



INAUGURATION PROFESSIONAL... Registrar Linn Fair led the professional at the 1954 inauguration of MSU's seventh president, Dr. Adron Doran. Behind Fair are Dr. Doran, Gov. Lawrence Wetherby, Dr. Warren Lippin, and Chester Travelstead, dean of the School of Education at the University of South Carolina, who gave the main address.

MSU Prospers In Recent Years

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The total athletic program reached an all-time high in 1962-63 when MSU's football, basketball and baseball teams captured championships in the rugged Ohio Valley Conference.

Haird Music Hall, constructed in 1952, became the first major structure to be built on the campus in 17 years and was part of a \$10 million building program which mushroomed between 1953 and 1963.

Buildings constructed during this period were Laughlin Fieldhouse, 1956; Doran Student House, 1957; Lakewood Terrace, 1959; Waterfield Hall, 1960; Butler Hall, 1961; Bert T. Combs Classroom Building, 1961; addition to Botton Auditorium, 1961; Industrial Arts and Home Economics Building, 1962; Wilson Hall, 1962; Mignon Hall, 1963; Administration Building, 1963; and 11 faculty duplexes.

The Doran Student House was named for President Adron Doran, and Butler Hall for Wendell P. Butler, who has served three terms as state superintendent of public instruction.

Waterfield Hall was named for Harry Lee Waterfield, two-time lieutenant governor of Kentucky. The Combs Classroom Building was named for Gov. Bert T. Combs.

Palmer House Innovation

Wilson Hall was named for Roger L. Wilson, dean of students since 1953 and Mignon Hall for Mrs. Mignon Doran, wife of the Morehead State president.

During this period, a 25-bed infirmary was built, the Palmer House, a 12-room home management house was purchased, and there was

extensive remodeling and redecorating of numerous buildings.

As spectacular as the growth at MSU was during the decade from 1953-1963, it was overshadowed by the tremendous expansion yet to come.

1964 was the year which saw construction of Breathitt Sports Center and West Mignon Hall.

East Mignon Hall, Cooper Hall and the W.H. Rice Maintenance Service Building were constructed in 1965.

WKMY, an FM radio station, began broadcasting from the Combs Building with 10 watts of power.

The school's crowning achievement came in February, 1966, when the Kentucky General Assembly granted university status. Five academic schools and a graduate division were formed and the first vice presidency was created with the appointment of Dr. Lippin in academic affairs.

Breck was renamed "University Breckinridge School." Four major construction projects — Mignon Tower, Alumni Tower, Normal Hall, Downing Hall and Laughlin Health Building — were completed in 1967 the same year.

Bought University Farm

Opened in 1968 were the Claypool-Young Art Building, Lyman V. Ginger Hall (Education Building) and the remodeled Botton Gymnasium.

Army ROTC began the same year. Three more vice presidents — Dr. Raymond Hornback, university affairs; Dr. Morris Norflet, research and development; and Roger L. Wilson, student affairs — were appointed. A 212-acre farm was acquired in rural Rowan County.

Added to the campus skyline in 1969 were W.H. Cartmell Hall and "Dum Hall." The Doran Student House was enlarged and renamed the Adron Doran University Center. The fall enrollment was 6,490, MSU's highest.

Construction began in 1970 on Boyd F. Reed Hall which will house the Appalachian Technical Institute.

Russell E. McClure was named to the new position of vice president for fiscal affairs. Student Council became the MSU Student Government Association.

Rader Hall was reopened in 1971 after an extensive remodeling project which transformed the oldest campus building into an ultra-modern classroom and office structure.

WKMY increased its power to 50,000 watts and moved to an 18-hour-a-day broadcasting schedule.

The most notable recognition of Dr. Doran's career came in May, 1971 when he received the Horatio Alger Award in New York City. He became only the fourth Kentuckian so honored.

MSU's sixth academic school, Business and Economics, was created in 1971.

The 1972 session of the Kentucky General Assembly removed the state superintendent of public instruction from MSU's Board of Regents, and expanded the board's lay membership to eight persons and gave full voting rights to the student and faculty representatives.

By mid-1972, MSU's practical, yet imaginative building program had produced more than \$20 million worth of new facilities and won four awards for architectural excellence since 1964.

'Allie Young' — The Sage Of Morehead

By W. E. CRUTCHER
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Much of the credit for locating MSU at Morehead is due the late Allie W. Young, statesman, leader and benefactor.

Judge Young, who was born in Fleming County in 1865, began his fight for the school in 1923, during his first term as a Kentucky state senator.

He played a major role in influencing a state commission to locate the school at Morehead. He was appointed in 1923 as one of the original members of the Board of Regents and served until his death in 1935.

During this period, the promotion of the school's interests was his major concern.

At the first meeting of the Board on April 15, 1924, Sen. Young volunteered to loan the school any sum up to \$10,000 without interest to pay expenses for the remainder of the school year.

He taught school in Rowan County and studied law in the office of his father, Col. Zachary T. Young, before entering public service.

His first public office was county attorney of Montgomery County. He was later appointed master commissioner of Montgomery County.

Young was elected circuit judge before joining the Consolidated Coal Company as a general counsel.

Area voters urged him to run for the state senate and he was serving his third term as a state senator from the 31st District when he died.

An eloquent debater, Senator Young quickly emerged as a leader of the legislature. A champion of the common man, he was called "The Sage of Morehead."

When Rowan County celebrated its 100th birthday in 1936, Senator Allie W. Young was selected as the person who constituted the most to Morehead and Rowan County during the past 100 years.

MSU's Allie Young Hall, a women's residence hall constructed in 1926, was named in his honor.

Adron Doran: He Led The Fight

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Throughout this special Golden Anniversary supplement there are references to and articles about the magnificent building program undertaken at Morehead State University during the past two decades. Much has been said about the almost unbelievable growth in students and faculty during this same period. And much has been said about the growth and development of the academic areas and the unprecedented increase in state funding.

To say that Adron Doran played the major role in all of these developments is at least an understatement. Everyone knows that this former Western Kentuckian has worked 25 hours a day to bring Morehead State University to her current level of high acceptance in the region and throughout the state and nation.

But there are a number of things about this man that are not generally known.

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Model-T Ford for \$25 and gave it to the youngster to repair. He did and began hauling other farm work to school for a small fee, and not only graduated but went on to become highly successful.

When he graduated from Ross High School, the Dorans sent him to a school for mechanics in Nashville. He is now an instructor in a technical school in Houston, Texas, and two of his sons have been students at MSU.

Religious activities have always been in the forefront in Adron Doran's life. In fact, had it not been for the church (he has been a life-long member of the Church of Christ), Adron Doran would never have gotten beyond high school. Members of his home church in far Western Kentucky saw great promise in the gawky youngster and sent him off to a two-year church-college in Tennessee. He began preaching and singing in gospel quartets and today is considered one of the outstanding ministers in the church.

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TED KENNEDY HERE... Homecoming '66 style found young Ted Kennedy as the featured speaker and the member of the famous Kennedy family attracted a full house in the Fieldhouse. Sen. Kennedy was several hours late in arriving due to bad flying conditions but the more than 5,000 people in attendance waited patiently. The Massachusetts senator is shown here with President and Mrs. Doran at a reception following the convocation.

Leading off the list would probably have to be his recognition in 1971 as only the fourth Kentuckian in history to receive the coveted Horatio Alger Award which has been awarded to just 200 great Americans.

Other top awards and achievements include:

- Election to four terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives.
- Speaker of the House of Representatives for one term.
- President of the First District Education Association.
- President of the Eastern Kentucky Education Association.
- President of the Kentucky Education Association.

Member of the National Advisory Council on Education Professions Development, appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Member of the Education Commission of the States.

Recipient of the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal by the United States Army.

Named Kentuckian of the Year by the Kentucky Press Association.

Recipient of the Distinguished Kentuckian Award presented by Gov. Edward T. Breathitt, Jr.

Recipient of the Lincoln Key Award Presented by the Kentucky Education Association and the Lincoln Foundation.

Named Outstanding Alumnus of the University of Kentucky.

Named Outstanding Alumnus of Murray State University and served three terms as president of the Murray Alumni Association.

Gov. Louis E. Nunn declared "Adron Doran Day in Kentucky" on Sept. 1, 1970.

I could go on and on with an almost endless list of achievements recorded by this complex, yet down to earth man who has meant so much to Morehead State University, Rowan County, the whole region, the Commonwealth and the nation.

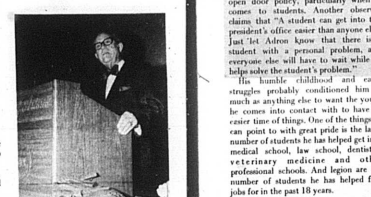
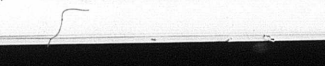
But suffice to say, this is a much better community and a much better world because Adron and Mignon Doran came our way.

Doran Tenure Longest

Dr. Adron Doran has served nearly three times as long as any of his six predecessors in the presidency of Morehead State University. He was inaugurated in 1954 and is in his 18th year at the MSU helm.

DISTINGUISHED KENTUCKIAN AWARD

Gov. Edward T. Breathitt, Jr. presented MSU President Adron Doran with the "Distinguished Kentuckian Award" in 1966, recognizing the significant contributions made by the MSU chief executive. Mrs. Doran was a proud first lady at the award ceremony.



HORATIO ALGER WINNER... In the spring of 1971, great honor was brought to Morehead State University and to Kentucky when, for the only fourth time in history, a native Kentuckian was named a recipient of the Horatio Alger Award.

MSU President Adron Doran was one of 18 men to receive the award and is shown here making his acceptance speech at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Young Doran, who was making \$64 a month at the time, just couldn't let the award slip. So he took him into town, bought a broken down