

Geosciences alumni, faculty to hold reunion

A big part of the collegiate experience is developing and maintaining friendships and professional relationships with classmates and professors in one's chosen field.

With that in mind, former Morehead State University geosciences students and faculty members are invited to return to the area for the second Geology Program Reunion.

The event will reunite geology, earth science and environmental science alumni from past decades to catch up with each other and to tour points of interest in the region. It will be held Friday through Sunday, June 6-8, at Carter Caves State Resort Park in Olive Hill, and on the MSU campus.

Activities get underway at 4 p.m. on June 6 with registration. Social gatherings are planned during the evening for students of the 1960s, 70s, 80s, 90s and more recent alumni.

The main reunion begins Saturday with a morning field trip to see selected depositional settings and fossil localities in Rowan, Morgan and Bath counties.

For the second leg of the trip, participants will view black shales and evidence of late Devonian glaciation in the Morehead area. The trip will originate at Lappin Hall on campus, and transportation will be provided.

After the trip and tours, a "Cook-In" will be held, beginning at 6 p.m., at Cascade Cave. On Sunday, June 8, there will be a send-off with breakfast in the front lobby of Lappin Hall.

Prior to the reunion, alumni are invited to submit, by April 1, old pictures, movies or videos to include in a presentation to be shown during the event. All materials will be returned as soon as possible, and the program will be loaded onto a DVD, copies of which will be available for purchase. Registration is necessary, by April 15, to attend the reunion.

Information and registration details are available by contacting Charles Mason, professor of geoscience, at 783-2166.

Alumni and other interested persons are invited to visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ess for updates on the reunion.

KMEA award

Frank Oddis, associate professor of music and coordinator of MSU's percussion program, was presented with the Kentucky Music Educators Association University Teacher of the Year award at the group's conference this month in Louisville. The award was again presented to him at the 50th Annual Band Clinic Feb. 16 on campus.

On the MSU faculty since 1977, Oddis holds a master's degree in music performance from East Carolina University and a Bachelor of Music Education degree from MSU. He was honored in 2004 with the MSU Distinguished Creative Productions Award for his achievements and his contributions to the world of percussion.

Oddis' arrangements and compositions for percussion have been performed by university and high school percussion ensembles in the United States and abroad. On campus, Oddis has performed with the MSU Faculty Jazz Quartet, has worked as a freelance percussionist and drummer for many jazz artists and national touring companies. Oddis has presented educational workshops and has served as an adjudicator for many organizations.

Relay for Life fundraisers set

As a partner in the fight against cancer, MSU's Relay For Life team has several fundraisers planned for the spring semester.

The campus community is encouraged to participate in as many as possible to help raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The team recently sold Valentine's Day treats and has a "messiest desk/office contest" in progress on campus. The team accepted nominations for the messiest desk or office "award." Pictures of the nominated workstation will be posted online and anyone may vote for their favorite through Friday, Feb. 29.

Votes are 25 cents each and may be cast at room 305 of the Howell-McDowell Administration Building, or at 100 Ginger Hall. The winner will receive a small trophy.

Just in time for the Easter holiday and spring, the team will host its annual online auction beginning Tuesday March 4, and ending Wednesday, March 12 at 3:30 p.m. The auction will feature baked goods and other treats, and when it opens, may be accessed at www.moreheadstate.edu/relay.

Coming up on Saturday, March 8, the Relay team will sponsor a talent show to be held at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium. Participant registration is \$15 and the deadline to enter is Wednesday, March 5.

Prizes are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. Admission to the show will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under the age of 8.

Other events planned include the "Shoot for the Moon Contest" where colleges will compete to sell moon and sun cutouts with which to remember cancer patients. A cookout will be held in mid-April and a yard sale is slated for Saturday, May 3. All proceeds will benefit Relay For Life.

The Relay For Life, scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, will be held at McBrayer Elementary school in Morehead.

It is an overnight, fun-filled event that celebrates cancer survivors and raises funds for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. Teams of participants take turns walking or running laps, keeping at least one team member on the track at all times.

Additional information and details about registering for the talent show are available by sending an electronic message to team members Sharon Reynolds, administrative assistant for the vice president for administration and fiscal services (sb.reynolds@moreheadstate.edu), or Kristie Williams, education program assistant, (k.williams@moreheadstate.edu); or by calling Reynolds at 776-0127.

Theatre nights

"A Comedy of Errors," will be staged at MSU Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 28-March 1, at Button Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. each night.

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

People in the News

Dr. Roma Prindle, associate professor of music, will lead a 14-student ensemble in an "Opera Gala" on Friday, Feb. 29, at the Richland Academy of the Arts in Mansfield, Ohio. The performance will include scenes from "The Magic Flute," "Carmen" and "The Telephone," among other operas.

Dr. Paul Taylor, associate professor of music, was a finalist in this year's "Takin' Care

KCTM co-hosts performance by Irish songwriter

MSU's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music and Morehead Sister Cities Inc. will present singer, songwriter and social activist Tommy Sands with Moya and Fionán Sands on Saturday, March 1.

The event will be held in Duncan Recital Hall, within Baird Music Hall, on the MSU campus. The show is free and open to the public.

From the pioneering days with the highly influential Sands Family, bringing Irish Music from New York's Carnegie Hall to Moscow's Olympic Stadium, he has developed into one of the most powerful songwriters and enchanting solo performers in Ireland today.

His songwriting, which draws the admiration of Nobel Poet Laureate Seamus Heaney and father of folk music Pete Seeger, prompts respected US magazine "Sing Out" to regard him as "the most powerful songwriter in Ireland, if not the rest of the world."

His songs, like "There were Roses, and Daughters and Sons, which have been recorded by Joan Baez, Kathy Mattea, Dolores Keane, Sean Keane, Frank Patterson and Dick Gaughan.

Additional information is available by calling KCTM at 783-9001.

Two retirees die

Two MSU retirees recently died - Mary C. Arnett and Gaye Osborne.

Arnett, 83, died Feb. 19 in Springfield, Ohio. She was a retired assistant library at MSU's Camden-Carroll Library, where she worked from 1969 until 1990. She also was a former elementary teacher and school librarian in Fleming County.

A native of Mt. Vernon, Arnett was born Aug. 12, 1924. She held bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU. She was the widow of Sherman Arnett.

She is survived by a daughter, Brenda Carol Engle of Springfield, Ohio, and two sons, Gerald Arnett of Clearfield and Dr. Larry Arnett of Morehead.

Funeral services were held Feb. 23 in Morehead, with burial at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Osborne, of Morehead, died Feb. 21 in Houston, where she had been undergoing medical treatment.

Osborne, 70, was a native of Bypro. She was a member of MSU's physical education and health faculty from 1965 until her retirement in 1992 at the rank of assistant professor. Previously, she taught at the elementary level in Wheelwright, and in high school in Spiceland, Ind.

She is survived by her husband, James W. Osborne, and a daughter, Jama Rose of Cynthiana.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26 in Morehead, with burial at Lee Cemetery.

of Business" program established by the Maysville-Mason county Chamber of Commerce. He and four other teachers from the area were nominated in the educator category for their dedication to teaching. He also was chosen as the guest artist for the Federated Association of Music Teachers Spring meeting, performing solo piano works of Beethoven, Faure and Ravel for Kentucky music teachers.

Youth project

MSU's Dr. Kimberly M. Peterson, assistant professor of veterinary technology, and Dr. Martha M. Decker, assistant professor of education, recently learned that their proposal, titled "Another Chance at Life and Learning: Morehead Youth Development Center Greyhound Project," was funded through the University's Center for Regional Engagement (CRE).

Primary project goals include introducing youth in the juvenile justice system to occupational training through observation and participation in various animal careers and promoting proficiency of veterinary technology students by providing wellness and dental care to retired racing dogs.

The grant was one of 13 funded by CRE. Project descriptions are available at: <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/engagement/index.aspx?id=20048>.

As part of the project, students in Dr. Peterson's VET 356 (Veterinary Technology – Small Animal Clinics) class had the opportunity on Tuesday, Jan. 22 to conduct a wellness check and clean the teeth of Reuben, a greyhound owned by the Louisville chapter of Greyhound Pets of America.

Reuben, along with three other greyhounds, is enrolled in a 12-week training program at the Morehead Youth Development Center where primary and secondary handlers will teach the dogs basic commands and to enjoy being pets rather than working dogs.

Reuben was accompanied to the clinic by student handlers and Center staff.

Each of the greyhounds will get two complete physicals and any health issues will be addressed as part of the program.

The vet tech students will gain valuable experience and the handlers will have the assurance that the dogs they are socializing for new homes are healthy.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Peterson at 783-2327 or Dr. Decker at 783-2507.

FitEagle 5K

Thinking about running in MSU's Wellness Center FitEagle 5K?

The center will offer a four-week beginner training program to get you ready for the run.

The class will be held at 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, March 24-April 18. The first session will meet in the WC classroom, after that at designated courses on campus.

The center has announced its hours of operation for Spring Break. The Wellness Center will be open from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 16; open from 9-noon, Monday through Saturday, March 17-22.

The center will return to its regular hours of operation on Monday, March 24.

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

Job vacancies

INTERNAL

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

EXTERNAL

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.

Online Enrollment Services Counselor, Office of Enrollment Services. To ensure consideration, apply by March 4.

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

Building Services Technician, Office of Facilities Management. This is to establish a pool of applicants from which to select for future vacancies; position will be open until Dec. 31.

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, contact the Office of Human Resources at 783-2097.

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SGA elections

MSU's Student Government Election Commission has released the dates for the 2008 Executive Elections.

Students are encouraged on Thursday, March 6, to review the available executive positions and requirements in the Student Activities Office, 204 Adron Doran University Center.

All candidates will be required to attend a mandatory meeting on Thursday, March 13, at 5 p.m. in ADUC. All candidates or campaign managers must attend to be added to the final ballot. No campaigning is allowed until the completion of this meeting. All candidates will be briefed on election rules in accordance with the SGA bylaws.

On Tuesday, April 1, students will be able to vote for all of the candidates, narrowing the ballot to the two candidates with the most votes in each race.

The following positions will be elected during the 2008 Executive Election: president, executive vice president, vice president for administration, vice president for finance, vice president for public relations and vice president for campus involvement.

Happenings

Thursday, Feb. 28

Basketball: Lady Eagles and Eagles vs. Tennessee State University, Academic-Athletic Center, 5:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Theatre production: "A Comedy of Errors" Button Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., also Feb. 29 and March 1.

Friday, Feb. 29

Baseball: Eagles vs. University at Buffalo, Allen Field, 3 p.m.
Emerging Leaders Symposium (ELS), for students, Adron Doran University Center, all day.

Saturday, March 1

Kentucky Music Educators Association Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Festival, Baird Music Hall, all day.
Baseball: Eagles vs. University at Buffalo, AF, doubleheader, noon, also March 2, noon.

Sunday, March 2

Graduate recital: Matthew Leonard, voice, Duncan Recital Hall, 3 p.m.
Senior recital: Adam Meyer, French horn, DRH, 5 p.m.

Monday, March 3

Student Academy Award Winners Film Festival, Chakeres University Cinema, Main Street, Morehead, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

Relay for Life online auction, through Wednesday, March 12, 3:30 p.m.
"Meet MSU Day," Calvert Center, Maysville Community and Technical College, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; also March 5, Community Room-Harold Rogers Student Commons, Somerset Community College, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Library prize

Want to win \$500, just for doing your homework?

Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library will reward the quality use of library resources in the scholarly writing process with the prize for Undergraduate Research. Deadline for students to enter is Friday, March 14.

The winner will be announced as a kickoff for National Library Week in mid-April. Complete details and application materials are available at www.moreheadstate.edu/library/prize.

The prize will be awarded at the annual MSU Academic Awards Convocation.

Additional information is available by calling Ray Bailey, librarian, at 783-5106.

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