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'Mining is more than digging coal ...'

"Coal is almost certain to become increasingly important to Kentucky and the nation in the near future," says Forrest Cameron, coordinator of MSU's mining technology program.

He bases that comment on "the current turmoil over the energy situation" in the national economy.

"Kentucky is the nation's leading coal-producing state, and the MSU region area is the state's leading underground coal-producing region," adds Cameron. "If MSU is to adequately serve the region it makes sense to serve the coal industry through education and research."

The mining technology program at MSU began in 1973 and has consistently grown, offering courses on the economic, environmental, legal, technological and sociological aspects of mining.

Students also receive practical on-the-job training as summer interns with coal companies.

"We try to teach our students to interact and communicate within the many facets of the coal industry," said Cameron. "We also try to give them the exposure and instruction necessary for coal management positions in private industry, government or labor."

According to Cameron, a primary concern of the program is to give the students a working knowledge of constantly changing mine laws and regulations.

"We work with agencies such as MSHA (Mine Safety and Health Administration) and the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals to keep abreast of the many regulations affecting the coal industry," he said.

Cameron, who formerly was associated with the mining technology program at Pikeville College, says that often the success or failure of many mines depends upon the ability of the coal companies to mine coal profitably and still comply with the laws.

Students in the program are also made aware of the social implications involved with the coal mining industry.

"Mining is more than digging coal," says Cameron. "You can't just dig the coal and forget about the people and their communities. Our students must be aware of the sociological and environmental aspects as well."

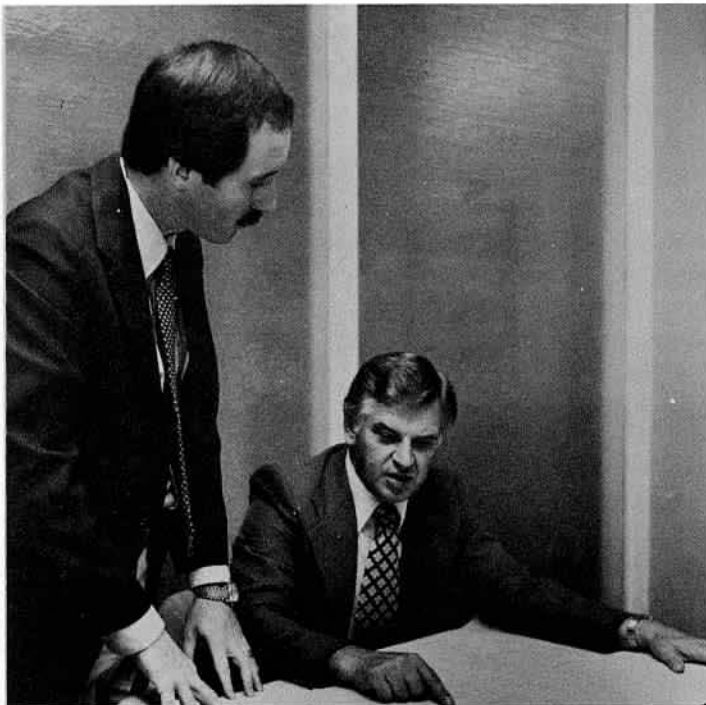
He added that reclamation is now a very important part of the mining cycle.

"We try to get students into the program who are interested in all the various aspects of mining, and I think we have succeeded," he said, adding that the program has experienced very good response from employers in the industry.

There are 92 students majoring in mining technology at MSU with more than 100 taking courses in the program, which is part of the School of Applied Sciences and Technology.

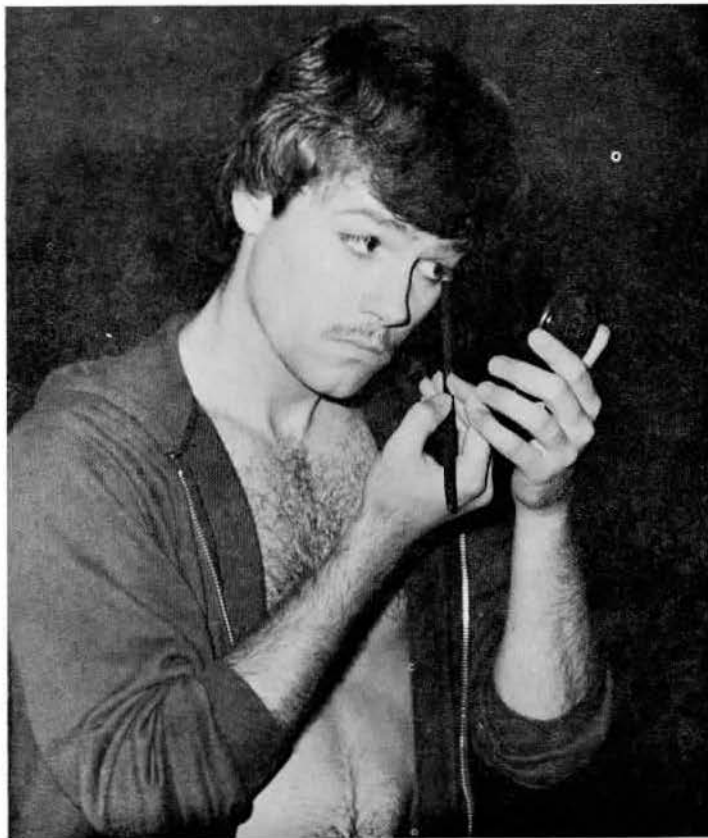
Cameron says he expects the program to double in the next year because "coal is the backbone of the Eastern Kentucky region and we are here to serve that region."

Several companies have become involved with the program. Ashland Oil, Inc., recently donated funds toward the construction of an on-campus coal mining technology laboratory, and the Eastover Mining Company has donated a continuous mining machine.



COAL LAB COMING—Forrest Cameron, standing, and Dr. Charles M. Derrickson, dean of MSU's School of Applied Sciences and Technology, discuss plans for the coal processing laboratory to be built on campus this fall. To be used primarily by students in mining technology, the lab is being financed with a gift from Ashland Oil, Inc.

Summer theatre goes outdoors



ON THE BEACH—MSU junior Blaine Robison puts the finishing touches on his makeup for an outdoor performance of "South Pacific." More than 1,600 persons attended the seven shows.

Summer Theatre at Morehead State University offered something unique this year.

In addition to performances on campus, MSU's thespians performed "South Pacific" and "Pippin" on the beach at Cave Run Lake, mainly to overflow audiences on seven weekend nights.

A stage, designed by Dr. William Layne, associate professor of theatre, was constructed on the beach area along with seating for 235 people. An area was designated for lawn chairs and blankets and it was heavily used by campers, other lake visitors and local residents.

The U.S. Forest Service, through its personnel assigned to Daniel Boone National Forest also assisted in installing power for lighting and sound equipment.

The venture also was assisted by MSU, the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and the Morehead Recreation and Tourism Commission.

Dr. Jack Wilson, head of MSU's Department of Communications, said the lakeside performances had been more popular than expected and that all of the sponsoring agencies would meet to decide if outdoor theatre would remain at Cave Run Lake.

"We have received hundreds of compliments and there is strong feeling that the productions should continue next summer," Dr. Wilson added.

He also noted that the U.S. Forest Service is planning to construct a permanent amphitheatre at the lake, perhaps in time for the 1980 summer season.

Trail Blazer wins 11

MSU's student newspaper, The Trail Blazer, received 11 awards, including four firsts, in the 1979 Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association competition.

Overall, The Trail Blazer finished third behind The College Heights Herald of Western Kentucky University and The Eastern Progress of Eastern Kentucky University.

The 11 awards won this year are the most for The Trail Blazer since KIPA began the newspaper competition in 1971.

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ADC services available

MSU's Appalachian Development Center is offering training sessions and technical services to businesses throughout Kentucky's Appalachian region.

"The training sessions are designed for business professionals and non-professionals seeking assistance in finance, personnel management, marketing, economics and data processing," said Connie Azzarito, economic resources specialist for the ADC.

Training areas include capital expenditure analysis, principles of professional salesmanship, real estate marketing, computer utilization in the small business, inventory costing, cost accounting, labor supply and demand analysis, establishing employee evaluation procedures and other managerial topics.

Technical services available to businesses wanting developmental information on the Appalachian region include feasibility studies, accounting systems management, marketing studies, economic research and personnel management.

Additional information is available from Connie Azzarito, economic resources specialist, ADC, MSU, Morehead, KY 40351 or by calling 606/783-4731.

'In pursuit of academic excellence . . .'

It is every president's dream to develop each area of his or her university to its maximum. However, the reality of limited resources requires one to choose areas which show great potential for development. And, with a little additional help, each can truly add the margin of excellence in academic achievement.

Following almost a year of study and discussion within the University community, the Board of Regents recently approved my recommendation to designate eight programs/projects as "centers of excellence" for the 1979-80 school year.

In addition to being spotlighted in various publications and other media, each "center" is receiving special budgetary consideration as we seek to build on a strong base of achievement or potential for achievement.

We are turning our attention to these areas in pursuit of academic excellence with the confidence that others will follow suit as the University continues to improve the quality of its programs in instruction, research and public service.

In order to bring the "centers" concept to reality, we asked each administrator to carefully examine the current and future viability of all programs within his or her area of responsibility. Then, in consultation with colleagues, the list was compiled.

Specifically, they include:

HORTICULTURE—With the increased emphasis on home gardens as a hedge against inflation, the growing of vegetables and fruits will get increased attention, including the development of non-credit short courses. Martha Norris and Bob Wolfe are spearheading this effort.

COMPUTER SCIENCE—Utilization of the Educational and Research Computing Center in Reed Hall has exceeded our expectations and equipment capability. However, additional hardware and software will expand the Center's capacity for faculty and students to have "hands on" experience in this vital career field. Dr. Charles Hicks and Dr. William Whitaker are coordinating this area.

ART—Doug Adams, a native of Letcher County and a talented member of our art faculty, has been commissioned by the University to produce a series of water color paintings of scenes of Eastern Kentucky. His work will be collected for a touring exhibit, and some paintings may be reproduced for sale to aid the MSU Foundation.

FOLK DANCE—With the addition of folk dance authority Sibyl Clark to the staff of our Appalachian Development Center, this important area of

Appalachian studies has been strengthened immensely. Folk dance and music courses are valuable parts of our interdisciplinary program in Appalachian studies.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES—Improved by the recent establishment of a water testing laboratory to serve Eastern Kentucky, our Center for Environmental Studies continues to attract external support of its educational and public service missions. Dr. Jerry Howell is the director.

HISTOPLASMOSIS RESEARCH—Student-centered research into the sources of this lung disease is being supported by state and federal grants and we are receiving requests from other states to help study the health hazards of bird roosts. Dr. Ted Pass heads this operation.

COAL MINE RESEARCH—The research by Dr. David Hylbert into coal mine roof falls has been described as among the most important work underway in Kentucky to improve mine safety. State and federal grants are used primarily to finance his work.

HISTORY—Dr. Don Flatt and his colleagues in our Department of History are engaged in several exciting projects to improve the teaching of history through increased use of audio-visual equipment and other specialized learning aids.

After these are developed and the entire process is given further study, other areas may be identified for inclusion in our "centers of excellence" category.

Campus Capsules

Lloyd Cassity of Ashland has been reappointed by Gov. Julian M. Carroll to a four-year term on the MSU Board of Regents.

Cassity, a member of the Board since 1963 and its chairman since 1976, is president of Johnson's All-Star Dairy in Ashland. A native of Morgan County, he joined Johnson's in 1949 and became its chief executive in 1968.

A former president of the MSU Alumni Association and the Joint Alumni Council of Kentucky, he served from 1972 to 1976 as vice chairman of the MSU Board. He is a graduate of MSU.

Philip W. Conn, vice president for university and regional services, and Connie Azzarito, economic resources specialist in MSU's Appalachian Development Center, are serving as members of the 1979 Governor's Commission on State Park Development.

Gifts & grants

- \$35,137 from Appalachian Regional Commission for continuation of Appalachian Educational Satellite Program.

- \$20,000 from Kentucky Council on Higher Education to strengthen existing undergraduate programs.

- \$30,000 from Kentucky Council on Higher Education to provide in-service teacher education programs.

- \$361,095 from U. S. Office of Education for continuation of Special Services, Upward Bound and Talent Search programs.

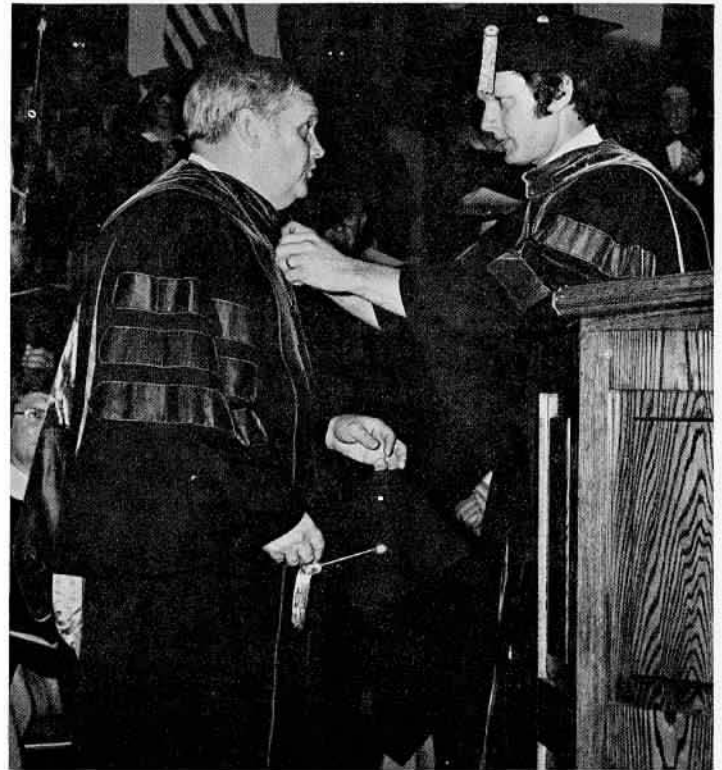
- \$29,954 from Eastern Kentucky Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center for psychological services to that agency.

- \$62,977 from U. S. Office of Education to strengthen and expand cooperative education program.

- \$35,700 from National Collegiate Athletic Association to continue summer sports program for 250 persons between ages of 10 and 18.

- \$174,489 from Kentucky Department for Human Resources for continuation of academic program in social work.

- \$18,551 from Kentucky Center for Energy Research for continuation of study of coal mine rocks in Eastern Kentucky.



TOP TEACHER—Dr. Charles J. Whidden, right, 1978 Distinguished Faculty Member at MSU, confers the 1979 award on Dr. Jack Bizzel, professor of government and head of the Department of Government and Public Affairs. Dr. Bizzel has been a member of the MSU faculty since 1966 and is a graduate of Southern Illinois University.

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