Perhaps there is something a bit symbolic in Morehead State College's location at the foot of a hill. It's a fine starting place.

Big Man On The Campus

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A fine spirit is in the mountain air of bustling Morehead State College, and it comes from the new president, Adron Doran, 44, who is expected to lead the school to even finer days.
for studious youths to start for the heights.

M.S.C. President Adron Doran and Mrs. Doran.
There will be plenty of ceremony on the campus this coming Friday

A DRON DORAN, a tall, string-tie-wearing party, won't be installed officially as president of Morehead State College until Friday, but already folks in Northeastern Kentucky are forecasting a Technicolor future for the school.

They're basing their bright predictions on a number of factors, all of them pivoting around the incoming president, seventh in the college's 31 years.

For one thing, since coming to the school July 1, Dr. Doran has encouraged a kind of atmosphere that is oddly lacking at many colleges. Even the casual visitor on the beautiful Morehead campus can detect this in the friendly, mutual-interest relationship that seems to exist between teachers and students. Students are urged to discuss their problems—scholastic or personal—with the president, the deans, the professors, the janitors. No doors are closed.

Actually, in this respect, Morehead is not so much mirroring one of the personality of the new president. He has none of the pompous, stiff-back formality often associated with such an office. He knows most of the 907 Morehead students by first name, knows where they come from, and how they are doing grade-wise. He has learned these things by mingling with them in the grill, the cafeteria, in classes, and at football games.

Another, and perhaps even more significant, reason for the optimism that Dr. Doran has brought to Morehead is his background. Although he is comparatively young (44), he is old in educational experience—a combination encountered about as seldom as Halley's comet.

He has been in educational work for more than 10 years as a teacher, principal, president of the Kentucky Education Association, and later director of teacher training for the State Department of Education.

All of which, say those close to the situation, fits him particularly well for the presidency of a school such as Morehead, where 80 per cent of the graduates go into school work. Consequently, they feel that within a short time Morehead, the only State-supported college in the eastern quarter of Kentucky, will be as large in enrollment as the other three State colleges—Western, Murray, and Eastern. Morehead's enrollment this year is up about 150 over 1953.

BE SIDES the inauguration of Dr. Doran, Friday will be quite a large day at the college for still another reason. The splendid Fine Arts Building, the first new major classroom building to be erected on the 75-acre campus in 17 years, will be dedicated at the same time.

The building, used mainly for music, fills a definite need. Before it was erected, music classes were scattered all over the campus. It, like most of the other buildings, is Tudor Gothic in design, and fits perfectly into its surroundings.

As matters now stand, so far as space is concerned, Morehead is as unusual as your only child. It is a college that is not especially cramped for classroom or dormitory space; in fact, it can handle about 100 more students before any pinch sets in. The immediate need is for a larger gymnasium and for a student-union building. The larger gym soon will be on the way. Contracts for a new structure to cost around $325,000 and be built next to the football stadium are to be let soon.

Nobody is doing much talking about a student-union building except to point out that a good site would be a vacant college-owned lot across the boulevard from the president's home.

There is a great need for such a building. Except for the small grill and lounge in the basement of Allie Young Hall, one of the two dormitories for women, there is no place on the campus for students to loaf in their spare time. Nor are there suitable places for student meetings.

Otherwise, the Morehead physical plant compares with that of most any college its size. Certainly its campus, built as it is in a long semicircle along the base of a heavily timbered small mountain, is one of the most picturesque in these parts. The campus is one block north of U.S. 60, the highway which forms the main street of Morehead, the town which gave its name to the school.

Morehead might be called a melting pot, the school where the Bluegrass and the mountains come together. To the east and south, the cloud-capped Cumberland Mountains roll out toward Sandy Hook and Jackson and Pikeville; to the west, the rolling Bluegrass country stretches toward Mount Sterling and Lexington, 70 miles away. Students come from both regions.

As to curriculum, Morehead was established in 1922 to train elementary teachers. It has not lost sight of its original function even though it has expanded its facilities and offerings until now it is serving as a general regional college.

At least nine types of training are available. Continued on following pages

Carolyn Jean Harlow, Jeffersonville, Ind., is in a typing class. Started to train teachers, Morehead now is a general college.

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Morehead College operates extension centers in eight cities

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Under that plan, high schools which otherwise could not afford to hire a music instructor are provided with help. Senior music majors are sent to these schools nine times a month to organize bands and glee clubs. In addition, Russell Ankerman, college band director, makes three supervisory trips a month to the schools.

The only expense to participating schools is 7 cents a mile for travel cost. Thus for about $85 a month these schools can get both a band director and a supervising expert.

Morehead has an exceptional art department, occupying the entire first floor of the stately library building. This department offers 29 different courses, including art history, appreciation, crafts, wood carving, painting, and etching. In fact, the only kind of art classes not offered are large-stone sculpturing and lithographing. And Mrs. Naomi Claypool, head of the department, hopes to offer those courses soon.

The college also is the home of the Morehead Writers Workshop, the only thing of its kind in Kentucky. The two-week workshop was started three years ago by Dr. James McConkey, a young associate professor of English. The idea is to offer a place where persons of all ages who are interested in writing can gather to meet and talk with professionals. During the three years, outstanding poets and writers, including Pulitzer Prize winner Robert P. Tristram Coffin, Katherine Anne Porter, Jesse Stuart, James Still, and Hollis Summers have participated.

Another thing for which the college has received wide attention is the Morehead Players, the dramatic group that has specialized in working with children's groups. It gives students a chance to write, produce, act, design sets, and work on lighting effects.

Athletics play a part in the total picture at Morehead. The college is a member of the strong Ohio Valley Conference. In past years, the Eagles have placed as many players on the mythical Little All-America football team as most any college Morehead's size. This year's basketball team is expected to be one of Kentucky's strongest.

Morehead lays claim to the South's finest natatorium. The fine indoor pool is 90 feet long and has a glass top that can be rolled back during hot weather. It is open for the use of students after classes the year around.

Halfway up the steep hill that hems in the school at the back, or north side, is the 26-acre college lake. This beautiful, $200,000 reservoir provides water for the college. It has been stocked with fish and the section below the dam will be turned into a general recreational area. Already grills and picnic tables have been put there.

The steep, timbered hills can be seen in any direction from the tree-shaded campus. Since Morehead is surrounded by the Cumberland National Forest, the hills have not been denuded as in many hill areas.

Costs to students at Morehead have been scissored to an absolute minimum. As a matter of fact, the expenditure for one semester is figured at less than $275. This includes dormitory room, three meals a day at the cafeteria, and other costs such as laundry and laboratory fees.

While Morehead as a State-supported school dates only from 1923, when the Kentucky Legislature authorized opening of two more normal schools (the other one was Murray), the college actually can trace its beginnings back to 1838.
The Morehead College band practices marching maneuvers, while the institution's football team sharpens its passing attack in the background.

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ginning back to 1887. That was when Dr. Frank C. Button opened the Morehead Normal School, an institution sponsored by the Christian Women's Board of Missions. It stayed in operation until 1922, after which Dr. Button became the first president of the new State college.

First Morehead State Normal School classes were held on September 24, 1923. The faculty of nine worked with fewer than 100 students.

Since that day 31 years ago, things really have changed there at the foot of the mountain. In the course of the changes, the college has operated under a variety of names. The first change was to lengthen the name to Morehead State Normal School and Teachers College. Next it was changed to Morehead State Teachers College and in 1948 it was bobbed to the present title, Morehead State College.

Today the faculty totals more than 70 men and women. The college has spread its realm of influence until hardly a school in Eastern Kentucky is without at least one Morehead graduate on its faculty.

The college has also become the greatest economic factor in Morehead, the town. Students provide the influx of fresh money that keeps business at a high level in the town of 3,000.

Friday's inauguration and building dedication, which will be presided over by Governor Lawrence Wetherby, will tee off a full weekend of activity. On Saturday afternoon the Eagles will meet the Eastern Maroons, their greatest rivals, in the annual home-coming football game.

And after that, after all the excitement and the speech-making and the dedicating has simmered down, Morehead will get back to the business at hand.

Soon-to-be teachers get experience in the Breckinridge Training School at Morehead.

These girls are in the three-year nursing program taught at Morehead College.