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MSC Mourns Loss of Class Favorite

By Ty Harrell
Media Information Director

The halls of Murray State College were unusually quiet on the morning of Monday, Feb. 6, especially in the science division, as news of the death of Dr. Dee

Keeton began his teaching career at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he served as graduate assistant from 1959-61 before being named an instructor in 1961. While there, he taught undergraduates and graduate classes in ichthyology, limnology, and herpetology.

Joyous moment...



Dr. Dee Keeton looks proudly at his new grandson, John Austin, shortly after John's birth on Feb 3. This photo was taken three days before Keeton's death.

Keeton circulated.

Keeton, who had taught at Murray since 1992, died in his sleep, Feb. 5, at his home in Willis.

"Teaching and family were the most important things in his life," said Brenna Collier. "He was a very loving man and you could not find a better instructor or man. It is a great loss."

In 1963, Keeton moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where he was employed by Texas Christian University as assistant professor. While on staff at TCU, Keeton established the first freshwater fisheries research program at TCU, served as faculty advisor for pre-med, pre-dental, and nursing. *see Keeton, related photos pg 3*

Black Heritage Month Provides Time to Reflect

By Ty Harrell
Media Information Director

The month of February immediately conjures up thoughts of hearts and Valentines Day - a day to show love towards those close to us.

February is also the month when the groundhog announces

either an early spring or a protracted winter. It is during the month of February that we celebrate President's Day, commemorating the births of the Father of our Nation, George Washington, and the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln.

But February is also a time set aside to recognize the many contributions of black Americans *see Heritage page 2*

PT Assistant Option Closer to Reality

By Ty Harrell
Media Information Director

Murray State College announced Thursday, Feb. 23, plans for implementation of a physical therapist assistant program during a press conference on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

The program is expected to be underway by fall of 1995, pending approval of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

"In Governor (Frank) Keating's State of the State address, he stated one word and asked us to remember it - growth," Dr. Glen Pedersen, MSC president said. "He followed that up with growth in jobs, growth in income, and growth in the quality of life. The physical therapist assistant program is a definite plus for the governor's concept of growth."

The associate in applied science degree physical therapist assistant program prepares the individual to become a skilled assistant working under the supervision of a physical therapist. The physical therapist assistant acquires the education to provide essential patient services for the prevention and alleviation of physical impairment and the restoration of function through a program established by the physical therapist.

According to a recent survey conducted throughout southeastern Oklahoma, there are currently 47 physical therapist assistants employed. The demand will be 80 in 1997, and 131 by the year 1999.

"The future graduates of this program have numerous employment opportunities available to them," Pedersen said. "They have good jobs and income waiting in the ten-county area with salaries of \$20,000 and above."

Construction is underway on

the new Nursing/Allied Health Building, which will house the new program.

The physical therapist assistant program has been developed in response to the requests by area health care agencies to meet the need of a shortage of physical therapy personnel in home health care, schools, nursing homes and hospitals.

"To create a new program offering, a number of criteria needed to be in place," Pedersen said. "Specifically, these are employment potential for graduates, interest on the part of individuals to participate, a physical location appropriate for program activities to occur, and monetary support. We at Murray State College have documented and received everything necessary and are ready to move forward."

Serving on the physical therapist assistant advisement committee are: Melame Bruster of Memorial Hospital of Southern Oklahoma in Ardmore; Helen Trowbridge of Valley View Regional Hospital in Ada; Shawn Wallace of Muscular Performance Lab., Inc. in Ardmore; David Lewis, Assistant Administrator of the Duncan Regional Hospital; Joe Duerr, Administrator, Purcell Municipal Hospital; and Mickey Hail of Physical Therapy Services of Durant.

Start-up funds of approximately \$200,000 for equipment and personnel are being provided through Murray State College Foundation by the Noble Foundation of Ardmore, Ok., and the McCasland Foundation of Duncan, Ok.

"These two organizations have responded to the needs of the area and the people by providing funds for the first three years of operation of this program," Pedersen said. "Without the monetary commitment of these organizations, the effort would be only on paper and not a reality."

Custodian Brings More Than Cleanser to Work Each Day

By Ty Harrell
Media Information Director

Some may look down upon her job, think they are too good for such, and pray that they never

admit it.

It is the other little things this special lady brings to Murray State College which make her special.

Her name is Ingrid Byers, and she brings so much more than a

Those times allow her to appreciate what she has now.

Born and raised in Germany, she was just a teenager when World War II broke out. Immediately after the war, her mother left her with her aunt and moved



Ingrid Byers (right) always has time for a kind word or friendly conversation as MSC Athletic Director Mike St. John (center) and MSC freshman Katie Isenberg find out. photo by Ty Harrell

have to do it.

Others may not notice, passing her in the hall with nary a glance.

She is one who truly loves what she does and is not ashamed to

sponge and cleanser to work with her every morning.

Ingrid, a native of Germany, has seen bad times in her life, times of uncertainty and despair.

to Scotland. Ingrid was fifteen before she found her mother and moved to be with her in Scotland. She spent two years there before she met an American G.I. and married. Ingrid finally came to the U.S. in 1965.

"I was raised with a lot of love," Ingrid said. "Then the war broke out and everything fell apart. But I made up my mind that I would treat people like I would like to be treated. I have found out that, if you reach out to people, they will reach back."

She doesn't make a triple digit salary, or drive a shiny new car, but that doesn't matter to her. She admits her rewards come in the people she meets everyday.

Ingrid has been a custodian for MSC for two and a half years since she and her husband moved back to the area after being away for nearly twenty years.

"We just loved the area and we

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who have helped shape this country into what it is today through the celebration of Black Heritage Month.

The observance originally began as Negro History Week after historian Carter G. Goodson wrote the first "Negro in Our History" book in 1922.

The event was first celebrated during the second week of February, which coincided with both Lincoln's birthday and that of Frederick Douglas, a great negro leader from the post-civil war era.

Today, the entire month of February is dedicated to remembering the strides of black Americans, strides which, at many times, go unnoticed.

"Black Heritage Month has been able to provide a means of articulating what contributions the black community has made throughout our history," said Reverend Leonard R. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman of the MSC Board of Regents. "There are many people who don't realize what contributions blacks have made in the past and continue to make today."

Mitchell acknowledges there is a problem of today's youth not knowing the contributions of blacks.

He makes reference to Crispus Attucks, a freeman, who was the first person to die in the American Revolution at the Boston Massacre.

He also cites as examples, two major contributions in the field of medicine

Perhaps most notable was the first open heart surgery, performed by Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, a Chicago physician.

Williams successfully performed the surgery on a kitchen table on July 22, 1893. The patient, a stabbing victim, survived and regained his health completely.

Dr. Williams later founded Provident Hospital, the first hospital in the nation dedicated to the training of Negroes in the medical professions.

In the second example, during World War II, Dr. Charles Drew developed the methodology for manufacturing blood plasma. The invention saved thousands of American lives during the balance of the war, as well as untold millions world-wide.

Ironically, Dr. Drew died in North Carolina following a loss of

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Students Remember Keeton

ing students. He also supervised M.S. degree field work and theses for graduate students. He remained at TCU until 1966.

Keeton then took time away from the classroom and returned home to become a peanut farmer in the family business, where he met long-time friend Gary Whitmire.

"I've known Dee since the mid-seventies and I always liked Dee," Whitmire said. "He was a real people-person. We worked out problems together and we had a lot of fun. He just cared so much about others."

In 1985, Keeton took a position as math instructor at Kingston High School before becoming an adjunct instructor in biology, general physical science, anatomy, physiology, and mathematics at MSC. He was quickly promoted to full-time at MSC in 1992, where he remained until his death.

Keeton's own education began in 1957 when he earned both his bachelor's and master's degree in zoology from the University of Oklahoma.

In 1963, Keeton earned his Ph.D. in fishery biology from Iowa State University, with minors in statistics and entomology.

Keeton touched many lives while at Murray, lives of both the students as well as the faculty.

According to Bruce Stewart, MSC science division chair, Keeton was well-liked and respected by all those around him.

"There is no one on campus who had any better rapport with

students than Dee did," Stewart said. "His return to teaching (in 1985) was really an enjoyable experience for him; he seemed to really like being back in the classroom."

"He had a great sense of humor, and he used that in his classes," Stewart added.

Stewart's sentiments were echoed by students who were shocked by the news of the death.

"One thing that struck me about Dee was he didn't have the attitude he was here just to do a job; he was here because he wanted to be here," said Alex Delarosa, pre-vet major. "I never saw Dee not have time for students, and he had a good attitude about everybody."

"I knew Dee as an instructor and as a friend," said Becky Bearden, Ardmore sophomore. "He was a very loving individual; and he had a very interesting life, but he was interested in the lives of others."

"I sum him up like a teddy-bear person," Bearden said. "He was just a big, loving teddy bear who accepted people for who they were and nothing else mattered."

"When I took a biology class with Dr. Keeton, he initiated my interest in science," said Cecilie Parker. "He talked about the difference between a rock and a frog, and that special spark that makes a frog alive. He was the reason I came full-time to Murray State. I believed any place that had teachers of his caliber was where I wanted to be."

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blood from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on April 1, 1950. His death was attributed to the fact that the first hospital he was taken to would not admit him because he was Negro.

There are many inventions in use today that trace their roots back to black inventors.

Namely, Granville T. Woods, who made the first traffic lights, and Samuel McCoy, an inventor of the first automatic oiling mechanism for machinery and from whom we get the analogy, "The Real McCoy."

There is also Benjamin Banneker, a freed slave who helped lay out the city of Washington, D.C. and made the first working clock in America, a clock made entirely of wood.

"There are untold thousands of references that can be made regarding the contributions of blacks to the growth of this Nation," Mitchell said.

Mitchell believes there are many needs that must be met in the black community.

"In this area, there is a real economic need," Mitchell said. "Nationally, a black male averages \$21,000 annually in contrast with a white male, with similar education, who earns \$39,000."

"While I believe the remedies that have been developed in the area of affirmative action must continue to be implemented to combat past systematic discrimination, I also believe employers must move towards becoming

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MSC employee Ingrid Byers embraces Alex Delarosa during funeral services for Dr. Dee Keeton in Willis, Ok. Over 300 people attended the services for the much-loved instructor.

photo by Ty Harrell

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wanted to get back," Ingrid said. "My husband quit a real good job because it was killing him. We took a chance and moved back to this area. Once we got here, we didn't know what we were going to do to survive. I heard Murray State was looking for a janitor so I applied."

Ingrid said this was a wonderful opportunity for her, an opportunity to do what she does best, touch people's lives.

"This is a good place for me to reach out to people," Ingrid said. "If I can spread some happiness and sunshine every day in somebody's life, that is a reward for me; and it makes me feel great."

Ingrid takes a lot of pride in her work and is proud to do it.

"A painter takes pride in his paintings," Ingrid said. "If you don't take pride in your work, it won't work outright. You have to be happy at what you do, and I am."

"It's not demeaning to pick up trash or scrub things; somebody has to do it," Ingrid said. "I realized that I have a gift and I use it."

Ingrid said she has one philosophy she lives by and she encourages others to live by it as well.

"My philosophy is do what

makes you happy," Ingrid said. "People have asked me why I do this kind of work and I tell them that I like it. I like to see something dirty and make it come out clean."

Ingrid said there is one pet peeve she can't stand to see in a person, and she will fight it until it is beaten.

"I can't stand negativity," Ingrid said. "When I see a negative person and I can't get them to think positive, I keep working at them until they *do* think positive."

Her most powerful weapon is a smile, and she uses it every chance she gets.

"I think the power of a smile is fantastic. I have always said let a smile be your umbrella," Ingrid said. No matter what the problem is your facing, if you smile, you don't think about it for that moment."

She has developed a great rapport with students and faculty at Murray State, a rapport she does not take for granted.

"I get a lot of respect from the students, and I really respect them," Ingrid said. "They are my kids; if I can help only one of them reach their goals, offer encouragement or whatever they need, that is what it's all about."

With all of the benefits offered at MSC, Ingrid may just be one of the most precious.

Stone Rolls with MSC Student Senate

By Ty Harrell
MSC Media Information

The Murray State Student Senate is under new leadership with Matt Stone, and he hopes to lead by not doing all of the leading this semester.

Stone, a sophomore who hails from Norman, chose Murray over Oklahoma University because he wanted the chance to get his feet wet before diving into a four-year school.

"I didn't know how hard college was going to be," Stone said. "I just wanted to test it out here first and then transfer to OU."

Stone is debating between majoring in English or science.

"I really don't know what I want to do yet," Stone said. "But I will be graduating from here in May, so I need to be deciding pretty quick."

Stone has plans for student government at MSC, the biggest having to do with getting others involved in student senate this semester.

"I am simply trying to get the clubs more involved," Stone said.

"I believe if more people get involved, we can get more things done.

"I want more input from others rather than having me just get up and dictate to people what we are and are not going to do," Stone added. "The more people we can get involved, the more ideas."

Stone admits it is quite a challenge to be president, but it is a challenge he is happy to have. The biggest challenge comes in communication.

"Just trying to talk to everybody is a real challenge," Stone said. "Trying to get them to understand me while trying to understand what they want and need is a challenge."

There has been a problem with student involvement with the student government, but Stone hopes to see that change.

"I just believe the younger students just don't care about what happens here," Stone said. "Most of the people we have involved are non-traditional students, and I believe it poses a problem."

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race neutral in making hiring decisions. There is also a need on the part of employers to become racially neutral. Don't make requirements different for minorities. At the same time, I strongly believe if two applicants are equally, preference should be given to the applicant who has suffered past discrimination based on race, sex, religion, color, country of origin, or previous conditions of servitude."

Mitchell had the opportunity to observe, first hand, some of the most critical black history being made in the 1960's.

While working for a Minneapolis, Minnesota, radio station in 1964, he went to Selma, Alabama, to interview the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

"I asked my boss to send me to Alabama to interview Dr. King," Mitchell recalled. "It was much against his wishes because he

thought I would get killed if I went down south."

Mitchell recalls it took him almost a week to get enough tape to put together a one-hour special broadcast.

"On my last day in Alabama, Dr. King suggested very strongly that I come to work for the SCLC," Mitchell said.

Mitchell admits he didn't jump at the opportunity right away.

"Dr. King told me what the pay was, \$50 a week, if they could come up with the \$50. I looked at him like he was half crazy."

Following his return to Minnesota, Mitchell was again contacted by Dr. King and was soon persuaded to leave his comfortable position at the radio station to join the civil rights movement in Selma, Al., prior to the march to Montgomery that changed the political face of America.

As a result of the action, Mitchell became an administrative assistant to Dr. King. One of Mitchell's primary tasks involved doing spe-

Nursing Students Lend a Helping Hand to Senior's

Two MSC sophomore nursing students recently gave a helping hand to senior citizens at the Johnston County Nutrition Center.

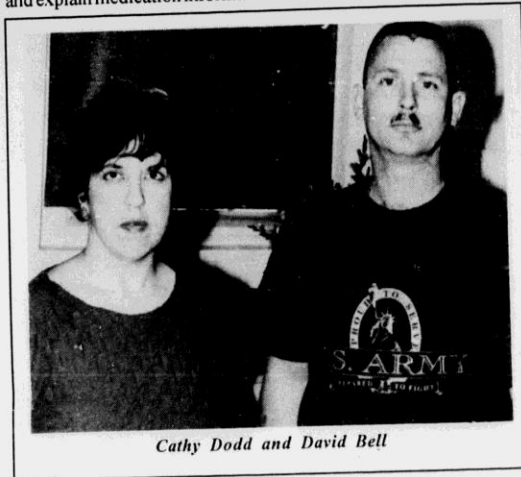
MSC students David Bell and Cathy Dodd, along with nursing instructor Carol Johnson, conducted seminars on the Heimlich Maneuver, use of emergency services, and how to create a health history which will be used to record and explain medication informa-

tion.

"A lot of seniors came and were very interested in what the students could do to help them," said Johnson. "They (seniors) had requested the programs so I approached David with the idea and he was glad to do it, as was Cathy."

"I was pleased with the way the presentations were received,"

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Cathy Dodd and David Bell

cific research for speeches to be given by Dr. King, during which time he developed a close friendship with the man he calls his mentor.

"While I was never Dr. King's 'right-hand man,' I managed to work myself up to become one of his trusted assistants. I was happy to do whatever he asked me to do while I worked for him."

Mitchell admits there were some differences in their beliefs.

"The first time Dr. King spoke out against the Vietnam war, I wasn't sure (the U.S. involvement in) the conflict was wrong," Mitchell said. "I felt too close to him to speak out, so I left and went back to Minnesota in August, 1966."

As the war continued to escalate, Mitchell began to look more carefully at not only the war itself but the history behind it. This caused him to arrive at the conclusion that Dr. King was right in saying the United States should not be fighting the war because

we were there for the wrong reasons.

Mitchell and Dr. King's paths would cross again in February of 1968.

The two met in Philadelphia while they both were staying at the same hotel.

"During our two-hour meeting, we agreed I would return to SCLC as a staff assistant in June," Mitchell recalls. "That was not to be, because Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, while leading a strike by sanitation workers in Memphis."

Looking back on the whole experience, Mitchell says he learned many things, things he vividly remembers during this time of year.

"I have been given a sense of serenity in the midst of major problems," Mitchell said. "I don't let things control me."

"He (Dr. King) taught me to look for the best in everybody, not just certain aspects of a person. He also taught me how not to be

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PSP Offers Students Varied Opportunities

Program Continues to Grow With Bright Minds

By Ty Harrell
Media Information Director

Spring break is generally a time for college students to get away from school and think about anything but homework.

However, this is not the case for students involved in the President's Scholars Program at Murray State College.

Students in the program packed their bags March 8 and embarked on a trip to New Orleans with PSP chairman and MSC English instructor, Jeff Milligan.

The students had an opportunity to learn about marine biology along the Gulf coast, see medical research happen at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine, while also enjoying some of the sights New Orleans.

The group was scheduled to meet with Dr. William Ballee, an ethnobotanist and professor in the department of anthropology at Tulane University. They also had an invitation to attend a class with Dr. Darlene Brooks, a music therapist and professor in the department of psychiatry at Loyola University.

This is just one of the many opportunities afforded students involved with PSP.

The program is open to students who score 21 or above on the ACT, maintain a 3.25 grade

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outstanding students. It provides an unique opportunity to study topics that are either current or not part of the established curriculum of any one course.

"These courses are interdisciplinary, team-taught programs administered by the PSP

When asked about the future of black America, Mitchell responded with a question of his own.

"What is the future of America?"

"I believe we need each other. I do not believe any people can coexist in isolation or seperately. Unfortunately, I do not see racism being eliminated in my generation, but I believe it will be eventually."

A great thought to conclude Black Heritage Month.

point average and who have demonstrated academic excellence either in high school or at MSC.

The program is designed to offer an enriching personal, cultural, and academic experience to

committee," Milligan said. "It consists of bi-weekly seminars which deals with a variety of different topics.

There are eight faculty members who serve on the committee

research, and are interested in education."

Milligan has four different semester themes he uses to loosely organize ideas for the seminars. Towards these ends, the seminar themes reflect four areas of concentration including: values and ethics (good vs. evil); the development of ideas and expansion of cultural awareness (discovery theme); human relationships (man, the social animal theme); and applied knowledge (application theme).

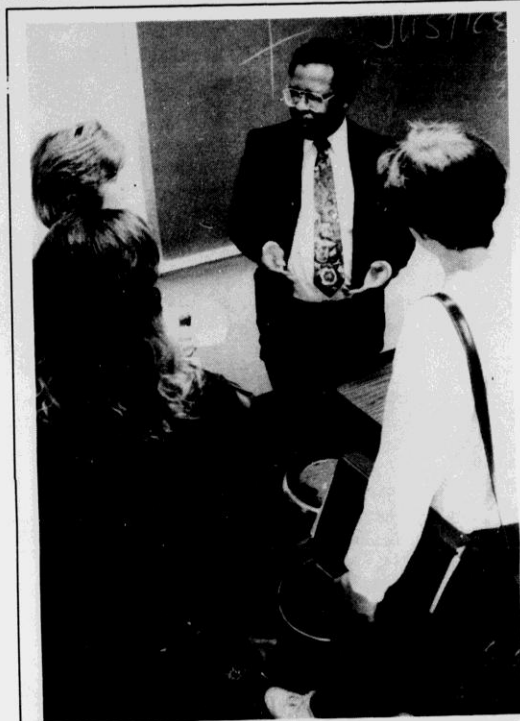
It is the hope of the committee the themes will help to broaden the students' horizons by exposing them to things to which they may not have been exposed.

"We have a two-fold purpose with these seminars," Milligan said. "While these students may be bright, they are generally young and, to the extent they have lived out their lives in rural southeastern Oklahoma, their horizons are limited by their experiences. We try to put them in touch with things in the world outside of southeastern Oklahoma."

One example Milligan offers was a seminar which dealt with the human and ethical impact of AIDS on southeastern Oklahoma.

"We invited people from clinics in Ardmore who deal with AIDS victims, and a lady whose brother, a graduate of Murray's Nursing program, died of AIDS," Milligan said. "For most of us, this is a problem somewhere else, but we brought it home and explained it is an issue here too."

Aside from sitting in seminars, the students involved in PSP also must accomplish three Honors Option Projects, a rigorous as-see PSP - page 6



Reverend Leonard R. Mitchell discusses his experiences while working with Dr. Martin Luther King during a PSP seminar last semester.

photo by Ty Harrell

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said Bell. "A majority of the seniors who participated had either experienced chocking or someone close to them had chocked, so they (seniors) were very interested in what to do in that type of emergency."

Bell, who has been an emergency medical technician since 1989, as well as a CPR instructor, said the nursing department will continue to hold seminars for the seniors as long as they would like to have them.

which oversees the program. The members bring input from a variety of academic disciplines.

"The neat thing about the committee is the people who are involved are some of the best teachers on the campus," Milligan said. "They continue to learn, read, do

"We just go by what the seniors feel they need," Bell said. "We will continue to present information on an 'as needed' basis. We are delighted to help them any way that we can."

Dodd, who spoke for the MSC Nursing Club, offered to create a medical history that the seniors could carry with them in case of an emergency. She stated the club would use computers to make a chart of the medications with dosages. The chart would then be

updated as needed.

"This will offer a reliable record of the medications the seniors are on," Dodd said. "It will serve as a vital piece of information so the seniors will know what the medication is and what effects they can expect from it."

Johnson said there are other ideas in the works for the seniors who visit the Nutrition Center.

"We have ordered videos on chair aerobics," Johnson said. "We are interested in getting more things for the seniors."

Radford To Bring Unique Guitar Style To MSC

The audience for Ronald Radford's Flamenco guitar concert, slated for March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom on the campus of Murray State College, shouldn't be misled by his tuxedo. The show will not be marked by formality.

Rather, Radford plans to walk on stage in black tie and tails, sit down in the spotlight, and talk to the audience as if they were sitting in his living room.

Radford, in fact, may be the most relaxed person in the Center when he warms the audience with his friendly unpretentious manner and dazzles them with a world class performance of Flamenco music.

Radford's performance is a rarity. He is the only Flamenco guitarist to appear at MSC, but it will not be his first visit to Tishomingo.

"We have had him here before and he puts on a great show," said Fred Poe, Liberal Arts chair at MSC. "We are just delighted that he will be doing another show here."

A Fulbright Scholar and protégé of the legendary Carlos Montoya, Radford is about the only performer of his type - a full-time American player of Spain's traditional folk music.

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signments that are set up much like that of post graduate work.

"The students engage in an independent study research project with a faculty member in an area of interest to them," Milligan said. "They have to put a minimum of 45 hours of work into the project, then produce a written report and present it to the committee."

PSP student Belinda Branam is currently involved with one of these projects, focusing on the practical experience in general practice and hospital operation while also studying issues in rural medical practice.

She is working with Bruce Stewart, chair of the MSC science division, and Dr. Patrick Bell of Johnston Memorial Hospital, who is allowing her the opportunity to gain first-hand experience of how a hospital operates and the relationship between doc-

tor and patient. She is also being allowed to observe hospital work in such areas as radiology, medical laboratory, emergency room, and nursery.

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Ronald Radford will perform his unique flamenco guitar style on March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

PTK Inducts New Members

Phi Theta Kappa inducted 53 new members into Alpha Epsilon on Feb. 26, 1995.

The society, which recognizes scholastic excellence, held the candlelight ceremony for the new members then enjoyed a reception hosted by alumni of Alpha

Epsilon.

Bruce Stewart, chairman of the MSC science department, was the featured guest speaker.

Those inducted included: Debra Allen, Kimberly Almon, Billy Armstrong, Dawna Ball, Mindy

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ten days we were there, we were having the experience of being the outsider, not being the one who speaks the language or knowing where to go."

However, Milligan said there are fun and humorous memories the students bring back with them.

"Bruce (Stewart) knew about this little restaurant across the border he wanted to take us to so we could eat goat," Milligan recalled. "We were sitting in the restaurant waiting to order and a man came in with three baby goats by the legs; he just drug these screaming goats through the restaurant and back into the kitchen."

"I think several students turned vegetarian right then," Milligan said.

Milligan said it all becomes a path for the student involved in PSP to become closer while building personal experiences.

Students involved in the program do receive compensation for their dedication. They receive one of the most generous scholarship packages in the state. The combined scholarships cover all but a small portion of the cost of attending MSC.

Milligan has hopes the mix between traditional and non-traditional student participation will increase.

"That has been a big thing for us," Milligan said. "This has been a program with young students and that does not reflect the composition of the college. I already see a better mix of traditional and non-traditional students."

Milligan said education is the most important aspect of PSP.

"This is a program which recognizes education is far more than what happens in the classroom," Milligan said. "

Newcomer to visit Finland

Murray State geography/history instructor Robert Newcomer has been chosen to participate in a five-week Rotary Group Study Exchange Program which will take him far away from his classroom in Tishomingo.



Newcomer

Newcomer has been chosen by the Ardmore Rotary Club to travel to Finland beginning March 18 to learn about the culture while also sharing knowledge of the teaching profession in America. He was chosen from a pool of 20 applicants following extensive interviews and meetings with Rotary Club members from across southern Oklahoma.

The objective of the program is to provide business and professional persons with opportunities for exchanging ideas in their chosen professions with other professionals in other countries. Besides the work that will be put in, there will also be time set aside

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Bean, Twyla Beavers, Joyce Bourke, Monica Brandenburg, Sally Bufkin, Connie Butcher, Deborah Cartisano, Lea Cochran, Ronda Cowen, Aaron Cravatt, Matthew Cravatt, Carmen Daugherty, Debbie Earsom, Pamela Aguilar English, Daniel Fisher, Charity Flowers, Richard Freeman, Daine Gary, Jennifer Harbert, Krista Harris, Allen Hoffman, Angela Hu, Jon Huston, Patricia Ivester, Shirley Jones, Melissa Jones, Jamie Keeling, Donna Kyle, Stacey Loughridge, Patricia McConnell, Marcia McCorkle, Shawn McGee, Judith McMillen, Carol Miller, Kevin Nickell, Justin Parks, Leah Peters, Tracie Phillippe, Debra Riddle, Angela Roan, Jackie Roberts, Cathy Shellenberger, Beverly Smith, Janis Staed, Penni Stanford, Lisa Teafatiller, Sherry Tynes, Robbie Underhill, and Tammy Warren.

for sightseeing and taking part in cultural events.

"I am thrilled to have been chosen for this trip," Newcomer said. "I think there will be a tremendous benefit in having a first-hand experience with an entirely different culture and way of life."

While in Finland, Newcomer will stay with a Rotary family almost constantly. It is the goal that he will stay with other college teachers. Newcomer hopes to have the opportunity to meet with other instructors of geography while visiting Finland.

Aside from learning the culture and lifestyle of Finland, Newcomer will teach the Fins about life in southern Oklahoma through photographs and lectures.

"We will give presentations to Rotary Clubs throughout Finland," Newcomer said. "We will show slides and give talks about life in Oklahoma, what we do here and I will discuss the history, culture and geography of Oklahoma."

Following his return to Oklahoma, he will continue his work with the program by speaking throughout Oklahoma to other Rotary Clubs in regard to his experiences and what he learned. Newcomer sees that opportunity as a perfect setting to talk about MSC to those who may not have had exposure to the campus and its facilities.

"I believe that will be a tremendous benefit to Murray State," Newcomer said. "I will be meeting with people within and beyond the service area of MSC, and it is a great opportunity to talk about Murray as well as what I did in Finland."

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The most commonly heard complaint about student government is that it really doesn't make a difference in the decision making process, an assumption that is wrong according to Stone.

"I think people should take a closer look at what is going on around them," Stone said. "A lot could be done in that amount of time if they would just put forth the effort."



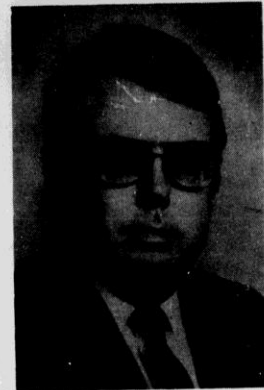
"All This...And Talent" - Cast members for Murray State College's dinner theater production of "All This and Moonlight" include: (clockwise from bottom) Kim Boggs, James Bridges, Christy Thorman, Rebecca Heffley, Angie Roan, Ami Lowe, and Patrick Thorman. The play runs March 23, 24, and 25.
photo by Ty Harrell



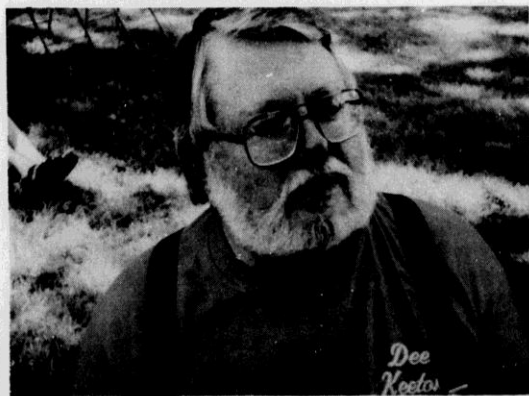
D.C. Minner of the band "Blues On The Move" belts out some powerful tunes during a recent concert at MSC.

photo by Ty Harrell

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*Lord, don't let me die on a cold windy day
 when rain turns to ice and snow spits
 on freshly turned earth.*

*Lord, don't let me die on a hot summer day
 when sweat turns neckties and collars into
 instruments of torture.*

*Lord, Let me die on a fine spring day
 when meadowlarks sing complicated tunes of
 happiness and Hoppy can pick*

*The Wildwood Flower in the graveyard
 at the spot where my bones will
 rest forever.*

