

Former KSP commander named chief

A former Kentucky State Police Post Commander with 21 years of law enforcement experience has been named police chief at MSU.

James Matt Sparks will succeed Joe Cline, who retired in January.

"We were pleased when we evaluated the qualifications of the pool of applicants. The fact that Matt was the successful candidate is an endorsement of his character and ability to lead as well as the law enforcement experience he brings to the position. We look forward to welcoming Matt to the Morehead State family and working with him in his role of Chief of the MSUPD," said Madonna Weathers, vice president of student life.

A Rowan County native, Sparks started his career as a trooper in 1986 and worked his way up the ranks of the KSP. He has served as lead detective, field sergeant, assistant commander of the internal affairs section and assistant commander at both Post 8 in Morehead and Post 14 in Ashland.

In June 2004, he was promoted to Commander of Post 13 in Hazard and later was named Commander of Post 14 in Ashland.

From 2005-2007, Sparks was the Commander of Kentucky State Police Human Resources Section until his retirement in August 2007.

He is a certified law enforcement instructor and has taught classes in interview and crime scene investigation at the Kentucky State Police Academy. He also has trained social workers in the area of child abuse investigations and assisted the Attorney General's office in state wide trainings.

Sparks and his wife, Tracy, reside in Morehead with their two children, Matthew and Caitlin Martin.

College day

MSU at West Liberty will host "College for a Day" on Wednesday, April 23.

The event is for any adult interested in beginning the process to get into college or to finish their degree.

The day will include question and answer sessions such as preparing for the ACT, getting into college, paying for college and planning your career. Participants will be able to attend two sample class sessions.

Registration will be held from 9:30-10 a.m. The program will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided and door prizes will be given at the end of the day.

MSU at West Liberty, Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center and Project Graduate are sponsoring the event.

To register call Sherry Fannin, regional campus assistant, at (606) 743-1500.

Step show

The popular stepping form of dance will be highlighted in the upcoming "Spring Step Show" at MSU on Saturday, April 19.

Teams representing Panhellenic organizations on the MSU campus will compete for top honors at the 7 p.m. event, to be held in Button Auditorium. Also planned for the show are exhibition performances from step teams in the campus community.

There is an admission charge, but Greek and Panhellenic students will be admitted free to both events if they wear their Greek-letter attire and present a valid MSU EagleCard ID.

Police train with mock shooting

MSU's campus may seem serene, but recently, gunshots were fired inside Lappin Hall. Simulated gunshots.

MSU Police Department conducted several "active shooter" training scenarios during Spring Break. Using semi-automatic weapons loaded with special ammunition known as "simmunitions," officers responded to realistic scenarios over a five-hour session.

Four MSU officers - Leah Whitney, Jarred Hunt, Greg Wells and Sgt. David James - have been certified as instructors by the National Tactical Officers Association (N.T.O.A.).

This was the third phase of the Patrol Response to Active Shooter course, which was developed by N.T.O.A.

All 15 MSUPD officers have been trained in the tactical techniques of rapid deployment. The group also has completed training in the National Incident Management System. NIMS is a national program designed to bring all stakeholders together in a coordinated fashion to manage any critical incident.

"What we tried to do is simulate a real-life situation where officers would have to enter a building, how they would enter as a team of officers, how they go through doors, how they secure areas, how they identify the hostile targets and how they identify friendly targets in the area," said Scott Barker, interim police chief.

Assisting the police were Madonna Weathers, vice president for student life, Kevin Koett, dean of students, Dr. Gerald DeMoss, dean of the College of Science and Technology, and Dr. Mike Fultz, assistant professor of biology.

This training is just one component of a comprehensive ongoing initiative to keep the Morehead State campus safe and informed in emergency procedures and responses. Morehead State has installed a new outdoor, audible alarm system.

The warning devise includes electronic tones and PA systems and is located atop Cartmell and Ginger halls. In addition to online resources, MSU has published an Emergency Procedures Handbook distributed to all campus offices. Emergency posters have been installed in classrooms.

SBDC class

A "Financing Opportunities for Small Business" workshop will be offered by MSU's Small Business Development Center. The workshop will be held at the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center, 120 Scott Perry Drive, Paintsville, on Tuesday, April 22, from 1-3 pm. It is free to the public but limited to available space.

People in the News

Dr. Rodney Stanley, associate professor of industrial education, and **Sam Mason**, instructor of manufacturing technology, were recently presented a check in support of "Fort Boonesborough Museum Displays: An Interdisciplinary Student Project." The funding came from the Fort Boonesborough Foundation. The project was one of 13 recently funded by MSU's Center for Regional Engagement, administered through the University's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy.

Dr. Michael W. Hail, assistant dean in the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy and director of the Masters in Public Administration program, was part of a national panel of experts for a "Symposium on the Legacy of the

Annual student scholarship event is April 12

The third annual Celebration of Student Scholarship Showcase will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, on the third floor of the Adron Doran University Center.

The annual event showcase's the scholarship, research, and creative productions of MSU students. Throughout the day, students from all academic disciplines will be presenting their scholarly work in various formats including paper and poster presentations and lecture/ performance.

This showcase provides an excellent opportunity for the University and public communities to see the quality of the work produced by these young scholars working with their faculty mentors.

Complete program, abstract, and schedule information may be found at www.moreheadstate.edu/files/units/rgc/UGProgramLayout2008.doc.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Bruce Mattingly, associate provost for research and sponsored programs, at 783-2010 or e-mail him at b.mattingly@moreheadstate.edu.

'Jungle Jive'

MSU students will soon be moving and grooving for a good cause as they host the fifth annual Dance Marathon.

The theme for this year's marathon is "Jungle Jive," and the event will be held in Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) on Friday, April 11.

Dance Marathon is a six-hour fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) at the Kentucky Children's Hospital. Established in 1983, the CMN raises money and awareness about certain diseases. It also sponsors children with birth defects, cancer, heart disease, muscular dystrophy, AIDS and other serious diseases.

The marathon is the largest student-led philanthropy at MSU. From 6 p.m. until midnight, participant "dancers" may play games, eat, dance, enjoy entertainment or simply hang out - anything except sit down.

Registration materials for "Jungle Jive" are available at the Office of Student Activities, located in 204 ADUC. The fee is \$20 per person, with group rates available.

Donations by individuals or businesses will be accepted, and may be sent to the Dance Marathon Committee, 150 University Blvd., Box 797, Morehead, KY 40351.

Presidency of George W. Bush" at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio. The event featured a full day of assessment by faculty from across the U.S. whose research presentations cover the breadth of presidential policy and leadership. He addressed the Bush presidency with focus upon Federalism and Domestic Policies.

Dr. Richard Miles, director of bands, was elected to the American Bandmasters Association (ABA) at the group's recent 74th Annual Convention in Miami. Membership into ABA comes through an application process where potential members are thoroughly screened. Only those with a strong record of professional achievement are invited to join.

Job vacancies

INTERNAL

To apply for the internal positions, please visit: <https://secureweb.moreheadstate.edu/NovusHREmpApps/LoginPage.aspx>

Associate Director of Housing, Office of Student Housing. Review of applications will begin immediately; however, to ensure consideration all materials must be received by April 17.

Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Education, Office of Student Housing. Review of applications will begin immediately; however, to ensure consideration all materials must be received by April 17.

Student Life Coordinator, Office of Student Housing. Review of applications will begin immediately; however to ensure consideration all materials must be received by April 17.

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 (Tenure-Track, 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.

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Assistant Professor of Education (Tenure-Track, 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 begin April 28 and will continue until position is filled.

Assistant Professor of Animal Science (Tenure-Track), Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences. To ensure consideration, apply by May 11.

Assistant Professor of Space Science/Astronautical Engineer (Tenure-Track), Space Science Center. To ensure consideration, apply by May 18.

Assistant Professor of Nursing (Three Positions, Tenure-Track), Department of Nursing. Review of applications will begin May 18 and will continue until the positions are filled.

eBay workshop

MSU's Small Business Development Center recently hosted "Getting Started on eBay" for 13 local participants, many of whom are already operating small businesses.

The workshop, presented at MSU's Regional Enterprise Center in West Liberty, was conducted by Mark Johnson, a manager in the Small Business Services Division of the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

The event introduced the basic concepts and components of setting up a business on eBay. Participants were shown the process of listing, selling and receiving payment for items sold.

"People today are more skilled at computers and technology than ever before so there is a natural interest in wanting to learn about online business opportunities," said Michael Rodriguez, SBDC consultant, headquartered at the Enterprise Center.

Teaching honor

The selection committee for the Gov. Louie B. Nunn Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for the 2009 class of inductees.

The Hall of Fame was created through a gift by former Gov. Nunn, who hoped to recognize the vital role that primary and secondary teachers in Kentucky play in the education of young people and the positive impact education has on the state's economy. For the second straight year, MSU dean of the College of Education, Cathy Gunn will serve on the committee.

Selection will be made from individuals who currently teach or who have spent a significant portion of their professional career in Kentucky and have made noteworthy contributions to the lives of children and youth in the school setting. Nominees may be living or deceased. Each applicant must have a minimum of 19 years of teaching experience and at least 10 years in Kentucky schools. Additional information and nomination materials are available online at http://edtech.wku.edu/deans_office/Gov-LBN_KY-THF.htm

Instructor of Spanish (Fixed-Term), Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Philosophy. Review of applications will begin immediately; however to ensure consideration application materials must be received by June 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. MSU is an EO/AA educator and employer with a strong commitment to community engagement.

Happenings

Thursday, April 10

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

Summer and Fall 08 terms registration, online, through April 11.

Frank & Bethel C. Gallaher Memorial Music Competition finals, Duncan Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Theatre: "Reflections," dance concert, Lucille Little Theatre, Breckinridge Hall, 7:30 p.m., through April 12; also April 13, 2 p.m.

Concert: Percussion Ensemble II, DRH, 8 p.m.

Friday, April 11

Regional Foreign Language Festival, for area students, various locations on campus, all day.

35th Annual MSU Jazz Clinic, DRH, all day. Junior recital: Jonathan Sharp, percussion, DRH, 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

Senior recital: Ricky Spears, trumpet, First Baptist Church, Morehead, 3 p.m.

Softball: Eagles vs. Jacksonville State University (doubleheader), Allen Field, 1 p.m.; also April 13, 1 p.m.

National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi annual spring banquet, Crager Room, Adron Doran University Center, 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 13

Concert: Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble, DRH, 3 p.m.

Senior recital: Heather Gibson, trombone, DRH, 5 p.m.

Junior recital: Ryan Miller, trombone, DRH, 7 p.m.

Kentucky Blood Center blood drive, on campus, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., also April 15.

Tuesday, April 15

Softball: Eagles vs. Marshall University (doubleheader), softball field, 2 p.m.

Concert: Big Band with Jazz Ensemble I & II, DRH, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16

Baseball: Eagles vs. Georgetown College, Allen Field, 3 p.m.

Concert: Black Gospel Ensemble, DRH, 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 17

Softball: Eagles vs. Kentucky Wesleyan College (doubleheader), 2 p.m.

Comedy performance: John Mulaney, Button Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Concert: Guitar Ensemble, DRH, 8 p.m.

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