

### MSU Alumni Awards

In 1968 the MSU Alumni Association initiated an annual "Outstanding Alumnus Award" to be presented to an alumnus who has rendered outstanding service to the University and its alumni association.

Initially the association named 10 persons to receive the award; Sherman Arnett, Clearfield; Anna Carter, Morehead; Lloyd Cassty, Abland; Harlan Halcher, Ann Arbor, Mich.; the Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, Woodstock, Ind.; Dr. Paul Maddox, Clampton; Cloyd McDowell, Harlan; J. Phil Smith, Jackson; Dr. Robert Stewart, Boston, Mass.; and Russell Williamson, Ilex.



SERVED ALL SEVEN . . . Miss Anna Carter, retired secretary to all seven MSU presidents, and Lucien Rice, a Boy Scout executive now based in New Jersey, have been recipients of MSU's Outstanding Alumnus Award. Miss Carter was picked in 1964 and Rice in 1976.

#### Public Service Awards

The Alumni Association in 1966 presented the first "Public Service Awards" to persons who have served MSU and the region.

The original "Public Service Awards" were presented to Sherman Arnett of Clearfield, Thomas E. Chapman of Boyd County, Mitchell B. Denham of Maysville, Fairs Johnson of Martin, Ed J. Kelly of Flemingburg, James E. Lewis of Sandy Hook.

Terry McBrayer of Greemp, Mrs. Nell Guy McNamara of Mt. Sterling, W. J. Reynolds of Allen, Wayne Secret of Vanceburg and John R. Turner of Jackson.

The first recipients were members of the legislature when Morehead State received its university status in 1966.

Dr. Harry Sparks, who was then Kentucky superintendent of public instruction and a member of MSU's Board of Regents, received the 1967 award. He now is president of Murray State University.

W. E. Crutcher, publisher of The Morehead News, received the award in 1968 and Morehead Mayor William H. Layne was the 1969 recipient.

Dr. W.H. Cartmel, chairman of MSU's Board of Regents and a Mayville surgeon, was honored in 1970. Gov. Louie B. Nunn received the award in 1971 and B.F. Reed of Ilex, Ky. was the 1972 honoree. Mr. Reed is a member of the Board of Regents.



COOPER HONORED . . . Senator and Mrs. John Sherman Cooper were honored at a reception soon after Cooper Hall was occupied in 1966. Senator and Mrs. Cooper are shown here with President and Mrs. Doran and a charming crowd at the reception. Senator Cooper, who is retiring at the end of his current term, has long been a friend of Morehead State University.



CELEBRATIONS BEGIN . . . Gov. Wendell H. Ford (center) hands copies of legislative resolutions to the presidents of Morehead State and Murray State universities during a ceremony at the State Capitol in Frankfort. The legislature honored both universities on the 50th anniversary of the passage of a bill which led to their creation in 1922. From left are Lloyd Cassty of Abland, a member of the Morehead State Board of Regents; H. Gov. Julian Carroll; Murray President Harry Sparks; Gov. Ford; Morehead State President Adron Doran, State Sen. Joe Stacey of West Liberty and State Rep. Woody May of Woodhatch, Morgan County.

### Distinguished Faculty Award Recipients Listed

The Alumni Association presented the first annual "Distinguished Faculty Award" to Dr. Wilhelm Exelbirt, professor of history, at the 1964 spring alumni banquet. He was chosen by nominations from alumni at large with the concurrence of an alumni committee and the executive council of the Alumni Association.

A native of Austria, Dr. Exelbirt joined the MSU faculty in 1948 and served until his retirement in 1971. He resides in Morehead and maintains an active interest in the university.

Criteria for the "Distinguished Faculty Award" are a minimum of five years' service at MSU, contribution to the field of education, professional and instructional growth, pursuit of excellence, adaptability and responsibility to the campus community, versatility, ethical attitudes in accomplishments and cooperation with faculty and students.

Other recipients of the "Distinguished Faculty Award" are currently on the faculty. They include: 1965 - Dr. Margaret B. Heap, professor of biology. 1966 - Dr. J.E. Duncan, dean of the School of Humanities. 1967 - Dr. Mary Northcutt, professor of education.

1968 - Dr. Madison Proyer, professor of biology. 1969 - Dr. Franklin Mangrum, professor of philosophy.

1970 - Allen Lake, associate professor of biology.

1971 - Dr. Charles Pelfrey, professor of English.

1972 - Mrs. Julia Webb, associate professor of speech and debate coach.

#### 170 Million Campus

It would cost upwards of \$75 million to replace the land and more than 50 major structures which comprise the MSU campus. Nearly \$60 million has been expended in capital construction since 1954. Including the university farm, MSU's real estate holdings consist of more than 700 acres.

#### One Living Ex-President

Dr. William H. Vaughan of Nashville, Tenn. is the only living former president of Morehead State University. He served from 1940 until 1966. Now a retired professor from George Peabody College, Dr. Vaughan was MSU's fourth chief executive.

## Eagles Sports Story Colorful 50 Years

The colorful history of intercollegiate sports at Morehead State University spans 45 of the institution's 50 years, encompasses three athletic conferences and involves thousands of contests in 19 varsity sports.

George D. Downing might well be called the father of intercollegiate athletics at MSU. He came to the campus in 1924 as the institution's first athletic director and head coach in all sports. The athletic residence hall today bears his name as the university's tribute to his early leadership.

Football began with the arrival of Coach Downing but official intercollegiate play in the sport didn't begin until 1927. Baseball was introduced out from the beginning and finished with reinstatement for good in 1964. Basketball started with the 1929-30 season.

#### First Joined W.Va. Conference

Other sports and year of adoption include swimming, 1936; track, 1937; tennis, 1938; cross country, 1951; golf, 1960; wrestling, 1963; and soccer, 1966. Of the 10, soccer is the only sport which has never had a losing season and has done so without the benefit of scholarship aid.

The University's affiliation with athletic conferences began in 1928 with the West Virginia Conference. MSU became a conditional member of the Southern Intercollegiate

Athletic Association (SIAA) in 1933 and gained full membership in 1935. At the time, the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) was a subsidiary of the SIAA. The KIAC became an independent organization in 1938.



ALL-AMERICANS . . . John (Buck) Horton, top left, became MSU's first All-American when he was named to the elite football squad in 1933. Four Eagle gridirers have followed with the most recent being Dave Haverdick, top right, in 1969. Haverdick now is playing Canadian football. Horton was from Mount Sterling and played center. Haverdick, a defensive tackle, is from Canton, Ohio.

Morehead State and four other KIAC members broke away in 1948 to form the Ohio Valley Conference. The OVC began its 25th year of competition in the fall of 1972 with 4 membership of eight state universities, four in Kentucky and four in Tennessee. Morehead State is among the five remaining charter members.

Basketball has been MSU's main vehicle to national prominence. The Eagle cagers have appeared nine times in two post-season tournaments. They have won eight championships, six in the OVC and two in the KIAC, and produced six All-American players starting with Earl Duncan in 1943. In 43 seasons of varsity basketball, MSU has a cumulative record of 516 wins and 409 losses.

Football put MSU in the national spotlight in the years just prior to and shortly after World War II. The 1950's brought problems and three coaching changes before MSU's grid fortunes began to improve in the decade of the 1960's. In the ensuing 11 years, the Eagles have produced eight winning seasons and two OVC championships. The school's cumulative record for 42 seasons is 146 wins, 180 losses and 17 ties. Two championships also were won in the KIAC. Five Eagle gridirers have won All-American recognition since John (Buck) Horton became the first in 1933.

#### Facilities Far Different

MSU has won other championships in baseball, track, swimming, soccer and cross country. Nearly three dozen individuals have signed professional contracts in football, basketball, baseball and golf, with seven former Eagles active in the pro ranks today.

From the first crude playing fields, MSU's athletic facilities have been developed through the years to stand today as the equal of those at any

similar institution in the country. Included are a 10,000-seat football stadium with an enclosed eight-lane, quarter-mile Granitz track, 2,700-seat fieldhouse for basketball and wrestling, eight all-weather tennis courts, a modern baseball park, a nine-hole golf course, an indoor swimming pool, a lighted soccer field and numerous practice fields.

From the early days when no rules of eligibility were used, MSU long since has become a member in good standing of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and has compiled a spotless record in strict adherence to the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the OVC.



ALL-AMERICANS . . . Earl Duncan, top left, became MSU's first All-American in 1943. A forward from Georgetown, he ranks among the top 10 Eagle players. The most recent of the four MSU cagers who have followed Duncan to All-American recognition is Leonard Goulet, top right, a forward from Danville who was selected last season as a sophomore.

## Morehead Has Hawg Rifle

In Johnson Camden Library, there hangs a muzzle-loading rifle covered with brass plaques bearing football scores. Until 1963, the old gun traveled between Richmond and Morehead.

It is the traditional "Hawg Rifle," which MSU and Eastern Kentucky football teams fought for on the gridiron from 1938 until 1963.

The Campus Club brought the "Hawg Rifle" on the scene in 1936 after club members voted to establish a prize for the winner of the annual gridiron battle between the Eagles and the EKU Colonels.

Mountain lore of Eastern Kentucky is steeped with stories and traditions involving the use of this type of weapon. The club chose it as being typical of the section from which the two schools primarily draw their student body.

On Friday, Oct. 30, 1936, the battle cry was "Let's use the rifle and bring home the bacon."

Tim Wyatt raced 99 yards with an Eastern punt, a school record which still stands as MSU took a 19-7 victory and possession of the rifle.

MSU retained the rifle with a 2-0 win in 1937 and followed with a scoreless tie in 1938. A 7-6 victory in 1939 gave the Eagles four consecutive years of winning the trophy.

Eastern Kentucky won the rifle for the first time in 1940 and kept it in 1941. Morehead State shut out the Colonels 20-0 in 1942 to gain possession

of the rifle throughout the war years. When football competition was resumed in 1946, Morehead State held the rifle with a 12-0 win, but Eastern won the 1947 and 1948 games.

In 1949, the Eagles won the rifle for the last time in an 11-year period. The Eagles reclaimed the rifle in 1960 with a 21-9 victory but it returned to Richmond the following season. MSU's 20-12 win in 1962 retook the trophy and a 6-0 victory in 1963 kept



WHAT A FLOAT . . . Homecoming in the 1940's saw this "Hawg Rifle" float designed by the sophomore class. Today the "Hawg Rifle" has been retired following Eastern's withdrawal from participation in the colorful trophy which once was the symbol of football supremacy between the two universities. Morehead State has won the last three football battles between the old rivals and seven of the last 12 games.

the rifle in Morehead. Eastern Kentucky requested in 1963 that the traditional battle for the rifle be discontinued.

The retired rifle remains in the possession of the MSU Campus Club, which became Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity in 1971. The fraternity has loaned it to the library for display during the Golden Anniversary Celebration.

The first conference title was the KIAC basketball crown in 1940-41 under Coach Ellis Johnson. The most recent championship was OVC basketball last season under Coach Bill Harrel.

Eight titles have been won in basketball, two in the KIAC and six in the OVC. Coach Len Miller's Eagles took the second KIAC crown in 1943-44. Coach Bobby Langfish's teams won the OVC four times: 1955-56, 1956-57, 1960-61 and 1962-63. Bob Wright coached the OVC champs in 1966-69.

The basketball Eagles have appeared seven times in post-season tournaments with a 5-8 record. They are 24 in three NCAA tournaments. Play in the now-defunct SIAA teams produced a 2-2 mark. MSU is 0-2 in the NAIA tourney, now the NABC.

Four crosses have been won on the gridiron, two in each league. Coach Ellis Johnson directed the Eagles to KIAC championships in 1912 and 1946. Coach Guy Perry was the OVC's championship winner in 1962 and 1966.

MSU has capped four baseball championships. Stan Haglman coached the SIAA winner in 1947. Coach Sonny Allen guided the OVC titlist in 1957 and 1960. He also coached the 1963 champs of the OVC.

Dr. Nolan Fowler's teams won the OVC track championship in 1955 and 1956.

Bill Spannath, now a professional, won the OVC's individual golf title in 1970.