

THE UPDATE

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday September 24

Athletics...
Men's Golf at The Territory Classic Duncan, Okla.

MSU Writing Center and Career Management Center...
Dinner and Conversation 4-6 p.m. Sunwatcher Village Clubhouse

Tuesday September 25

Athletics...
Men's Golf at The Territory Classic Duncan, Okla.

University Police and Human Resources...
Shots Fired! Responding to an Active Shooter in the Workplace 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. CSC Shawnee Theater

Athletics...
Volleyball at West Texas A&M 7 p.m. Canyon

Wednesday September 26

Museum of Art...
Exploring the World of Art Bus Tour 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Dallas

Athletics...
Women's Soccer vs. Abilene Christian 6 p.m. MSU Soccer Field

Thursday September 27

University Police and Human Resources...
Shots Fired! Responding to an Active Shooter in the Workplace 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. CSC Shawnee Theater

Moffett Library...
Walking Tour 4 p.m. Moffett Library

Friday September 28

Athletics...
Volleyball vs. Texas A&M-Commerce 7 p.m. D.L. Ligon

Athletics...
Women's Soccer at Texas A&M-Commerce 7 p.m. Commerce

Saturday September 29

Office of Student Development & Orientation...
Family Day All Day Campus/Memorial Stadium

Athletics...
Cross Country at Kansas Invitational Lawrence, Kansas

Athletics...
Volleyball vs. Texas Woman's 2 p.m. D.L. Ligon

Athletics...
Football vs. Incarnate Word 7 p.m. Memorial Stadium

Sunday September 30

Athletics...
Men's Soccer vs. Adams State 1 p.m. MSU Soccer Field

Athletics...
Women's Soccer at Texas Woman's 1 p.m. Denton

AROUND CAMPUS

Dinner and Conversation

Tutors from the MSU Writing Center will serve food and facilitate interactive games to help cultivate conversational skills in a new series titled Dinner and Conversation. The first dinner will be from 4-6 p.m. Monday, September 24, in the Sunwatcher Village Clubhouse. The meal is hosted by the Career Management Center. For more information, call ext. 6305.

Shots Fired! Responding to an Active Shooter in the Workplace

MSU Police Chief Dan Williams and the Department of Human Resources will present *Shots Fired! Responding to an Active Shooter in the Workplace* at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday, September 25, and Thursday, September 27, in the Clark Student Center Shawnee Theater. Each presentation is approximately 90 minutes and consists of a DVD reenactment and a question-and-answer session with Chief Williams. Scenarios deal with situations of violence at school and the workplace. Learn the best responses for personal protection and safety under specific circumstances. Faculty and staff are urged to attend. Seating is not reserved. For more information, contact Human Resources at ext. 4221.

Exploring the World of Art Bus Tour

Join the Museum of Art at MSU for the 21st in the series of Exploring the World of Art Bus Tour. The bus will depart the Museum of Art at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 26, and travel to the Chihuly at the Dallas Arboretum and the Dragon Street Galleries in Dallas. Price for the tour is \$50 and includes the bus ride, museum admissions, docents, box lunch, and refreshments. Call 767-2787 for reservations as seating is limited.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TACT Brown Bag Lunch

The West College of Education will present Teaching Strategies to Engage College Students at noon Wednesday, October 3, in Dillard 189 as part of this year's TACT brown bag presentations. You do not have to be a member to attend. For more information, contact any TACT officer: Lynette Watts, president, ext. 4833; Nathan Jun, vice president, ext. 4128; or Jeff Blacklock, secretary, ext. 4816.

Speakers & Issues Series: William Bryant Logan

William Bryant Logan begins the 12th season of the Speakers and Issues series with his presentation of "There is no Such Place as Away" at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 4, in Akin Auditorium. Logan is a certified arborist and president of Urban Arborists Inc, a Brooklyn-based tree company. Logan has won numerous Quill and Trowel Awards from the Garden Writers of America and a 2012 Senior Scholar Award from the New York State chapter of the International Society of Arborists. He is on faculty at the New York Botanic Gardens and is the author of three books, *Oak*, *Dirt*, and *Air*. For more information, call ext. 4259.

Theatre: *Almost, Maine*

The Department of Theatre will open the 2012-2013 with its production of *Almost, Maine*. In a magical midwinter night's dream, the people of *Almost, Maine*, struggle to find light in their cold, snowy world. They experience love and heartbreak in many quirky and unexpected ways. The stories are silly. The characters are genuine. The sentiments are touching. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 4, through Saturday, October 6, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, October 7, in the Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre. Faculty, staff, and students are admitted free. For tickets, call ext. 4399 or the Box Office at ext. 4393. To learn more about season tickets and the complete production schedule, visit <http://news.mwsu.edu/iNews/view.asp?ID=1676>.

Switch Energy Film Screenings

The Department of Geosciences and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists are sponsoring a screening of the award-winning documentary *Switch*. Energy expert Dr. Scott Tinker travels to different energy source sites around the world to offer a balanced look at our energy future. The film will be shown at 6 and 8 p.m. Friday, October 5, in Bolin Science Hall 100. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 4475 or read the full story at <http://news.mwsu.edu/iNews/view.asp?ID=1677>.

Caribfest

The Caribbean Student Organization will present its annual Caribfest on Friday, October 5, on the MSU campus. More details to come.

Fantasy of Lights Workday

A Fantasy of Lights workday to ready the display for show time in December will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 6, at the Fantasy of Lights warehouse. Lunch will be provided. Call Randy Canivel at ext. 4786 for more information.

CAMPUS NEWS

MSU Credit Union Raffle

The MSU Credit Union is selling raffle tickets for a framed MSU collage with proceeds to benefit the local Children's Miracle Network. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be October 11, during Homecoming Week.

Family Day T-shirts

Family Day T-shirts are available for purchase in the Office of Student Development and Orientation for \$7. Sizes range from youth medium through 3XL. For more information, call ext. 4500.

Library Survey Results

In April 2012, Moffett Library invited the campus community to complete another round of a LibQual survey. As in previous years, the survey focused on three dimensions of service:

- **Affect of Service (AS)** - the "human" element of service (interaction with staff at public desks, e.g. circulation department and the quality of service when asking reference questions, etc.)
- **Information Control (IC)** - covers quality of and access to library collections, including print, electronic, and other media
- **Library as Place (LP)** - covers the physical aspects of the library and its environment.

Survey participants were asked to specify their minimum expectations, their ideal desires, and their perception of the Library's actual performance.

KEY FINDINGS

- In general, most comments were viewed as satisfactory about full-time staff, the building per se, and the level of overall services.
- More satisfaction was expressed by faculty with how they are treated in terms of courtesy, caring, and attention.

Affect of Service (AS):

- Customer service issues with student staff were reported.
- Significant Interlibrary loan problems making the process feel far from seamless and easy to maneuver were described.

Response:

- Moffett Library is establishing an improved training procedure for student staff with regard to customer service.
- The Interlibrary Loan office has been upgraded with new software and with a new manager.

Information Control (IC):

- Less positive comments centered on insufficient journals/databases in certain subject areas.
- The more advanced the user in terms of his/her academic background i.e. undergrad vs. grad vs. faculty the less satisfied they are with the materials either physical or electronic and easy access to them.

Response:

- Moffett Library is committed to providing the best affordable resources. We are reviewing all and will have some new databases in place for the fall semester.

Library as Place (LP)

- Little sense that the building inspires study, reflection, or intellectual inquiry.
- Need for an updated physical building – specifics mentioned were more wireless points, better working public printers.

Response:

- Moffett Library is now wireless on all floors, and we continue to discuss future plans for a new or improved building /technology.

JOBS

An EEO/ADAAA Compliance Employer

Secretary II (on campus only – current benefit-eligible employees)

Department: Continuing Education

Starting Date: As soon as possible

Starting Salary: \$1,604 monthly, plus benefits

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Lynn Hoggard, Professor of English and Foreign Languages and Coordinator of Humanities, recently gave a reading of stories and poems about Louisiana at the 2012 Langdon Literary Festival in Granbury, Texas.

Midwestern Golden Key is one of the most recent chapters of the Golden Key International Honour Society. Midwestern State University was invited into the society last April. GK is a global collegiate honor society comprised of nearly 2 million undergraduate, graduate, alumni, and honorary members. GK recognizes highly motivated academic achievers who will become leaders and contributors to society. Of the 102 new members, 67 students are currently enrolled at Midwestern, and an additional four members are honorary. They are **President Jesse Rogers, Darla Inghish, Matthew Park,** and Susan Sportsman.

Texas House Speaker Joe Straus spoke to university faculty, staff, and students as well as city and county government and business officials during a luncheon September 20 in the Clark Student Center Comanche Suites. Among the Speaker's top priorities in the next Legislative session will be public education; job creation, especially within the manufacturing sector; a state water plan; and government transparency. Local donors made the luncheon possible.

Star Awards recognize Facilities Services employees who take pride in their work and give outstanding service to the campus. These employees are being recognized with a certificate posted in their work space as well as a unique copper mustangs cut out that can be displayed on desks and/or in the Daniel Building front office. Recipients on September 20, 2012 were:

- **Susie Nesbitt, Custodian, Sims Center/Sikes House**
- Susie always goes above and beyond what is expected of her in her duties. In fact, the Simulation Center staff thanks her for making their building always look awesome!
- **Colby Kafer, Carpenter II**
- Colby is a very steady and consistent worker, which results in a high productivity for his work orders. He is very good about relaying project information to supervisors so less effort is required by supervision to complete a job.

FOR SALE

Saab 83T

2005 Saab 83T (turbo) Linear Convertible, silver with black leather, loaded with accessories. 89,000 miles, excellent condition, \$11,000. Call Mary Beth at ext. 4371.

Dinette Set

Vintage chrome dinette set (table and four chairs) manufactured in St. Louis, Mo., circa late 1940s. The manufacturer was a historically significant company that originally built oak furniture. Table has oak top with chrome art deco style legs with emblems and manufacturer's tag underneath. Chairs have chrome legs with red zodiac vinyl. All original. \$200 Call 704-4043.

Sofa

Floral couch in perfect condition. \$100. Call Sharon at 781-4292.