

Alumni news

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Fiesta Murray Alumni and Friends Recognition

Mark your calendars for the Alumni Leadership Recognition Weekend festivities, April 10-12. During this authentic Mexican fiesta, alumni and friends will be entertained by Mexican mariachi music as they visit food booths to partake in the authentic Mexican cuisine. The finale of the evening will be live music for dancing provided by the Cruisers, a six-member group from Paducah, Ky., playing a blend of blues and rock favorites from the 1970s to the present. The following alumni will be honored as the 2003 MSU Distinguished Alumnus recipients:

Harold Ford, '49 '50, served 33 years as the executive vice president of the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association. Now retired, Ford lives in Duluth, Ga.

During his tenure with Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association, Ford was appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to serve as a member of the National Research users group that identified and evaluated the need for research and activities undertaken by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Science and Education Administration. His career also included his appointment by President Gerald Ford as a delegate to an Agriculture and Food Economic Conference. A 1995 Poultry Hall of Fame inductee and 1996 inductee into the Kentucky Poultry Federation Hall of Fame, Ford was recognized as a 2001 MSU Outstanding Agriculture Alumnus. Upon Ford's retirement, he was honored by the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association with the establishment of the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Harold E. Ford Foundation, a grant that now totals \$4.2 million, which identifies and recruits top students to serve in the poultry industry.



James Gantt, Ph.D., '71, is deputy director at Computational and Information Sciences Directorate, Army Research Laboratory, which involves the design, simulation and testing of advanced defense systems for the military. Gantt who resides in Atlanta, Ga., works in Washington, D.C.

During his career he has represented the Department of Defense and/or the U.S. Army on the NATO Information Systems and Technology Panel, on the Department of Defense Surveillance and Knowledge Systems Initiative, on the Defense Science Board of Information Operations, on the Information Protection Working Group for the Pentagon, and on the Battlespace Environment TARA Panel.



Loretta Tucker Shearer, M.D., '69, is the retired chair of radiology at Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville, Ky. The first female to complete a residency in radiology at University of Louisville's School of Medicine, Shearer has assisted Kosair Kids for more than three decades. She has witnessed and contributed to a number of advances in pediatric medicine, and has helped countless Kosair Kids battle cancer, polio and other diseases during her tenure. Named Outstanding Clinical Instructor at Children's Hospital three times and selected as the 1993 Outstanding University of Louisville Alumnus (medical school), Shearer has received numerous awards that include Outstanding Volunteer Professor of the Year at Kosair in 1984, 1988 and 2001. She is the 2001-01 recipient of the Rodger J. Fox Award, an award given by Kosair Charities in recognition for dedication to children.



Murray State welcomes new associate vp

A reception was recently held at the Alumni Center to welcome J. Mark Hutchins, associate vice president for institutional advancement. Hutchins recently moved to Murray from Starkville, Miss., where he served as the vice president for institutional advancement at Wood College in Mathiston, Miss. Prior to his tenure there, Hutchins served as the director of annual giving at Mississippi State University. He has a bachelor's degree in business and a master's in human relations and supervision from Louisiana Tech University, and is a doctoral candidate at Mississippi State. At Murray State, Hutchins is responsible for increasing, organizing, coordinating and implementing the advancement function of the university's development and alumni affairs departments. Pictured at the reception (l to r) Martha Lewis, '60 '69 and president of the MSU Alumni Association; Tina Andolina, marketing and promotions specialist for MSU athletics; and Hutchins.

University announces bequest of actress

A press conference was recently held in Pogue Library to announce a bequest of almost \$73,000 to Murray State University. Alney Allbritten Norell held her friends and her Murray hometown close to heart. At the time of her death on July 10, 2000, she left behind mementos of her 36-year acting career and a bequest to Murray State University, with \$5,000 specifically designated to the Pogue Library special collections division and \$67,895 to a scholarship fund named for her parents.



Norell's acting career included Broadway productions and over 200 films, plus radio and television. She developed a deep love and affection for Murray State University through her correspondence with long-time friends the late Loree Doyle, the wife of the late Price "Pop" Doyle, a former faculty member at Murray State University, and the late Mrs. Foreman (Ola) Graham. All former members of the Calloway County Genealogical Society, these three women exchanged many letters while Norell lived in California with her husband, Henry.

In 1971 Norell donated a collection of her personal mementos to Pogue Library and through the years prior to her death she continued donating items to Pogue. "Murray State has long been privileged to have the collection of memorabilia of Mrs. Norell's life and career in Pogue Library, and it's an honor to announce this significant gift of which a major portion will be designated for the library in her honor," said F. King Alexander, president of MSU.

Plans are also being finalized for Alumni Reunion Weekend May 9-11. Coordinated by MSU Alumni Affairs and held in conjunction with May Commencement (May 10), these activities include a reunion for the Class of 1953. Call 270-762-3437 or 4894 for more information.

“Buy A Brick” campaign continues for Alumni Center

Bricks are available to purchase for the new MSU Alumni Center’s “Walk of Fame.” MSU alumni and friends are invited to have their names and the names of those they would like to honor or memorialize on bricks in the patio area of the new Alumni Center. Sororities, fraternities and other organizations can sponsor a commemorative brick as a means of honoring the memory of past members or honoring its current membership.

There are three sizes to choose from. Help commemorate your days at MSU by leaving a message for posterity! Make your mark upon history and record a message for future generations!

Please call the MSU Alumni Center for further information at 800-758-8510 or 270-762-5600, or visit the alumni page at www.murraystate.edu.



Ohio Valley Conference Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournaments

Gaylord Entertainment Center
March 7-8

For ticket information contact TicketMaster (615) 255-9600. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the OVC office at (615) 371-1698 or the Gaylord Entertainment Center Box Office at (615) 770-2040.

Murray State alumnus inspires Columbia shuttle cross stitch tribute



Barry Shelton, '77 and a Hopkins county native, is a syndicated

cartoonist for CNS News. Since 2000, Shelton’s cartoons have appeared in *Murray Ledger & Times*, *Bowling Green Daily News*, *Hopkinsville New Era*, *The Paducah Sun*, *Owensboro’s Messenger-Inquirer*, *Newsmax* magazine and McGraw-Hill’s textbook *History of American Public Education*. A music teacher at Lake Malone Elementary in Muhlenberg County, Shelton said he started editorial cartooning as a hobby during Bill Clinton’s administration. “My first published cartoon was in the *Daily News* newspaper in Bowling Green,” he said. “Six months later CNSNEWS.COM hired me for syndication.”

Shelton’s recent Columbia “Heroes All” cartoon appeared in the local *Ledger & Times* in honor of the brave souls of STS-107. Posy Lough, of The Posy Collection, helps Americans celebrate their heritage through historic cross stitch kits that tell the story of our country. Lough and Shelton combined their efforts and this cross stitch design is available free through Lough’s website at www.posycollection.com. “It is heartwarming to read the numerous e-mails of thanks for the design especially from the family members of NASA,” Lough said.

Other cartoons by Shelton can be found at www.cnsnews.com

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