



BIRTHDAY EAGLE.—Morehead State University President Adron Doran and Kentucky's First Lady, Mrs. Jean Ford, inspect an MSU Bald Eagle painting which Dr. Doran presented to Governor Ford in Frankfort to open Morehead State's Golden Anniversary Celebration. The governor presented Dr. Doran with copies of a legislative resolution honoring the university on the 50th anniversary of passage of the bill which led to MSU's creation in 1822. Dr. Doran returned to the campus and cut the first slice of a 2-foot high birthday cake at an outdoor party attended by more than 2,000 students, faculty members and other friends of MSU.

Morehead Bald Eagle Conceived In 1970

Year after year, Morehead State University President Adron Doran said to members of his staff, "We need a beautiful, accurately portrayed symbol of Morehead State University." But no one came up with an acceptable solution—that is no one until Dr. Doran called together a group in January of 1970 and said, "I think maybe I have the answer."

His proposal to the group was to commission wildlife artist Gene Gray to paint the American Bald Eagle and make a limited edition of prints available to alumni and friends of the university. It didn't take the group long to agree to the plan, and the following week found the Lexington artist and his associates from Animal Graphics, Inc., on the campus for a luncheon meeting. The Board of Regents unanimously approved the idea and commissioned Gray to do the painting.

An agreement was soon reached to send Gray to Central Florida where he would spend two weeks studying the American Bald Eagle in its natural habitat. In early March of 1970, Gray journeyed to the Ocala National Forest in Florida and spent 12 to 16 hours a day observing and sketching this nearly extinct bird. He returned to Lexington, armed with his sketches and color notes, and began the creative process of transferring his image of this great American bird to canvas. The work was completed by mid-June and he delivered the painting for approval.

Project Financially Successful

When unveiled, viewers saw a magnificent painting of a noble bird in an attack position. University officials were astounded at the beauty and vividness of Gray's painting, prompting President Doran to say, "This is a striking portrayal of the bald eagle and we are greatly pleased that Gene Gray has given us a painting worthy of display as the

official Morehead State University Bald Eagle.

A limited edition of 2,000 prints of the Morehead State University Bald Eagle was available originally and all proceeds above costs are being used by the Alumni Association for scholarships to needy students. The Alumni Association gladly agreed to handle the sale of the prints and no funds of the Commonwealth of Kentucky have been involved.

Gray and President Doran signed each of the Morehead State University prints and other members of the faculty and staff signed prints when requested by the purchaser.

President Doran's original idea blossomed in a most fruitful fashion and as a result Morehead State University, whose athletic teams have long been called the Eagles, has a majestic painting which will forever stand as the official Morehead State University Bald Eagle.

The Eagles

In the fall of 1955, J.M. Clayton, a Morehead businessman, announced he would sponsor a contest to select a nickname and a song for the athletic teams at the town's new state college.

Miss Peachie Ellis, now Mrs. Jack Cecil of Morehead, submitted "Bald Eagles" as a name suggestion and won the \$10 first prize. A song was also chosen but it since has been changed.

"Bald Eagles" was used for a few years but it eventually was shortened to "Eagles" for the sake of convenience.

Eagle athletes have proudly worn the name for more than 46 years.

An MSU student, dressed in the "Fightin' Eagle" costume which weighs 22 pounds, appears at all home basketball and football games.

Chronological History Of Morehead State University

- 1922 Gov. Edwin Morrow signs act providing for commission charged with locating two new normal schools.
- 1923 Morehead State Normal School opens doors with Dr. Frank Dotson as president.
- 1924 Warren C. Lapping joins faculty as baseball coach.
- 1925 First college newspaper, the Morehead Light, published.
- 1926 General Assembly adds "and Teachers College" to name.
- 1927 Administration Building (now Rader Hall) built.
- 1927 First yearbook, the Re-creator, published.
- 1927 Thompson and Fields Hall built.
- 1927 Newspaper name changed to "The Trail Blazer."
- 1927 First degree awarded (Bachelor of Arts in Education).
- 1927 Intercollegiate football starts.
- 1929 John Howard Payne named second president.
- 1929 Intercollegiate basketball starts.
- 1930 Name changed to Morehead State Teachers College.
- 1930 President's Home finished.
- 1930 Johnson-Carson Library and Jay B. Memorial Stadium built.
- 1930 First Bachelor of Science in Education degree awarded.
- 1931 University Bookbinding School built.
- 1931 Harry Babbs becomes third president.
- 1931 Inviting team wins 22 of its 23 scheduled meets.
- 1932 Campus Club initiates "Hawg Rifle" trophy.
- 1932 First Bachelor of Arts degree and first Bachelor of Science degree awarded.
- 1937 Science (Lapping) Hall and East Men's (Maya) Hall built.
- 1940 William H. Vaughn named fourth president.
- 1941 Basketball champions of K.I.A.C.
- 1942 First Master of Arts in Education degree conferred.
- 1944 Football champions of K.I.A.C.
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- 1944 William Jose Baird becomes fifth president.
- 1944 Football co-champions of K.I.A.C.
- 1947 Baseball champions at K.I.A.C.
- 1948 Name changed to Morehead State College.
- 1948 College helps form Ohio Valley Conference.
- 1951 Charles Spain named sixth president.
- 1951 Adon Doran named seventh president.
- 1954 Baird Moore Hall built.
- 1955 Track champions of O.V.C.
- 1956 Fieldhouse and Riceville built.
- 1956 Track champions of O.V.C.
- 1957 Basketball co-champions of O.V.C.
- 1957 Deane Student House built.
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- 1957 Waterfall Hall and Lakeside Terrace built.
- 1960 Coeds Building and Butler Hall built.
- 1961 Back-Hall co-champions of O.V.C.
- 1962 Home Economics Industrial Art (Lloyd Cassity) Building and Wilson Hall built.
- 1962 Football co-champions of O.V.C.
- 1961 Administration Building, Magnus Hall and Regent Hall built.
- 1961 Back-Hall co-champions of O.V.C.
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- 1961 West Magnus Hall and Healthful Sports Center built. Palmer House acquired.
- 1965 East Magnus Hall, Cooper Hall, and W. H. Rice Maintenance Service Building constructed.
- 1965 WMK begins broadcasting.
- 1966 MSC becomes Morehead State University.
- 1966 First Associate of Applied Science degree awarded.
- 1967 Football champions of O.V.C.
- 1967 First Master of Arts degree awarded.
- 1967 Magnus Tower, Alumni Tower, Normal Hall, Downing Hall and Loughlin Health Building constructed.
- 1968 First of three new hatches and three new master's degrees awarded.
- 1968 Claywood Young Art Building and Education Building (Lynn M. Cinger Hall) built.
- 1969 First of two new master's degrees awarded.
- 1969 Basketball champions of O.V.C.
- 1969 Men's Tower (William H. Carroll Hall) and Nunn Hall built.
- 1969 Doran Student House enlarged, renamed Adon Doran University Center.
- 1970 Back-Hall champions of O.V.C.
- 1970 First Associate of Applied Arts degree awarded.
- 1970 First of two new master's degrees awarded.
- 1971 Rader Hall renovated.
- 1971 WMK increased to 50,000.
- 1971 Dr. Adon Doran received Honorary Alumnus Award.

Mrs. Doran Performs Beyond Call Of Duty

Mrs. Mignon Doran, wife of Morehead State University President Adron Doran, goes far beyond the traditional role of a campus First Lady.

She directs a unique service, the Personal Development Institute, which offers a non-credit course designed to develop individual qualities ranging from manners to vocabulary.

Mrs. Doran, by her personal example, has been teaching the social graces since coming to MSU in 1964. Among numerous other things, she has supervised festive dinners and parties for students and faculty members. The popular First Lady started teaching the social arts professionally after launching PDI and now operates in two studio classrooms which provide a "living room" environment for PDI.

A former speech and music teacher, Mrs. Doran has spent many years collecting and writing materials which students use in their studies. Her classes involve various visual aids, role-playing, discussion techniques and demonstrations. She is assisted by Mrs. Carolyn Flitt.

The Institute encompasses a broad scope, including on-campus classes and workshops for student teachers, ROTC cadets, community leaders, secretaries, sororities, fraternities, public school teachers and MSU faculty members.

More than 4,000 persons have completed PDI since Mrs. Doran began the pioneering venture in early 1969.

Earlier this year, she was named "Outstanding Woman of the Year" by Cardinal Key national honor society.

Mrs. Doran is a member of the board of trustees of Pikeville College.



FIRST LADIES.—During her two-year term as president of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, Morehead State University First Lady Mignon Doran had as her featured speaker at the annual KFWC convention the nation's first lady, Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson. The two are shown here in the Phoenix Hotel in Lexington prior to the banquet.

May her name be a leader
Through the years to come
See, above, the waving banners
For a victory won.

Short her name, to all you Eagles:
Blue and gold will be
Winning through to fame and glory
For Old MSC.

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Kozee, Whitt, Composed MSU Song

MSU's present Alma Mater was written in 1932 when Elwood Kozee won a song contest sponsored by the then Student Council. Betty Jo Whitt, a 1932 graduate, composed the music to accompany Kozee's lyrics.

Kozee's winning entry was:

"Far above the rolling campus
Reeling in the dale,
Stand our dear Old Alma Mater,
Her name we'll always hail.
Short in chorus, lift our voices,
Blue and gold praise thee,
Winning through to fame and glory,
Dear Old MSC.

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Alumni Association Grows With University

The goals of the Morehead State University Office of Alumni Affairs are to protect, support and generally promote the interests of the University and its alumni.

The Alumni Association strives through its activities to keep an up-to-date relationship with the 13,732 graduates of the University as well as former students who have not been graduated but have associate status.

Of the University's 13,732 graduates, 11,670 have graduated since President Adon Doran was inaugurated in 1954. Dr. Doran has personally awarded degrees to 86 percent of the University's alumni.

Prior to 1954, the Alumni Association was a caretaker organization. It did not possess widespread interest or support and did not have significant programs to compare to current alumni activities.

However, there was a limited number of devoted individuals, most of them from Morehead, who kept the organization alive until it could blossom into a thriving association.

The first graduating class at Morehead was in 1927 and there were only four alumni clubs as in existence and it was the forerunner of an alumni association.

Alumni Club was in existence and was a member of the first graduating class, served as president of the Alumni Club and Alumni Association from 1929 to 1932.

Folk Hayes, 1925-28; Robert Warnock, 1929; Don Holloway, 1960; Lloyd Casper, 1961; George Jackson, 1962; J.G. Gibson, 1963-65; Lucien Rice, 1966-68; Dr. Ted Goodhart, 1969-70.

The name of the Morehead State Normal School was changed in 1930 to the Morehead State Teachers College. Alumni Association, Hubert Counts of Olive Hill served as president of the Morehead State Teachers College Alumni Association during 1935-36.

The Association attempts to promote good will between former students and the University and to direct their support for its programs. Services rendered to active alumni include a placement bureau, informative brochures and publications.

An ambitious fundraising project is under way in support of alumni-financed scholarships. Currently, 45 scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of \$100 per semester. The grants are financed through voluntary giving by alumni and special projects of the Association. One such project was the 1970 commissioning of a painting of the Morehead State University Bald Eagle by wildlife artist Gene Gray. A limited edition of 2,000 prints is being sold and a projected \$300,000 to the scholarship fund.

The governance of the Alumni Association is determined by a constitution and is separate from the governance of the University. The affairs of the association are guided by a president, president-elect, executive secretary-treasurer and an executive council.

Communication between the University and association is provided primarily through the executive secretary, who also is director of alumni affairs on the University staff. This officer is responsible to the executive council of the association as well as to the University's president and vice president for university affairs.

The alumni program is a partnership between the University and the alumni and, as a result, is financed both by the University appropriations and voluntary donations by alumni and friends. The current budget is the largest in the history of the association. University appropriations include funds for salaries of staff and a facilities for operation. All monies raised from annual giving are used for scholarships and capital construction.

The alumni office stays well informed about the total college program and relates this information to alumni in various ways. A close working relationship is maintained by the director of alumni affairs and staff with the various schools of the University, placement, admissions, school relations and other areas of University affairs.

The association working in cooperation with other University projects, has many improved publications program, including a monthly newsletter started in the fall of 1970 and The Alumnae magazine published yearly.

The Alumni Association also is engaged in an active effort to move the organization into the field where alumni reside. As a result, alumni clubs have been established in various regions of Kentucky and in other states where there are large graduate populations. Regional meetings are held in Eastern Kentucky, Central Kentucky, Northern Kentucky, Louisville, Southern Ohio and Central Florida.

Annual on-campus events sponsored by the Alumni Association include the Homecoming, Weekend and the Alumni Awards Banquet held in conjunction with the spring graduation ceremonies.