

Students to attend rally

MSU students will join other collegians in voicing their continuing concerns about higher education and its escalating costs at a rally in Frankfort on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Buses will load at 7:45 a.m. in the Cartmell Hall/Laughlin Health Building parking lot on campus on the morning of the annual rally, according to Brian N. Gay, Cincinnati graduate student and president of MSU's Student Government Association. The main rally will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the rotunda of the Capitol building.

"Every year college students gather in Frankfort for the rally. But this year, students have more at stake than ever before," said Gay. "I believe MSU students have traditionally had the strongest presence at the rally because many of our students are putting themselves through school. We know that a tuition increase today means going without something else tomorrow."

Students who attend the rally will be given the opportunity to meet with legislators who influence tuition rates and other issues. There is no charge to ride the bus, and all participating MSU students will be provided with a free lunch. However, reservations are necessary for all those planning to attend to guarantee food and seat availability.

Registration is available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/sga. Participants will be given a letter confirming their attendance at the conclusion of the rally.

Another opportunity for students to impact legislators' actions will be held on campus on Tuesdays, Feb. 12 and 18 – "Listen Up Legislators." Coordinated by SGA, students may send an e-mail or make a phone call to their individual government representatives from the second floor of the Adron Doran University Center. SGA members will be on hand to assist students with speaking points and other tools.

Additional information is available by calling the SGA office at 783-2298.

Juried art show

Kentucky artists are invited to participate in "The Bluegrass Biennial 2008: A Kentucky Juried Exhibition" which will be on display in the main gallery of MSU's Claypool-Young Art Building.

The opening and award reception will be held on Saturday, June 7, from 3 - 5 p.m.

The exhibition, in its third year, will run from June 7 through Aug. 1, and is a collaborative effort of the University's Department of Art and the Caudill College of Humanities, Office of Communications and Marketing, Cave Run Arts Association and Morehead Art Guild Inc.

The Bluegrass Biennial exhibition is open to artists 18 years of age or older who reside in Kentucky. Awards will be presented for Best in Show (\$300) and Merit (\$100 each).

Tim Glotzbach, director of the Student Craft Program and former dean of the Kentucky School of Craft, will be the juror for the exhibition.

The submissions, along with an entry form and \$10 entry fee, must be postmarked by March 14. A prospectus PDF is available on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/art/ or by sending an e-mail to Jennifer Reiss, gallery director, at j.reiss@moreheadstate.edu.

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.

MSU will cut two sports programs

MSU Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Brian Hutchinson today (Feb. 8) announced that, beginning with the 2008-09 school year, Morehead State will sponsor 16 intercollegiate sports, down from 18 currently.

Women's golf, already led by Head Coach Stephanie Barker, will field its first competitive team since 1984.

The men's and women's rifle programs will be consolidated into a mixed team and the institution will no longer sponsor men's and women's indoor track and field. Outdoor track and field will remain.

It is the first realignment of intercollegiate sports at MSU since women's soccer was added in 1998. Hutchinson also announced that MSU will add NCAA women's bowling and equestrian programs within the next 4-6 years.

Teaching abroad

A Morehead State University nursing professor will spend the rest of 2008 teaching in Africa.

Dr. Janet Gross, professor of nursing, arrived in Ghana last week where she will be a visiting professor in the Department of Nursing at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana.

Dr. Gross is working there as a result of an agreement between MSU and UCC that provides opportunities for faculty and students to participate in exchanges that enrich academic and professional careers.

Located on the Gulf of Guinea, UCC shares similarities with MSU. It was first established in 1962 as a teacher's college.

The current student enrollment of approximately 14,000 has expanded academic offerings in disciplines such as agriculture, business, physical science, biological sciences, music and social sciences.

In addition to serving as a visiting professor, Dr. Gross will be offering a study abroad course in Ghana during June 2008 through the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad. The application deadline for this program is Feb. 29.

Dr. Gross earned her D.S.N. degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She received a master's degree in nursing from the University of Kentucky and a bachelor's degree, also in nursing, from Niagara University in New York.

She has served on MSU's faculty since 1983 in various academic and administrative roles, including as coordinator of the associate's and baccalaureate degree nursing programs, and interim chair of the Department of Nursing.

She most recently was the interim director of the Office of International Education.

Dr. Gross is currently teaching NURS 345 (Global Health) online, and is scheduled to teach for the Summer I term before officially retiring June 30. She will return to the MSU campus in January 2009 in the re-employment program for retired faculty.

Additional information about the University of Cape Coast is available at <http://ucc.edu.gh/>.

Faculty and students interested in learning more about exchange opportunities or studying abroad in Ghana may contact the Office of International Education at 783-2096.

People in the News

Dr. Jennifer Birriel, associate professor of physics, has been awarded funds from the Theodore Dunham Jr. Grant for Research in Astronomy from the Fund for Astrophysical Research Inc. (FAR). The nearly \$1,700 grant will be used to purchase astronomical equipment to be used with existing MSU telescopes to perform spectroscopic and photometric monitoring of variable stars.

"This realignment is the culmination of a well-considered, thoughtful process that began nearly two years ago," Hutchinson stated. "We were aided by Alden and Associates, a consulting firm which studied our Title IX compliance measures."

He continued:

"Ultimately, we have to consider how many sports we can sponsor with adequate financial resources, how we manage them within the context of Title IX compliance, and how can we offer the best experience possible for our student-athletes. We feel these steps lead us in that direction."

Hutchinson added that the plan was endorsed by MSU's Intercollegiate Athletics Committee and approved by President Wayne D. Andrews.

"This new direction for our athletics program comes at an opportune time when we are engaged in a careful review of all aspects of the institutional budget," said President Andrews. "Refocusing resources for improved efficiency and effectiveness in any program is a positive step. In athletics, as well as academics, we want to be best we can afford to be."

Additional information is available by calling Hutchinson at 783-2089.

Guest artist

MSU's Department of Music will host guest artist Diana Amos, soprano, in a recital on Thursday evening, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Building.

The event is being sponsored by MSU's chapter of the Student National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Amos has sung leading roles in more than 25 German opera houses. Career highlights include the roles of Queen of the Night in Mozart's "The Magic Flute" at the Berlin State Opera, Olympia in "The Tales of Hoffmann" at the Semper Opera in Dresden and at the Cologne Opera, and Zerbinetta in "Ariadne auf Naxos" in Hannover.

Amos received a Bachelor of Music degree in voice from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio, as well as a vocal performance diploma from the Hochschule für Musik in Cologne, Germany.

After joining the German Bielefeld Theater as a soloist, she was presented with the North Rhine Westfalia Young Artists Award in Düsseldorf. She has sung the role of Zemire in Gretry's "Zemire and Azor" at the Houston Grand Opera and was the soprano soloist in Brahms' "German Requiem" with the South Carolina Philharmonic.

Amos currently resides with her children in Grayson. She is married to Julien Salemkour, a conductor at the Berlin State Opera and assistant to pianist/conductor Daniel Barenboim.

Both of Amos' parents are MSU graduates.

The concert is free and open to the public. It will feature songs by Schubert, Mahler and Gershwin, and operatic arias by Mozart.

Additional information: 783-2481.

A film by Jeffrey Hill, assistant professor of mass communication, will have its premiere on the Kentucky Educational Television's cultural program Kentucky Life. The MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) funded film, "Seed To Stalk: A Sorghum Tradition," will debut on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. Subsequent air dates can be found at www.ket.org/kentuckylife/.

MSPR programs Job vacancies

During February, which is designated Black History Month, Morehead State Public Radio will offer several special programs that will help educate about black history and heritage.

Among the special offerings are:

Thursday, Feb. 14, "Autobiography of a Hero: The Story of Dorrie Miller," 10 a.m. In this autobiography producer and host donnie I. betts uses radio drama to share the remarkable story of a remarkable sailor. Miller joined the Navy in 1939 with dreams of becoming a gunner. Miller was the first African American to be awarded the Navy Cross, the Navy's second highest honor.

Monday, Feb. 18, "The Undiscovered Explorer: Imagining York," 10 a.m. Exploring the making of an American myth, the hour-long audio documentary, narrated by Danny Glover, is a production of Oregon Public Broadcasting. Through a rich weave of music, interviews, performance and dramatic readings, this program tells the story of York, William Clark's slave and the only African American member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Thursday, Feb. 21, "Swingtime," 10 a.m. During the 1930s and 1940s, many black schools in the U.S. fielded traveling swing bands to keep their doors open during the Depression. Narrator Tonea Stewart profiles three of the era's most famous bands in "Swingtime," an hour-long showcase of the Bama State Collegians, the Prairie View Coeds and the International Sweethearts of Rhythm.

Monday, Feb. 25, "The Last Letter Home," 10 a.m. The show is a poignant retelling in radio drama and interview of the experience during World War II of the 332nd fighter group, also known as the Tuskegee Airmen. Producer and host donnie I. betts recreates this powerful tale through the fictionalized writing of a fighter pilot, who in a letter to his mother, describes how he hopes to drop "Mein Kampf" on Hitler's office in Berlin as the U.S. bombs the city. The show also features an interview with retired Lt. Col. John Mosley, a real member of the Tuskegee Airmen, as well as period music by the award-winning composer Joe Bonner.

Thursday, Feb. 28, "Memories of the Movement," 10 a.m. The years of the Civil Rights Movement are counted among the most volatile yet vibrant times in American history. The people and events that shaped this period range from charismatic preachers and actors to students and domestic workers. Introduced and narrated by Tavis Smiley, this powerful special features the poignant, humorous, unheard, or little known stories and anecdotes from living civil rights icons like actors Harry Belafonte and Ruby Dee, preachers like Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. Amos Brown, editor emeritus of "Ebony" magazine Lerone Bennett Jr., folk singer Odetta, Asian activist Yuri Kochiyama and a host of others.

Additional information: 783-2001.

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 on 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 on Jan. 30 and will continue until positions are filled.

Building Services Technician, Office of Facilities Management. This is to establish a pool of applicants from which to select for future vacancies. To ensure consideration, apply by Feb. 15; however position will be open until Dec. 31.

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.

Sizzlin' Night

A late-evening extravaganza of food and fun will be held at Morehead State University on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Dubbed "Sizzlin' Night," the event will be hosted by the Student Activities Council (SAC). It will feature various games, prize giveaways and other activities from 10 p.m. until midnight, all in the Laughlin Health Building.

"Sizzlin' Night" is free and open to MSU students, faculty and staff. Co-sponsors are the: Office of Minority Retention Services; McClure Pool office; Wellness Center and Intramurals office.

Additional information is available by calling Terri L. Roberts, student activities coordinator, at 783-2863.

Happenings

Thursday, Feb. 14

Art exhibit: "Self-Evident: Contemporary Exploration of Self-Portraiture," main gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building; closing reception, Feb. 20, 6-8 p.m.
50th Annual Concert Band Clinic, Baird Music Hall, through Feb. 17.
Health Fair, second floor, Adron Doran University Center, 11 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 17

Concert: "Gospel Extravaganza," featuring the Jimtown Baptist Choir, the Edwards Sisters and the Jimtown Male Chorus, First Baptist Church, 123 E. Main St., Morehead, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

"Sounds of Our Heritage," Women in Traditional Music, four events, Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, Kentucky Folk Art Center, Morehead Conference Center, various times.

Tuesday, Feb. 19

9th Annual Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium: "Women—The New Majority," Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, 8 a.m.

Performance of Elizabeth Orndoff's "The Bathroom Cleaner" by Regina Lang, 419 Reed Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 21

Board of Regents work session, Riggle Room, ADUC, 9 a.m.

Film screening: "Imitation of Life," first floor lobby, ADUC, 7 p.m.

Guest recital: Diana Amos, soprano, Duncan Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22

Junior recital: Lydia Stamm, percussion, DRH, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Basketball: Lady Eagles vs. Tennessee Tech University, Academic-Athletic Center, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

"Meet MSU Day," Student Lounge-Administration Building, Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College (Whitesburg Campus), 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.; also Feb. 27, Oswald Building, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

"Tunnel of Oppression," awareness experience, ADUC, 10 a.m., also Feb. 27.

Film screening and discussion of "Living the Story, the Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky," 202 Breckinridge Hall, 6 p.m.

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