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## Perkins to get Founders Day Award

U.S. Rep. Carl D. Perkins, dean of Kentucky's congressional delegation, will be the guest of honor when Morehead State University observes Founders Day on Wednesday, March 19.

The Hindman Democrat, now in his 16th term in the U.S. House of Representatives, will receive MSU's 1980 Founders Day Award for University Service during a noon luncheon at the University Center.

Rep. Perkins will be the third person to receive the award since MSU revived Founders Day as an annual

observance in 1978. Other recipients were retired Morehead publisher W. E. Crutcher and retired university registrar Linus A. Fair.

"The University is privileged to have this opportunity to pay tribute to the landmark contributions to public education which Congressman Perkins has made in the Congress," said MSU President Morris L. Norfleet. "He is a special friend of Morehead State University and of all who labor in the cause of education."

Perkins is chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee and has authored more education

legislation than any member in the history of the Congress. He was the chief architect of the federal student aid programs in higher education, including work-study, loans and grants.

The awards luncheon will be open to the public. Tickets will be available at the door.

Other major events in the observance of the University's 58th birthday include a Fellowship Breakfast at 7 a.m. in the University Center and a 10:20 a.m. convocation at Button Auditorium. Both are open to the public.

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Bettina Gregory

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ABC-TV White House Correspondent Bettina Gregory will be the featured speaker at the convocation.

Promoted to ABC's White House staff last year, Ms. Gregory previously covered federal regulatory agencies in Washington. Earlier, she was assigned to the Pentagon.

"Founders Day is a very special time for Morehead State University, and we are looking forward to sharing the occasion with our community and the region," said John (Sonny) Allen, chairman of MSU's 1980 Founders Day Committee.

## MSU involved in wood kiln project

What may prove to be a milestone in the lumber industry of Eastern Kentucky recently occurred in Rowan County, and Morehead State University played a major role.

A wood drying kiln began operation near Morehead and the project's owner, Harold White, said it resulted primarily from advice and encouragement he received from MSU's Appalachian Development Center and University President Morris L. Norfleet.

Built at a cost of more than \$100,000, the facility is the first in the region and is designed to make processing hardwoods faster and less expensive.

White said most of the lumber now being dried in his kiln is destined for shipment to furniture makers in Germany and Italy.

"Appalachian hardwoods are considered the best in the world for fine furniture making," said White. "This is especially true of oak, and Eastern Kentucky has an abundant

supply at a time when there is a world-wide shortage."

White hopes to triple his wood-drying capacity at an additional cost of \$200,000. He has been a lumberman for more than 20 years and has either shipped his lumber green from the mill, bearing the extra cost of shipping because of the added moisture weight, or been forced to use distant kilns.

White says that drying his own lumber will represent an immediate savings of \$55 per 1,000 board feet, and that the economics of the kiln will improve even more with the energy situation and potential increases in shipping costs.

In addition to drying his own lumber, White also plans to make the kiln available to other area lumber dealers.

Now that the area has a source of dried hardwood, according to White there is a better chance of attracting furniture manufacturers and other wood-related businesses.

"We are confident that the opening of this kiln will prove to be a significant event in the history of the hardwood industry of Eastern Kentucky," said President Norfleet.

The facility was designed and built entirely with the funds of the Harold White Lumber Company.



**LOADING THE KILN**—Workmen of the Harold White Lumber Company near Morehead load part of the first "charge" of white oak lumber into a new drying kiln. The \$100,000 facility is expected to have a positive impact on the hardwood industry in Eastern Kentucky.

## Miller fund established

Establishment of a fund to honor the memory of the late Len Miller of Morehead State University has been announced by a group of alumni.

Homer Bickers of Lexington is chairman of the Len Miller Memorial Committee, which is soliciting contributions to finance a bronze bust of Miller and scholarship fund in his name.

Gifts should be sent to the Morehead State University Foundation, Len Miller Memorial, MSU, UPO Box 1250, Morehead, KY 40351.

Miller, who died in 1945, served on MSU's football and basketball

coaching staffs for nine years, including a short wartime stint as head coach in basketball.

"The committee's goal is to aid deserving young leaders of the future by perpetuating the memory of Len Miller, a highly respected coach, teacher, counselor and a man of compassion for others," said Bickers, an account executive with WKYT-TV.

Other members of the committee are Dr. Harold Holbrook, Elmer Anderson, Lorene Day and Theresa Caudill, all of Morehead; J. Phil Smith and Ralph Holbrook of Jackson; Ray Kring of Frankfort; and Mel Otten of Fort Thomas.

## Campus capsules

Dr. Victor B. Howard, professor of History at MSU, received the Robert D. W. Connor Award of the North Carolina Historical Society. Dr. Howard received the award in recognition of his article, "John Brown's Raid at Harper's Ferry and the Sectional Crisis in North Carolina," which appeared in the 1978 issue of the *North Carolina Historical Quarterly*.

Dr. Bernard Davis, head of MSU's Department of Management and Marketing, is the new president-elect of the Kentucky Economics Association. He will be program chairman for the 1980 annual meeting in Lexington and serve as president until October, 1981.

Robert Cornett of Hazard is serving as director of MSU's Appalachian Development Center. The former state budget director also was a budget analyst with the Kentucky Department of Finance, state director of area development, and director of special projects for the Council of State Governments.

MSU has received funds from the Kentucky Council on Higher Education to provide a Womens' Educational Brokerage Service (WEBS). The project promotes and provides educational assistance for women throughout the Gateway Area Development District. Activities are based upon their needs, interests, and concerns. Additional information is available from the WEBS Project, Appalachian Development Center, MSU, Morehead, KY 40351 or by calling 606/783-4731.

## Mexico tour planned

MSU is sponsoring a nine-day tour of Mexico, beginning June 19.

The tour features round trip air transportation between Lexington and Mexico; three nights in Mexico City; one night in Taxco; three nights in Acapulco; and three nights in Merida. The cost is \$675 per person plus tuition for three hours of academic credit.

Additional information is available from Dr. Roger Jones, MSU, UPO Box 1305, Morehead, KY 40351. The telephone is 606-783-2292.



**EARS TO SPACE**—Morehead State University's WMKY Radio entered the space age with the installation of a satellite receiving antenna. The satellite will upgrade the station's receiving quality of programs currently aired. Workman Dave Dompeling adds some touches to the satellite dish installed west of the campus.

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## Gifts & grants

\*\$10,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hodgson of Sarasota, Fla., for scholarship endowment.

\*\$57,014 from National Science foundation for publication of geological study of Cape Fear area, North and South Carolina.

\*\$105,940 from Kentucky Department Department for Human Resources for continued support of social work education program.

\*\$14,610 from Kentucky Department of Energy to provide student inspectors to assist in the state-level emergency building temperature restriction program.

\*\$7,644 from University of Kentucky Tobacco and Health Research Institute to study effects of tobacco smoke on the formation of lesions in swine.

\*\$2,500 from U.S. Small Business Administration to provide management counseling and technical assistance to small business concerns.

\*\$1,500 from Kentucky Highlands Association, Inc., to provide technical assistance in publication of 1980 East Kentucky Travel Guide.

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**SMALL WORLD**—John Hutka, seated, Morehead junior at MSU, and Ray Keeton, Morehead sophomore, worked for two years together in radio at Keflavik Naval Station in Iceland with American Forces Radio Services. Both said the experience was valuable. They were reunited as students at MSU. Hutka is a native of East Aurora, N.Y.

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