

## Annual awards convocation set

Nicholas Shawn Lykins, the son of Jack and Brenda Lykins of West Liberty, will be the student speaker at the 23rd annual Academic Awards Convocation on Sunday, April 29.

During the program, which begins at 2 p.m. in Button Auditorium, the University will recognize the scholarly achievements of its students, faculty and staff.

Students with perfect grade point average, student authors and presenters, and graduating seniors from the Academic Honors Program will be honored at the convocation, which will launch a week long tribute to academic excellence, April 30-May 4.

Each academic department will present awards to its outstanding graduate and undergraduate students, and recipients of the University's most prestigious faculty and staff honors – Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished Researcher and Distinguished Creative Production awards – will be recognized at the convocation.

Morehead State University has been recognized as one of the top public universities in the South in 2005, 2006 and 2007 issues of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report.

Additional information about the Academic Honors Convocation is available by calling 783-2807.

## 'Displace Me'

Several Morehead State University students will soon know what it feels like to be an internally displaced person, at least for a day. MSU students will travel to Nashville on Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29 to attend "Displace Me."

For this two-day event, students will sleep outside, be sustained on minimal "food rations" and experience the realities of living as a refugee.

"Displace Me" is a national initiative of the Invisible Children campaign to raise awareness and support for people in Northern Uganda driven from their homes and livelihood because of armed conflict and conscription of child soldiers.

The people are forced to resettle in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps where conditions permit survival, but little else.

This event will be an opportunity for MSU students to imagine for 24 hours what it is like for the millions of people in Northern Uganda who have been displaced for more than 10 years. The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) has abducted thousands of children who were subjected to torture or sexual violence, then forced to fight in a violent guerilla army.

Fifteen cities across the nation will host "displacement camps." MSU's coordinators are working to provide transportation for every student who wishes to attend.

Students who would like to participate in "Displace Me" should sign up at a registration table at the Adron Doran University Center. Those who attend the event should remember to bring a sleeping bag, toiletries, extra clothing for cool weather, an unopened bottle of water and a package of unopened saltine crackers.

The trip is being sponsored by the Student Government Association, the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy and the assistant provost for diversity.

Additional information may be obtained on the Web at [www.invisiblechildren.com/displaceme](http://www.invisiblechildren.com/displaceme).

## Hall of Fame inductees announced

Morehead State University will induct four new members into the MSU Alumni Hall of Fame in a special ceremony set for Friday, May 11, in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center. The event will begin at 7 p.m.

Alumni inducted into the Hall of Fame are recognized for achieving professional prominence. The four alumni to be honored this year represent diverse career paths.

Dr. Walter Blevins Jr. (1972), a dentist, who has served as a State Senator since 1992. His leadership positions have included President Pro Tem, Democratic Majority Floor Leader and Majority Whip. Before being elected to the Senate, he served 10 years in the House.

He is a Morgan County High School (Upward Bound Program), MSU and the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry graduate. A veteran, he was a captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corps.

Blevins, a past president of the Morehead Jaycees and the Morehead Optimist Club, is a member of the El Hasa Shrine Temple in Ashland, the Elks, Scabbard and Blade, the Masons and OKU, an Honorary Dental Fraternity and has received numerous awards, including the Earth Day Award on the 25th anniversary of Earth Day. He received the Democrat nomination for Congress in 1994.

Blevins, the father of three daughters — Kristen and twins, Lacy and Leah, resides in Sandy Hook.

Lillard E. "Bud" Gilbert (1959) has been called the nation's leading expert on warhead characterization.

Gilbert grew up on the family farm near the Greenup and Carter County line. He graduated from Wurtland High School in the spring of 1948 and began his college career at Berea.

However, he enlisted in the Air Force in 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1954. Gilbert attended MSU from 1955 to June 1959. He earned his B.S. degree with majors in physics and mathematics and a minor in chemistry.

After graduation, he spent one year as a high school teacher in Indiana before starting to work as a U.S. Air Force Civil Servant at Wright-

## Plant sales

Sale of plants from Morehead State University's greenhouses is being conducted this year at the MSU Farm (Derrickson Agricultural Complex) on KY 377. Sales are scheduled Monday through Fridays, April 30 - June 1, from noon until 5:30 p.m.

Plants for sale include wave petunias at \$1 each, hanging ferns at \$8 each, geraniums in 6-inch pots at \$3.50, tomatoes at 75 cents each, annual bedding plants at 50 cents each and many more varieties.

To reach the MSU Farm, go north on KY 32 past I-64, turning right at the junction of KY 377. Proceed approximately one mile; the farm is located on the left. At the farm, turn left on the second road and continue to the greenhouse.

Plants are produced through student classes and labs in the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Mike Phillips, department chair, at 783-2662.

## People in the News

**Drs. Jennifer J. Birriel and Ignacio Birriel**, assistant professors of physics, were recently elected to two-year terms as president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Kentucky Association of Physics Teachers (KAPT). The only state organization that is exclusively for people interested in teaching

Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, in June 1960. He held that post until his retirement in 1986. During that time, he developed the first functional uniaxial straight field generator, developed the prediction model for dynamic, structural failure, developed the methodology for evaluation the nuclear vulnerability of satellites and other spacecraft, developed and designed the prototype model for the first space bomber, developed the first accurate threat model for an antiaircraft missile, conventional high explosive warhead.

Even after retirement, he still worked on numerous projects and conducted seminars. By 2000, he had written 31 book-length technical reports. Recently, he managed and operated a 600-acre hardwood timber farm. Gilbert and his wife, Marjorie, reside in Riverside, Ohio.

Wayne L. "Box" Miller (1979) is a sportscaster, public speaker, musician and an author. Miller earned a degree in broadcasting from MSU, where he worked for WMKY and the campus TV station. His award winning radio show "Prime Time Sports Show" has aired on 1230 AM, The Buzz (Cincinnati) for the past six years.

On Sundays, Miller co-hosts "Sports Rock," a fast-paced sports magazine show on WLWT, Channel 5. He also runs a successful consulting firm that specializes in minority marketing and public and community relations.

In addition, he is an in-demand speaker in the tri-state area, bringing candid and mind-stirring messages geared to various age groups and social circles. In the spring of 2006, Miller was honored for his community service at the annual Cincinnati Human Relations Commission dinner and awards ceremony.

Miller also is a published author. His first literary work, "From the Soul of a Man," is a book of poetry that represents an insightful ride through the author's mind and the thoughts love evokes.

Daragh L. Porter (1977) spent her childhood in Olive Hill, graduating from West Carter High School in 1974. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and a master's degree in business administration from MSU. Porter also is a graduate of Indiana University's Executive Development Program, Harvard Business School's Finance for Senior Executives and Wharton School of Business' M & A for Executives. She is a certified public accountant.

Porter has served on numerous professional and civic organizations' boards and committees. She joined Ashland Inc., in 1977, and has held a variety of positions. In May of 2005, she was named vice president of finance and treasurer, with the added responsibility for investor relations. In 2007, Porter's responsibilities were expanded to include global insurance services for Ashland. She and her husband live in Loveland, Ohio.

Tickets are \$15 per person and should be ordered by May 2.

Additional information is available by calling 783-2080.

physics and related courses at the introductory and upper division levels, KAPT has a membership of more than 100 high school, community college and university faculty across the state. Dr. Jennifer Birriel succeeds former KAPT president **Dr. Capp Yess**, MSU associate professor of physics.

## Comic opera

Local audiences can spend a night in old Vienna when Morehead State University's OperaWorks present Johann Strauss' comic operetta "Die Fledermaus" on Tuesday, May 1, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall.

The production will be performed in English, but will be presented with traditional Viennese customs and fanfare.

Admission to the performance is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. The audience will be invited to a sparkling "champagne" reception as part of the show.

"Die Fledermaus," or "The Revenge of the Bat," was first performed at the Theater an der Wein in Vienna in 1874. The story, which takes place in Vienna on New Year's Eve, is a complicated tale of love, adventure and mischief.

Part of the traditional escapades is the appearance of mystery guests who perform for the attendants at Prince Orlofsky's party. Local personalities are expected to appear as mystery guests, as well.

Dr. Roma Prindle, associate professor of music, directs OperaWorks.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Prindle at 783-2481.

## Senior art

The main gallery in Claypool-Young Art Building on the Morehead State University campus is the site of the annual "Senior Art Exhibition," now through May 9.

All art students of senior rank are required to participate in the exhibition, allowing them an opportunity to exhibit their work in the professional realm.

The gallery in Claypool-Young Art Building serves the Morehead State University community as well as the University's service region.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Visitation is free and open to the public.

Additional information is available by calling Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at 783-5446.

## SBDC seminar

A free workshop for prospective small business owners, "Business Start-up Basics," will be offered by Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Paintsville.

The workshop will be presented by Phil Greene, general management consultant of the Paintsville SBDC, on Monday, April 30.

The two-hour session will begin at 6 p.m. at the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center, located at 120 Scott Perry Drive which is off of Teays Branch Road.

The workshop is free for all participants, however, seating is limited and advance registration is recommended.

Additional information and pre-registration are available by calling Greene or Sabrina Jude at (606) 788-6008.

## Job vacancies

### EXTERNAL

**Aquatics Assistant Director #1455**, Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences. To ensure consideration, apply by April 27.

**Women's Head Basketball Coach #1464**, Department of Athletics. The review of materials will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. To ensure consideration apply by April 30.

**Search Extended. Clinical Director of University Counseling Center #1424**, University Counseling Center. Review of new applications will begin May 15 and will continue until the position is filled.

**Building Services Technician #1390**, Office of Physical Plant. This announcement is to invite applications for the purpose of establishing a pool of applicants from which to select full-time, fixed-term Building Services Technician vacancies that occur through June 30.

**Police Officer #1436**, MSU Police Department. This announcement is to invite applications for the purpose of establishing a pool of applicants from which to select as Police Officer vacancies that occur through Dec. 31. Applications will continue to be accepted until this date.

**Police Telecommunicator #1437**, MSU Police Department. This announcement is to invite applications for the purpose of establishing a pool of applicants from which to select as Police Telecommunicator vacancies that occur through Dec. 31. Applicants will continue to be accepted until this date.

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.

Morehead State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action educator and employer with a strong commitment to community engagement.

## CCH retirees

The Caudill College of Humanities will host a retirement reception for four faculty members on Thursday, May 3, from 3-4:30 p.m. in the main gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building.

Faculty members to be honored are: Dr. Robert Pritchard, professor of music; Dixon Ferrell, associate professor of art; Dr. Susanne Rolland, associate professor of social work and coordinator of the social work program; and Lt. Col. Bonnie Noyes, professor of military science and chair of the Department of Military Science.

The event will feature live music and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Happenings

### Thursday, April 26

Senior Art Exhibition, main gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building, through May 9.

Softball: Eagles vs. Bellarmine University, doubleheader, University Field, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Concert: Symphony Band, Duncan Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

### Friday, April 27

Junior recital: David Smith and Aaron Willison, tuba, DRH, 7 p.m.

Junior recital: Rodney Mora, piano, DRH, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, April 28

Senior recital: Tyler Thompson, oboe, DRH, 1 p.m.

Softball: Eagles vs. Samford University, doubleheader, UF, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., also April 29, noon.

Senior recital: Jennifer Thompson, saxophone, DRH, 3 p.m.

### Sunday, April 29

Senior recital: Brenda Fenney, flute, DRH, 1 p.m.

Academic Honors Convocation, Button Auditorium, 2 p.m.

Senior recital: Christine Holthouse, clarinet, DRH, 3 p.m.

Junior recital: Heather Gibson, trombone, and Catherine Strobel, clarinet, DRH, 5 p.m.

### Monday, April 30

Research and Creative Productions luncheon, Commonwealth Room, Adron Doran University Center, 11:30 a.m.

Concert: University Chorus, First Baptist Church, 8 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 1

Folk art exhibit: "Against the Grain: Minnie Adkins, Kentucky Folk Carver," through May 27.

Caudill College of Humanities awards luncheon, Crager Room, ADUC, Center, 11:30 a.m.

Stress Management Workshop, Wellness Center classroom, 6 p.m.

Concert: "Die Fledermaus," OperaWorks, DRH, 8 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 2

College of Education awards luncheon, Crager Room, ADUC, 11:30 a.m.

Baseball: Eagles vs. Samford (double header), Allen Field, 1 p.m.; also May 6, 1 p.m.

Big Band Concert, DRH, 8 p.m.

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