piece is the review of general education - as we seek the right balance between career preparation and a liberal education. We simply have to make sure our students leave here with a passion for lifelong learning.

And just as important is the ongoing study of vital student support functions like academic advising...and retention counseling...and orientation...and testing.

The Carnegie Foundation told us last year that we deserve to be classified as a "community-engaged" institution. We will do all we can to serve our region through 2-way engagement with those we serve.

This year - more than ever - and in spite of the work still ahead of us...it gives me a great deal of pride to report to you that our University is sound and that I believe we are firmly on course to greatness.

I challenge you to be proud of M-S-U and fully engaged in our quest to become the best public regional university in the South.

Thank you for what you do for this institution. Let's all have a great year.

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MSU, St. Claire organize NKRHIO

A local collaborative effort initiated two years ago by Morehead State University and St. Claire Regional Medical Center (SCR) has morphed into a project with ramifications on state and national healthcare and information sharing. The project began with the modest goal of assisting SCR's transition to electronic medical records to further enable the exchange of patient and hospital health information within their own medical network. The goal has now shifted to a much broader regional and statewide focus, within the framework of a broader and longer term federal initiative, to create a seamless exchange of patient information between healthcare providers, pharmacists, payers and consumers.

Since February 2006 when MSU President Wayne D. Andrews and SCR President/CEO Mark J. Neff met with local legislators, and university and hospital officials to set the agenda regarding the initiative, a steering committee has met monthly to organize itself and gather information on how best to proceed in accomplishing the goals. In July 2008, the Northeast Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization was created as a nonprofit Kentucky corporation. The goals of the new organization are to support adoption of electronic medical records by regional healthcare providers and develop a secure, interoperable regional network for health information exchange.

Currently nine (9) organizations are represented on the 20-person steering committee. In addition to officials from MSU and SCR, representatives from Appalachian Regional Healthcare, UK Health Care, Northern Kentucky University, Humana, Fleming County Hospital, PrimaryPlus and Gateway District Health Department are involved.

Dr. Elizabeth Regan, chair of MSU's Department of Information Systems, has lead the steering committee since the beginning and serves on the Board of Directors of the nonprofit corporation.

"Dr. Regan has traveled extensively and devoted a considerable amount of time to lead and understand the dynamics of the major transformations occurring in the healthcare delivery system in the United States and her leadership on this project has been invaluable," Dr. Robert Albert, dean of MSU's College of Business and steering committee member, said.

On the state level, legislation was enacted in 2006 that created the Kentucky E-Health Network (KeHN). The E-Health Network Board provides oversight and leadership and resulted in the collaboration of the state's two major research universities (University of Kentucky and University of Louisville).

Dr. Kim Williams, SCR vice president for special projects and RHIO board member, was appointed to the E-Health Network Board by the governor. According to Dr. Williams, "KeHN's charge is to develop and implement a secure, interoperable statewide electronic health network to improve the quality and efficiency of Kentucky's healthcare system."

Dr. Regan is also a member of the e-Health Advisory Group, along with 11 other technical and clinical experts who advise the KeHN Board on strategies and planning.

"The Northeast Kentucky RHIO's business will evolve around the recruitment of regional healthcare providers, supporters, payers, buyers of healthcare and public health agencies into a network that will provide for the secure exchange of information, business continuance and disaster recovery services capable of exchanging information with the state and national e-health networks as they mature," said Dr. Regan.

"We know our local and regional medical communities can positively and significantly impact the state and national focus on healthcare information exchange. The RHIO can provide a voice in shaping state policy and direction that will result in healthcare efficiencies for us and cost savings to our customers," Neff said. President Andrews sees his role in expanding the RHIO network as being advantageous to the University in multiple respects.

"Our faculty and staff participation in this effort reflects the institution's commitment to regional stewardship and leadership," said Dr. Andrews. "It also is an opportunity for our students to engage and work within the ever technical and sophisticated healthcare industry. The result will be a network that enhances healthcare efficiencies for our citizens."

Electronic healthcare systems provide multiple benefits to consumers, including access to their personal health care records and information that will assist the consumer in the selection of their healthcare providers. E-health systems will improve coordination and communication of medical information when multiple providers are involved, as is often the case in today's specialized medical practices.

Medical safety will likewise be improved. According to Dr. Williams, "once the network is fully realized, consumers can be easily informed about requested access to their healthcare records. Informed consumers can then take a more active role in managing their own health status and can drive healthcare quality by making informed choices, both of which will benefit Kentucky residents."

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180 educators attend AP Summer Institute

Morehead State University's 2008 Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) drew 180 educators from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

The event, held July 7-11, allowed teachers the opportunity to obtain guidance in beginning an Advanced Placement course or to strengthen an existing one. The program included information on creative and effective teaching strategies for AP courses and practical classroom use of AP materials.

During their time at MSU, participants enrolled in one subject for the duration of the workshop. Twenty subjects were offered, including Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Economics, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, German Language, Human Geography, Music Theory, Physics B, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S. History and World History.

Advanced Placement courses give high school students an opportunity to enhance their studies of interest by taking college-level courses and exams while still in high school. Students also have the opportunity to earn college credit through the AP exams.

MSU's Institute is provided through a partnership with The College Board, a national non-profit membership association dedicated to preparing, inspiring and connecting students to college. The Board provides educators with information, tools and strategies needed to build and strengthen their professional skills and techniques.

Additional information is available from Tina Stafford, distance education director, by sending a message to t.stafford@moreheadstate.edu or by calling (606) 783-2605 or (800) 585-6781, option 3.

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Board of Regents meeting set for Aug. 20

EVENT: Board of Regents Special Meeting/Orientation Session

DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008

TIME: 9 a.m.

SITE: Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

Three new board members will be administered the oath of office. The entire board will elect a vice chair and secretary; and appoint a treasurer.

A groundbreaking ceremony will follow at 1:30 p.m. for the new Center for Health, Education and Research building. The event will take place behind the St. Claire Family Clinic between Second Street and Sun Street.

Media representatives planning to attend the session should call Media Relations Office at (606) 783-2030 before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 19.

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Mike Green to appear at MSU in September

Nationally known alcohol educator Mike Green will speak on the Morehead State University campus on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center.

The event is free and open to the public. MSU's Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and Athletics are sponsoring the presentation.

During the past 21 years, Green has presented on more than 2,000 campuses nationwide in his effort to make drug and alcohol awareness and education an integral part of every student's life. He is a recognized leader in the field, who has earned the respect of both his colleagues and the students he has counseled. This recognition was clearly illustrated in 1987, when he was chosen to give expert testimony before the United States House of Representatives Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

At the request of U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley, he developed drug and alcohol programs for the New Jersey high schools. In the non-academic setting, he produced programs for the medical societies of both New Jersey and Virginia, and for professional sports teams including the Philadelphia Flyers.

Green has appeared as a featured guest on various television programs and had interviews published in The Chronicle of Higher Education, Coach, Athletic, Management, Scholastic Coach and hundreds of campus papers.

His background of athlete, coach, and educator gives him the know-how to connect to today's youth. His firsthand experiences as a recovering alcoholic affords him the credibility to honestly relate the dangers drugs and alcohol pose for many students. He has made it his life's work to help young people avoid the perils of abuse, and because Green is an inspiring and dynamic speaker, students not only sit up and listen - they buy what he is selling.

Green earned his Masters of Education degree at West Chester University for Health and Physical Education.

Additional information is available by calling Mike Esposito, director of student activities/Greek life, at (606) 783-2071.

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Williamson listed in Forty Under 40 by Cincinnati Enquirer

A Morehead State University alumnus has been named to a prestigious list published in The Cincinnati Business Courier.

John Williamson, the superintendent of Fort Thomas Independent Schools in Northern Kentucky, has been named to a list of Forty Under 40 published by The Cincinnati Business Enquirer.

The Forty Under 40 program was started in 1995 to identify and recognize the tri-state's emerging business, community and economic leaders. This group of professionals will be honored at a luncheon on Sept. 25 in Cincinnati.

Leaders were chosen by a group of Forty Under 40 alumni. There were more than 250 nominations for the 2008 class.

Williamson received his Master of Arts degree in English in 1994 from MSU and his Rank I, Principal 9-12, in 1995. He also received his endorsements as Supervisor of Instruction, K-12, and as School Superintendent from MSU.

More information on the Forty Under 40 program is available on the Web at <http://www.libertastechnologies.com/fu4/>.

'Let Children Be Children' exhibit now open

Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center has announced the opening of "Let Children Be Children: Lewis Wickes Hine's Crusade Against Child Labor."

The exhibit will remain on display through Nov. 30. This exhibition and the tour were organized by George Eastman House.

Born in 1874 in Oshkosh, Wis., Hine was a sociologist whose photographs captured his abiding concern for immigrants and working class people. He was hired in 1906 by the National Child Labor Committee to document

the harsh working conditions of children in this country. He spent the next 10 years photographing children in canneries, coal mines, cotton mills, farms, and sweatshops throughout the country.

This exhibition of 55 black and white images by Hine reveals the appalling circumstances that poor, working class children endured until legislation against child labor prevailed. It is drawn entirely from the George Eastman House's photographic collection, which contains nearly 10,000 of Hine's original photographs, negatives, and artifacts.

The Hine collection, which was given to Eastman House in 1955 by the Photo League of New York, is the world's largest holding of his work.

"This exhibition represents a remarkable educational opportunity for Morehead State University and for our regional community," said Matt Collinsworth, KFAC director. "It shows the deplorable situation of poor and working class children at the turn of the last century. This exhibition explodes the myth of the 'good old days,' and it exposes the brutality that girded the industrial revolution and America's rise as a world economic power."

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

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BOR members take oath at MSU

Three members of Morehead State University's Board of Regents were sworn in Aug. 20. District Judge Don Blair, right, issued the oath of office to Dr. Ron Morrison, professor of English, faculty regent; Michael Harmon of Corydon, Ind., Student Government Association president and student regent; and Cheryl Lewis of Hyden, an attorney, regent.

Ground broken for \$30 million health sciences building

Officials of Morehead State University, St. Claire Regional Medical Center and the University of Kentucky along with four state legislators broke ground today (Wednesday) for the new \$30 million Center for Health, Education and Research - the largest construction project in the history of MSU and St. Claire Regional.

"This is the first step toward a strong hub for regional health care and health education," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "We have only just begun."

The 90,237-square foot facility will house MSU's departments of nursing and imaging sciences, UK's physician assistant and family nurse practitioner programs, in addition to St. Claire Regional's family medicine clinic and health education center.

The new facility is scheduled for completion in April 2010.

Dr. Andrews also commended the efforts of Rep. Rocky Adkins, Sen. Charlie Borders, Rep. John Will Stacy and Sen. Walter Blevins for their efforts in the General Assembly to provide the bulk of the funding for project.

The four lawmakers - all MSU graduates - spoke on the importance of collaboration between MSU, SCR and UK and expressed pride in their respective roles in bringing the project to reality.

"This three-way partnership makes sense for the taxpayers of Kentucky and for each of these institutions and for the citizens of East Kentucky," said Rep. Adkins.

UK announced last June that MSU and SC would be partners with its College of Medicine in the Rural Physician Leadership Track, a plan to increase the number of physicians opting to practice in East Kentucky. Ten additional

students will be recruited each year and the first group will have its third and fourth years in the new MSU building at St. Claire Regional.

"Today's groundbreaking is the icing on the cake," said Dr. Andrews. "A regional site of the UK College of Medicine dedicated to training rural physicians will literally change the face of medical education in this state and bring even greater credibility and prestige to health sciences programs at Morehead State."

The family medicine clinic will serve as the primary training site for the SCR/UK family practice residency program and will include examination rooms, a dental suite, as well as a clinical laboratory and basic radiology services.

The comprehensive health education center will be designed to accommodate a wide range of continuing education/workshop programs, teleconferencing and telemedicine initiatives, specialized professional development/enrichment opportunities for health care providers, and rural health research activities.

The space for MSU's departments of nursing and imaging sciences will include lecture and laboratory classrooms to support the associate and baccalaureate degree nursing programs, the radiologic technology program, and the sonography, computed tomography, and magnetic resonance program options. Also included will be offices and conference areas.

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

[Click here to view groundbreaking](#)

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Dr. Dennis awarded \$184K NIH research grant

Morehead State University's Dr. Douglas Dennis, chair of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, has been awarded a research grant from the National Institutes of Health.

The grant, Analysis of Polyhydroxyalkanoate Inclusion Biogenesis, totals \$184,333. The research grant is to elucidate the mechanism of polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHAs), bacterial polymers that are synthesized in inclusions when carbon levels are high and another essential nutrient, such as nitrogen, is limited.

PHAs are made by bacteria when the bacteria sense they are running out of nutrients. These chemicals can be made into biodegradable plastic. Dr. Dennis' research grant will be used to try to determine how PHAs are made inside the bacterial cell.

"It is possible that if we can continue to determine how the plastic is made, we may be able to engineer bacterial cells that make more and better plastic," said Dr. Dennis. "The basic goal of our work is to determine what proteins contribute to the formation of the plastic granules inside the cell, and then to determine their basic function."

Also working with Dr. Dennis is Dr. Amanda Prewitt, an MSU alumnus. Dr. Prewitt is MSU's first postdoctoral researcher on campus and also will be teaching courses in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences during the academic year.

The research grant also will allow MSU students the opportunity to do high-level research. Undergraduate students will be recruited for the project during the fall semester.

Research for the PHA grant will be done in MSU's David Magrane Molecular Biology Laboratory.

More information is available by calling Dr. Dennis (606) 783-2945.

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Nominations sought for 'Excellence in Civic Engagement Awards'

The Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Morehead State University to recognize outstanding members of our community for the third straight year. The "Excellence in Civic Engagement Awards" will recognize people dedicated to making Rowan County a better place to live through their service to the community or a community organization.

There are nine categories for Excellence in Civic Engagement Awards, including an elementary or middle school student, high school student, community member, community organization, community business, MSU student, MSU faculty or staff member, MSU student organization, and MSU service learning class project.

The awards for elementary, middle and high school students are new additions this year. Parents, teachers and leaders of youth organizations are encouraged to nominate deserving students.

Award recipients will be recognized at the main stage program for "Constitution Day" --formerly known as "Septemberfest." This event will take place at the Morehead Conference Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Winners will receive a plaque and the non-profit agency of their choice will receive a \$100 honorarium underwritten by MSU's Center for Regional Engagement. Tracy Williams at the Chamber of Commerce is coordinating the committee to select award recipients.

To nominate individuals, community organizations and businesses complete and return the application form at <http://moreheadstate.edu/adp/index.aspx?id=35742> . The application requests a one-page narrative describing why the nominee deserves the award.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, Sept. 4 at 4 p.m.

Deliver nominations to the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce by mail, e-mail at tcwilliams@moreheadchamber.com ; fax at (606) 783-1373; or in person.

Additional information on the awards or "Constitution Day" may be obtained by calling Williams at (606) 784-6221, or Dr. Janet McCoy, assistant professor of advertising and public relations, at (606) 783-2603.

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Dr. Couch named KPA's 2008 Outstanding Mentor

Morehead State University's Dr. Laurie Couch, associate professor of psychology and interim chair of the Department of Psychology, has been given the 2008 Outstanding Mentor Award (Undergraduate Division) by the Kentucky Psychological Association.

The award was presented at the 2008 KPA Academic Conference held at Spalding University. To be eligible for the award, faculty members must be nominated by undergraduate students.

The Outstanding Mentor Award is given to reward excellence in a wide variety of mentoring functions. Including research guidance, general assistance to students, impact on students individually or as a group, and preparation of students for career decision-making and professional advancement.

Dr. Couch was nominated for this prestigious award by her Undergraduate Research Fellow and advisee, MSU student Kiersten Sandfoss. Sandfoss, of Alexandria, is a senior psychology and Spanish double major. Her current research features two projects concerning the ways in which individuals approach romantic love experiences.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Couch at (606) 783-2950.

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MSU top ranked college for 5th straight year

Morehead State University has been recognized for the fifth consecutive year as one of the foremost public universities in the South in the 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report.

"We are very pleased to be recognized again this year as one of the outstanding regional public universities by this widely-popular college guide," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "This year's ranking shows we are making steady progress toward our goal of becoming the best of the best."

He continued:

"Our faculty and staff are deeply committed to making Morehead State the best public regional university in the South, all for the benefit of our students and their families."

The rankings place emphasis on acceptance rates, graduation rates, admissions selectivity, and small class sizes. Morehead State is consistently recognized for relatively small classes and a high percentage of full-time faculty members, two important factors of student success.

The rankings include public and private institutions which grant bachelor's and master's degrees in 12 states of the South, including Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana.

"This measure of excellence is reflected in our steady increase in the academic ability level of incoming students," said Jeffrey Liles, MSU's assistant vice president for enrollment services. "This year's freshman class has the highest average composite ACT score in our history at 21.3."

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

"Our students are accepted into professional schools, including medical, dental and pharmacy programs, at rates well above state and national averages, so we know they receive a first class education," Dr. Andrews stated. "We are elated that others recognize Morehead State's academic quality."

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

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Statements will be sent via e-mail

With the state experiencing a critical shortage of funds, Morehead State University is continually looking for ways to provide student services while implementing cost saving measures.

With the new school year, currently enrolled students will be sent an e-bill statement via their assigned MSU e-mail account and will no longer receive monthly paper bills in the mail. It is the student's

responsibility to check their assigned MSU e-mail account on a regular basis as this will be the University's official means of communication to inform students of their account balance. If a student does not have a balance on their account, they will not receive a monthly e-bill. While allowing the student to be fiscally responsible, the process offers more privacy on one's business matters.

"Our students use computers in their everyday life, from completing homework to sending messages to friends, so why shouldn't they stay informed on their financial matters through the same format," said Jim Fluty, MSU director of accounting and budgetary control. "It has become a common practice to view one's checking account and pay bills electronically, so we believe this will be another way for them to handle their business affairs more efficiently."

Previously, the Office of Accounting and Budgetary Control would mail a paper billing statement monthly as long as the student's account showed a balance. By eliminating this process, the University should experience a substantial savings.

"We will continue to remind students who have a balance," Fluty continued, "but in the future, the reminder will come in the form of a monthly electronic e-bill."

Once an e-bill is received, the student will have the option of going online to view and/ or pay their account. When the balance is paid, there will be no further e-bills sent.

"Life gets so complicated that we all need reminders. By sending a monthly reminder that they have an account balance, current students will always know when their account reflects a balance," Fluty added. The account may be printed for later viewing or to send home to parents.

"The e-bills will go to the student's campus e-mail account. In the past, bills have been mailed to home addresses where many parents have assumed the responsibility of paying the balance," Fluty said.

Students are assigned Web accounts and e-mail addresses when they enroll at the University. Current students have computer access at various locations on campus, in residence halls, the Camden-Carroll Library, the computer labs and numerous free-standing monitors.

"We believe this will help the student stay abreast of his or her financial obligations," Fluty said. "Most other universities use this method of providing information which has been well received."

Additional information regarding one's University billing statement is available by calling (606) 783-2019.

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Americana Crossroads Live slated for Aug. 29

Tommy Womack, Irene Kelley with Scott Neubert, and Sue Foley and Peter Karp will perform at the next edition of "Americana Crossroads Live."

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) and the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will present the program on Friday, Aug. 29 at the Morehead Conference Center, located on First Street. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the music to start at 7 p.m.

Womack, a Nashville songwriter, was raised in Kentucky. He is currently touring in support of his fifth solo CD and newly published novel. His current recording titled "There, I Said It!" was awarded "Best of 2007" by several media outlets, including No Depression Magazine. His latest novel is "The Lavender Boys and Elsie." Womack became

a published author in 1995 with the release of "Cheese Chronicles: The True Story of a Rock and Roll Band You Never Heard Of."

Sing Out! Magazine has described Kelley as a "tiny woman with a big voice who knows how to write a country hit." A gifted songwriter whose songs have been recorded by Ricky Skaggs, Rhonda Vincent, Trisha Yearwood, Claire Lynch and Alan Jackson. She is accompanied by guitarist Neubert.

Foley is considered to be one of today's leading female blues performers. In 2000, her home country of Canada awarded her with a Juno Award for Best Blues Album. In 2002, she received a W.C. Handy Blues Award nomination for Best Contemporary Female artist. She has released 11 records and is currently writing a book on today's female blues performers.

Karp was raised in rural south Alabama and is a master songwriter and musician, blending folk, blues and soul in his music. His roots-based Americana blues sound can be heard on his latest CD titled "Shadows and Cracks."

"Americana Crossroads Live" is supported by Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky, Morehead Conference Center, Morehead Tourism Commission and EAT Gallery. Community partners include the Kentucky Folk Art Center, Morehead State University's Caudill College of Humanities, Arts and Humanities Council, Office of Communications and Marketing, Root-A-Baker's, Ale-8-One and Papa John's.

The series is now heard on 35 radio stations across the United States, Canada and in the Philippines. Concessions and door prizes will be available. Admission is \$5 per person, or \$20 for a Family Pack of five. Children, 12 and under, are admitted free.

Additional information on "Americana Crossroads Live" is available on MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com or by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001 or (800) 286-9659.
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MSU Creative Writing Program to host Open Mic Aug. 28

Morehead State University's Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy's Creative Writing Program will host a community open mic at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28 at the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

The free event is part of the MSU Reading Series.

This open mic, designed to bring the MSU community and the community at large together for a celebration of the written word, is open to all styles of spoken word performance including poetry, creative non-fiction, fiction, comedy, storytelling, rap, etc. Songwriters and musicians also are invited to join.

Performer registration begins at 6 p.m. and is on a first-come basis. No other advance registration is needed. Participants have up to 10 minutes to read or can play two songs. Refreshments will be provided.

The MSU Reading Series is sponsored by: MSU's Arts & Humanities Council; Caudill College of Humanities; Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy; Kentucky Folk Art Center; Multicultural Student Services; and Interdisciplinary Women's Studies.

Additional information is available by calling the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy at (606) 783-2185 or by e-mailing Chris Holbrook, assistant professor of English, at c.holbrook@moreheadstate.edu or Crystal Wilkinson, visiting professor and writer in residence, c.wilkinson@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSS to host back to school event

The Morehead State University Office of Multicultural Student Services and the MSU Office of International Education will host a Back to School Kick Off and Harambee program on Thursday, Aug. 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The program will be held in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center on the MSU campus. The event will allow all faculty, staff and students an opportunity to interact with minority and international freshmen, transfer and graduate students in an informal environment.

The Kick Off will have a cookout catered by Aramark. The Harambee portion of the program will allow participants to learn about and meet with representatives of various student clubs and organizations on campus.

Harambee means "working together for a common purpose" in Swahili. It is a Kenyan tradition of community development and enrichment activities.

MSU faculty and staff who plan to attend the event should RSVP to the Office of Multicultural Student Services or the Office of International Education. Students who plan to attend the event do not need to RSVP.

More information is available by calling the Office of Multicultural Student Services at (606) 783-2668 or the Office of International Education at (606) 783-2096.

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SBDC business seminar offered in Pikeville

Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center will present "The ABC's of Marketing the Small Business," a seminar for both present and prospective small business owners who are interested in learning more about how to successfully market their products and business to the public.

The free workshop will be held at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 120 S. Riverfill Drive in Pikeville, on Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 1-3 p.m.

Morehead State University/East Kentucky Small Business Development Center, Community Trust Bank and SCORE will sponsor the event.

Dennis J. Hillen, senior vice president and director of marketing and sales for Community Trust Bank, will be the presenter.

Topics to be covered at the seminar are: Marketing Strategies, the Strategic Marketing Mix, Advertising Segments, Developing a Marketing Culture, and much more.

The program is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance. Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

For more information or to pre-register, you can call Mike Morley or Linda Casebolt at the East Kentucky Small Business Development Center at (606) 432-5848.

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NPHC to host white-out party

The Morehead State University chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council is sponsoring a White-Out party this weekend on the MSU campus.

The party will be held on Saturday, Aug. 30, from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. in the Drill Room of Button Auditorium. The event is open to everyone.

Inspired by the famous yearly White Party in the Hamptons thrown by rapper P. Diddy, the MSU NPHC's White-Out party promises to be just as memorable.

Those attending the party are invited to show off their finest white attire for the evening. Admission to the event is \$3 for those dressed in white and \$4 for those not dressed in white.

More information is available by calling the Office of Student Activities at (606) 783-2810.

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Meningitis vaccine to be offered on campus Sept. 9

Morehead State University, in collaboration with Maxim Health Systems, will offer the meningitis vaccine on the campus for one day only.

Maxim Health Systems will immunize students with the bacterial meningitis vaccine on Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., in room 312 of the Adron Doran University Center.

Outbreaks of meningitis have increased among young adolescents in recent years, and high school and college students are at increased danger from this serious and potentially life-threatening infection, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Data from the CDC indicates that meningococcal disease rates begin to rise during adolescence and peak between the ages of 15-24. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) revised its recommendation to include routine vaccination of all persons aged 11-18. The ACIP continues to recommend routine vaccination for persons aged 19-55 who are at increased risk for meningococcal disease including college freshmen living in dormitories.

Statistics indicate that college students are among those at greater risk of contracting the disease because they live and work in close proximity to each other in residence halls and classrooms, said Dr. Brenda Wilburn, director of the Office of Counseling and Health Services. "Student's behavior and social aspects increase their risk factors."

Meningitis, which affects the brain and spinal cord, is spread by direct contact with infected individuals, through the air via droplets of respiratory secretions as coughing and sneezing, sharing a glass or cigarette, and kissing. For college students, the risk is greater for those exposed to active and passive smoking, sharing beverages and high traffic areas.

The fee for the vaccine is \$135, payable by cash, money order, personal check or major credit card to Maxim Health Systems, LLC, on the day of the service.

Additional information is available by calling Maxim Health Systems, LLC, at (877) 476-7836 or the University's Caudill Health Clinic at (606) 783-2055.

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VISTA assigns Manis to MSU

Randy Manis, a resident of Greenup, was recently sworn in as a member of VISTA, a national service program dedicated to helping fight poverty in the United States. He has been assigned to Morehead State University to further extend and expand affordable housing projects within Rowan County.

Manis, a two-time graduate of MSU, has been an active volunteer in the Morehead community for the past six years, where he has worked with a number of not-for-profit agencies. He also has worked extensively to support new service opportunities for MSU students in Morehead and the surrounding area.

"Attracting a VISTA volunteer of Randy's caliber to work on strengthening partnerships between citizens, local housing non-profits, and MSU students and faculty will definitely move forward MSU's commitment to regional engagement," said Dr. David Rudy, associate provost for regional engagement.

Manis will spend a year as a VISTA member, and in exchange for his service, will receive a modest living allowance along with health insurance, training and travel expenses. When he completes his service, he will either receive a cash stipend or an educational award that can be used to help pay for further schooling or to pay off qualified student loans.

For 40 years, VISTA has been helping bring communities and individuals out of poverty. Today, nearly 7,000 VISTA members serve in hundreds of not-for-profit organizations and public agencies throughout the country, working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, increase housing opportunities, or bridge the digital divide.

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Alumni receive design scholarships

Two Morehead State University alumni were recently awarded competitive scholarships in design.

Amanda Earnest, a 2005 MSU graduate, and Trevor Griffith, a 1999 graduate, were selected to receive the University and College Designers Association Professional Development scholarships for the 2008 year.

The University and College Designers Association (UCDA) exists to promote excellence in visual communications for educational institutions. The professional development scholarships are designated for new members who have never attended UCDA's design conference and long-term members who would also benefit from the professional development opportunity.

In 2008, only four scholarships were awarded by the designers association. Earnest and Griffith received the two scholarships for the national conference, held in Savannah, Ga., in October.

Earnest is currently an art designer for the College of Education at Auburn University. While at MSU, she was active in Phi Kappa Pi, Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Kappa Phi. She was also a member of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, the American Advertising Federation, and the University and College Designers Association.

Griffith is currently employed as the design office manager at the College of Mount Saint Joseph in Cincinnati. During his time at MSU, he was active with the Wesley Foundation and the Methodist Student Center. He was also employed by the Office of Communications and Marketing for five years.

More information is available on the University and College Designers website at www.ucda.com.

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Wellness Center events for September

The Morehead State University Wellness Center has announced new group fitness classes for the fall. The Wellness Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, for the Labor Day holiday.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7, the Wellness Center will offer two new group fitness classes. Classes are free for all current Wellness Center members.

A step aerobics class will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 5 p.m. The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 until 6 p.m. and will meet in the Wellness Center aerobics room. The instructor for this course will be Megan Yates.

Hard "core" Abs class will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 5 p.m. The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 until 5:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center aerobics room. The instructor for this class will be Carrie Griffith.

More information on these free courses for members is available by calling the MSU Wellness Center at (606) 783-2083.

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Dr. Wilburn named director of CHS

Dr. Brenda Wilburn has been named director of Counseling and Health Services at Morehead State University.

"No one enjoys being around students and assuring their success more than I do. Making sure their health needs are met is a vital part of that success. I plan on teaching some in the RN to BSN program as needed and as my job responsibility will allow," said Dr. Wilburn. "We will continue the quality services that the clinic is known for while moving forward to meet the ever changing needs of our students here at MSU. I am really excited and grateful for the opportunity to be at MSU and to accept this new position."

A licensed nurse since 1979 and a registered nurse since 1986, Dr. Wilburn holds advanced national certifications as a family nurse practitioner and certified nurse educator.

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

Dr. Wilburn earned a master's degree in nursing with an area of concentration as a family nurse practitioner at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., where she also completed postgraduate studies for the school nurse practitioner program. She earned her Doctor of Public Health (Dr PH) degree from the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Wilburn has been on the faculty at Morehead State since 1992. She was coordinator of the BSN program for the past year. In addition, she has been on the faculty for the Nurse Residence Program through King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. She is the preceptor for nurse practitioner students from the University of Kentucky and other graduate programs.

Her wide professional experience includes working as a staff and charge nurse at St. Claire Medical Center ICU (now St. Claire Regional Medical Center). She also has worked closely with Little Sandy District Health Department in Grayson for women's health and family planning services. Additionally, Dr. Wilburn has been involved with primary care for adult and juveniles in corrections and maintains national certification as a Certified Correctional Health Professional from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

She also was member of the inaugural class of the President's Leadership Academy at Morehead State.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Wilburn at (606) 783-2055.

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MSU to celebrate Constitution Days

Morehead State University will celebrate American freedom and democracy for the fourth consecutive year. Previously called "Septemberfest," the event has been renamed "Constitution Days" to emphasize the original purpose of the celebration. Two days of activities will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 16-17. MSU's Center for Regional Engagement is coordinating the celebration. All events are free and open to the public.

The community activities on Sept. 16 will focus on traditional music, Abraham Lincoln and a celebration of the region. All events are at the Morehead Conference Center (150 E. First St.). From 5-6 p.m., the Reel World String Band, celebrating its 30th year of performing, will conduct a workshop on traditional music. At 6 p.m. the band will perform its unique blend of classic fiddling and bluegrass harmonies.

Refreshments will be available at 7:15 p.m. and Kentucky author Vernon Burton will discuss his book, "The Age of Lincoln" at 7:30 p.m. Burton's presentation is historically significant since Feb. 12, 2009, will mark the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

All of the evening's festivities on Sept. 17 also will be at the Morehead Conference Center from 7-9 p.m. The main stage program will begin with the presentation of the American flag by MSU's ROTC color guard and patriotic music performed by "Brass Horizon," the MSU Faculty Brass Quintet. After a presentation about the New City initiative, recipients of the awards for "Excellence in Civic Engagement" and "Student Civic Engagement Grants" will be recognized.

The highlight of the evening will be Kentucky Chautauqua presents: Henry Clay, Kentucky's Greatest Statesman. A Kentuckian whose political genius made him one of the greatest statesmen of the 19th century will live again when Kentucky Chautauqua presents George McGee in a compelling living history portrayal of Henry Clay (1777-1852). Kentucky Chautauqua is an exclusive presentation of the Kentucky Humanities Council Inc.

Members of the community are encouraged to nominate individuals, community organizations and businesses for the third annual "Excellence in Civic Engagement Awards." Awards will be given to people dedicated to making Rowan County a better place to live through their service and civic engagement. There are nine award categories and award recipients will receive a plaque and the nonprofit organization of their choice will receive a \$100 honorarium.

All current MSU students may apply for the "Student Civic Engagement Grants." There will be up to one grant for \$400 and three grants for \$200. Projects that foster any aspect of civic engagement will be considered including research, applied research, outreach and community service. Projects must be completed by the end of the 2008-09 academic year.

Nominations for the awards and applications for the grants are available online at <http://moreheadstate.edu/adp/index.aspx?id=35742>. These awards and grants are being provided by the MSU Center for Regional Engagement. The deadline for Excellence in Civic Engagement Award nominations is 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 5. As cosponsor, the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce is collecting the nominations and coordinating the selection of award winners. The deadline for Student Civic Engagement Grant applications is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 8. Applications for grants are submitted to the Center for Regional Engagement in 110F Combs Building on the MSU campus.

Additional information on "Constitution Days" may be obtained by calling Tracy Williams, executive director of the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce, at (606) 784-6221, or Dr. Janet McCoy, assistant professor of advertising and public relations, at (606) 783-2603.

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MSU student hurt in fall

A 19-year-old Morehead State University student was injured Wednesday night when he fell 26 feet from a staircase in the Adron Doran University Center.

Ross Timothy Healy, of Fort Thomas, sustained arm, pelvis and head injuries.

According to witnesses, Healy, a second-year student, was attempting to slide down the stair rail between the third and second floors when he lost his balance. Investigating officers said Healy apparently had been drinking alcoholic beverages before arriving at the building for a fraternity meeting.

He was transported to St. Claire Regional Medical Center and later transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center for treatment. The incident remains under investigation by MSU police.

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Ratliff earns doctorate

Morehead State University's Janet Ratliff has completed requirements for a doctoral degree.

Ratliff received her doctoral degree on July 31 from the University of Kentucky. Her Ph.D. is in education, instruction and administration with a program emphasis in educational leadership.

Ratliff is the director of the Center for Economic Education. She has been with the College of Business for 16 years.

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

Ratliff is the adviser for the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) chapter at MSU. SIFE is a global, non-profit organization active in more than 40 countries. SIFE members are challenged to develop community service projects that address market economics, success skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and business ethics.

Ratliff is also the adviser for the MSU Order of Omega, an honor society with members who represent the top three percent of students in fraternities and sororities.

Additional information is available by calling Ratliff at (606) 783-2390 or (800) 567-2681.

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Dr. Kunz wins Merlot award

Morehead State University's Dr. Michelle Kunz, associate professor of marketing, was named a 2008 EditorialBoard House Cup winner by Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT).

The MERLOT House Cup Award is presented to a team of editorial board members that makes the highest level of contributions in an academic year. Contributions include learning materials submitted, member comments, learning assignments, activity sheets and personal collections.

Dr. Kunz is part of the Business Editorial Board, comprised of six members from institutions across the United States and Canada. She is one of three volunteers on the editorial board and is an associate editor in marketing.

The winners were honored at a ceremony at the 2008 MERLOT International Conference in Minneapolis in early August.

MERLOT is an international initiative enabling faculty to integrate technology into higher education. It is an online community of faculty and institutions collaborating to increase the quantity of high quality, Web-based interactive teaching and learning materials.

MERLOT conducts the peer review of online materials and ensures reliable and valid reviews through the selection and training of the editorial board members as well as ongoing support for the review process. The MERLOT community offers additional services to both instructors and students that help improve the learning process.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Kunz at (606) 783-5479 or by visiting www.merlot.org .
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President Andrews reappointed to SREB

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews has been reappointed by Gov. Steve Beshear to a four-year term on the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

First appointed in late 2007 to fill an unexpired term, Dr. Andrews will serve through June 30, 2012. He is among four gubernatorial appointees from Kentucky.

"I am pleased and proud to accept Governor Beshear's appointment to this important organization," Dr. Andrews said. "The SREB is a valuable asset to education policymakers in 16 states and I look forward to serving with the governor and Kentucky's other representatives."

America's first interstate compact for education, the Southern Regional Education Board is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that helps government and education leaders work together to advance education and improve the social and economic life of the region.

Member states include: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

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MSU closed for Labor Day

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Morehead State University will be closed Monday, Sept. 1. There will be no classes or office hours and mail will not be delivered.

Offices will reopen on the regular schedule on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

MSU's Kentucky Folk Art Center will be closed Sept. 1-4 for installation of new carpet in the upstairs gallery. KFAC will reopen on Friday, Sept. 5. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2204.

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