

Biology core research facility opens in Lappin

As of Oct. 8, faculty and student researchers at MSU will have a molecular biology core research laboratory to bolster their scientific investigations in agriculture, biology, chemistry, environmental science, neuroscience, and psychology.

Developed at a cost of more than \$800,000, the facility was created on the first floor of Lappin Hall in space previously occupied by the foods laboratory. The new laboratory opened Oct. 8 in a ceremony hosted by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

"This is an exciting development for all of our professors and students whose research interests incorporate any of the biosciences," said Dr. Gerald DeMoss, dean of the College of Science and Technology. "We are deeply indebted to Dr. Bruce Mattingly and Dr. David Magrane for their leadership in the establishment of this core facility."

Dr. Mattingly, a professor of psychology, is associate provost for research and sponsored programs. Dr. Magrane, a professor of biology, recently retired as chair of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences.

Dr. DeMoss said few regional public universities have such a laboratory for research into the formation, structure, and function of macromolecules essential to life, such as DNA and other nucleic acids and proteins, and especially with their role in cell replication and the transmission of genetic information.

Dr. Mattingly describes the new facility as a "major step forward in strengthening undergraduate and graduate research by providing dedicated, quality laboratory space for individual work."

He said it will enhance MSU's participation in the Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (KBRIN). Other members are the University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Northern Kentucky University and Western Kentucky University.

Doran professor

The Department of Professional Programs in Education at MSU has added an experienced educator and counselor to its faculty ranks. Dr. Lynn Kell Spradlin will work with the College of Education as the Adron Doran Distinguished Professor for Educational Leadership. Her position was funded in part by the Dr. Adron Doran Endowment for Educational Leadership, established in 1999 to provide support for a professorship in leadership/secondary education.

Dr. Spradlin, a licensed school counselor and teacher, is a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC) and Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). Her previous work experience includes teaching theatre, speech and English in public schools and working as a child and family therapist. At the collegiate level, she has been a professor, department chair, assistant to the provost, and most recently, an administrative personnel consultant at West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

A two-time graduate of the University of Louisville, Dr. Spradlin earned a master's degree in school and community counseling and a doctoral degree in counselor education. Additionally, she holds a bachelor's degree in theatre, speech and English education from the University of Kentucky.

Homecoming '07 kicks off Oct. 18

MSU alumni and other friends are invited to get "Hooked on Homecoming" Oct. 18-20.

Mark your calendars to join faculty, staff and students for all the homecoming festivities. There will be reunions, a parade, car show, football game and much more at MSU's annual celebration.

The traditional parade will kickoff Homecoming 2007 activities. Slated to begin at 6 p.m. on Main Street, the event will feature floats, bands and other campus and community entries.

Friday has been designated Blue and Gold Day, and campus as well as community members are encouraged to show their MSU pride by wearing school colors. In the afternoon, the Homecoming Alumni/Student Car Show gets underway at 4 p.m. in the Adron Doran University Center commons area.

All alumni are invited to attend the welcome reception, to be held on the third floor of ADUC from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Alumni Dinner, featuring an Italian buffet, will be held from 6:30 until 8 p.m. in the Crager Room (ticket necessary).

Need something blue and gold to wear? The University Bookstore will extend its hours until 6 p.m. on Friday, and from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday with MSU apparel, books and a variety of gifts.

Several reunions/receptions are scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20.

One of the highlights of Homecoming Weekend is the football game. Before the game, the Alumni Association and the Office of Student Activities will co-sponsor a fun-filled free traditional tailgate at 11 a.m. in Eagle Park (across from Jayne Stadium and the AAC).

Be prepared to cheer on the home team as the Eagles host the Bulldogs of Pioneer Football League rival Butler University. Pre-game festivities will start at 12:30 p.m., with kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m. Halftime activities will feature a performance by the MSU Marching Band and the crowning of the homecoming queen and king.

Additional information is available by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at 783-2080.

Agriculture forum

The Task Force on the Future of Kentucky Agriculture is coming to Morehead on Tuesday, Oct. 16, to gather citizen public input on a strategic plan now in draft form. It is among six such events being held across the state this month.

The forum is scheduled from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Morehead Conference Center. The Task Force membership includes Dr. Mike Phillips, chair of the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences at MSU.

People in the News

Dr. Allen Risk, professor of biology, and **Dr. Sean O'Keefe** and **Dr. David Eisenhour**, associate professors of biology, have been awarded consulting contracts to study plant and/or animal life in waterways. Dr. Risk will work through the end of October with National Forests in North Carolina to identify specimens collected from the Chattahoochee River by U.S. Forest Service biologists. Dr. O'Keefe and Dr. Eisenhour, whose expertise is in entomology and ichthyology, respectively, will receive a consulting contract from Technical Water Laboratories. Their investigation will involve an assessment of the biological integrity of Line Fork in Letcher County and Bens Fork and Lick Fork in Bell County.

A film by **Jeffrey Hill**, assistant professor

New Web site features MSU, other schools

MSU and MSU at Ashland, in cooperation with seven other regional university campuses, unveiled the Educate the Tri-State Web site to help potential students learn more about the programs offered in the area.

In addition to MSU, the group also includes Ashland Community and Technical College, Ohio University, Ohio University Southern, Marshall University, Marshall Community and Technical College, Shawnee State University and Rio Grande Community College.

Among the nine participating institutions, potential students can browse through nearly 1,200 degree programs offered in the tri-state area. During a presentation Tuesday at Shawnee State, the Educate the Tri-State group unveiled its new Web site (www.educatethetristate.com).

"It is really one-stop shopping," said Joel Pace, MSU Ashland director. "The Web site is a way that perspective students can get information about nine institutions at one time. We are real happy to be a part of it."

"There are more than 1,200 academic majors offered in the tri-state and with our low tuition rates, we are eliminating barriers that our residents face."

The Web site provides a simple portal for users to browse programs from participating institutions across the region, and follow links directly into the individual school's Web site.

Degree offered

Beginning with the 2008 spring semester, MSU at Mt. Sterling students may pursue a master's degree in adult and higher education.

MSU at Mt. Sterling, located at 3400 Indian Mound Drive, will host an informational meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, to answer questions and provide information on the new degree option. Faculty from the University's Department of Professional Programs in Education will join Dr. Janet Kenny, director of MSU Mt. Sterling, and representatives of the Distance Education Programs for the session.

One class will be offered each term face-to-face. Students may register for additional courses each term through the Internet.

MSU's adult and higher education graduate program is designed to develop the capacity of individuals to plan, organize and carry through a variety of education and service programs to meet adult learners' needs in postsecondary and adult continuing education institutions.

of mass communication, will have its premiere overseas on Thursday, Oct. 18. The MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP)-funded film, "Seed To Stalk: A Sorghum Tradition," will have its international debut at The Golden Lion Film Festival in Mbabane, Swaziland, South Africa. This project, which highlights Menifee County sorghum producer Ron Welch, has played at numerous festivals in North America.

Dr. Eric Swank, associate professor of social work, recently co-authored a paper on homophobia among social work students. The multivariate study, which appeared in the Journal of Social Work Education explored the effects of 15 factors and sampled students from 12 colleges.

Choral faculty

MSU has announced that Dr. Roosevelt Escalante Jr. has been named assistant director of choral activities within the Department of Music.

His duties include conducting the Men's and Women's choruses, directing the Black Gospel Ensemble and teaching voice and choral methods. Dr. Escalante comes to MSU after three years at Appalachian State University, where he served as the director of the Gospel Choir, Men's Glee Club, and the Jazz Vocal Ensemble.

He received a bachelor's degree in piano performance from Stetson University, a master's degree in piano performance and a doctoral degree in choral conducting from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

While at the UMKC conservatory, he studied with well known pianist Richard Cass and choral visionary Eph Ehly.

He began his teaching career in the Kansas City Missouri School District.

Dr. Escalante is an active conductor and choral clinician. Some of his recent guest appearances include: the Stetson University Honors Chorus; Wilkes County Honor Choir; Canon Music Camp; and the New Albany High School Gospel Celebration.

He is an avid composer of Gospel music and has held several music ministry positions. His professional affiliations include Phi Mu Alpha, the College Music Society, and the American Choral Director's Association.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Escalante at 783-2482.

Debates to air

Morehead State Public Radio will continue its tradition of political coverage as Kentucky voters decide on a candidate for November's general election.

MSPR will air the 2007 gubernatorial forums on Monday, Oct 15 and Monday, Oct. 29 as incumbent Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher squares off against Democratic challenger and former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear.

Bill Goodman of Kentucky Tonight will be the moderator. KET's and MSPR's coverage will begin at 8 p.m.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of MSU. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes WOCS (88.3 FM) in Booneville and a translator (88.3 FM) in Inez.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (800) 286-9659 or 783-2001.

Booksigning

MSU graduate Leonard Hilley II will be signing his latest book, "Predators of Darkness," at the University Bookstore on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. until noon.

Hilley and his wife, Christal, graduated from MSU in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Job vacancies

EXTERNAL

Campus Laboratory Coordinator, Departments of Nursing and Imaging Sciences. To ensure consideration, apply by Oct. 11.

Extended Search. Energy Management Technician #1508, Office of Facilities Management. To ensure consideration, apply by Oct. 12.

Enrollment Services Specialist, Office of Enrollment Services. To ensure consideration, apply by Oct. 18.

KY AHED Grant Coordinator (Fixed-Term), Primary P-16 Program. To ensure consideration, apply by Oct. 24.

Campus Laboratory Coordinator/Clinical Instructor, (Mt. Sterling) Department of Nursing. To ensure consideration, apply by Oct. 24.

Assistant Registrar/Undergraduate Degree Certification, Office of Registrar. To ensure consideration, apply by Oct. 28.

Assistant or Associate Professor of Sociology #1526 (Tenure Track), Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology. To ensure consideration, application materials must be received by Nov. 1. However, position will remain open until filled.

Chair #1517, Department of Psychology. Review of applications will begin Nov. 9 and will continue until the position is filled.

Building Services Technician, Office of Facilities Management. Applications will begin Oct. 19; however, applications will continue to be accepted through Dec. 31 to fill positions if they become available.

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.

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Study abroad

MSU students are invited to learn about opportunities to see the world at a special meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

A study abroad information session will be held from 4-6 p.m. in the Commonwealth Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

Faculty members will be on hand to discuss short-term and full semester study opportunities for 2008.

Information about applying for financial aid and scholarships for studying abroad will be available, and refreshments will be served.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of International Education at 783-2096.

Happenings

Thursday, Oct. 11

Art exhibit: "5 Maestros Michoacanos: Contemporary Mexican Art Exhibition," main gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building, through Nov. 2.

Folk art exhibit: "Hotbed, Folk Art from Elliott County," Kentucky Folk Art Center; exhibit runs through Dec. 30.

MSU Reading Series "open mic" night, KFAC, 7 p.m.

Theatre production: "Blood Brothers," Lucille Little Theatre, Breckinridge Hall, through Oct. 13, Oct. 17-19, 7:30 p.m.; also Oct. 14, 2 p.m.

Guitar/Bass Concert Series, featuring jazz bassist Scott Lee, Duncan Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 12

Soccer: Eagles vs. Jacksonville State, Jayne Stadium, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 14

Soccer: Eagles vs. Samford, JS, 2 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 15

Morehead State Public Radio broadcast of gubernatorial forum, 8 p.m., also Oct. 29.

Tuesday, Oct. 16

Public forum: The Task Force on the Future of Kentucky Agriculture, Morehead Conference Center, 8 a.m.

Study abroad information session, Commonwealth Room, Adron Doran University Center, 4 p.m.

SBDC workshop: "Developing a Marketing Strategy for Your Business," Regional Enterprise Center, West Liberty, 6 p.m.

Concert: Symphony Band, DRH, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 18

Homecoming 2007, featuring parade (6 p.m.), reunions, football game, more, on campus and in the community, through Oct. 20.

Guest lecture: Randy Lillard, MSU alumnus and NASA engineer, 2 BR, 7 p.m.

Studio recital: Oktubafest, DRH, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 19

Alumni welcome reception, third floor, ADUC, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; alumni dinner, Crager Room, ADUC, 6:30 p.m.

Soccer: Eagles vs. Eastern Kentucky University, JS, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Book signing with MSU alumnus and author Leonard Hilley II, University Bookstore, 8 a.m.

Football: Eagles vs. Butler (Homecoming Game), JS, 1 p.m.

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