

SCHOOL SCENE

Nicholas program attracts visitors from Morehead

Students observed in several classes

By Kara Reed

The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE — Nicholas County Elementary School's whole language program attracted visitors from Morehead State University last Wednesday.

Dr. Kathy Herzog and Colene Hampton, education professors at Morehead State University, brought undergraduate education majors to Nicholas County to observe classes.

The students observed classes from kindergarten through third grade.

Phyllis Ray, assistant principal at the elementary school, said the whole language program uses trade books to teach reading instead of the basal readers used in many schools.

She said other subjects are integrated in reading classes as well.

Herzog said the program is a new approach to learning and that is why the Morehead students came to observe.

She said whole language begins teaching reading with stories and works down into the parts of reading from there. The traditional approach, she said, begins with phonics and works up to reading stories.

MSU shows large gains at regional off campus locations

Enrollment at Morehead State University's regional locations has grown nearly 44 percent since 1986, according to figures released by the University's registrar.

For the second consecutive year, MSU's headcount enrollment is at an all-time high with 8,510 students, of whom 2,450 are taking classes at off-campus sites this fall. In 1986, the off-campus figure was 1,712.

This fall's off-campus enrollment also reflects a 19 percent increase over the 1989 fall figure of 1,223.

Much of the off-campus growth since 1986 is attributed to the addition of upper-level courses in the schedule of primary, junior and senior level undergraduate courses to the schedule of extended campus programs.

MSU officials began in 1986 to work closely with community colleges in Ashland, Massville and Prestonsburg and with Lees College in Jackson to identify the need of those people with two years of college, but who could not leave their home area to take additional work toward a four-year degree.

"We believe our off-campus growth rate is indicative of the need for these classes to be offered in the region," said Dr. Thomas.

"We also are looking at ways to develop more two plus two programs, where students can obtain 75 percent of their coursework locally," Dr. Thomas said. "However, these programs will only be added when we know we can guarantee their quality."

"Currently at some sites, we have the beginnings of such programs in education, business and para-legal studies, but we hope to do more in the future," he added.

"The desaturation by the Council on Higher Education of our Ashland and Prestonsburg sites as extended campus centers also has helped us to meet the region's needs," Dr. Thomas said.

A headcount breakdown of the off-campus enrollment this fall at individual sites includes:

Ashland - 204
 Jackson - 30
 Massville - 92
 Pikeville - 231
 Prestonsburg - 281
 Whitesburg - 86
 Montgomery Co. - 68
 Licking Valley - 240
 Belley - 25

In these areas a student may be taking classes at more than one site.

Herzog said, "It's a very motivating type of program because the kids like stories and that makes it more enjoyable."

She said integrating different subject with reading also compliments the program.

Herzog said, "It is an exceptional experience for them (the Morehead students). There are very few schools in Kentucky that use the whole language approach."

Ray said Nicholas County has used the program for two years.

Kitty Cassidy, an education major at Morehead, said it was her first time observing in a school that uses the whole learning approach to reading.

She said, "These kids seem to enjoy it so much. It's motivating."

She said she thinks the phonics approach to reading is much easier than they don't enjoy it as much.

Jan Dingus, an education major at Morehead, said, "They're learning without even knowing they're learning."

But she said they would like to try the approach when they have their own classrooms.

Cassidy and Dingus observed Mrs. Becker's kindergarten class where children read stories to each other, an other part of the whole learning program.

Cassidy said, "You really don't see the positive affects of peer teaching until you're involved."

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 Morehead education student Kitty Cassidy, left, observes the kindergarten class of Georgia Becker as one student reads to the rest of the class. This type of reading is one aspect of the whole learning program used at Nicholas County Elementary School.

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COMMUNITY

Dampier has big role in state education plan

By Ted Sloan

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instructed and this office." Dampier was a charter member of the coalition seven years ago after the employer shut-ups during the John Y. Brown Jr. administration raised his concern for career employees.

"The coalition's philosophy is to try to be accountable to the state," he says. "Any thing we ask for or strive for, we want to make sure it's accountable and justified."

The coalition, he says, also tries to keep open a line of communication with the administration in power.

"I'm really quite proud of the coalition," he says.

His first experience as an employee spokesman was in a Personnel Board hearing on proposed regulation. "I signed up and I would be in a position to ask something I wanted to," he recalls.

"I didn't have anything to ask but I had some things floating in my mind. So I went to the mike and started talking, and I realized I think the two key areas to be in is the Department of Education and

Employee Advisory Committee." Dampier says he was encouraged to run for one of the two employee representative slots on the Personnel Board.

He was the leading vote getter among 63 candidates and assumed his seat last month.

"I didn't run for the board with any kind of a specific to see the board be a good, effective board."

"It's a challenge," he says. "All through my work life and my private life I will sort of enjoy challenges and meet challenges."

Another challenge Dampier has taken up is an environmental activism in the Frankfort of the Frankfort Audubon Society and a member of the National Audubon Society and is involved in the State Water Watch program.

He speaks to Scott County schoolchildren one day last year as a "human environment."

His interest in ecology started as a youngster who spent a great deal of time outdoors in rural Nicholas County.

"I guess one of the first things that bothered me was seeing farmland being taken up by shopping centers," he says. "In the 1950s it was all asphalt and concrete."

He's concerned about the destruction of the Amazon rain forests, which he says can never be replaced once they are out.

"Every time we cut down a rain forest there's no telling

how many drugs and future cures are lost," he says.

Dampier also is in the board of directors of the Frankfort Arts Foundation and he and his wife, Pat, live on Edkham Creek in Scott County near Midway, Ky.

University of Kentucky funds their first date was the 1958 regional championship game in which the Wildcats defeated Seattle.

The Dampiers have two children, Debbie, of Burlington, and David, who recently graduated from Morehead State University with a degree in broadcast communication.

He's thinking of continuing at least three years, and possibly as many as 10. "I like what I do," he says. "In his spare time government, I like to travel, camp, hike, take a garden, golf and work. I'm never bored."

NOTE: OFFERED RATE INCREASE

In accordance with the requirement of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as set in 807 KAR 5.099, Section 4, notice is hereby given to the customers of the Sharpburg Water District of an increase in the District rate schedule as set forth herein.

The proposed rate increase is required by the Farmers Home Administration in connection with a loan by the FHMA to the District in the amount of \$335,000 to be evidenced by the issuance by the District of its Waterworks Revenue Bonds in such amount, which the FHMA has agreed to purchase provided the District meet certain conditions of the FHMA, including increasing water rates as set forth below.

CURRENT RATES	
5 1/8" x 14" Meters	
First	2,000 gallons @ \$11.00 - Minimum Bill.
Next	2,000 gallons @ \$20.50 - per 1,000 gallons.
Next	5,000 gallons @ \$17.00 - per 1,000 gallons.
Over	10,000 gallons @ \$4.40 - per 1,000 gallons.
1 - Inch Meters	
First	5,000 gallons @ \$17.15 - Minimum Bill.
Next	5,000 gallons @ \$17.70 - per 1,000 gallons.
Over	10,000 gallons @ \$4.40 - per 1,000 gallons.
2 - Inch Meters	
First	16,000 gallons @ \$14.00 - Minimum Bill.
Over	16,000 gallons @ \$1.70 - per 1,000 gallons.
50,000 gallons @ \$85.00 - Minimum Bill.	
Over	50,000 gallons @ \$1.70 - per 1,000 gallons.

FIREWORKS CONNECTION CHARGES	
5 1/8" x 14" Meter	\$280.00
8" x 14" Meter	\$345.00
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5 1/8" x 14" Meter	
First	2,000 gallons @ \$19.00 - Minimum Bill.
Next	2,000 gallons @ \$28.00 - per 1,000 gallons.
Next	5,000 gallons @ \$20.00 - per 1,000 gallons.
Over	10,000 gallons @ \$4.80 - per 1,000 gallons.
1 - Inch Meters	
First	5,000 gallons @ \$17.00 - Minimum Bill.
Next	5,000 gallons @ \$17.80 - per 1,000 gallons.
Over	10,000 gallons @ \$4.40 - per 1,000 gallons.
2 - Inch Meters	
First	16,000 gallons @ \$14.00 - Minimum Bill.
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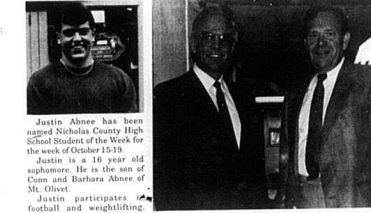
PROPOSED CONNECTION CHARGES

5 1/8" x 14" Meter \$350.00
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The FHMA can proceed with its loan if the cost not otherwise provided for extensions, additions and improvements to the waterworks system of the District, consisting of the renovation of certain existing waterlines and the installation of new waterlines, a new booster pumping station and a 200,000 gallon water storage tank.

Signed: Mike Pryor, Chairman
 Sharpburg Water District
 Sharpburg, Kentucky 40374

This tractor trailer ran on the road last Tuesday three miles east of Carlisle off U.S. 60. The accident involved the tractor trailer. The truck was heading south on U.S. 60 and lost control in the curve. The truck jumped a small ditch and rolled to a stop about 150 feet west where it is the road.



The Carlisle Mercury Bone Photo
 Pike County Judge-Executive Paul Patton, on the left, an un-named candidate for Lieutenant Governor, was in Carlisle last week. Patton, president of Deposit Bank, introduced Patton around town and posed with him for this photo.

POLICE LOG

The Carlisle Police Department reported the following activity last week:

- Served one warrant.
- Served one citation for reckless driving.
- Investigated one accident.
- No injuries were reported.
- Johnny Shroat, Carlisle, was arrested for Alcohol Intoxication. The arrest occurred Friday at 3:10 a.m. on Louisa Street, Carlisle.

The Nicholas County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity for the week of October 12-19:

- Served five subpoenas.
- Served one civil summons and one criminal summons.
- Served one small claims.
- Served one warrant.
- Served one eviction notice.
- Investigated four weeks.
- Investigated three complaints.

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