

Septemberfest activities begin Monday at MSU

Septemberfest, Morehead State University's annual celebration of democracy, is set to kick off next week on campus and in the Morehead community.

The activities will begin on Monday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. with a Native American Peace Tree ceremony in the Little Bell Tower area on campus. This will be followed by a screening of the movie "An Inconvenient Truth" at the Morehead Conference Center at 7 p.m. The free showing is open to the public. A question and answer session will follow.

Tuesday, Sept. 18 events will begin with the "Donkeys vs. Elephants" on the lawn of Fields Hall, slated for 5:15-6 p.m. It is designed to be a friendly competition between Republicans and Democrats.

In the commons area around the Adron Doran University Center, there will be the Volunteer Fair, a "Meet the Candidates" forum, the "American as Apple Pie Contest" and a concert by MSU's marching band.

The fair is slated from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Campus and community members are invited to set up a display table at this event, educating others about their organization.

Candidates and campus and community political party representatives will be on hand at the forum, which will be held simultaneously with the volunteer fair. The forum also will feature a voter registration station. MSU's marching band will perform on the Fields Hall lawn from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Tuesday evening's main program, slated to begin at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium, will focus on the 50-year anniversary of the first African-American students to join the University's entering freshman class. A mass choir, as well as Black Gospel Ensemble will perform at the event.

Concluding the program will be the presentation of the Excellence in Civic Engagement Awards for both community and campus work. Also, awards will be made to the best student organization and best campus department participating in the apple pie contest.

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, middle and high school students from the region will visit MSU from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. to learn about democracy from faculty and students as American Democracy Ambassadors. That evening, there will be a political forum at 7 p.m.

Septemberfest will conclude by joining the community on Thursday, Sept. 20, with a presentation of Ken Burns' documentary, "The War." The screening will be held at the MCC at 5 p.m. All the events are free and open to the public.

Golf scramble

MSU's Kappa Delta sorority will host a golf scramble for its annual fall philanthropy event. Money raised will go toward the Girl Scouts of the USA.

The nine-hole scramble will be held on Friday, Sept. 21 at Carrington Greens Golf Course at Salt Lick from 4-6 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person or \$100 per team. The deadline to register a four-person team is Monday, Sept. 17.

A \$400 prize will be awarded for first place while second place will earn \$200. Dinner and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.

Additional information is available by calling Angela Rhodes at (859) 585-2352.

First 'Blue and Gold Ball' slated

Members of the MSU family are invited to don their best duds and dancing shoes for the Blue and Gold Ball on Friday, Sept. 21.

Presented by MSU's Student Government Association, the ball will be an opportunity for students, faculty, staff and members of the community to enjoy a "fall formal" (black tie optional) night on the town. Slated to be held from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Morehead Conference Center, the event will be limited to 550 persons. The night will feature live entertainment by jazz dance ensemble the Matt Anklan Big Band, refreshments and more.

"SGA, RHA (Residence Hall Association), and SAC (Student Activities Council) are combining their efforts to introduce an annual tradition for our students to enjoy," said Brian N. Gay, Cincinnati graduate student and SGA president.

All proceeds will benefit the service initiative Spring Break/Spring Back, a program that takes campus and community volunteers to the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast and regional flood-affected communities to assist with cleanup and rebuilding efforts in March.

"The Blue and Gold Ball is a huge win-win situation," Gay said. "This classy social event will be open to all MSU students and friends. While showcasing several of our talented MSU student musicians, we will also raise support and awareness of MSU's Spring Break/Spring Back program."

Gay said he doesn't think MSU students do enough together as the student body and the ball is a good chance to do so.

"A campus-wide formal with some of the student's favorite faculty and staff in attendance will be the perfect opportunity to also acknowledge those who have volunteered their time during their spring break to serve others in both Louisville and Gulfport."

Tickets are available in advance for \$8 per person, or \$15 per couple, and may be purchased at MSU's SAC office, located in room 204 of the Adron Doran University Center. Tickets also will be sold at the door for \$10 (\$20 per couple).

ACT secretary

Dr. Philip E. Prater, associate professor of veterinary technology at MSU, has been elected to serve a three-year term as secretary of the American College of Theriogenologists (ACT). He was elected to the position during the association's annual conference held in Monterey, Calif.

The ACT is a 411-member association dedicated to the advancement of knowledge; undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate education; research; and service in theriogenology (the study of the reproduction of animals).

Dr. Prater received his DVM degree from The Ohio State University in 1984 and completed an internship in Large Animal Ambulatory Medicine at OSU in 1986.

After seven years in private practice, he joined the faculty at MSU where his primary responsibilities include teaching large animal clinical procedures and health maintenance of the equine and food animal herds on the University Farm.

He has authored and co-authored several peer reviewed articles and two book chapters on large and small animal reproduction.

He served as chairman of the ACT Public Relations Committee from 1996-1998, and was a member of the ACT Board of Directors from 1999-2001. He became a Diplomate of the ACT in 1989.

Diversity issues will be studied at conference

Diversity issues from a broad range of perspectives will be examined at the 2007 Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies Conference, coordinated by MSU.

"Hear Our Voices," will be held from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, at the Morehead Conference Center. The event will bring together students and leaders who will give presentations on a variety of topics and their relevance to cultural diversity.

The conference is a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary forum that unites researchers, historians, health care and social service personnel, artisans, educators, and culturists from all facets of professional and practical knowledge.

Presentation topics promote cultural competency and include: Hispanic, Islamic, Asian and Appalachian cultural issues, special needs populations, sexuality and cultural health care issues.

The conference is sponsored by partners from MSU and the region: Northeast Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC); St. Claire Regional Medical Center; and MSU's Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies Program, the Caudill College of Humanities, College of Education, and the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for the Humanities.

Continuing education units are available in nursing and social work through St. Claire, and professional development credit for education is available through MSU.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. on the morning of the conference. There is no charge to attend the sessions. Lunch is not included. The Morehead Conference Center is located at 111 E. First St.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Emma Gillespie Perkins, interdisciplinary cultural studies director, at 783-2766.

Director named

An alumnus has realized a longtime dream to oversee student activities at Morehead State University.

Mike Esposito, a 1995 bachelor's degree graduate of MSU, has been named director of student activities/Greek life. He will be primarily responsible for directing programs and formulating policies for student activities and organizations.

Esposito went on to earn a master's degree in education at Western Kentucky University, where he was a graduate assistant in the Downing University Center. He is the former student involvement coordinator and Greek life adviser at The University of Montana-Missoula.

At UM, he advised 11 fraternities and sororities and created new programs, including the "Experimental College," which was a series of short, non-credit courses taught by community members on topics such as dancing, fly fishing and UFOs.

He most recently served as the assistant director of student activities at Boise State University in Idaho. In that position, he produced leadership training programs, activity fairs and managed services for student organizations.

During his tenure, he helped increase the number of student clubs from 150 to 210. Also, he assisted with student government, homecoming and Greek life.

Additional information is available by calling 783-2071.

Band auditions

Talented MSU students who play certain stringed instruments are invited to audition for two Kentucky Center for Traditional Music ensembles.

Auditions for admission into the school-sanctioned Bluegrass Band and the Oldtime Stringband will be held at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28 at KCTM, located at 149 E. Main St., Morehead.

The bands will be asked to represent KCTM and perform for events on campus, in the community and throughout the region. Scholarships will be offered to outstanding students in both groups. Membership is open to those enrolled at least half-time at MSU.

For the Bluegrass Band, there currently are openings for musicians who play guitar, banjo, bass, mandolin, fiddle or dobro, and also for a lead vocalist, especially a vocalist with experience with harmony parts. The coach of that band will be Don Riggsby, director of KCTM. The Stringband will have openings for those who play guitar, old-time banjo, fiddle and bass. Jesse Wells, KCTM's education coordinator, will serve as coach.

Those who audition will be asked to present two songs of their choice and participate in a brief interview. Once the ensembles are formed, members will be required to meet from 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday (Oldtime) and each Monday (Bluegrass). Additional information: 783-9001.

Vaccinations

MSU, in collaboration with Maxim Health Systems, will offer the meningitis vaccine on the campus for one day only.

Maxim Health Systems will immunize students with the bacterial meningitis vaccine on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., in room 312 of the Adron Doran University Center.

Outbreaks of meningitis have increased among young adolescents in recent years, and high school and college students are at increased danger from this serious and potentially life-threatening infection, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Statistics indicate that college students are among those at greater risk of contracting the disease because they live and work in close proximity to each other in residence halls and classrooms, said Kenitha King, nurse administrator in the Office of Counseling and Health Services. "Student's behavior and social aspects increase their risk factors."

Meningitis, which affects the brain and spinal cord, is spread by direct contact with infected individuals, through the air via droplets of respiratory secretions such as coughing and sneezing, sharing a glass or cigarette, and kissing.

The fee for the vaccine is \$135, payable by cash, money order, personal check or major credit card to Maxim Health Systems, LLC, on the day of the service.

Job vacancies

INTERNAL

Technology Specialist #1531, Office of Administrative Computer Applications. To ensure consideration, apply by Sept. 13.

Assistant Dean for Research and Instructional Services #1529, Camden-Carroll Library. To ensure consideration, apply by Sept. 20.

EXTERNAL

Search Extended. Keyboard Technician #1494, Department of Music. Review of applications will begin Sept. 15 and will continue until the position is filled.

Associate Director #1512, Office of Institutional Research and Assessment. To ensure consideration, apply by Sept. 17.

Museum Educator #1527, Folk Art Center. To ensure consideration, apply by Sept. 18.

Extended Search. Assistant Vice President for Communications and Marketing #1491, Office of Communications and Marketing. To ensure consideration, apply by Sept. 21.

Extended Search. Assistant Professor of Nursing #1447 (Tenure Track), Department of Nursing. Review of applications will begin Sept. 30 and will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant or Associate Professor of Sociology #1526 (Tenure Track), Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology. To ensure consideration, application materials must be received by Nov. 1. However, position will remain open until filled.

Chair #1517, Department of Psychology. Review of applications will begin Nov. 9 and will continue until the position is filled.

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 OHR at 783-2097.

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Courses offered

Registration is now being accepted for four healthcare certification programs through MSU's Office of Continuing Education:

Dental Assisting, Pharmacy Technician, Medical and Billing Coding and Phlebotomy will be offered at different locations throughout the region.

Program fees range from \$999 for the dental assisting course to \$1,599 for the phlebotomy program.

Additional information may be obtained by calling MSU's Office of Continuing Education at 783-2875, or on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/oce.

Happenings

Thursday, Sept. 13

Folk art exhibit: "Sudan: The Land and the People, Photographs by Michael Freeman, Kentucky Folk Art Center, exhibit runs through Sept. 30.

Art exhibition: "A Natural Order: Artists Exploring Artifice and the Organic," main gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building, exhibit runs through Sept. 20.

Friday, Sept. 14

Family Weekend, featuring talent show, family brunch, athletic events, more, through Sept. 16.

Rehearsal clinic, with Dr. David Glover, Slippery Rock University, 214 Baird Music Hall, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15

Volleyball: Eagles vs. Austin Peay State University, Wetherby Gymnasium, 2 p.m.

Football: Eagles vs. West Virginia Tech, Jayne Stadium, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 16

Percussion master class, with Dr. David Glover, Duncan Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Faculty recital: Dr. Steven Snyder, piano, with Dr. David Glover, percussion, Dr. Gordon Towell, saxophone, and Glenn Ginn, guitar, Duncan Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 17

Septemberfest, celebration of democracy, featuring documentary screening, volunteer fair, apple pie contest, more, on campus and at Morehead Conference Center, through Sept. 20.

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Volleyball: Eagles vs. Eastern Kentucky University, WG, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 20

Board of Regents meeting, Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center, TBA.

Friday, Sept. 21

Kappa Delta charity golf scramble, to benefit Girl Scouts of the USA, Carrington Greens Golf Course, Salt Lick, 4 p.m., registration necessary.

Volleyball: Eagles vs. Tennessee State University, WG, 7 p.m.

Blue and Gold Ball, for students, faculty, staff and the community, Morehead Conference Center, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 22

Volleyball: Eagles vs. Tennessee Tech, University, WG, 11 a.m.

Football: Eagles vs. Robert Morris, JS, 1 p.m.

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