

the Update

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Presidential Search Update

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Last week the Presidential Search Advisory Committee met with our consultants from Academic Search and carefully reviewed 53 applications from a national applicant pool presenting distinguished credentials. Following this review of the applicants, we have extended invitations to 11 highly qualified leaders for preliminary interviews. We are still at the confidential stage at this point, so we are not announcing when and where these interviews will take place.

Following these preliminary interviews, the university anticipates bringing no less than three nor more than five individuals to campus in late February or early March. Information about the individuals invited for campus visits will be issued in a timely fashion so the campus and Wichita Falls community will have the opportunity to meet the candidates.

Thank you for your continued interest in the MSU Presidential Search.

Shawn Hessing, Chairman
MSU Board of Regents

This Week's Events

Monday February 2

Staff Senate...
Applications due for the Jesse W. Rogers Staff Senate Scholarship

International Education...
Study Abroad Informational Meeting 6 p.m. CSC Shawnee Theater

Tuesday February 3

Athletics...
Lunch with the Mustangs Noon WFMA

Counseling Center...
Academic Workshop:
Time Management Skills 3:30 p.m. Sundance Meeting Room

Student Government Association...
SGA Meeting 7 p.m. CSC Comanche

Wednesday February 4

University Police Department...
"Shoot Don't Shoot" Guidance for

Surviving an Active Shooter Situation 10 a.m. CSC Shawnee Theater

Athletics...
Women's Basketball vs. Tarleton 5:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Athletics...
Men's Basketball vs. Tarleton 7:30 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Thursday February 5

University Police Department...
"Shoot Don't Shoot" Guidance for
Surviving an Active Shooter Situation 2 p.m. CSC Shawnee Theater

Geoscience & Environmental Science Colloquium Series...
Guest Speaker: Dr. Neil Tabor 5 p.m. Bolin 100

Friday February 6

Admissions...
Discover MSU:
Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Athletics...
Softball at NFCA Leadoff Classic
vs. Dixie State 10 a.m. Tucson, Ariz.
vs. Colorado State Pueblo 2 p.m.

Athletics...
Men's Tennis vs. Collin College 1 p.m. MSU Tennis Courts

Saturday February 7

Athletics...
Softball at NFCA Leadoff Classic
vs. Molloy 2 p.m. Tucson, Ariz.

Athletics...
Women's Basketball
at Texas A&M-Commerce 4 p.m. Commerce, Texas

Athletics...
Men's Basketball
at Texas A&M-Commerce 6 p.m. Commerce, Texas

Sunday February 8

Athletics...
Women's Track at UCO Indoor Invitational #2 Norman, Okla.

Around Campus

Staff Senate Scholarship Applications

The Staff Senate Scholarship Committee is accepting Spring 2015 scholarship applications for the Jesse W. Rogers Staff Senate Scholarship. This scholarship is for benefit-eligible staff. For more information regarding the

eligibility criteria and application go to mwsu.edu/staffsenate/scholarship.

A completed scholarship application can be sent to newman.wong@mwsu.edu, or delivered to the Hardin 207 (Office of Institutional Research and Assessment). Please note the deadline for scholarship applications for the Spring 2015 Semester is Monday, February 2.

Study Abroad Informational Meetings

The Office of International Education will host informational meeting about summer study abroad programs at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, February 2, in CSC Shawnee Theater. The 6 p.m. session will focus on the language programs available in Granada, Spain, and Tour, France. The 7 p.m. session will focus on the London program. For more information, contact Larry Williams at ext. 4038.

Shoot Don't Shoot Presentations

The University Police Department and Office of Human Resources will present Shoot Don't Shoot: Guidance for Surviving an Active Shooter Situation at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 4, and at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 5, in the CSC Shawnee Theater. This one-hour session is for all faculty and staff. Supervisors are encouraged to make allowances for staff to attend one session. For more information, contact Human Resources at ext. 4221.

Mark Your Calendar

Academic Workshop: Four Steps to a 4.0

The Counseling Center will present a one-hour academic workshop about Four Steps to a 4.0 at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, 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.

Film Series: *Crash*

The Center for Continuing Education and Dr. Donnie Kirk will present *Crash* (2004) at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU. This 2004 film of race relations and stereotypes in Los Angeles won numerous awards including the Academy Award for Best Picture. This film is rated R. Admission is free with donations welcome. For more information, call ext. 4756.

Staff Senate Winter Sizzler and Staff Satisfaction Survey

The Staff Senate will conduct a Staff Satisfaction Survey to assess important perceptions of job satisfaction. Staff members play a critical role at Midwestern State University and their opinions and thoughts about their level of satisfaction are important to maintaining the campus environment.

This survey is conducted anonymously and individual responses will not be known. The aggregated results will allow campus leaders to better understand top priorities for staff satisfaction.

The protocol for the administration will be:

1. The survey will be sent out through e-mails to MWSU.EDU accounts on February 1. Please follow the link provided in the email.
2. Follow-up reminders will be sent throughout the month of February.
3. The Staff Senate will host a **Winter Sizzler** from 1-3 p.m. February 11 in the CSC Atrium, where computers will available for staff members to complete the survey (paper surveys also will be available). Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided.
4. The survey will close at the end of February.
5. Results will be available on the Staff Senate website, discussed at future Staff Senate meetings, and shared with the MSU Administration and Board of Regents.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Staff Senate.

Faculty Forum Series: Dr. Yu Guo

The Faculty Forum Series will present Dr. Yu Guo at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 12, in CSC Shawnee Theater. Guo, Assistant Professor in the McCoy School of Engineering, will speak about "Analytical Prediction of Periodic Solutions in Duffing Oscillator Using Discretization." Nonlinear dynamical systems exist everywhere in practice and are important for industries such as cars, heavy machines, and air planes. The behaviors of such systems were not well predicted due to the difficulty of obtaining closed form solutions for nonlinear differential equations. Phenomenon such as bifurcations, chaos, symmetric and asymmetric periodic motions will be investigated. Admission is free. For more information, call Dr. Jonathan Price at ext. 4288.

Theatre Honor Society: *The Vagina Monologues*

The MSU Theatre Pi Delta Cast of Alpha Psi Omega drama honor society will present *The Vagina Monologues* by Eve Ensler at 7:30 p.m. in the Bea Wood Studio Theatre Thursday, February 13, and Friday,

February 14. All tickets are \$5 with all sales donated to First Step Inc. of Wichita Falls. Additional donations for First Step will be accepted. For more information, call the box office at ext. 4393, the publicity office at ext. 4399, or the Theatre Department at ext. 4670.

Discover MSU: College of Science & Mathematics

The Admissions Office and the College of Science & Mathematics will present Discover MSU on Friday, February 13. 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 more importantly students will have an opportunity to facilitate a relationship with faculty within their major or college. Participants also will have an opportunity to learn about the admissions process to MSU, tour the campus, have lunch with the dean of the college, and explore academic majors with current MSU students and faculty. For more information, call ext. 4334.

High School Art Competition

The Juanita Harvey Art Gallery will host the annual High School Art Competition on Friday, February 13, in the Foyer Gallery. Works will be on display through February 15. For more information, call ext. 4264 or visit mwsu.edu/academics/finearts/art/gallery.

Mark Your Calendar

2015 Moonlight Stampede T-shirts

The 2015 Moonlight Stampede T-shirts are now available for order. T-shirts may be viewed at www.mwsu.edu/police/crime-stoppers or my.mwsu.edu.

All shirts are Gildan Brand 100% preshrunk cotton. Sizes available are adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL; youth YXS, YS, YM, YL. Youth sizes are available by pre-order only. All shirts are \$11. Complete the PDF order form at www.mwsu.edu/police/crime-stoppers and return to elwyn.ladd@mwsu.edu or fax to 940-397-4055. Orders require payment in full when order is placed.

In the Spotlight

Sharon Arnoult, Associate Professor of History, has published "The Failure of Godly Womanhood: Religious and Gender identity in the Life of Lady Elizabeth Delaval," in *Women During the English Revolutions* (Palgrave Macmillan).

Whitney Snow, Assistant Professor of History, had an article titled "Industry Rising: Madison County Cotton Mills, 1809-1885" published in *The Huntsville Historical Review* 39, no. 2 (Fall 2014): 23-37.

Andrew J. Allen, Assistant Professor of Music, presented both a recital and lecture at the 37th United States Navy Band International Saxophone Symposium January 9-10. The recital consisted of contemporary classical works by Anne Neikirk, Greg Simon (both of which were commissioned by Allen), and Giacinto Scelsi for tenor saxophone and electronic tape. The lecture was titled *The Symphonious Saxophone: A History of the Large Saxophone Ensemble*, and was based upon Allen's current research.