

Shaw named development VP

The chief development officer of the U.S. Air Force Academy has been appointed to the same post at MSU.

James A. Shaw is MSU's new vice president for development and chief executive officer of the MSU Foundation, Inc., effective March 1. He succeeds Barbara A. Ender, who resigned.

Selected in a national search, the former Air Force officer will be responsible for managing MSU's fund raising and alumni relations programs and for coordinating the efforts of alumni and other volunteers in various projects and campaigns.

"We are delighted to have Jim Shaw fill this important post," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "Our objective was to recruit an experienced, successful development professional to lead us to the next level of fund raising excellence. We found such a person and look forward to working with him to significantly increase the gift assets of our institution."

A 1967 engineering graduate of the Air Force Academy, Shaw also holds master's degrees from Auburn University in business administration and from the University of Arizona in international relations. He had a postgraduate fellowship at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

"My wife, Cindy, and I are excited about becoming members of this vibrant University family and its welcoming community," Shaw said. "Morehead State is a special place with visionary leadership and we're happy to be joining a winning team."

Upon leaving active duty after 26 years at the rank of colonel, the former command pilot accepted a position with the Academy's Association of Graduates as vice president for development.

After seven years in that post, he was promoted to president and chief executive officer of the organization where he served nine years. His accomplishments included raising nearly \$40 million in a campaign to finance capital projects at the Academy.

He and his wife have three adult daughters - Gennie, Kali and Erin.

Additional information is available from the Office of Development at 783-2033.

LiCor funding

With help from MSU's Research and Sponsored Programs, Dr. Brian Reeder, professor of biology in the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, along with Dr. Carol Wymer, associate professor of biology, have obtained equipment grant funding from LiCor Corporation to purchase \$71,850 worth of equipment to train students in advanced analysis of photosynthesis and carbon exchange in plants.

The LiCor systems, acquired through this grant, obtain sophisticated real-time measurements of plant functions in the field. Normally considered only a tool for high-level scholarly research, these professors will be making the equipment accessible and understandable not only to graduate students, but also as a component of the problem-solving classroom experience of undergraduates.

All undergraduate biology and environmental science majors, as well as students in agriculture, will get a chance to use the LiCor Photosynthesis and Fluorescence systems. With this new equipment, students can design experiments to determine precise interactions of plant responses to sunlight and atmospheric carbon.

Gala 2008: 'Do You Wanna Dance?'

It's time to lace up those dancing shoes as MSU's Spring Gala, "Do You Wanna Dance?" will be held on Saturday, April 26.

Tie those shoes tight and get ready to dance the night away. After dinner, guests will enjoy a sensational show in historic Button Auditorium.

"This promises to be our most enjoyable Gala yet. Sue and I hope you will join us at this wonderful event," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

The evening will begin at the Adron Doran University Center with gala goers arriving at 6 p.m. for a reception. Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. in the Crager Room.

After dinner and the show, which will feature a live auction, guests can step on over to the silent auction to bid on a potential souvenir. Those in the mood can hit the dance floor.

As part of this year's gala, you could find yourself cruising in a 2008 Chevrolet HHR, sponsored by Larry Fannin Chevrolet. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$50 each.

The Big Ticket Raffle is a chance to win \$1,000 or three \$500 cash prizes. Larry Fannin Chevrolet and Kentucky Bank are the sponsors.

'Open mic' night

The Department of English, Foreign Language and Philosophy's Creative Writing Program will host an open mic at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, at the Kentucky Folk Art Center as part of the MSU Reading Series.

This open mic, designed to bring the MSU campus and the community-at-large together for a celebration of the written word, is open to all styles of spoken word performance including poetry, creative non-fiction, fiction, comedy, storytelling, rap, etc. Songwriters and musicians also are invited to join in this free event.

Performer registration begins at 6:30 p.m. on a first-come basis. No other advance registration is needed and the performance begins at 7 p.m. Participants have up to 10 minutes to read or can play two songs. Refreshments will be provided.

The MSU Reading Series is sponsored by MSU Arts & Humanities Council; the Caudill College of Humanities, Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy; the Kentucky Folk Art Center; Multicultural Student Services, and Interdisciplinary Women's Studies.

Reception set

A retirement reception in honor of Lt. Robert Clemons, police supervisor in the MSU Police Department, will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 27. The reception will be held in the first floor lobby of the Adron Doran University Center.

Lt. Clemons will retire on March 31 after 14 years of service to MSU.

People in the News

Dr. Richard Miles, professor of music and director of bands at MSU, served as editor and compiler of two new texts in the internationally recognized series, "Teaching Music through Performance" released by GIA Publications. Both books, "Teaching Music through Performance in Jazz" and "Teaching Music through Performance in Beginning Band, Volume II," were released at the 61st Annual Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago.

Lt. James E. Fraizer, with MSU's Police Department, recently attended the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the Rural Law Enforcement Technology Center's

Tickets may be purchased by calling Phillip James, assistant director of alumni relations, at 783-2080 or (800) 783-2586 (ALUM). The drawing will be held during the gala. The winners need not be present to win.

Tickets to the gala are:

--\$2,500 for gold sponsorship, including preferred seating, one table for eight, half-page ad in the program, and recognition on table cards;

--\$1,600 for corporate sponsors, which include a reserved table for eight and listing in the program;

--\$175 for patron sponsorship, includes one ticket and listing in the program;

--\$150 for individual patrons, includes one ticket for the event.

All packages include a contribution to the MSU Foundation Inc.

Proceeds from the event will support academic programs and provide educational opportunities for Morehead State University students. A portion of this year's proceeds will support MSU's spring break projects.

This year's goal is to raise \$175,000, which would bring total proceeds to nearly \$1.75 million since the first gala in 1993. Reservations should be made by April 11.

Additional information and tickets for MSU's annual Spring Gala are available by calling the Office of Development at 783-2033 or (877) 690-GIVE (4483).

Retiree dies

MSU retiree Vinson Alan Watts Sr., 78, of Morehead, died March 17 at St. Claire Regional Medical Center.

Watts was born Dec. 23, 1929, at Watts in Breathitt County, to the late Leslie and Annie Fugate Watts.

He was MSU's first personnel director, and worked at the University from 1968 until his retirement in 1985.

A two-time graduate of Berea College, he earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in business administration. At Berea, he also had been employed as the associate dean of labor, prior to coming to MSU.

Watts was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Army, and had served as vice chairman of the E.O. Robinson Mountain Fund Board. Among his other accomplishments were receiving the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award in Sustainable Agriculture for developing his own tomato variety, the Vinson Watts tomato.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Patricia Ascough Watts; two sons; two grandsons; a sister and other friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held March 20 in Morehead, with burial at the Brown Cemetery.

(RULETC) fifth annual Rural Law Enforcement Technology Institute in Charleston, S.C. The Institute is designed for the command staff and supervisory personnel of rural and small law enforcement agencies with fewer than 50 sworn officers.

Dr. Roger Cleveland, assistant professor of education, has been named to the Kentucky Department of Education Commissioner's Blue Ribbon Panel on intervention strategies. The panel was formed to review strategies that have proven successful in helping struggling schools raise the achievement levels of students, despite barriers like poverty.

AC 'Live' show

Americana singer Reagan Boggs along with groups Royal Pine (folk) and Kentucky Wild Horse (old-time) will perform at the next edition of "Americana Crossroads Live."

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) and the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will present the program on Friday, March 28, at the Morehead Conference Center, located on First Street. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the music to start at 7 p.m.

Royal Pine is Robin Aigner and Colver Ripley from Brooklyn, N.Y. Their style of folk music utilizes a blend of guitar, banjo, harmonica and ukelele in their original compositions. Last summer, Royal Pine performed at the Sundown at Moonlight Concert Series in Morehead.

Kentucky Wild Horse takes its name from an old eastern Kentucky fiddle tune played by the late Wolfe County fiddler Darley Fulks. Kentucky Wild Horse performs traditional fiddle and banjo music. Later this summer, they will be performing at the Bluegrass and Creative Arts Festival in Henderson and at the Seedtime On The Cumberland Festival in Whitesburg. Their CD is titled "Spirits Of The Lonesome Hills."

Boggs was raised in a coal mining community in southwest Virginia with deep roots in country music. Her music and songwriting abilities were nurtured by her family at an early age. Her CD, "Never Looking Behind," was named to Americana Highway's Top 30 list of 2006. In September, she will be performing at the Rhythm & Roots Reunion in Bristol, Tenn.

Concessions and door prizes will be available. Admission is \$5 per person, or \$20 for a Family Pack of five. Children, 12 and under, are admitted free.

Additional information is available on MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com.

Exercise class

With warmer weather on the horizon, many are thinking about getting in shape for spring, but may not know just how to get started. To help those people, MSU's Wellness Center is sponsoring a special workshop with tips on how to begin and maintain an exercise routine.

"Starting and Sticking to an Exercise Program" will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, in the Wellness Center classroom (room 113). Dr. Jennifer Dearden, assistant professor of health, physical education and sport sciences, will present information on getting and staying physically active.

In her program, Dr. Dearden will share ways to get started and have fun while exercising for better health. No experience is necessary to participate in the class.

The workshop is free and open to MSU students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community. The Wellness Center is located in Morehead State's athletic complex, next to Jayne Stadium.

Job vacancies

INTERNAL

Data Base Research Analyst I, Office of Administrative Computing Applications. To ensure consideration, apply by March 27.

EXTERNAL

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

Assistant Director of Athletics for Compliance, Office of Athletics. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until position is filled, for priority consideration online application and supporting documents must be received by April 11.

Assistant Professor of Education (Ashland), Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Review of applicant materials will begin April 21; however, applications will continue to be accepted until position is filled.

Assistant Professor of Education (Jackson), Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Review of applicant materials will begin April 21; however, applications will continue to be accepted until position is filled.

Assistant Professor of Education (Morehead), Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Review of applicant materials will begin April 21; however, applications will continue to be accepted until position is filled.

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs/Programs, Office of Academic Affairs. Review of applications will begin April 28 and will continue until position is filled.

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 for this keyboarding exercise, contact the Office of Human Resources at 783-2097.

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Dental courses

A dental assisting program will be offered through MSU's Office of Continuing Education.

Dental assisting courses begin April 1 and continue through May 27. The class will be held in Allie Young Hall on the Morehead campus. Dental assistants provide quality preventative and corrective dental care under direct supervision of the dentist or dental hygienist.

Additional information and registration are available by calling the Office of Continuing Education at 783-2875.

Happenings

Thursday, March 27

Folk art exhibit: "On Earth's Furrowed Brow: The Appalachian Farm in Photographs," by Tim Barnwell, Kentucky Folk Art Center, through June 1.

Tennis: Eagles and Lady Eagles vs. Eastern Illinois University, Sadler Courts, 9 a.m.

Small Business Development Center workshop: "Preparing to Finance Your Small Business" Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center, 120 Scott Perry Drive, Paintsville, 1 p.m.

Junior recital: Chelsea Carpenter, voice, Duncan Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

Senior recital: Allyson Martin, flute, DRH, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 28

Tennis: Eagles and Lady Eagles vs. Murray State, Sadler Courts, 2:30 p.m.

Concert: "Americana Crossroads Live," featuring Kentucky Wild Horse, Royal Pine and Reagan Boggs, Morehead Conference Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 29

Softball: Eagles vs. Tennessee Tech University, doubleheader, softball field, 1 p.m., also March 30, 1 p.m.

Baseball: Eagles vs. Eastern Kentucky University, Allen Field, doubleheader, 1 p.m., also March 30, 1 p.m.

Concert: MSU Saxophone Studio, DRH, 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 30

Senior recital: Robert Ross II, guitar, DRH, 1 p.m.

Baseball: Eagles vs. Eastern Kentucky University, AF, 1 p.m.

Softball: Eagles vs. Tennessee Tech University, doubleheader, softball field, 1 p.m.

Senior recital: Rodney Mora, piano, DRH, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 31

Annual Sophomore Art Exhibition, main gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays, through April 9.

Tuesday, April 1

Senior recital: Jeff Donaldson, percussion, DRH, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2

Wellness workshop: "Starting and Sticking to an Exercise Program," with Dr. Jennifer Dearden, assistant professor of health, physical education and sport sciences, 113 Wellness Center, 3 p.m.

Concert: Flute Choir, DRH, 8 p.m.

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