

MSU students teach in China

East met West when a group of MSU students accompanied two faculty members to China to teach oral English.

Dr. Robert Frank, associate professor of speech, and Dr. April Miller, assistant dean of the College of Education, led the students in their trip to the Guangxi Province in southern China. Their month-long trip included teaching English and participating in a cultural exchange program with the Chinese people.

The group arrived in Beijing for the first part of their stay, where they spent two nights visiting various points of interest, including the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. From there they flew to Nanning and took a Li River cruise. They also visited Morehead's sister city, Yangshuo, in the Guangxi Province.

Dr. Frank has taken four such trips to China, and said that as far as accommodations and comfort, "this was the best year we've had. It really was the most satisfying trip for the students. We had a great time."

The students stayed in dormitories on the campus of Qinzhou University, and along with Drs. Frank and Miller, taught oral English to primary, middle and high school students, as well as to Qinzhou College students and their professors. Qinzhou University is located in Qinzhou, a harbor city of 3.5 million people.

"For many of these people, it was the first time they'd conversed with a native English speaker," he said.

The MSU group seemed to enjoy getting acquainted and working with the Chinese people, who shared their culture with the American group, according to Dr. Frank.

"That's why it's so much fun to do this – we learned about their public schools and other aspects of life in China," he said.

On the way home, the group stopped in Tokyo for a layover and were able to get a taste of Japanese life as well. He said their trip "was a long journey, but well worth it."

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Frank at 783-9369.

Choirs concert

MSU's Chamber Singers, Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus, Concert Choir and Black Gospel Ensemble will present a Fall Concert on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 123 E. Main St., Morehead.

The Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Greg Detweiler, associate professor and director of choral activities, will open the concert with the French Renaissance chanson "Il est bel et bon" by Passereau. They also will perform "If Music Be the Food of Love" by Jean Belmont, and "The Urchins' Dance" by Stephen Chatman.

The Women's Chorus and the Men's Chorus under the direction of Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, assistant professor and assistant director of choral activities, will continue the program. The women will sing "I lift up my eyes" by Paul Bowman and the men will present "The Pasture" by Randall Thompson.

The Concert Choir, under Dr. Detweiler, will perform three selections: "O Sing Joyfully" by Adrian Batten, "Kyrie" by Mark Butler, and "Neckereien" by Johannes Brahms.

The Black Gospel Ensemble will close the concert with "Lift Him Up" by Hezekiah Walker, "Encourage Yourself" by Donald Lawrence, and "Victory" by Tye Tribett.

Admission to the concert is free of charge.

Additional information: 783-2480.

Police part of new highway 'Blitz'

MSU'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 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Kentucky State

Civic award

MSU's chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) was recognized for civic service during Septemberfest activities Sept. 17-20.

SIFE received the Excellence in Civic Engagement for a Student Organization award. The award was sponsored by The New York Times, in association with Septemberfest, MSU's annual outreach event of the American Democracy Project.

The chapter was nominated in recognition of its members' more than 900 hours of volunteer service to improving the community through free enterprise education. While the SIFE organization is housed in MSU's College of Business, the group draws members from other academic disciplines. These students taught the concepts of a free enterprise system and empowerment in ways to achieve greater economic prosperity to members of the community (from first graders to aging entrepreneurs).

Partnered with MSU's Small Business Development Center, SIFE students helped sponsor two regional entrepreneurship conferences. They also worked with first and fifth grade students at all elementary schools in Rowan County, teaching them about business from the side of the consumer and the owner, as well as in concepts of savings, profit and loss and business ethics.

Among other community outreach projects, SIFE team members provided Girl Scouts with the opportunity to earn their Business-Wise Badge. They also held workshops to educate middle and high school students in the value of trade in the global economy.

In the MSU community, SIFE students, (via the MSU 101 classes) educated other students about the importance of financial planning throughout life and the risks associated with poor planning. In terms of civic engagement to the greater regional community, SIFE students provided Deming High School seniors with the opportunity to develop the success skills needed throughout life. By increasing the knowledge of opportunities available to them in a free market system, SIFE students encouraged future success for the Deming young men and women.

The Excellence in Civic Engagement award carried a prize of \$100, which will be used to fund future SIFE projects.

Additional information is available by calling Janet Ratliff, center director, Center for Economic Education, at 783-2390.

'Blood Brothers'

A play that has been called a "haunting rags to riches tragedy" will be staged at Morehead State University this month in the Lucille Little Theatre in Breckinridge Hall.

"Blood Brothers," noted author and playwright Willy Russell's musical, will be presented by MSU theatre students Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 11-13, Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 17-19 at 7:30 p.m., and also on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m.

Russell's play tells the story of a desperate woman who surrenders one of her newborn twin sons to her employers, a childless woman. The boys grow up near each other, never learning the truth, but become firm friends and fall in love with the same girl.

Single ticket admission is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for senior citizens and non-MSU students. All MSU students will be admitted free with a valid EagleCard ID.

Police, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement and local law enforcement departments, are assisting in coordinating the Highway Safety Corridor Blitz along the U.S. 60 Corridor to reduce vehicle crashes, fatalities and injuries.

"We want to do our part to help keep our community safe as students, faculty and staff, and visitors travel to campus," said MSU Police Chief Joseph S. Cline. "We will focus on the U.S. 60 Corridor. We will be assisting city and state police with traffic check points."

Drive Smart visual speed radar units have been placed along the corridor in each county. These portable units are intended to remind motorists to be aware of their speed and to comply with the posted speed limit. Variable Message Boards and orange diamond signs have been placed along the corridor stating that drivers are in a "target enforcement area."

The Enforcement Blitz will run from now until Oct. 6. 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 783-2035.

Trumpet trip

MSU trumpet students recently were treated to a world-class educational and professional experience when they attended a concert by internationally-acclaimed jazz trumpeter Chris Botti in Ashland.

Botti's performance, co-sponsored by MSU's Ashland campus, began the season concert series at the Paramount Arts Center.

Both Greg Wing, assistant professor of trumpet at MSU, and Botti studied with distinguished trumpet professor William Adam (retired) at Indiana University in Bloomington. Wing left IU in 1981. Botti attended a few years later, but both have been keeping up with each other's respective performing careers.

Wing was a performer for 21 years, headlining in Las Vegas before beginning his tenure at MSU in 2002.

With the assistance of Joel Pace, director of the Ashland campus, Wing arranged a "meet and greet" session between the trumpet students and Botti before the concert.

"Chris really gave us the VIP treatment," Wing said. "He took the time to talk with the students about going after their dreams and never giving up the importance of maintaining a regular practice regimen even while on tour. I hadn't seen Chris in a few years so it was such a wonderful evening for everyone involved."

Wing and Pace were able to secure complimentary tickets for the students, and according to Wing, the interaction between the students and Botti was a priceless learning experience.

"Having the students meet a musician of this caliber is so important," he said. "It was a fantastic motivator for them to listen to Chris perform and hear him talk about his road to professional success."

Wing earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree from MSU, and the Master of Music degree in trumpet performance from the School of Music at IU.

Additional information is available by calling Wing at 783-2401.

Art exhibition

The Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS) has announced the arrival in Kentucky of an art exhibition, "Cinco Maestros Michoacanos." It will be on display in the main gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building through Nov. 2.

The exhibition showcases an outstanding collection of paintings and sculptures by five renowned artists—Felipe Castañeda, Jesús Escalera, Luis Palomares, José Luis Soto Gonzáles and Francisco Oñate—from the state of Michoacán in Mexico.

The Kentucky tour is the outcome of a relationship formed between KIIS and the Casa de la Cultura de Michoacán, and serves to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the KIIS Mexico program.

Since KIIS's inception in 1975 with a program to Europe, the Institute has grown to sponsor programs in 18 countries.

Further information on the exhibition and KIIS programs is available by calling (270) 809-3091; or on the Web at www.kiis.org.

Additional information on the exhibit is available by calling Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at 783-5446.

Contest winner

A MSU education professor has been awarded the prize for her entry into the Septemberfest pie contest held on campus.

Dr. Lola Aagaard, assistant professor of education, baked the pastry that was judged to be the best in the second annual "American as Apple Pie Contest" held during MSU's annual celebration of democracy. She was awarded a \$100 prize.

The purpose of the contest is to celebrate American traditions and to rally friendly competition between campus departments and student organizations.

The recipe of the prize winning pie:

Peel, core and slice eight to 10 large tart apples (Granny Smiths in this pie). Line a deep pie plate with flaky pastry and spread a layer of apple slices over the bottom. Mix three-fourths cup sugar with one-half teaspoon cinnamon and one-third teaspoon salt. Sprinkle a little of the mixture over the slices, and dot with butter. Repeat this procedure until all the apples are used. The pie should be heaped with apples. Cover with a top crust and pierce the crust with the tines of a fork. Bake the pie at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce the temperature to 350 degrees and bake 35 - 45 minutes longer, until crust is brown and apples are tender.

The judges for the contest were Susan Andrews, MSU first lady; Donnie Tyndall, men's basketball coach; Chuck Mraz, Morehead State Public Radio news director; and Jason Vance, librarian.

Septemberfest is MSU's annual outreach event of the American Democracy Project. This year's celebration, held Sept. 17-20, included a candidate forum, films, a volunteer fair, concerts and more.

Job vacancies

EXTERNAL

Registrar Assistant I #1535, Office of the Registrar. To ensure consideration, apply by Oct. 5.

Administrative Assistant #1534, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. To ensure consideration, apply by Oct. 10.

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.

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.

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.

Stress workshop

Get a handle on your stress by participating in the MSU Wellness Center's Stress Management workshop.

The seminar is designed to help you understand the different types of stress and how to control them. Learning where your stress comes from and proper stress management techniques can help you focus more on the good things in life.

The Stress Management workshop will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. in the Wellness Center classroom. The session is free and open to all MSU students, faculty and staff, and community members from the surrounding area. Dr. Teresa Hardman, associate professor of health, physical education and sport sciences, will share the science of why we have stress and strategies on how to manage it.

Also this month, Fitness Yoga will begin. This class blends the traditional practices of Hatha yoga with a fitness format that includes balance, strength, flexibility and power.

This free class will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:20 p.m., Oct. 29 until Nov. 28. It is open to Wellness Center members only.

Additional information is available by calling the Wellness Center at 783-2083.

Happenings

Thursday, Oct. 4

Art exhibit: "5 Maestros Michoacanos: Contemporary Mexican Art Exhibition," main gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building, through Nov. 2.
Folk art exhibit: "Elliott County, Kentucky: Folk Art Crucible," KFAC; exhibit runs through Nov. 20; opening reception, 6-8 p.m.
Concert: MSU Choirs, First Baptist Church, Main Street, Morehead, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 5

Volleyball: Eagles vs. Samford, Wetherby Gymnasium, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6

34th Annual MSU Blue and Gold Festival of Marching Bands & Championship, Jayne Stadium, all day.
Fall 2007 Kentucky Council of Teachers of English Regional Conference for Eastern Kentucky, 205 Combs Building, 10 a.m.
Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award presentation, KFAC, 2 p.m.
Volleyball: Eagles vs. Jacksonville State, WG, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 7

Senior recital: Tyler Thompson, oboe, Duncan Recital Hall, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Professional development: "Anti-Discrimination," 301 Adron Doran University Center, 12:40 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 11

Theatre production: "Blood Brothers," Lucille Little Theatre, 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, DRH, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 12

Soccer: Eagles vs. Jacksonville, JS, 7 p.m.

Charity 'Battle'

MSU's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity will host its annual Battle of the Bands benefit to raise money for the charity Youth Aids.

Battle of the Bands will be Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Button Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$3 and at the door for \$4. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners, including \$500 for first place.

Additional information is available by calling Brandon Oberschlake at (513) 258-3084, or by sending him an e-mail at bmober01@moreheadstate.edu.

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