

Morehead State College Develops Master Campus Building Plan

Long Range Thinking Calls For High Rise Buildings Utilizing Present Campus And All The Land To Fullest Possible Advantage

(Editor's Note: The Morehead State College Board of Regents recently approved a Master Plan Report submitted by Miller, Wihry, and Lantz, Landscape Architects and Engineers, Louisville, which charts the future for the rapidly growing college. This special section is a detailed report of the Master Plan as a service to the people of the Morehead State College region.)

Less than ten years ago, Morehead State College was a dormant little college with an enrollment of less than 700. Its history has been a long and colorful one dating back to the establishment of the Morehead Christian Normal School in 1887.

From the date in 1922 when the General Assembly of Kentucky passed an act paving the way for the opening of the Morehead State Normal School to a day slightly less than ten years ago, Morehead State College has had its crowning moments and its trials and tribulations.

During that time, the college became the Morehead State Normal School and Teachers College in 1926, the Morehead State Teachers College in 1930 and in 1948, became Morehead State College.

Doran Comes To MSC

Then in 1954, a sun-crowned Kentuckian named Adron Doran came to Morehead after a distinguished career as a high school teacher, coach and principal and as a leader in Kentucky state government where he served four terms as a member of the House of Representatives—one term as Speaker of the House.

This tall Kentuckian has brought about a reformation—a breakthrough—at Morehead State College during the past eight years. Under Dr. Doran's leadership, the college has rightly taken its place among the outstanding institutions of higher learning in the nation.

Prior to 1954, only one new building had been built in the last 17 years. Since 1954, the following have been completed: the 5,000-seat Fieldhouse; the Doran Student House; the 402-man North Hall; the 200-man Butler Hall; the 4-story Classroom building; the 3-story Home Economics and Industrial Arts building; a dramatic arts laboratory addition to Button Auditorium; the 100-unit Lakewood Terrace married housing project; and nine faculty duplexes.

Under construction now are: a new administration building; an addition to the Baird Music Hall; the 300-woman Mignon Hall; the 200-man Wilson Hall; two faculty houses; and a 16-unit addition to Lakewood Terrace.

Enrollment Climbs

During the past eight years, the enrollment has more than quadrupled—making Morehead State College one of the fastest growing institutions of higher learning in



Dr. Adron Doran
... he's led the way

the United States today. The faculty has grown from its original eight members to over 140 and the institution's pioneering spirit and insistence upon excellence in faculty and program has marked it as a distinguished center of learning in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Morehead State College, its great president, its outstanding faculty and staff, its cosmopolitan student body and its service to the region have been and continue to be of vital importance to the people of this region.

It is with these thoughts in mind that we now present the Morehead State College Master Plan—a look into the future growth and development of our college.

One Of Nation's Fastest Growing

The enrollment for the 1961-62 school year was:

Men	1,582	55.4%
Women	1,272	44.6%
Total	2,854	

Recent history of the college indicates a fairly consistent increase in the student body at the rate of 15% per year. At the time of this writing, between 3,100 and 3,200 students are expected to enroll this year and if future growth is consistent with both national and state trends, there will be 6,000 students at Morehead State College in 1970.

It is this figure (6,000) on which the Master Plan has been based although any

minor variation of a few percentage points would not materially affect the overall picture.

Therefore, the Master Plan has been developed on the following projected student population in 1970:

Men	3,300	55%
Women	2,700	45%
Total	6,000	

Academic Buildings

At present, there are ample classrooms on the Morehead State College campus. This situation has been made possible by the construction of the 4-story, air-conditioned Classroom building and the 3-story, air-conditioned Industrial Arts and Home Economics building.

Additional science classrooms and laboratories in Lappin Hall will occupy the areas formerly occupied by Industrial Arts and Home Economics and more classrooms and faculty offices will be available upon the completion of the new administration building this spring.

An addition to the Baird Music Hall will almost double the classroom space for music instruction and while these additions are bringing about a favorable condition this year, plans must be formulated at this time to provide for future needs.

The rugged topography of the campus, while adding greatly to the attractiveness of its setting, inhibits lateral growth. The cost of purchasing additional land contiguous to the campus has proven to be unduly prohibitive because of exorbitant values placed upon such land.

Educational Skyscrapers

The only alternative then is to build high-rise buildings (towers) of up to 10 or 12 stories to utilize to the fullest extent the existing and available land and to group these buildings in a more compact arrangement.

The existing buildings are presently laid out in a linear pattern along College Boulevard with the new Administration Building under construction between College Boulevard and College Street. To arrive at a more compact arrangement, two of the proposed classroom buildings are planned in this same general area which will change the pattern from a linear one to a series of small courts or quadrangles.

It is recommended that the new classroom buildings, as indicated on the Master Plan, be constructed as six to ten story buildings.

Reprints of this Master Plan are available, at no cost, from the Department of Public Relations, Morehead State College.

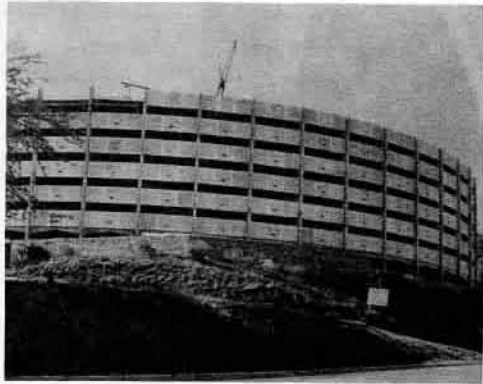
Master Plan Developed On Projected 6,000 Resident Student Body By 1970

23 New Structures, Costing In Millions, Included In Forecast; Athletic Field Will Be On Recently Acquired 15 Acres Of Land



WILSON HALL

200 man residence hall . . . almost ready for occupancy.



MIGNON HALL

Will accommodate 300 women . . . six stories . . . air-conditioned.



BAIRD MUSIC HALL ADDITION

This will double the size of the building . . . MSC has one of the finest music departments in the South.



INDUSTRIAL ARTS AND HOME ECONOMICS

In use for the first time during the fall 1962 semester.



LAKEWOOD TERRACE

Additions to Lakewood Terrace will increase capacity to 116 units of married housing.



PLANNING

Dr. Adron Doran, Ray Hornback and Russ McClure discuss the Master Plan. Hornback and McClure are Assistants to the President.

In order to develop a campus center, a large quadrangle has been created with the existing Johnson Camden Library the focal point at one end and the proposed tall Classroom Building at the opposite end. It is suggested that the area between these buildings be treated with a formal pattern of walks and terraces to add visual interest to the area.

With the present large number of mature shade trees already in the area, very little additional planting except for small plants would be required. Such an expanse located in the heart of the Academic Area will serve not only as a focal point of the college but also as a gathering and meeting place for students as they go from class to class.

The recommended building will provide for additional classroom facilities as follows:

- a. Classroom A (assume 6 stories) ----- 75,000 sq. ft.
- b. Classroom B (assume 6 stories) ----- 85,000 sq. ft.
- c. Classroom C (assume 6 stories) ----- 50,000 sq. ft.
- d. Renovation of 1st floor of Administration Building ----- 11,000 sq. ft.
- e. Future additions to present Administration Building ----- 20,000 sq. ft.

Total ----- 241,000 sq. ft.

If future conditions indicate a need for more space it would be possible and practical to construct any or all of these buildings as tall as 10 or 12 stories without detracting from the general appearance of the campus.

Administrative Facilities

Upon completion of the new Administration Building, needs for administrative facilities will be met for the foreseeable future.

Administrative offices located on the first floor of the present administration building will be moved to the new building upon its completion, thus providing additional space for classroom and faculty office use.

The new Administration Building will house offices of the President, Dean of the College, Dean of Students, Business Manager, Registrar, Director of Graduate Studies, Director of Alumni Affairs, Director of Public Relations, and Director of School Services.

The new building is being constructed so that additional levels may be built in future years as needed.

Student Activities

The Doran Student House, which houses the cafeteria, grill, bookstore, post office, meeting rooms, lounges, and similar facilities, provides for present needs in the area of student activities.

But it is quite evident that with the predicted growth of the student body there will be a corresponding need for additional facilities. The Doran Student House is so located that it can be easily expanded on the southwestern side and additional floors can be added to meet future requirements.

Additional eating facilities will be required in the not too distant future to provide for the expanding population. The development of additional residence hall facilities at the east end of the campus logically suggests that this is the area in which to provide for this need.

It is proposed that new dining rooms, cafeteria, grill, snack bar and similar facilities be provided on the lower floors of one of the proposed high rise tower residence halls. This will serve to provide additional dining capacity in the center of the area of heaviest student population.

Housing

1. Faculty Housing—During the past few years it has proven highly desirable to provide attractive and modern housing to attract the number and quality of faculty member required and desired at Morehead State College.

Ten faculty duplexes have been built and with the growth anticipated, it will undoubtedly be necessary to continue construction of such units.

Additional duplexes are planned adjacent to the existing facilities along Ward Oates Drive with the possibility of adding future duplexes on a second level.

One new faculty residence has been constructed to the rear of North Men's Hall and it is proposed to create an informal grouping of four additional units around this present unit.

Such a grouping will create an informal cluster which, while adjacent to the campus, is also somewhat isolated from it.

2. Student Residence Halls—During the 1961-62 academic year, there were existing dormitory facilities to provide 810 beds for men and 464 beds for women. Due to overcrowded conditions, 981 men were housed in facilities designed for 810, and 719 women in facilities for 464. The completion of Mignon Hall with 300 beds and Wilson Hall with 200 beds will provide 1,010 beds for men and 764 beds for women.

Based on past experience, it has been determined that 60% of the student population will reside in dormitories. On this population will be as follows:

Men	60% of 3,300	1,980
Women	60% of 2,700	1,620
Total	60% of 6,000	3,600

In order to provide for this anticipated need the Master Plan has been developed to provide new dormitories as follows:

Men	
Existing facilities	1,010 beds
Convert North Hall to Women's Dorm	402 beds
	608 beds
Add 1 unit at 200 beds	200
Add 3 high rise units at 400	1,200
Total	2,008 beds
Women	
Existing facilities (including Mignon Hall)	764 beds
Convert North Hall to Women's Dorm	402
Add 2 new units similar to (Mignon Hall)	600
Total	1,766 beds

This arrangement will provide a theoretical surplus of 140 beds for women and 28 beds for men. It is recommended that the proposal to convert North Men's Hall to a women's dormitory be delayed as long as possible or until such time as the need is clearly evident.

The 200-man Wilson Hall and the 300-woman Mignon Hall are scheduled for completion this semester and architects are completing work on two similar residence halls which will be under construction in the late spring or summer of 1963.

3. Married Students—A sixteen-unit addition to Lakewood Terrace is currently under construction, bringing to 116 the number of modern housing units available in Lakewood Terrace for married students.

The 20 units in Riceville as well as the three army barrack-type structures now housing married students are considered undesirable and should be removed at the earliest possible date.

It is proposed that they be removed as indicated on the Master Plan and that four or five additional structures housing married students be added.

Plans call for married housing rentals to be held to low rates as in the past.

Service Facilities

Facilities for the care and maintenance of the campus are housed in several temporary buildings at the present.

To provide for a unified layout where these operations can be carried out in a more adequate and efficient manner, a service center is planned northeast of the Fieldhouse.

The proposed building will house the shops, garages and necessary facilities for an efficient maintenance operation.

Physical Education And Athletic Facilities

The college has just purchased 15 acres of land from the late Charles Holbrook estate east of the present campus to develop as an area for intercollegiate athletic and intramural fields.

Plans call for a new stadium, track, baseball field and practice fields on the ideally located land.

The State Highway Department is making a survey to determine the cost of a proposed access road from the campus to the 15-acre plot.

The land now used for intercollegiate athletics will thus be freed for a more intensive physical education program and a rehearsal area for the marching band.

Additional tennis courts are planned adjacent to the present courts for use in intramural and intercollegiate athletics, physical education and for student recreation.

Tree Planting Plan

The area encompassed by the older buildings is ample evidence of the value of large trees to a campus. The play of light and shade not only enhances the general area but adds to the attractiveness of the architecture of the buildings. The large number of students who use the benches under the trees for social gatherings as well as for study is indicative of the value of planting.

As the campus has grown to take care of an expanded student body, it has unfortunately extended into areas where there is little or no existing tree growth. The Tree Planting Plan indicates the scope of new planting with very few trees added to the older area of the campus and a large number added to the newer areas. The Master Plan shows both the existing trees as well as those proposed for planting.

The objective of the planting plan has been to introduce as many species of plants as possible without destroying the unity of design or trying to create an arboretum. In general the planting has been kept informal to harmonize with the existing pattern.

In the Married Students Housing and Men's Dormitory area which is almost void of trees, a degree of formality has been introduced. The dominant species present are oaks and maples and these have been used in the same general manner to carry out the theme. To those have been added accent trees such as ash, sweet gum, tulip and others.

Intermixed with the present mature trees are minor trees such as flowering crab, dogwood, redbud and pines. These and similar species have been added to the new planting to carry out the same major theme throughout the campus.

The trees close to buildings and walks are laid out in a somewhat formal manner while those in open areas or adjacent to the wooded area are distributed in a more naturalistic manner.

It is recommended that these trees be planted as soon as possible in order that they may be enjoyed as mature trees in the not too distant future.