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Teammates on the campus: Dr. and Mrs. Adron Doran hold the silver pitcher he got for being named "Kentuckian Of The Year" by K.P.A.

Assistant To The President: MRS. DORAN

*At Morehead State College, she is
a ball of fire—but unofficially*

By **JOE CREASON**, *Courier-Journal Staff Writer*

PERHAPS the most fortunate thing that ever happened to Morehead State College occurred a shade over five years ago when a tall, former professional gospel singer by the name of Adron Doran came to the school as president, bringing along his pretty, not-so-tall wife, Mignon.

Only the name of Adron Doran, who in January was named "Kentuckian of the Year" by the Kentucky Press Association, shows in the college catalogue as president. Mrs. Doran isn't listed in any capacity, administrative or otherwise.

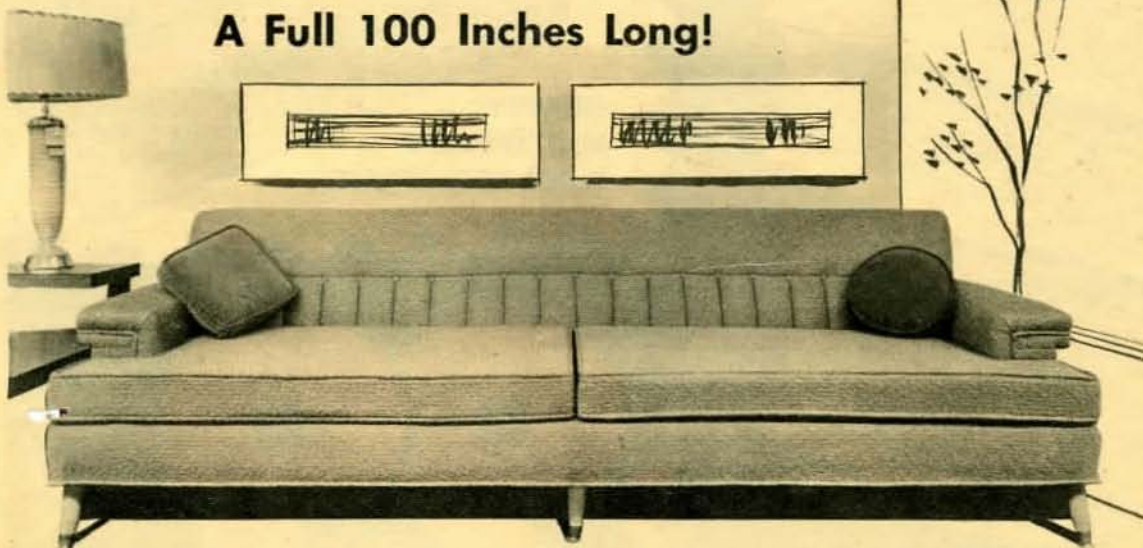
Still, the truly remarkable progress made by Morehead in academic standing, plant expansion, enrollment increase and otherwise in the past few years has resulted from the effort of both Dorans.

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Dr. and Mrs. Doran walk through the campus they have helped build up since arriving there in 1954.

While he builds the college,
she works on the decorations

for the cake by playing a leading role in spreading the influence of the school in various extra-curricular affairs.

For instance, at the same time Dr. Doran has been expanding the college curriculum, starting the biggest building program in the school's history and watching enrollment jump from 620 to 2,100, Mrs. Doran has been helping to organize clubs, redecorate and refurnish existing buildings and carrying on a one-woman public-relations crusade for the college.

Back in 1956, she and a Korean student hit on the idea of organizing a student international-relations club. Called the Cosmopolitan Club, all members of minority groups on the campus are automatically eligible for membership, with others elected by those in the group.

The Cosmopolitan Club was so successful and filled such a need that Dr. Doran borrowed its general idea and three years ago came up with Morehead's annual Human Relations Day, the only thing of its kind in the entire nation.

On Human Relations Day, which is sponsored by the college and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, delegates from 50 high schools in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia came to the campus to participate in discussion groups and to learn more about others whose skin may be a different shade or whose religion may seem a bit strange.

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Both musical, Mrs. Doran is an accomplished pianist and organist; he was a former gospel singer.

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Mrs. Doran recently redecorated the Morehead College Library, selected new furniture. Here she and Librarian Ione Chapman, left, look it over.

Many existing buildings were revamped

There are other instances where the Dorans—he in official, she in unofficial capacity—have teamed up on college projects. The Northeastern Kentucky Civic Celebrity Series, a group of six yearly concerts held in the college auditorium, is one. The series is now in its third year.

The college Better Dressed Week is another Doran team effort. The idea of that project isn't to make duds out of the students; rather, it is to encourage them to dress neatly and take pride in appearance. A chapel style show and a dance are high lights of this week.

Although the K.P.A. specifically underscored his service to education and his contribution to soil conservation in picking Dr. Doran for its annual award, he has served on such high level organizations as the Southern Regional Education Board. He also has been active in such grass roots-type groups as the Eastern Kentucky Regional Planning Commission, an agency which is attacking the economic plight of the area.

A deeply—but certainly not narrow-

minded—religious man who has been a preacher in the Church of Christ since he was a boy, Dr. Doran has established a high moral attitude on the campus without in any manner dampening student enthusiasm or activities. The Dorans shake a leg with the best of them at dances and cheer as loudly as the rest at athletic contests.

Since he came to Morehead in 1954, the enrollment has increased more than 300 per cent. The faculty has grown from 66 to 110 members. The course of study has been broadened and new features, including a School of Professional Nursing, has been started to train nurses for the 10 United Mine Workers hospitals in Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia.

In addition, the college now offers a program to train medical technologists.

Away from the direct administration of college affairs, Dr. Doran and Ray Hornback, the Morehead public-relations director, teamed up to create what has become a yearly communications conference for educators and newsmen, the first of its

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Linda Spencer, from Sandy Hook, left, and Franklin Carver, Portsmouth, Ohio, sit with Mrs. Doran in the Student House, built in 1956 and named for her husband. She selected the drapes and the furniture.



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Both Dorans are interested in music

kind in the South. The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for public-school people and representatives of news organizations in the area to discuss mutual problems and iron out differences.

Another Doran development has been a series of summer workshops in mental health, resources use, and conservation. These are in addition to the annual Writer's Workshop, the only conference for aspiring writers in Kentucky.

However, it is in physical plant expansion that Morehead has shown the most spectacular growth since the coming of the Dorans. Already in use is a splendid field-house, a beautiful Student House, three duplex apartments for faculty members and 100 units of housing for married students.

Work now is under way on a 201-room men's dormitory, while construction will start soon on still another 100-room dorm for men and on a Maintenance and Industrial Arts Building. It is hoped that a start can be made this summer on a 100-room dormitory for women and a new classroom building.

Besides the new buildings in use, under way or soon to come, most of the existing structures have been revamped recently. The library and women's dormitory, in particular, were completely redecorated. Mrs. Doran, still in unofficial status, was instrumental in the selection of colors, draperies and furniture for those projects as well as for the Student House.

At the same time he has been up to his ever-present bow tie in official functions of one kind and another, she has been busier than an over-active beaver in unofficial maneuvers, many of them having to do with music.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Doran are music

Mrs. Doran and Ray Hornback, public-relations director, pose in front of Doran Student House.

mindful. He paid his way through college by singing with his two brothers in a gospel song trio, and she is a polished pianist who for years has played the organ at Morehead home basketball games and at the Kentucky high school tournament.

For a number of years she has gone throughout southeastern Kentucky to play at banquets, style shows, homemaker club meetings and the like. When an organ has not been available locally, she has loaded her own on a truck and hauled it along.

When the Dorans came to Morehead, the 12-room president's home hadn't been decorated or otherwise dressed up for years and was in sad shape. Two years ago they undertook a shoestring-type redecoration program. Using college workmen when possible, the home was repainted and repapered at a minimum of cost.



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