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84th Commencement Set May 7

One hundred and eighty graduates will walk proudly across the stage of Fletcher Auditorium Thursday, May 7, when Murray State College hosts the school's 84th annual commencement.

The ceremonies, which begin at 8 p.m., will be followed by a reception for all graduates and guests in the Student Center Ballroom.

Dr. Clyde R. Kindell, president of the college, will introduce the evening's keynote speaker, State Senator Billy Mickle, D-Durant. Sen. Mickle, who has been in the Oklahoma Legislature since January of 1988, will address the graduates, their families, friends and well-wishers on the subject of "Motivation."

Following Sen. Mickle's remarks, Mrs. Mary Golloway, Dean of Students, will present the Activity Award, an honor that goes to the student whose participation in and support of school-sponsored activities has been outstanding.

Well-deserved recognition will be given the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award which recognizes individuals or families who have demonstrated, through their service, a commitment to Murray State College. Announcing the recipient of this year's DSA will be Sandy Northcutt, Tishomingo businessman and chairman of the MSC Foundation's board of directors.

A highlight of the evening will be presentation of the Academic Awards. Dr. J. Phillip Traugher, vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, will introduce to the audience those gradu-

ating scholars who have made straight "A" grades throughout their college careers at Murray.

Dr. Traugher will then read the name of each of the 1992 graduates as Eldridge

Colston, Marietta, chairman of the MSC Board of Regents, confers diplomas.

Others on the program include Mrs. Edd Clary, playing the processional and recessional; Leon Sutter-

field, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, providing the invocation and benediction; and "The Entertainers," performing a musical selection composed by MSC music instructor Jamie Inman: "You Can Make a Difference."

The 1992 graduation list, subject to last-minute additions or deletions, is as follows:

Associate in Science

Brently B. Anderson, Ardmore; Shantheni S. Anderson, Ardmore; Todd Anderson, Ardmore; Valerie Louise Balch, Tishomingo; Don Wayne Barnett, Rattan; Gina Black, Halderton; Stacy Blackwell, Tishomingo; Lisa Carol Ross Blankenship, Ardmore; Patti Alese Pendleton Box, Madill; Kenneth Dale Brantley, Ardmore; Jennifer Keith Brewer, Ardmore; Charles Lemar Brown, Tishomingo; Ellen Lou Brown, Roff; DeeAnn Burris, Ardmore; Connie Sue Frances Chastain, Ravia; Denes Alan Chastain, Ravia;

Sherry L. Clark, Ardmore; Kandy Michelle Clinton, Ardmore; Robby Dewayne Cole, Ringling; Russell Glenn Crabtree, Norman; Mariam Jeree Craig, Ada; Michael Schane Cranford, Kingston; Nichole Renee Cunningham, Tishomingo; Michelle Rena Driggers, Milburn; Tonya Sue Duncan, Lone Grove; Angela Ruth Eddy, Newalla; Tracy DeAnn Eddy, Newalla; Michael Eugene Edelen, Ardmore; Bill Henry Ellis, Madill; Jim Erwin, Stonewall; Stephanie Lea Cormany Ferguson, Wilson; Osamu Goto, Ardmore; Alicia

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure for me to have this opportunity to extend congratulations to all our 1992 graduates. Many of you will be immediately seeking gainful employment upon graduation, while others will be continuing their educations at regional or comprehensive universities.

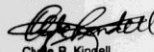
Those of you who are seeking immediate employment might encounter some delay in obtaining the type of job that meets your specific personal desires; however, the institution has prepared you well for your respective occupational pursuits, and, with some degree of patience, I am sure you will be successful in obtaining gainful employment.

Those of you who will be entering upper division course work will find yourselves academically prepared to succeed. However, there might be some period of adjustment as you enter a new campus environment. According to information we receive from the universities our graduates attend, our former students have done quite well.

Regardless of whether you opt for immediate employment or continued education, on behalf of the Board of Regents of Murray State College, the faculty and the staff, I extend best wishes for a bright future. Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you in your future endeavors.

In closing, I wish to thank you for coming our way. As you have been enriched by your experience at Murray State College, we have been enriched by your presence.

Sincerely,



Clyde R. Kindell
President

Rodden Is Teacher of Year; Mr. and Miss MSC Named

The long-anticipated announcement of the winners of three coveted honors was made at the "Spring Celebration," the annual spring dinner-dance hosted by the MSC Student Senate. It was held this year on Thursday, April 23.

By a vote of the student body, Kirk Rodden, political science instructor, was chosen Teacher of the Year. Students named Russell Ponds, Tulsa sophomore, as Mr. MSC, and voted a tie for Miss MSC—Amy Hardcastle, Purcell sophomore, and Nichole Smith, freshman from Wright City.

Rodden, who joined the Murray faculty in August of 1990, graduated from Kingston High School and attended Cameron College in Lawton for two years before earning his bachelor's degree in political science at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. In December of 1990 he received his master's degree from Oklahoma State University.

Active in Democrat party politics, Rodden will be on hand for the national

Democratic convention in July in New York City as an invited observer.

He belongs to the Oklahoma Political Science Association and was recently selected to serve on the OPSA board.

Russell Ponds, one of the stars of the Aggie basketball team, will graduate May 7 and transfer to Southwest Texas University in San Marcos where he will major in Psychology. Russell was named to the All-Conference Team and played in the regional All-Star game.

Russell has been very active as an officer in Student Senate and was one of the committee members who made "Aggie Day" such a success.

Amy Hardcastle, who had a 3.88 grade point average at the close of the fall semester, is also graduating May 7 and transferring to OSU to earn a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

Amy served this year as president of Phi Theta Kappa honorary scholastic society and received a regional award for her work as leader of PTK. She is planning to be married this summer.

Nichole Smith is a member of the Lady Aggies basketball team and has also managed to maintain high grades, earning a 3.5 grade point average at the close of the fall semester.

Nichole is majoring in Child Development. According to Child Development program director Becky Wyatt, Nichole has "done a very good job in her lab and gets along great with the kids."



CONGRATULATIONS to (from left) Amy Hardcastle, Kirk Rodden, Nichole Smith and Russell Ponds, shown accepting their plaques.

Special Summer Camps, Programs Planned

Seven special "camps" or programs are scheduled here this summer.

Most unusual will be the Murray State College Astronomy Academy, June 7-27. Twenty-five high school juniors and seniors are being offered three weeks of intensive and personalized instruction in all aspects of introductory astronomy, including hands-on experience with astronomical telescopes and calculators and a special field trip to the George Observatory in Houston.

Dr. Carlton E. Rousey, MSC physics instructor, is academy director. A member of several recognized professional scientific organizations, Dr. Rousey is also vice president of the Astronomical Institute for Research and Education (AIRE) and is president of the Arbuckle Astronomical Society.

Funds for this camp were authorized under Senate Bill 111 of the 1991 Oklahoma Legislature.

In May, the annual Show Cattle Camp opens for two separate weeks of training. Dates of the two camps are May 24-28 and May 31-June 4, with Tim Ashley, MSC animal science instructor, serving as camp director.

Show Cattle Camp is open to 4-H and FFA members in Oklahoma and Texas. Each four-day session will stress the fine points of showing and fitting

cattle properly while building confidence in the participants. That confidence, said Ashley, is important in giving youngsters that competitive edge.

MSC Boys Basketball Camp is scheduled June 28 through July 3. Open to boys ages 8 through 14, the camp will be run by Dean Weaver, college athletic director.

Participants will stay on campus during the week while they enjoy personalized instruction from an experienced staff.

The dates of July 6-7 and 9-10 are set aside for "Clay for Kids," a course to be taught by Dr. David Johnson of the MSC Art Department. The class will be aimed at ages 13 through 16.

Coach Willie Fatheree and his staff have scheduled the annual Girls Basketball Camp July 12-17. It is open to all girls, ages 8 through 18, who have not yet begun their senior year in high school.

Fatheree's camp last year saw a record enrollment of participants who came to MSC to learn the latest in offensive and defensive strategies for either 6-on-5 play or 5-on-5 play.

July 15, 16 and 17 are the dates for "Summer Art for Kids," a Community Services course for youngsters in grades 2nd through 7th. To be taught by area artist Beverly Montgomery, the class is designed to expand a child's natural creativity.

Only one special camp is scheduled in

August—"Computer Camp for Kids," with instructor Lynn Reinhart. Students in grades 3rd, 4th and 5th will meet in the mornings and those in grades 6th, 7th and 8th will meet in the afternoons August 5-7.

Utilizing the college computer laboratories, participants will benefit

from individualized instruction at his or her own level, including computer concepts and applications, keyboarding skills, programming fundamentals and the care and use of equipment and software.

For more information on any of these summer programs, call 371-2371.



AGGIE BASEBALLERS wait their turns at bat on a beautiful April day. From left to right are Brandon Mosley, Norman; Chris Shea, Fort Worth; Preston Cole, Sulphur; Schane Cranford, Kingston; Rickey Vandenburg, Bokchito; Scott David and Robert Goodwin, both of Fort Towson; and Chuck Melton, Moore.

Officials Provide Preliminary List of '92 Graduates

(Continued from page 1)

Leah Graham, Ardmore; Jennifer D. Gregory, Rose;

DeShonda Inez Gunter, Tishomingo; Ellis J. Hammett, Lone Grove; Amy Sue Hardcastle, Purcell; Tonya Annette Harrell, Tishomingo; Stephanie Kay Hartman, Overbrook; Jimmy Waylin Hash, Canadian, Texas; Sherry Lynn Hearn, Gore; Michelle Lynn Hicks, Tishomingo; Traci Hilburn, Milburn; Christopher Shane Hill, Achille; Linda Marie Hill, Mannsville; Wendy Sue Hoosier, Ardmore; Marilyn Joy Hopper, Fox; Jody Ray House, Sawyer; Brad C. Imouchey, Milburn; Jimmy Harris Johnson, Austin, Texas; Victoria Kate Jones, Wilson; Stacy Ann Kates, Stigler; Buffy Khaladj, Ardmore; Melissa Lynn King, Ardmore;

Derek W. Lollis, Ardmore; Mary Evelyn Lyons, Tohauchi, N.M.; Eva Jolene McCutchen, Tishomingo; Torja J. McMillan, Fort Worth, Texas; Edward Scott McReynolds, Sapulpa; Shy-lan DeAnn Milligan, Foster; Neal Lee Moore, Marlow; Angela Lee Morley,

Gage; Henry Clay Neal III, Purcell; Jayson Earl Northcutt, Tishomingo; Mary Jo Palmer Norton, Davis; Elizabeth Ouo Old Crow, Stonewall; Chelsea Leanne Oliver, Madill; Kathy Sue Ozment, Tishomingo;

Cherrie Gail Parker, Ardmore; Patsy Sue Payne, Mill Creek; Laura Lea Pearce-Sandmann, Coalgate; Jamie Lee Perdue, Ardmore; Melva June Stucky Pierce, Ardmore; Michael Dwayne Pierce, Ardmore; Russell Albert Ponds, Tulsa; Carrie Dian Ramey, Cartwright; Lon Michelle Ramey, Cartwright; Denisa Gaye Ramsey, Ardmore; Hank Lee Roberts, Owasso; Kevin Wayne Robinson, Durant; Clint LeClair Simonton, Lindsay;

Kristy Michelle Smith, Clayton; Shannon Lynn Smith, Milburn; John Bradley Sneed, Tishomingo; Coll Dereck Thomason, Wynnewood; Thomas Craig Thompson, Francis; Wadonna Dianne Wells, Ardmore; Jarvis Wayne Whatley, Ardmore; Angela Kay Whitener, Ardmore; Tim Paul Wigington, Tishomingo; J. Paul Williams, Ponca City; and Lisa Kay Wolff, Tishomingo.

Associate in Applied Science

Kenneth Ray Adair, Caddo; Terri L. Amos, Stratford; Rebecca Lynn Baker, Ardmore; Johnnie Lee Barnes, Tishomingo; Susie Darlene Beratto, Tishomingo; Miles David Blevins, Davis; Shawn Lynn Boyer, Ardmore; Donnie Ray Bridges, Purcell; Terry Alan Brooks, Milburn; Lisa Daniell Brown, Madill; Loretta A. Carlile, Ardmore; Jo Pat Clark, Ardmore; Stephanie Davida Crockett, Ravia; Beverly Ann James Crumm, Tishomingo;

Bobby Ray Daniel, Milburn; Cathy Neal Dansby, Durant; Susan M. Darnell, Ardmore; Lynda Dianne Chadwick Davis, Milburn; Carolyn Deanise Ellis, Ardmore; Priscilla J. Estes, Tishomingo; Dennis Matthew Fairchild, Tishomingo; Mary E. Fairchild, Tishomingo; Susan Joan Forson, Ardmore; Rita Jo Gallegos, Mill Creek; N. Greg Gantt, Tishomingo; Clodualdo Gerardo Garcia, Roswell, Ga.; Judy Ann Griffith, Ardmore; Jon Christopher Haines, Tishomingo;

Amy Denise Hammon, Kingston; Pam Claxton Hammons, Wilson; Angela Dawn Hart, Madill; Jessica Mae Hill, Ardmore; Randal Devyrlie Ingle, Mannsville; Anne Michelle Jackson, Madill; Linda Rae Jarman, Tishomingo; Joely Evelyn Kennemer, Coalgate; Cheryl Ann Knight, Ardmore; Christi Ann Lambert, Healdton; Mark Aaron Landes, Tishomingo; Judy Gale Lewellyn, Lone Grove; Edith Ann Lowe, Tishomingo; Lisa L. Luna, Sulphur; Barbara Jean Martin, Tishomingo;

Brenda Kaye McDaniel, Tishomingo; Paula Jayne McElroy, Ardmore; Jana Maria (Anderson) Milburn, Durant; Glen Dale Morrison, Ardmore; Vanessa Lea Morse, Ravia; Charlotte Wynona Morton, Ardmore; Kimberly Marie Mowles, Kenefic; Delores Sharon Nance, Tishomingo; Gloria Ann Nelson, Tishomingo; Sarah F. Northrup, Ardmore; Dana Lynn Osborne, Ardmore; Mary Irene Owen, Ardmore; Jackie Sue Paquin, Kingston; Karen Kay Tolbert Parker, Wilson; Debra Jean Hamlett Pender, Ardmore;

Vida Darlene Phillips, Milburn; Sheila Mae Pierce, Tishomingo; Amy Diane Prather, Sulphur; Janice Marie Reeves, Sulphur; Sandra Gail Reynen, Davis; Rose Marie Brownfield Reynolds, Ardmore; Harold J. Rice, Calera; Cynthia Kay Rose, Coleman; Beverly Jeannine Rutherford, Stonewall; Tina Marie Sanchez, Ardmore; Valeria Beatrice Schultz, Milburn; Thomas Leard Shannon, Ada;

Terry Lynn Simpson, Kingston; Laura L. Smith, Ardmore; Lisa Ann Smith, Sulphur; Linda Kay Farmer Stephens, Mill Creek; Geneice H. Titus, Madill; Ruthanna Trout, Kingston; Randall Leigh Turpin, Davis; DeAnna Y. Miller VanBuskirk, Ardmore; Jennifer Lea Womack Vursels, Tishomingo; David Alan Wade, Sulphur; Shelly Renee Ward, Madill; Margaret Roberts Warrington, Ardmore; Pamela J. Wheat Warrington, Ardmore; Sherie Lorraine Watkins, Tishomingo; Elizabeth Kathryn Welch, Ardmore; Donna M. Willgues, Madill; and Rebecca Mock Williams, Ardmore; Patricia Wright, Tishomingo.

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"Senior Day" Sees Biggest Turnout Ever!



SHELLYE SNOWDEN (center), Outreach Coordinator and director of "Senior Day," welcomes the 275 high school seniors and counselors who were on hand April 14 to tour the campus and get acquainted with faculty, staff and current students. Two outstanding MSC sophomores, Chelsea Oliver and Clint Simonton (above), tell visitors why Murray State College is the best place to enter the higher education system.



RODEO TEAM members put on quite a show of daring roping and riding skills during an outdoor lunch for the guests, served by Vet Tech students. Other entertainments during the day included the performance of a scene from the MSC version of "Steel Magnolias" and a medley of songs by the college's vocal-instrumental group, "The Entertainers."



DR. KAY HELMS (above left), chairman of the Division of Agriculture and Related Technologies, tells seniors about career choices offered here. Below left, Bruce Stewart, chairman of the Science Division, talks about "the superior faculty in the Science Department at Murray State College."



IMPORTANCE OF ART is stressed by Dr. David Johnson (above right) of the MSC Art Department as seniors stop by his booth in the ballroom. Below right, Shellye Snowden (center) visits at the rodeo with a table of Fort Towson seniors and MSC President Clyde R. Kindell.



CAMPUS QUOTES

(Note: Only potential graduates were asked this month's question.)

'After Your May 7 Graduation From MSC, What's Next for You?'



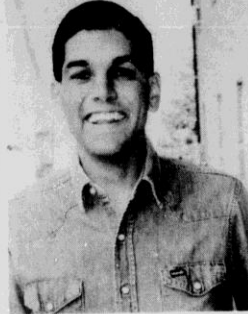
MARILYN HOPPER
Fox
EDUCATION/ENGLISH

'This summer, I'm going to stay home and do all the things I couldn't do while in school, then I'm going to ECU and finish my bachelors degree.'



AMY HARDCASTLE
Purcell
ELEM. EDUCATION

'First, I'll be getting married. In the fall I'll attend Oklahoma State University to continue my education.'



HANK ROBERTS
Owasso
AGRICULTURE

'I plan to enter 50 or 60 rodeos this summer in Oklahoma and Texas. I want to stay in a rodeo program, so I'll be at SOSU or Northwestern.'



AMY HAMMON
Kingston
PROFESSIONAL SECRETARY

'I've been offered a full-time job for the summer. After that, I'm not sure whether I'll be working or going to school.'



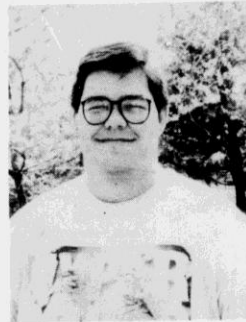
MELISSA KING
Ardmore
GENERAL EDUCATION

'I've already enrolled at the University of Oklahoma in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications where I'll concentrate on advertising.'



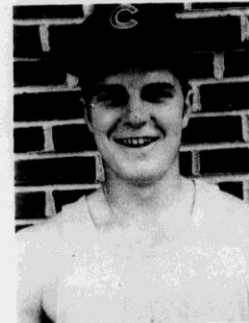
CLAY NEEL
Purcell
ANIMAL SCIENCE

'I plan to work this summer. In the fall I'm transferring to OSU to work on a bachelors degree in animal science.'



DEREK LOLLIS
Ardmore
GENERAL EDUCATION

'After Murray, I'm going to USAO in Chickasha to major in Learning Disabilities With the Multi-Handicapped, and hopefully become financially independent.'



CLINT SIMONTON
Lindsay
CONSERVATION/WILDLIFE

'My studies here, especially in Science, have prepared me for OSU where I will work toward a degree in Wildlife Management.'

The Latest "Mews" From Vet Tech

Photo and text by Deedra Gee

Share The Joy

Service to the community is an integral part of the Veterinary Technology Club. Recently vet tech has sponsored several community service events to help those around us.

One such program lets us visit area nursing homes.

Members of the Vet Tech Club bring their pets to nursing homes in Tishomingo and offer residents some time to enjoy getting acquainted with the animals, petting and holding them.

Main purpose of the nursing home visits is to share the joy of pets with those who do not have the opportunity to own pets of their own.

"Everyone seemed really happy

to be able to pet and play with the animals," says Brenda Nading, a Tishomingo freshman in the Vet Tech Club. "The people were so sweet and so caring, we plan to re-visit as often as possible."

The nursing home program was just started this semester, but response has been so rewarding that it may become a vet tech tradition.

In the picture at the right, Gertha Duncan, a resident of Lawnview Nursing Center in Tishomingo, cuddles a 9-week-old Nubian goat named "Chloey," belonging to Brenda Nading, left.

Chloey is just one of the special pets taken to visit nursing home residents.

