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This Week's Events

Monday November 11

<i>Office of Human Resources...</i>		
Fidelity Investments Representative	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Dillard 124
<i>Counseling Center...</i>		
Academic Workshop: Test Anxiety	7 p.m.	Sundance Meeting Room

Tuesday November 12

<i>Counseling Center...</i>		
World Kindness Day	10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	CSC Cheyenne
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Women's Basketball vs. Texas A&M-International	7 p.m.	Ligon Coliseum
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Volleyball at Dallas Baptist	7 p.m.	Dallas, Texas
<i>Faculty Forum Series...</i>		
Dr. Catherine Stringfellow: "Counting bugs and solving puzzles... Computer Science Research?"	7:30 p.m.	CSC Shawnee Theater

Wednesday November 13

<i>Moffett Library...</i>		
Tour: One Man's Treasure	1 p.m.	Special Collections Room 215
<i>Staff Senate...</i>		
November meeting	2 p.m.	Dillard 274

Thursday November 14

<i>Moffett Library...</i>		
Tour: One Man's Treasure	11 a.m.	Special Collections Room 215
<i>EURECA...</i>		
Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum Meeting	3:30 p.m.	CSC Shawnee Theater
<i>Continuing Education...</i>		
'Tis the Season Pastel Drawing Class	6 p.m.	Sikes Lake Center
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Volleyball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville	7 p.m.	Ligon Coliseum
<i>Speakers & Issues Series...</i>		
Dr. David Kilby: "Ice Age Archaeology of the Southern Plains"	7 p.m.	WFMA

Friday November 15

<i>Admissions ...</i>		
Discover MSU: Dillard College of Business Administration	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Akin/Dillard
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Women's Basketball vs. Southern Nazarene	7 p.m.	Ligon Coliseum

Saturday November 16

<i>Athletics...</i>		
Volleyball at Southwestern Oklahoma	2 p.m.	Weatherford, Okla.
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Football vs. West Texas A&M	1 p.m.	Memorial Stadium
<i>Athletics...</i>		
Women's Basketball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma	8 p.m.	Ligon Coliseum

Around Campus

Fidelity Investments Representative to Visit Campus

Mr. Brian Baker, Senior Retirement Counselor with Fidelity Investments Retirement Services and an approved representative for the Texas Optional Retirement Program (ORP) and voluntary 403(b) tax-sheltered savings plan, will be on campus and available to meet individually with MSU employees from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, November 11, in Dillard 124. At that time, he will be offering personal investment and retirement advice and projections.

Please reserve your appointment time on the Fidelity website: www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations. You may also contact Brian Baker directly at (800) 300-1706 or brian.baker@fmr.com with any questions.

World Kindness Day

The MSU Counseling Center will sponsor a celebration of World Kindness Day from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, in CSC Cheyenne. Students can design and create a greeting card to send to special someone. Students participating in the card making will also become acquainted with other acts of kindness that they can offer to those in the MSU community. Being kind to others helps not only the recipient of the kindness but it also helps the giver! For more information, call ext. 4618.

Faculty Forum: Dr. Catherine Stringfellow

Dr. Catherine Stringfellow, 2012-2013 Hardin Professor and Professor of Computer Science, will present "Counting bugs and solving puzzles...Computer Science Research?" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, in the CSC Shawnee Theater. Refreshments will be provided by the Department of Computer Science. Research in the computer science field can be quite diverse, as it may encompass solving problems for professionals in other fields. This presentation will describe several research projects that show applications to other fields... or use studies from other fields to help computer scientists. Some of these other fields include mathematics, archaeology, biology, and sociology. It will finish by discussing the importance of collaboration in pursuing such research. For more information, call ext. 4702.

Pastel Drawing Class

The Center for Continuing Education will present a pastel drawing class at 6 p.m. Thursday, November 14, at Sikes Lake Center. Join the class for an evening of drawing a beautiful holiday pastel. The class is for students wanting to learn the art of chalk pastel and practice shading and blending with artist, Crimson Pitts. Bring your friends and join the fun! Cost is \$40. For more information, call ext. 4307.

Speakers & Issues: Dr. David Kilby

Dr. David Kilby will present "Ice Age Archaeology of the Southern Plains" at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 14, at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU. Kilby is Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Eastern New Mexico University. He completed his doctoral dissertation on the enigmatic stone tool caches left by the Ice Age Clovis people, and maintains ongoing research focus on Paleoindian archaeology and stone tool technology. In pursuing these interests, he has worked at some of the classic western Paleoindian sites including Blackwater Draw, Folsom, Murray Springs, Mockingbird Gap, the Rio Rancho Folsom site, and others. For more information, visit www.mwsu.edu/sis or email claudia.montoya@mwsu.edu.

Discover MSU:

Dillard College of Business Administration

The Admissions Office will present Discover MSU: Dillard College of Business Administration from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, November 15. Check-in is at Akin Auditorium. Discover MSU dates are reserved for high school junior, senior, and transfer students interested in an in-depth look at their major at MSU. Not only will Discover MSU allow students to learn more about their academic major, but also to begin to facilitate a relationship with faculty within the major and college. At Discover MSU,

students will learn about the admissions process, tour campus, eat lunch with the dean of the college, and explore academic majors with current MSU students and faculty.

The Discover MSU was earlier this semester and featured the Robert D. & Carol Gunn College of Health Sciences & Human Services. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

February 7 Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts
February 28 Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities & Social Sciences
March 7 Gordon T. & Ellen West College of Education
April 4 College of Science & Mathematics

The events are free, but an RSVP is required. For more information, call ext. 4334.

MSU Credit Union Paycheck Loan

The deadline to pick up a paycheck loan through the MSU Credit Union is Friday, November 15. Requests must be submitted by 3 p.m. Thursday, November 14. Any full-time, benefit-eligible employee and member of the credit union may apply for a paycheck loan. For more information, call ext. 4622.

Mark Your Calendar

Academic Workshop: Choosing a Career and Major

The MSU Counseling Center will present a one-hour academic workshop about choosing a career and major at 7 p.m. Monday, November 18, in the Sundance Court Third Floor Meeting Room. Professors are welcome to include this information in their syllabi and offer extra credit to students if desired. Students will be provided attendance verification forms. For more information, call ext. 4618.

Aflac Representative to Visit Campus

The Office of Human Resources has arranged for Barry Scott, Aflac representative, to visit campus Monday, November 18, in CSC Wichita I & II. He will conduct a 30-minute overall presentation of the Aflac benefit program, which includes cancer, accident, and hospital confinement coverage at 9 a.m. For the remainder of the day, he will have walk-in enrollment (no appointment necessary) from 9:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. For more information, call ext. 4780.

Film Series: *A Single Man*

Continuing Education's Film Series and Dr. Donnie Kirk will present *A Single Man* (2009) at 7 p.m. Tuesday,

November 19, at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU. Grieving over the loss of his longtime companion, a British professor teaching in Los Angeles in the 1960s decides to end his life. He goes through a day getting his affairs in order but meets people who make him rethink his decision. The film was directed by Tom Ford and stars Colin Firth, Julianne Moore, and Nicholas Hoult. This film is rated R. Admission is free; donations are welcome. For more information, call ext. 4756.

Music Concerts

The Department of Music will present the following concerts in Akin Auditorium:

Jazz Rock Ensemble

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 19

Percussion Ensemble

7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 21

Wichita Falls Youth Symphony Orchestra

2 p.m. Sunday, November 24

Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 4267.

Study Abroad in 2014 Informational Meeting

If you have students who have dreamed of going abroad to study, they are invited to attend a brief meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, November 21, in Prothro-Yeager 103. Every year countless students express a desire to be a part of one of our programs and so many ask the same question, "Can I afford it"? We will have information on scholarships, financial aid, and especially, early determination of eligibility as determined by the financial aid office. We are offering scholarships for ALL programs (including our new language programs in Spain and France) sponsored by the Office of Study Abroad and additional scholarships will be available through the Redwine Honors Program as well as some of the colleges within the university. We will, as always, begin our "big push" just after the beginning of the spring semester, but we urge you to attend this early meeting to get information on specific classes, money issues, and time frames. It will prove very beneficial in planning for your classes for spring, summer, and beyond. For more information, email larry.williams@mwsu.edu.

Theatre: *Wiley and the Hairy Man*

MSU Theatre will present *Wiley and the Hairy Man*, beginning Thursday, November 21, through Sunday, November 24. The production is the magical story of a young, fatherless boy, his conjure-woman Mammy, faithful Hounddog, and the Hairy Man who haunts Wiley's days and dreams. Through rhythm and rhyme, a chorus creates the mystery and magic of the mysterious swamp where they live. In an exciting duel of wits, Wiley learns to rely on his own resources to conquer two villains: the

Hairy Man and his own fear. After Friday night's performance, the audience is invited to stay for a talkback session with cast and crew about any aspect of the production. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, with matinee performances at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Fain Fine Arts Theatre. Admission is free for MSU students, faculty, and staff with I.D. General admission tickets are \$8 and \$7 for pre-college students, senior citizens, and military. For more information or for season ticket or group ticket information, call the box office at ext. 4393, the publicity office at ext. 4399, or the Department of Theatre at ext. 4670.

EURECA UGR & Creative Activity Forum

EURECA will play host to a kick off dinner for invited guests and participates of the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 21, at Sikes Lake Center. Presentations and poster sessions will be made from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, November 22, in the Clark Student Center. For more information, call ext. 6875.

Campus News

New Malware that Encrypts User Files

A new malware is making its way around the Internet that you need to be aware of and on guard against. It is called a cryptolocker type ransomware, and it encrypts all files it has read and write access to when a user executes the malware by clicking a link in an email or by opening an attachment to an email. The US Computer Emergency Readiness Team has issued an alert for this particularly nasty malware at this link: <http://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/TA13-309A>.

As always it is best to take precautions when accessing content on the web, such as not following unsolicited links in emails from people outside your organization and to only open attachments to emails that you expect to receive.

Request for Proposals: MSU 2013-14 Faculty Research & Creative Projects Grant Cycle

The University Research Committee is pleased to announce the opening of the 2013-14 Faculty Research and Creative Projects Grant Application Cycle. The application is also available online on the MSU Office of Sponsored Projects and Research website (www.mwsu.edu/academics/osp/).

All applications are due electronically to Lucy Davis (lucy.davis@mwsu.edu) no later than January 3, 2014. The committee will review and rank all complete applications, and a funding decision will be made no later

than January 17, 2014. Funds are available to support research during the grant period beginning January 24 and continuing through August 31, 2014. Faculty who will be presenting the findings of their completed research or creative project beyond this time frame, during the 2014-2015 fiscal year, may apply for an extension of funding to cover travel. Information is included within this application packet.

During the 2013-2014 funding cycle, faculty members are able to apply for both funds to support their research as well as for equipment required for their research. Equipment requests must conform to the HEAF Guidelines, which will be available on the OSPR website. The grant application includes guidance that further clarifies the process for budget requests. Should you have any questions, contact one of the members of the University Research Committee. We will be pleased to provide clarification or guidance as you prepare your application.

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Thank You

On behalf of those your gift will help, thank you. Together we changed lives. We would like to send our thanks to those who contributed to this year's SECC Campaign. Your caring and personal leadership provides a powerful example to others in our community. YOU make this campaign a success.

Congratulations also to **Christina Nugent** and **Sheila Barrett**, winners for the movie passes.

Renee McAfee, Campaign Chair
Peggy Brennan, Campaign Co-Chair
Christi Klyn, Campaign Co-Chair

Welcome

Suzy McDowell
Financial Aid Processor/Counselor

Mirzda Reyes
Custodian, Facilities

Christopher Haase
Programmer Analyst II, Information Technology

Charles Stautmeister
Secretary II, Small Business Development Center

William Busch
Residence Hall Maintenance Tech

Mildred Bruno
Custodian, Housing and Dining Services

Leslie Berryhill
Instructional Designer, Extended Education

Jobs

An EEO/ADAAA Compliance Employer

Transit Bus Drivers
Department: Facilities Services
Starting Date: As soon as possible
Hourly Rate: \$15 per hour

In the Spotlight

Professors **Richard Simpson**, **Tina Johnson** and **Catherine Stringfellow** accompanied six computer science students to the annual ACM Regional Programming Contest at Baylor University on November 1-2.

Jennifer McDaniel, majoring in Environmental Science, presented "Geometric Morphometric Ontogeny of the Trilobite Calyptaulax: Shape Change During The Meraspid-Holaspid Transition" at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Denver. The study was part of the UGROW program, mentored by **Jesse Carlucci**, Assistant Professor of Geosciences.

Kari L. Bickhard and **Shelby Willeby**, both majoring in geosciences, presented "A Reconnaissance of Trace Element Signatures from West Texas Gypsum Deposits" at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Denver. The study collimated from work each did within the UGROW program, mentored by **Jonathan Price**, Assistant Professor of Geosciences. Bickhard is continuing this investigation as a EURECA project.

From the Bookstore

- All Spring textbook orders from faculty are due now. To ensure that we have all of our textbooks on the shelf and are able to buy back from the students, we must have this information as soon as possible. If there are problems/issues with any course titles, please let James Yang at james.yang@mwsu.edu know of your situation.
- We have all course and title information for the December mini-semester, and students can order their books via Webworld.
- If any faculty members are in need of regalia for December (rental or purchase), please email jenny.denning@mwsu.edu or call ext. 4384. The Herff Jones custom sale will end Monday, November 11. This late date will not guarantee delivery in time for December's graduation.
- We have received a ladies full zip fleece jacket for just \$24.95, in maroon or black. Hurry in for the best selection. We also have a selection of MSU gift items that are now **75% off**.
- Mark your calendars now for the **FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION SALE**, December 4-6. More to come on this yearly event!