

University IDs will change to 'tap-n-go' cards

Morehead State University's EagleCard (ID) system will be going through a change this summer which will offer improvements that will make it easier for students.

The new system, a networked contactless "tap-n-go" solution, will utilize the University's current system that controls meal plans and declining balance accounts.

"The need for the change began with the decision to replace the current SmartChip system and the 200 associated readers currently installed on vending, laundry, computer lab printers and selected copiers on campus," said Doug Snedegar, EagleCard coordinator.

Perhaps the most visible change during this implementation process will be the re-design and replacement of some 12,000 EagleCards held by students, faculty and staff. Current card holders will have the opportunity to update their EagleCard photos beginning April 21-May 9 at the EagleCard Office, room 107, Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Only students who have registered for the fall 2008 term and have a photo on file will have a new pre-activated EagleCard produced in advance for the event. Summer II students will have the opportunity to pick up their new EagleCard beginning July 7.

Faculty and staff, who will be employed for the summer, will be able to pick up their new IDs also on July 7. Faculty and staff who will not be employed for the summer, but will be returning for the fall, will have a new EagleCard produced in advance for the main recarding event.

Current IDs will no longer be valid and will need to be turned in when picking up the new one. Every effort is being made to have primary components live and utilize the new system during the summer, specifically Dining Services, University Bookstore and student computer labs.

All other locations and services utilizing the new technology will be coming online continuously over the summer months and students, faculty and staff will have the option of using cash/coin at these locations until the implementation is complete.

Students, faculty and staff should continuously check the EagleCard implementation page for updated production/recording dates, active locations and system information as the implementation proceeds.

Another change will be the lack of an external contact smartchip that has been used for the CampusCash account. Due to the proprietary nature, CampusCash funds will not transfer to the new system. Every effort should be made to spend the CampusCash (chip) convenience account before July 1.

Visit the EagleCard Web site (www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglecard) for additional information.

MRI conference

Imaging sciences students at MSU took first and third place honors at the 4th Annual MRI Conference hosted by The Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus.

Two of the four computed tomography/magnetic resonance component seniors joined Cyndi Gibbs, associate professor of imaging sciences, to present their research poster projects at the "Key Concepts to MRI Success" meetings.

Vetoes will not affect higher ed

Gov. Steve Beshear vetoed 11 line items in the new \$19 billion state budget for 2008-10 on Monday but none apparently affected public postsecondary education's share of the two-year spending plan.

The General Assembly is meeting today (Tuesday) in its final day of the 2008 session to consider overriding the vetoes and to vote on other legislation left pending when the 10-day veto recess began on April 3.

For Morehead State, the new budget has about \$2.9 million less in state funds than the current budget from last July 1.

But the new spending plan does provide \$5.7 million in state funds to replace environmental controls at the central heating plant and authorize the issuance of MSU revenue bonds for the \$39 million student recreation center project, a \$4.6 million renovation of Alumni Tower and a \$5.6 million renovation of Mignon Tower, all to be financed with student fees.

MSU and the five other regional institutions will share a total of \$10 million in new "Bucks for Brains" matching funds to stimulate private giving.

By not vetoing the entire bill or not signing it, the governor allowed it to become law without his signature, a symbolic way of expressing his general displeasure with its provisions.

Service awards

Several MSU employees were honored recently for attaining milestones in their years of service with the University. MSU President Wayne D. Andrews congratulated each employee as he presented them with a service pin symbolic of the achievement.

Among those participating in the ceremony, and their years of service were: Cindy Thompson, 20; Gaylena Cline, 15; Donna Calvert, five; Paula Black, five; Sharon Reynolds, five; Shellie Hallock, 15; Wilma Tate, 15; Janie Poston, five; Mike Walters, 30;

Doug Snedegar, 15; Rusty Thurman, 10; Jennifer Madden, 20; Laraiisa Davis-Morris, five; Johnda Flora, 10; Linda Nickell, five; Mike Biehl, 30; Chris Hampton, 10; Troy Wistuba, five; and Barbara Willoughby, five.

USBC tourney

MSU will be represented by its women's bowling teams during the 2008 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships, which will be held through April 19 at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan.

A total of 16 women's and 16 men's teams will compete in the event.

People in the News

Dr. Robert E. Frank, associate professor of speech and speech communication director, delivered his paper "Crafting an Identity: Angela Merkel as First Female Chancellor of Germany" at the Southern States Communication Association's 78th Annual Convention, held April 2-6 in Savannah, Ga.

Chuck Mraz, news director at Morehead State Public Radio, won a first place award for "Best Sports Reporting," and finished second for "Best Newscast" in the annual Kentucky Associated Press Awards. Dan Conti, assistant news director, earned an honorable mention in the "Best Newscast" category for "Mountain Edition."

Dr. Phil Prater, associate professor of veterinary technology, **Dr. Kim Peterson**,

CPE appoints Cowgill as its permanent chief

In something of a surprise, the Council on Postsecondary Education appointed Brad Cowgill as its permanent president in a meeting in Frankfort.

He assumes the duties May 1.

Cowgill became interim president Sept. 1, 2007, replacing former president Tom Layzell. Cowgill's current contract expires April 30, 2008.

His election came over the objection of Gov. Steve Beshear who had insisted that a new, national search be conducted.

Council Chairman John Turner said, "We are extremely pleased to offer this position to Brad. He has proven himself to be a very capable leader and has served with distinction during the past eight months."

Among Cowgill's accomplishments cited by Turner include leading a vigorous commitment to the goals of postsecondary and adult education reforms by advancing a system-wide plan, issued in October, 2007, to "Double the Numbers" of college graduates in the state by 2020.

The goals and objectives of the plan were the focus of a "performance based" budget request for postsecondary and adult education, drafted within 65 days following Cowgill's arrival to the Council.

Also under Cowgill's leadership, the Council convened the Kentucky Adult Learner Initiative, funded by the Lumina Foundation for Education.

The initiative will create a comprehensive framework for adult learner policies and increase the responsiveness of postsecondary institutions to the needs of adult learners.

A related initiative, Project Graduate, launched last fall and is a system-wide effort to re-enroll students with 90 or more credit hours.

Cowgill said that he is looking forward to serving the commonwealth as president of the Council. "I am very grateful for this opportunity. I pledge to work hard to maintain the momentum toward meeting the goals of postsecondary and adult education reforms," he said.

Prior to coming to the Council as interim president, Cowgill served as the state budget director. Earlier, Cowgill practiced law with Stites and Harbison, PLLC.

The CPE president received a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and a law degree from the University of Kentucky.

assistant professor of veterinary tech, **Dr. J. Michael Phillips**, chair of the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences, and **Dr. Troy Wistuba**, assistant professor of agricultural science, co-authored the research poster "The effect of the Kentucky Beef Cattle Improvement Program on real-time ultrasound carcass traits, performance and pelvic measurement of heifers enrolled in the Eastern Kentucky Heifer Development Program." The poster took third place in the graduate student competitive research papers, M.S. poster division at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Section of the American Society of Animal Science, held in March in Iowa. Two MSU graduate students were the other co-authors of the poster.

Gallery talk

MSU's Kentucky Folk Art Center announces a gallery talk by North Carolina photographer Tim Barnwell on Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. Barnwell's current exhibition "On Earth's Furrowed Brow: The Appalachian Farm in Photographs" is on display in KFAC's Adkins Gallery.

On Earth's Furrowed Brow presents 30 photographs and accompanying oral histories, depicting traditional farming life in the southern Appalachian region. Barnwell's works document and celebrate the people and the land of Appalachia. He began working on this photographic project in the late 1970s while chief photographer for Mountain Living magazine.

His photography is widely collected and is included in the permanent collections of The Metropolitan Museum of Art (N.Y.), New Orleans Museum of Art, High Museum of Art (Atlanta); R.J. Reynolds Industries; Bank of America; and The Mint Museum in Charlotte.

His images have appeared in scores of magazines and books including Time, Newsweek, U.S. News & World Report, American Craft, Travel South, House Beautiful, U.S. Air, Blue Ridge Country, National Parks, Black and White Photography and Outdoor Photographer. His work can be viewed at www.barnwellphoto.com.

Barnwell's photographs from the region were collected in The Face of Appalachia: Portraits from the Mountain Farm and On Earth's Furrowed Brow: The Appalachian Farm in Photographs. Both books are available at the KFAC Museum Store.

Barnwell will sign copies following his presentation.

"Tim is a great photographer and one of the finest contemporary photographic documenters of Appalachian life and culture," said KFAC's Artistic Director Adrian Swain.

"His visit to Morehead is a special opportunity for our student community and the general public. I know we have many amateur and professional photographers who will have a distinct interest in hearing what Tim has to say."

Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University.

Writers' panel

Morehead State University's Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy will host a panel of distinguished writers, editors and publishers from across Kentucky on Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m. in room 312 of the Adron Doran University Center.

The discussion, titled "The Art and the Business: Interactions among Writers, Editors and Publishers," examines how collaborations and conflicts help produce the finished journals and books that we read.

All those interested in creative writing are invited to attend.

Job vacancies

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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.

Assistant Vice President for Technology, Office of Planning, Budgets and Technology. Review of applications will begin May 25 and will continue until the position is filled.

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.

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Internal applicants should obtain a copy of the job opportunity posting from the OHR 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 17

Folk art exhibit: "On Earth's Furrowed Brow: The Appalachian Farm in Photographs," by Tim Barnwell, Kentucky Folk Art Center, through June 1.
Baseball: Eagles vs. Georgetown College, Allen Field 2 p.m.
Concert: Guitar Ensemble, Duncan Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, April 18

Student Orientation, Advising and Registration, for new students, Adron Doran University, also April 19.
Festival: Kentucky Music Educators Association Concert Band, DRH, 5-10:30 p.m., also April 19.
Concert: Americana Crossroads Live, featured performers, Mark Fosson, Wii Maring and Robert Bowlin and Red State Ramblers, Morehead Conference Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Baseball: Eagles vs. University of Tennessee at Martin (doubleheader), Allen Field, 1 p.m.; also April 20, 1 p.m.
Concert: Kentucky Music Educators Association Concert Band, DRH, 5 p.m.
Spring Step Show, Button Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22

Lecture: "A Cross-Cultural Exploration of Values Related to Women & Women's Issues," 111 Claypool-Young Art Building, 4:30 p.m.
Concert: Concert Band, DRH, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

Softball: Eagles vs. IUPUI (doubleheader), softball field, 2 p.m.
Wellness workshop: "Stress Management," with Dr. Teresa Hardman, associate professor of health, physical education and sport sciences, 113 Wellness Center, 3 p.m.
Senior Art Exhibition, CY, through May 7; opening reception, 6-8 p.m.
OperaWorks Extravaganza! DRH, 8 p.m.,

Thursday, April 24

Panel discussion: "The Art and the Business: Interactions among Writers, Editors and Publishers," 312 ADUC, 7 p.m.
Master class with visiting artist Joseph Alessi, trombonist, DRH, 3 p.m.
Concert: Symphony Band and Percussion Ensemble, DRH, 8 p.m.

Friday, April 25

Senior recital: Frances Lotz, trumpet, DRH, 7 p.m.

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