

Barker named interim chief

A law enforcement veteran of more than 40 years has been named interim police chief at MSU.

Rowan County native W. Scott Barker will assume the duties on Feb. 1. Barker, 61, succeeds Joe Cline, who has been chief since 2003 and will retire Jan. 31.

"Chief Cline was the right man at the right time to lead MSU's police department. With his direction, the department has matured and stabilized. It is well respected and a model for campus police agencies," said Madonna Weathers, vice president of student life. "We are pleased that Capt. Barker has agreed to serve as interim chief during the time it will take us to identify the right person for the position."

Barker joined the MSUPD in 1987 and has served as assistant chief the last five years. From 1974-85, he was with the Morehead Police Department. He began his career as a military policeman for the United States Air Force from 1965-69.

Among numerous trainings Barker has participated in are: the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Hostage Negotiation, a two-week class in drug training taught by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); and First Line Supervision as taught by the Bureau of Training.

A Rowan County High School graduate, Barker earned both an associate's and bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University.

He has been married to Marguerite Morrison Barker for 38 years and has three children and six grandchildren. Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at 783-2035.

Tax assistance

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

Through the University's Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, the tax return assistance will be offered on Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m. in room 311 of the Combs Building on campus. It is free to students, and also to employees and members of the Morehead community with an annual income of \$39,000 or less.

No appointment is necessary. Taxpayers will be assisted on a first come, first-served basis, and no returns will be accepted for preparation after 5:30 p.m. VITA will not be available on Feb. 19 (alternate date is Feb. 21) and March 18 (Spring Break).

It will be necessary for taxpayers to bring with them documentation for any and all that apply: W-2(s); 1099(s); A copy of last year's return; Statements of other income; Information for deductions; Social Security numbers for you, your spouse, and/or dependents; Proof of identification for yourself and/or spouse;

Proof of account for direct deposit of refund (voided check); Proof of tuition paid during 2007 for yourself, spouse, and/or dependents; Cost of books for 2007; Amount of scholarships and/or grants awarded in 2007. For proof of tuition and scholarships/grants, you should bring a copy of your account for the calendar year of 2007. This can be printed from MSU account Web page.

Additional information is available by calling Sharon Walters, associate professor of accounting, at 783-2725, or by e-mail to s.walters@moreheadstate.edu.

Black History Month events slated

In celebration of Black History Month, a variety of activities will be presented to the campus and community. MSU's Office of Multicultural Student Services will coordinate several free activities to mark the annual observance.

On Feb. 4, MSU's Film Studies Program will sponsor "Milestones in African American Education: The Clinton 12." This event will begin at 8 p.m. at Chakeres University Cinema. Director Keith McDaniel will make a presentation during the film.

Co-sponsors of that event include the: College of Education, Caudill College of Humanities, MSU Arts and Humanities Council, MSU Multicultural Student Services, Department of Geography, Government and History; Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy; Department of Communication and Theatre; and Morehead State Public Radio.

Retired MSU history professor Dr. Don Flatt will make a presentation concerning the impact of African-Americans on MSU's campus on Feb. 5 from 6-7 p.m. in room 312 of ADUC. Dr. Flatt will reference research included in his monograph "Winning Through to Fame and Glory: African Americans and MSU."

Free copies of the monograph will be available. In addition to the presentation, Dr. Flatt will participate in a question and answer session and be available to sign copies of the monograph.

On Thursday, Feb. 7, a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Dr. Karen Bardsley, assistant professor of philosophy, will be offered for viewing on the second floor of ADUC from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The presentation, which includes information about integration at MSU, will be repeated on Thursday, Feb. 28.

Be an 'Iron Eagle'

MSU's Wellness Center is sponsoring two new programs beginning in February that are designed to promote fitness and well-being.

Members of the MSU campus community are invited to accept the Wellness Center's "Iron Eagle" challenge.

Based on the Iron Man Triathlon, the initiative will encourage participants to complete a series of physical fitness activities within a certain time period. Those who accept the challenge will have eight weeks to run/walk 26.2 miles, bike 112 miles and swim or row 2.4 miles.

The Iron Eagle is slated Feb. 4 through April 4 at the Wellness Center and McClure Pool, which is located in the Academic-Athletic Center.

An individual program, the "Iron Eagle" is open to members. Those interested in joining should visit the center, complete necessary paperwork and pay any applicable fees.

Yoga classes will be available on Feb. 4 to members. The yoga classes blend the traditional practices of Hatha yoga with a fitness format that includes balance, strength, flexibility and power.

Participants will be led through the sequences, which are suitable for individuals at any fitness level. Classes are slated for Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. at the center, and will continue through March 12. It is free to Wellness Center members.

Afrilachian author and MSU Visiting Professor Crystal Wilkinson will participate in a book discussion on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Camden-Carroll Library.

Wilkinson will lead a dialogue on her book "Water Street" which was nominated for the Orange Prize and the Hurston/Wright Legacy award. In it, Wilkinson examines the lives of fictional characters who live in a small town in Kentucky. This event is co-hosted by the library, where copies are available.

The MSS office will sponsor a health fair on the second floor of ADUC from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14.

This event is free of charge and will provide students with information related to fitness and health. Several MSU units will participate in this event.

On Feb. 17, the Jimtown Baptist Choir, the Edwards Sisters and the Jimtown Male Chorus will participate in "Gospel Extravaganza."

There are many other events planned in observance of Black History Month. Additional information is available on MSU's Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/news/

CRE grants

MSU's Center for Regional Engagement has announced the Regional Engagement Grant recipients for 2008.

The purpose of the grants are to promote research and applied research activities within the academic community that will help benefit MSU's service region and further the Center for Regional Engagement's mission.

The recipients for 2008 are:

Dr. Victor Ballesteros and Dr. Sam Wright "Hispanic Administrators in Kentucky";

Dr. Nathan Coker, Dr. Ann Macintosh, and Jen O'Keefe "Optical and Heavy-Metal Characterization of Coal and Ash from Stoker Heating Boilers";

Dr. Joy Gritton "The Life and Work of Allen Eaton in Historical Context";

Stephanie Johnson and Kim Clevenger "E.N.G.A.G.E.: A Community Health Initiative";

Dr. Kevin Jones "Super Saturday";

Dr. Janet Rice McCoy "Engaging the Region through Public Relation Writing: Exploring Partnerships with Non-profit and Educational Organizations";

Elizabeth McLaren "Supporting Teachers, Strengthening Families";

Kathryn Mincey "Research-Based Engagement, Professional Development, and Mentoring for Secondary English Teachers in the MSU Service Region";

Jaby Mohammed and Curtis M. Adkins "Water Treatment Module Using Solar Energy";

Kim Nettleton "The Use of Prism Lenses with Struggling Readers to Improve Reading Abilities";

Dr. Kimberly M. Peterson and Dr. Martha M. Decker "Another Chance at Life and Learning: Morehead Youth Development Center Greyhound Project";

Dr. Rodney Stanley and Sam Mason "Fort Boonesborough Museum Displays: An Interdisciplinary Student Project";

Dr. Wayne Willis "Our Appalachia: A Photographic Essay by the Young People of Eastern Kentucky."

People in the News

Dr. Ignacio Birriel, associate professor of physics, has been named an Outstanding Alumnus at Lebanon Valley High School in Lebanon, Pa. He was honored for his accomplishments since graduation, and is the second recipient of the award, given by the school board.

Ashley Suttler, assistant professor of dance, performed in the Cool New York 2008 DANCE Festival on Jan. 25. Suttler performed the solo work "359 degrees," which she also choreographed, at the John Ryan Theater in Brooklyn, N.Y.

MSPR board

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews has appointed Dr. Mary Jane Humkey of Morehead, Dr. Carolyn Moore of Hillsboro, and Cathie Shaffer of Ashland to the Community Advisory Board of Morehead State Public Radio.

"Our community advisory board is comprised of community leaders who share our service mission in public radio. I look forward to working closely with our new members as we continue to fine-tune our programming and service to the region," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager.

The new members will each serve a three-year term.

Dr. Humkey is the medical director of St. Claire Regional Medical Center's Family Medicine Clinics.

Dr. Moore is a primary care physician at St. Claire Family Medical Clinic in Olive Hill.

Shaffer is the executive editor of the Greenup County News-Times.

MSPR's Community Advisory Board utilizes the expertise of listeners to assist the general manager in the review of network goals, programming and policies.

The CAB provides assistance to MSPR to build the listening audience, provide a better community service, expand the operational base support and offer training opportunities for students.

The next quarterly meeting of the Community Advisory Board will be Sunday, Feb. 3, at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held in the MSPR studios, located in Breckinridge Hall on the campus.

Meetings of MSPR's Community Advisory Board are open to the public.

Guest speaker

A journalism professor and author who is recognized for his research on pornography and race issues will give a guest lecture at MSU.

Dr. Robert Jensen, associate professor in the School of Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin, will present "The Paradox of Pornography: Sex/Intimacy/Communication," on Wednesday, Feb. 6. The event will be held at 4:30 p.m. in 2 Breckinridge Hall.

A former journalist, Dr. Jensen joined the UT faculty in 1992, having earned a Ph.D. degree in media ethics and law. His research involves examining a range of subjects, to include media, power, pornography, white privilege, institutionalized racism and the feminist critique of sexuality and men's violence.

He is the author of "Getting Off: Pornography and the End of Masculinity," "The Heart of Whiteness: Confronting Race, Racism and White Privilege" and "Citizens of the Empire: The Struggle to Claim Our Humanity," among other works.

His presentation is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by MSU's Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program.

Additional information: 783-5288.

Job vacancies

INTERNAL

Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Student Life, Office of Student Life. To ensure consideration, apply by March 1.

EXTERNAL

Chief of Police, University Police. Review of applications began Jan. 19 and will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant or Associate Professors of Science Education and Physical Science or Earth/Space Science (Tenure Track, Two Positions), Department of Physical Sciences beginning Aug. 7. Review of applications began Jan. 30 and will continue until positions are filled.

Senior Accountant, Office of Accounting and Budgetary Control. To ensure consideration, apply by Feb. 4.

Elmer & Donna Smith Endowed Faculty Chair, College of Business and Department of Information Systems beginning August 2008. Review of applications will begin March 1 and will continue until the position is filled.

Search Extended. Clinical Director, University Counseling Center. Review of new applications will begin March 1 and will continue until the position is filled.

Distance Instruction Librarian I or II, Camden-Carroll Library. To ensure consideration, apply by April 11.

Internal applicants should obtain a copy of the job opportunity posting from the Office of Human Resources indicating the application materials required for each position. Official transcripts are required for administrative positions.

A keyboarding exercise is required for secretarial, clerk/typist and dispatcher positions and must be completed prior to the position closing date. To register for this keyboarding exercise, contact the OHR at 783-2097. Morehead State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action educator and employer with a strong commitment to community engagement.

UB instructors

The Upward Bound programs at MSU are seeking applications for instructors to teach in the summer component, June 2 – July 3.

Creative, enthusiastic people are needed in mathematics, language arts, sciences, career planning, foreign languages, drama, dance, physical education, art, critical thinking, music, photography, psychology, crafts and other elective areas.

Instructors teach between 9 and 15 hours per week, depending on the subject. Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree; teaching experience and/or experience working with teenagers is preferred.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 29. To obtain an application, contact the Upward Bound office at 783-2611 or visit 108 Waterfield Hall on Morehead's campus. The application also is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/ub.

Happenings

Thursday, Jan. 31

Art exhibit: "Self-Evident: Contemporary Exploration of Self-Portraiture," main gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building, exhibit runs through Feb. 20.

Saturday, Feb. 2

Rifle: Eagles vs. Jacksonville State University, Button Rifle Range, 8 a.m.

MSU Open House, for prospective students, Adron Doran University Center, 9 a.m.

Basketball: Eagles vs. Kentucky Christian University, Academic-Athletic Center, 7 p.m.,

Sunday, Feb. 3

Rifle: Eagles vs. Rose-Hulman, Button Rifle Range, 8 a.m.

Morehead State Public Radio Community Advisory Board quarterly meeting, MSPR studios, Breckinridge Hall, 3 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 4

Film screening: "Milestones in African-American Education: The Clinton 12," Chakeres University Cinema, Main Street, Morehead, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Guest presentation: "Winning Through to Fame and Glory: African Americans and MSU," by Dr. Don Flatt, retired history professor, 312 ADUC, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Guest lecture: "The Paradox of Pornography: Sex/Intimacy/Communication," by Dr. Robert Jensen, University of Texas at Austin, 2 BR, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7

Basketball: Lady Eagles vs. Southeast Missouri State University, AAC, 5:15 p.m.

Basketball: Eagles vs. SEMO, AAC, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Basketball: Lady Eagles vs. Murray State University, AAC, 2 p.m.

Basketball: Eagles vs. Murray, AAC, 4:15 p.m.

Rifle: Ohio Valley Conference championships, Button Rifle Range, 8 a.m., also Feb. 10.

Film screening

MSU's Film Committee will present a screening of the film "Milestones in African-American Education: The Clinton 12" on Monday, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m. at Chakeres University Cinema on Main Street. Additional information is available by calling Dr. Bruce Engle, instructor of English, at 783-2324.

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