

Gniot selected OHR director

Morehead State University has announced that Phillip E. Gniot has been named director of human resources. He began his new duties April 23.

The announcement was made by Michael R. Walters, vice president for administration and fiscal services.

"Phil Gniot is a human resources professional with successful experience in both a business environment and in higher education. His experience and enthusiasm, combined with his strong employee/customer service focus, will serve Morehead State University well," Walters said.

Gniot's diverse work history and proven record of achievement in human resources includes private and public companies in the insurance/service sector, manufacturing and higher education. Prior to coming to MSU, he worked for nearly seven years at Kentucky State University as the executive director of human resources where he was involved with all areas of human resources, helped develop their market based compensation system and implemented many process and benefit improvements.

Before working in higher education, his varied experience included the dot-com sector and 14 years with Hughes/GM at the subsidiary and corporate levels.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Northeastern Illinois University and is a 2004 graduate of the College Business Management Institute. Gniot is president of the Kentucky chapter of the College and University Professional Association (CUPA) and is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management.

He has served on the board of the Des Plaines United Way and was the recipient of the "Excellence in Private Section Management Award" from the Illinois Private Industry Council in 1992. Gniot has three daughters and one grandson. He currently lives in Lexington with his wife, Beth.

Spring concert

Morehead State University will take on a distinctly tropical theme on Thursday, May 3, for the President's Spring Concert, Steel Drums & Beach Bums.

Slated to be held from 5-9 p.m. in the commons area of the Adron Doran University Center, the event will feature a performance by the MSU Steel Band, followed by a set from Conch Republic, a tropical rock band.

The festivities will be held in conjunction with the SACyard BBQ, sponsored by the Student Activities Council. There also will be a car and bike show on Battson-Oates Drive. In addition to the music, there will be food, door prizes and other activities. All events are free and open to the public.

Sponsors of the event include: the Office of the President, Caudill College of Humanities, Department of Music, Residence Hall Association, SAC, University Bookstore and University Marketing.

Additional information is available by calling the SAC office at (606) 783-2071.

Annual picnic

The Annual Employee Appreciation Picnic at MSU will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, on the lawn of Allie Young Hall.

Door prizes will be available. In the event of rain, the picnic will be held in the grill of the Adron Doran University Center.

Service award recipients honored

Morehead State University recognized five who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields during the University's Academic Awards Convocation on April 29.

Presentations were made to Dr. Brian C. Reeder, professor of biology and executive director for the Center for Environmental Education in the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, Distinguished Teacher Award; Dr. Suzanne Tallichet, professor of sociology, Distinguished Researcher Award; and George Eklund, associate professor of English, Distinguished Creative Productions Award.

The annual distinguished service awards were presented to: Dr. Dan Connell, associate provost for academic outreach and support, Distinguished Staff Service Award; Dr. Brenda K. Wilburn, associate professor of nursing, Distinguished Faculty Service Award.

Dr. Reeder, who has been at MSU since 1989, holds the Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in environmental biology from The Ohio State University. He received M.A. and bachelor's degrees in biology from Marshall University and Youngstown State University, respectively.

He follows Dr. Ted Pass, becoming the second person to earn all three of MSU's faculty awards, having received the Distinguished Researcher Award in 1994 and the Faculty Service Award in 2004.

Active in environmental causes, Dr. Reeder has involved both undergraduate and graduate students in extensive research projects. A leader in developing new programs at MSU, he is a founder of MSU's Program of Distinction, IRAPP, and the founder and executive director of the Environmental Education Center.

Dr. Tallichet received her B.A. degree in psychology from Franklin and Marshall College, her M.A. degree in journalism and Ph.D. degree in rural sociology from Pennsylvania State University.

She has been on Morehead State's faculty since 1993. Prior to MSU, she was an instructor at Penn State. Currently she is serving a one-year term chairing the Professional Communications Committee of the Rural Sociological Society (RSS).

A former Faculty Senate delegate, she also has been a member of the Appalachian Studies Advisory Council and the University's liaison for Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Affirmative Action and University's Diversity Committees, a past chair of the tenure committee and co-chair of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools principal committee on Institutional Effectiveness.

Dr. Tallichet has published numerous peer-reviewed articles, has works under review and in progress and received a grant to study factors related to Appalachian college student's health and social well-being. Her areas of research are concentrated in gender inequality in the workplace and animals in society.

Eklund, who began teaching at MSU in 1989, has received several awards for his poetry. Awarded the Al Smith Fellowship in Poetry along with professional assistance grants by the

Kentucky Arts Council in 1990 and 2004, he also received the Iowa Arts Council Poetry Award and Mississippi Valley Poetry Award.

He earned a B.A. degree in English education from the University of Dubuque (Iowa) and the M.F.A. degree in English from the University of Iowa.

Eklund has been an adviser for Inscape, Morehead State University's literary and visual arts publication, along with the Fine Arts Network and Non-Traditional Eagle Society.

Dr. Connell has oversight of the regional campuses and distance learning programs where nearly 40 percent of MSU's enrollment has been attributed. He also is administrator of the University's continuing education, academic advising, career services and academic support and retention programs.

He was recognized for his tireless efforts to remove educational barriers for disadvantaged students when he was presented with the Walter O. Mason Award during it the annual conference of the Council Opportunity in Education.

He has oversight of the TRIO programs at MSU: Educational Opportunity Center, Student Support Services, Talent Search and Upward Bound.

He served the Southeastern Association of Education Opportunity Program Personnel (ASEOPP) as a past president, vice president and conference chair.

Dr. Connell received a bachelor's degree in sociology and secondary education, and a master's degree in school psychometry from Ball State University. He earned a doctoral degree in educational policy studies from the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Wilburn earned the Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.) degree with a focus on health behavior in December from the University of Kentucky.

A licensed nurse since 1979, a registered nurse since 1986 and an advanced practice nurse since 1995, Dr. Wilburn has earned National Certifications as a Nurse Educator from the National League of Nursing and Family Nurse Practitioner and School Nurse Practitioner from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

She was awarded her original diploma in practical nursing from Ashland State Vocational School, an associate degree in nursing from Ashland Community College (now Ashland Community and Technical College) and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Bellarmine College in Louisville.

Dr. Wilburn earned a master's degree in nursing with an area of concentration as a family nurse practitioner at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., and then completed post-master's requirements for School Nurse Practitioner.

Dr. Wilburn was a member of the inaugural class of MSU's President's Leadership Academy. She is a member of the Faculty Senate and has participated on numerous committees.

People in the News

Dr. Bedri A. Cetiner, assistant professor of electrical engineering, was awarded a \$184,950 Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP) grant from the U.S. Department of Defense. The grant is to be used to develop instruments to enhance wireless communications for the U.S. Army. **Dr. Qingzhou Xu**, assistant professor and micro fabrication engineer, was the co-investigator for the grant.

Dr. Mark Blankenbuehler, associate professor of chemistry, recently was elected

vice-chair of the Lexington section of the American Chemical Society. This is the beginning of a three-year term that will progress to chair-elect in year two and chair in year three. The American Chemical Society is an organization with more than 160,000 members at all degree levels and in all fields of chemistry. The organization provides a broad range of opportunities for peer interaction and career development, regardless of professional or scientific interests.

Job vacancies

EXTERNAL

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.

Grants and Contracts Accountant #1465, Office of Accounting and Budgetary Control. To ensure consideration apply by May 24.

Assistant Professor of Industrial and Engineering Technology #1462, Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology. Review of applications will begin June 8 and will continue until position is filled.

Senior Enrollment Services Counselor for Diversity #1463, Office of Enrollment Services. To ensure consideration, apply by June 8.

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.

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S PERMANENT LABOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

An application concerning the employment of one or more alien workers for the following permanent position will be filed with the Department of Labor. This Notice of Filing will be posted for 10 consecutive business days, ending between 30 and 180 days before filing the permanent labor certification application.

Managing risk

Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center in Pikeville and The Elite Insurance Agency will offer the workshop "Managing Risk in Small Businesses."

The seminar will be held at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 120 S. Riverfill Drive in Pikeville, on Tuesday, May 15, from 6 - 8 p.m.

This workshop will be free to the public but limited to available space.

Additional information or to pre-register, is available by calling (606) 432-5848.

Relay donations

The MSU Relay for Life team is still accepting donations to the American Cancer Society. Anyone who would like to contribute may contact any of the following team members: Kristie Williams (GH 100); Cathy Powers (GH 201); Jami Hornbuckle (AY 30); Dr. Clarendia Phillips (RA 328); Lynda Donathan (RH 434); Cyndi Gibbs (RH 434); Phyllis Dehart (HM 101); Cindy Thompson (HM 101); Starlet Johnson (HM 301); Drema Cole (HM 305); or Sharon Reynolds (HM 305).

Luminaries are also available to remember individuals affected by cancer. They may be purchased for \$5.

The Rowan County Relay for Life event will be held June 9-10, from 9 a.m. until 9 a.m. at the Rowan County Senior High School football field in Morehead. Everyone is invited to attend to enjoy games, food, music and camaraderie.

POSITION TITLE: Assistant Professor of Industrial & Engineering Technology

POSITION DUTIES: The position involves teaching, research, and service. Teaching responsibilities include courses in Industrial and Engineering Technology that may include Computer Aided Graphics, Computer Aided Design, Solid Modeling and Animation, Electronic Composition, Computer Imaging, Photography, and Duplication. Developing excellence in teaching including proficiency in technical courses and laboratories and providing distance education are expectations related to teaching. In addition, conducting scholarly research in the discipline, participating in departmental and university service, and advising students are important responsibilities of the position.

RATE OF PAY: \$54,110 per year
The employer will pay or exceed the prevailing wage, as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor

LOCATION OF EMPLOYMENT:
This notice is provided in compliance with 20 CFR 656.10(d). Any person may provide documentary evidence bearing on the application to the Certifying Officer of the U.S. Department of Labor holding jurisdiction over the location of the proposed employment. Contact information for these offices can be found on the Internet at www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/foreign/contacts.asp.

Happenings

Thursday, May 3

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

Plant sales, various varieties, Derrickson Agricultural Complex (MSU Farm), noon until 5:30 p.m., continuing weekdays through June 1.

Retirement reception for: Dr. Robert Pritchard, Dixon Ferrell, Dr. Susanne Roland and Lt. Col. Bonnie Noyes, main gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building, 3 p.m.

College of Science and Technology awards dinner, Crager Room, Adron Doran University Center, 6 p.m.

President's Spring Concert: Steel Drums & Beach Bums, ADUC commons, 5 p.m.

Friday, May 4

4th Annual Social Work Conference, for area social workers, ADUC, 9 a.m.

Retirement reception for Dr. Ronald Spangler, 204 Lloyd Cassity, 2 p.m.

College of Business awards banquet, Crager Room, ADUC, 6 p.m.

Graduate recital: Nicola Van Onselen, tuba, Duncan Recital Hall, 6 p.m.

Concert: "Americana Crossroads Live," Morehead Conference Center, 7 p.m.

Junior tuba recital: Bob Eckhardt and Jeremy Ison, DRH, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

10th Annual Piano Festival and Monster Concert, Baird Music Hall, all day.

Softball: Eagles vs. Southeast Missouri (doubleheader), UF, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; also May 6, noon.

Sunday, May 6

Freshman saxophone recital: Aaron Gallagher and Sarah Sipps, DRH, 1 p.m.

Concert: MSU orchestra, DRH, 3 p.m.

Senior recital: David Fonda, clarinet, DRH, 5 p.m.

Junior recital, Laura Snyder, tuba, DRH, 6 p.m.

Senior recital, Manuel Castillo, voice, DRH, 7 p.m.

Junior saxophone recital: Erica Johnson and Luke Sanders, DRH, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8

Rites of Passage ceremony, for graduates, Crager Room, ADUC, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9

Annual Employee Appreciation Picnic, Allie Young Hall lawn, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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