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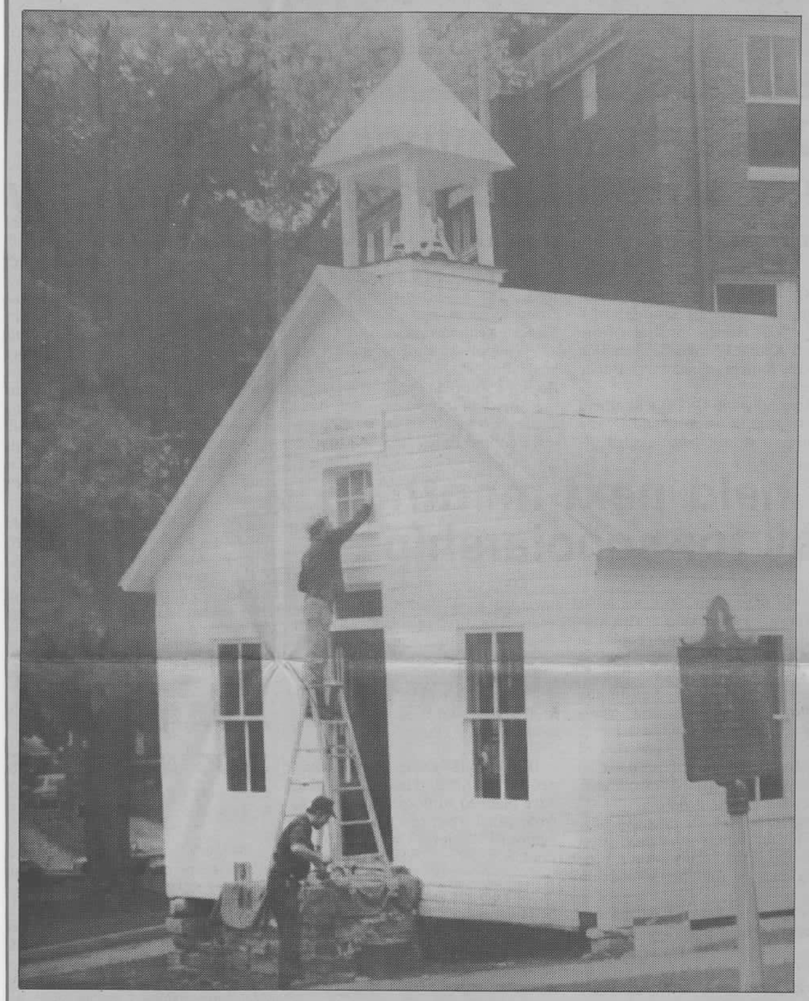
Moonlight school getting facelift



Steve Hitch of Morehead, on the ladder, and Eddie Horton of Elliottville make needed repairs at the one-room Moonlight School beside Breckinridge Hall. Owned by MSU for the past 13 years, the school was built in 1910 and was previously known as the Little Brushy School on KY 32 in Rowan County. Photo/Tim Conn

Repairs made to one-room schoolhouse

By DEBORAH J. POWELL
Editor

For the first time after more than 13 years on campus, MSU's Moonlight School is getting a facelift.

Recently, MSU Theater needed to borrow some of the furniture inside the school for their production of 'The Thread that Runs So True,' Jesse Stuart's play about teaching in a one-room school. So the University decided to close the one-room school to tours and do some much needed repairs.

"We had sent in a request to have the school house repaired, and since part of the furniture was being loaned to the theater, we saw this as a prime time to do the renovations," said Carrie Back, special collections librarian.

Although the Camden-Carroll Library had asked for minor repairs to the school house, after maintenance crews began working, they found part of the foundation had decayed and needed to be replaced.

"The workers repaired the roof and windows, and then added two new doors and a wider set of stairs," Back said.

The school, actually titled the Cora Wilson Stewart Moonlight School, was donated by William and Alma Dailey to MSU.

Formerly known as the Little Brushy School, it was located on Kentucky Highway 32 about eight miles north of Morehead in Rowan County.

Around midnight one evening in September of 1973, the school house was loaded on a flatbed truck and relocated beside MSU's Breckinridge Hall.

Constructed in 1910, the school house is named for Cora Wilson Stewart whose

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Individual events team takes second at Ohio

By KIM CHAPPELL
Staff Writer

Morehead State's Individual Events Speech Team continued its winning streak last weekend, at the Miami Rose Bowl Tournament in Oxford, Ohio.

The team placed second in a field including six of the top 10 schools in last year's tournament.

MSU compiled 116.5 sweepstakes points, scoring in every event in the tournament, and qualifying for an additional five slots for the national tournament in Minnesota in April.

Gene Alesandrini, MSU's forensics team scored sweepstakes points, which contributed to the victory.

Individual wins included senior Lisa Shemwell, third in Persuasion, second in Rhetorical Criticism, fourth in Informative and fifth in Pentathalon; senior Margaret Holt, fifth in After-Dinner speaking and Duo-Interpretation, fourth in

Senior Vonda Ramey was fifth in Duo and Kevin Cockrell, junior, placed in the semi-finals in Prose.

Other team members scoring sweepstakes points were John Burchett, Rondell Meeks, Melissa Noble, Darin Blackburn, Lori Hawkins and Dorothy Arthurs.

MSU's next tournament will be

Moonlight school gets much needed repairs

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night school for adult education became famous through the world.

Steward studied education at Morehead Normal School in the late 1890s and began a teaching career at the age of 20 in a one-room school in Rowan County.

By 1901, she was elected county school superintendent, and in 1909 she became the first woman president of the Kentucky Educational Association.

In an attempt to combat adult illiteracy in Rowan County, she began an experimental adult education program later that year. She called her program the "Moonlight School" because classes were held in the evening after the adults finished work.

During her first year, Steward and the faculty enrolled 1,200; the second year, she enrolled 1,600.

"Many times her efforts are overlooked, but she was unique because women just didn't do things like that during her time," said Wilma Howard, library technical assistant who conducts tours of the school.

By the third year of the adult night classes, illiteracy in Rowan County had dropped from 1,152 to 23.

Enrollment at the school ranged from 40 to 60 students between the late 1920s and early 1940s. Then in 1963, the school was closed when the one-room schools in the area were combined, and Tildon Hogge School was constructed.

Early this summer, the school was filmed by WQED-TV in Pittsburgh as part of a one-hour special for a national literacy campaign called Project Literacy U.S. (PLUS).

Also, the school was filmed in a Kentucky Educational Television program earlier last summer.

The school is available all year for group tours by appointment through the Camden-Carroll Library.

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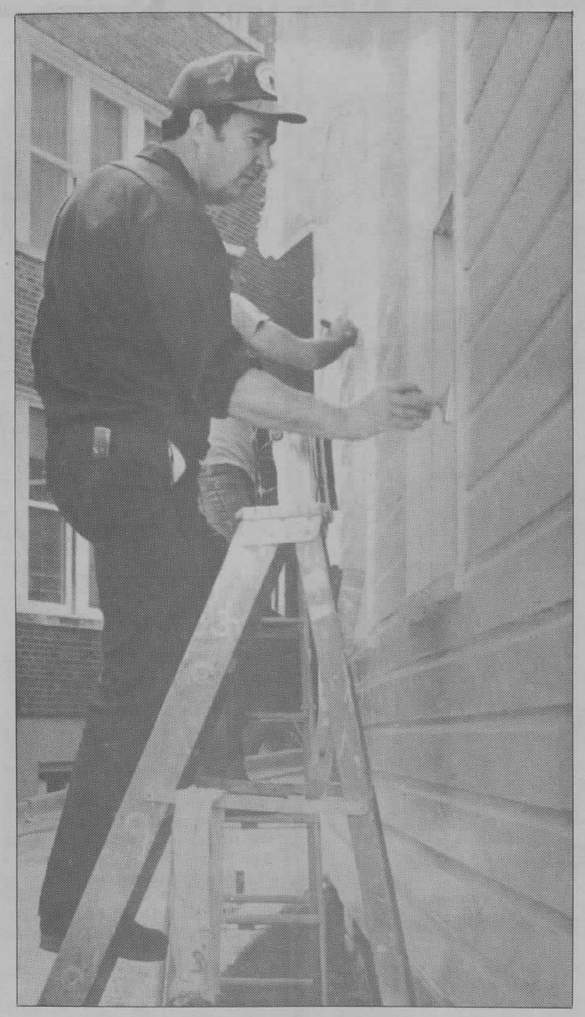

Sam Lawson, an MSU employee, paints the window facing of the Cora Wilson Stewart Moonlight School beside Breckinridge Hall. Brought to MSU in the middle of the night in September of 1973, the school is named for Cora Wilson Stewart who taught school there and was superintendent of Rowan County schools in 1901. Photo/Mary Sheley

Annual Undertaker's Ball scheduled for this Friday

By E. KEITH CONLEY
Staff Writer

MSU's annual Undertaker's Ball will be held Friday night from 8 p.m. to midnight in ADUC's Crager Room.

"We expect 500 participants this year, with the football team at home and Little Sibs weekend," said Susette Redwine, coordinator of University Center Programs and Special Events. "Last year's participation was down 50 percent, and mainly due to the weekend scheduling process."

"It's a tradition at MSU. Everyone has fun and there are lots of refreshments," Redwine said.

Prizes will be awarded for best couple, best big — little sib and for the scariest, funniest and most-unusual costumes. Prizes will vary from gift certificates to free dinners at area restaurants.

The Undertaker's Ball is free of charge, with Todd Stewart and Company providing musical entertainment. Costumes are encouraged.

Undertakers Ball

Fri., Oct. 31
8 p.m.-Mid.
Crager Room

IRS provides information on tax laws

The Internal Revenue Service provides general information about tax

University plans party for children

Tomorrow night there will be a trick-or-treat party from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Crager Room for children of the Morehead community.

The party is geared toward preschool through fifth graders, and treats will be handed out by various MSU student organizations.

Prizes will be awarded for the best, ugliest and prettiest costumes.

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Dr. Rogers could not for comment yesterday.

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