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## In search of safer mines

When the experts gather to talk about coal research in Kentucky, one of the prominent names is Dr. David Hylbert of Morehead State University.



Dr. David Hylbert

The geology professor has been studying roof falls — the major cause of mining fatalities — for more than five years under research grants from the U. S. Bureau of Mines. And his work is beginning to show results.

Dr. Hylbert and his student assistants recently received another grant to test the techniques he has developed for identifying potentially hazardous mine sites. At least six Eastern Kentucky mines now in existence or in the planning stages will be his laboratory.

The preliminary research was concentrated in the Highsplit and Bailey Creek mines of the Eastover Mining Co. in Harlan County.

In certain cases, Dr. Hylbert has been able to predict the location of weak roof areas but the procedure requires additional study.

"The more work we do in the field, the more accurate we hope to become," Dr. Hylbert said. "But there still will be mistakes because we can never accumulate enough data on which to base the projections."

His research is intended to help mine engineers make their mines safer.

"We can't tell engineers how to hold up a roof, but we can tell them if a hazardous condition could occur and to be ready for it," the researcher added.

The Hylbert team often works inside mines to make core drillings in mine roofs to study trends in rock types.

The new phase of the research will require about two years and Dr. Hylbert is anxious to get moving. More than a dozen companies have offered use of their mines for the new studies.

"We will move quickly to select those mines we feel are best suited for the project," he added. "The cooperation of the mining companies has been a great asset to our work."

Why would a person devote six years of his life to such a project?

"The idea of making mines safer is the ideal use of the science of geology," he said. "This work could directly benefit underground miners and their families. Our goal is to do something for the good of all."

## Vet tech accredited by AVMA

Morehead State University's associate degree program in veterinary technology has been accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, MSU President Morris L. Norfleet has announced.

"We are delighted to join the two dozen other fully accredited veterinary technology programs in the United States," he said. "As the only program in Kentucky for the preparation of animal technicians, we feel that professional accreditation is of vital importance to our current and future students and to our graduates."

Started in 1974, MSU's "vet tech" program produced its first graduates in 1976 and a second class last spring. The faculty for the associate degree program consists of two veterinarians and three animal technicians. MSU admits 30 students to the program each fall.

Graduates are eligible to take the state examination to become a registered animal technician in Kentucky. The position is identified in certain other states as "animal health technician" or "veterinary technician." The technicians function as para-professional assistants to licensed veterinarians.

Veterinary technology students at MSU are trained to deal with large and small animals, according to Dr. Jerry Slaughter, director of the program.

"We are very pleased to receive full accreditation on our first try," said Dr. Charles Derrickson, dean of MSU's School of Applied Sciences and Technology. "This is a great accomplishment and we will continue to improve this program."

Dr. John Duncan, MSU's vice president for academic affairs said of the announcement:

"We believe our program was of excellent quality, and it is gratifying to learn that the AVMA has confirmed that opinion. Full accreditation is a fitting tribute to the faculty members and administrators who have worked so hard to build the program."

MSU's facilities for veterinary technology are located primarily at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex, north of Morehead on Ky. 377.



**FOUNDERS DAY AWARD** — Retired publisher W. E. Crutcher of Morehead is the first recipient of MSU's Founders Day Award for University Service. In making the presentation, President Morris Norfleet described Crutcher as "a tried and true friend of the University for more than 40 years." Crutcher retired in 1976 as publisher of The Morehead News and three other newspapers in Northeastern Kentucky.

## Ky. Special Olympics coming

Morehead State University will host the 1978 Kentucky Special Olympics, it has been announced. The games are scheduled June 2-4.

Dave Kerchner, state director of Kentucky Special Olympics, said of the selection:

"I am most pleased to award the games to Morehead State University. The dedication of President Morris Norfleet and his faculty and staff, combined with the school's excellent facilities, will insure a tremendous event."

Dr. Robert Monahan, assistant professor of psychology and special education at MSU, and Mike Mayhew, counselor in the MSU Center, have been named co-directors of the state games. Dr. Monahan has been instrumental in the growth of Special Olympics in Eastern Kentucky.

More than 1,500 athletes are expected to compete in a variety of events including track and field, swimming, soccer, gymnastics, frisbie and wheelchair competition.

Special Olympics has become the world's largest sports program for mentally retarded citizens. In Kentucky, more than 10,000 athletes are training for the opportunity to represent their communities in the state games at Morehead State.

Completely volunteer, Special Olympics has grown from a one-day event with 200 competitors in 1970 to a year-round program of physical education and training in every county in Kentucky.

Special Olympics is sponsored by the Kentucky Department for Human Resources.

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**ROCK HOUNDS** — Jon Kindell, West Liberty freshman and geology major at MSU, and J. G. Plummer, Olive Hill adult education student, examine a polished stone in an MSU lab. Lapidary, the cutting and polishing of stone for jewelry and other items, is a fast-growing hobby.

## Study tours scheduled

Europe . . . Canada . . . The Holy Land . . . Mexico.

These and other places will be visited this summer by MSU students and faculty members involved in study tours which are open to any interested person.

All costs are paid by the participants who also may enroll in credit courses based on each trip's experiences.

The European tour is scheduled July 3-24 and is sponsored by the Department of History. The cost is \$1,200 plus tuition. Stops include Italy, Austria, Switzerland, West Germany and France. The registration deadline is April 30. Details are available from Dr. Paul Randolph at 606/783-3178.

Canada will be part of a theatre trip set May 16-24. Other stops are New York City and Niagara Falls and the itinerary includes six Broadway plays. The cost is \$150 plus tuition, and the deadline is April 30. Dr. William Layne, at 606/783-2167, can provide details.

The Holy Land tour is scheduled May 15-25 and includes stops in Rome, Jordan and Israel. The cost is \$1,297 plus tuition with travel paid from New York City. The registration deadline is April 15. Details may be obtained from Dr. James Quisenberry at 606/783-3366.

Mexico will be visited by a humanities study tour June 20-30. The cost is \$473 plus tuition. Stops include Mexico City and Guadalajara. The registration deadline is June 1. Details are available from Dr. Roger Jones at 606/783-2292 or Dr. J. E. Duncan at 606/783-3363.

No university funds are used to support study tours at MSU.

## Communications, anyone?

With two already under way, MSU is offering a series of communications workshops for other interested businesses, organizations and individuals.

The workshops cover all aspects of communications and carry one to three semester hours of graduate or undergraduate credit.

Joyce Crouch, instructor of speech, is coordinating the sessions, which are staffed by MSU's Department of Communications.

The first to get under way was a workshop for McDonald's restaurants in Northeastern Kentucky. Another workshop runs through April 26 for teachers in the Rowan County Schools.

"McDonald's management told us that of all the McDonald's located in college towns throughout the country, only MSU offers such a program," said Ms. Crouch. "Our workshops have gone over quite well and we are pleased with the results."

She added:

"The teacher workshop deals with presenting material in a clear, efficient and organized manner. This will improve public speaking skills and also help in other ways in the classroom."

Additional information is available from Joyce Crouch, Communications Workshop Coordinator, UPO 801, MSU, Morehead, KY. 40351.

## Consumer ed center opens

Aided by a federal grant of \$29,944, MSU's Department of Home Economics has established a consumer education training center.

Dr. Charlotte M. Bennett, head of the department, is the center's director. Sharon B. Dale, instructor of home economics, is the project coordinator.

The center is the first of its kind in Kentucky. It provides consultants and training leaders, develops consumer education materials and offers technical assistance to schools and community groups in the Buffalo Trace, FIVCO and Gateway area development districts.

All segments of the 15-county service area are able to use the center's resources, but the primary focus is on schools.

The center includes instruction in basic economics, consumer law and legal rights, financial management and credit, energy, federal assistance programs, consumer information and other areas.

Additional information is available from Consumer Education Training Center, UPO Box 718, MSU, Morehead, KY., 40351.

## First track All-American

Bobby Jones of Lexington has become the first track All-American in MSU's history. He earned the recognition by finishing third in the 60-yard dash in the NCAA National Indoor Championships in Detroit. The senior sprinter was selected in 1975 as "Trackman of the Year" in the Ohio Valley Conference.

# Gifts & grants

● \$68,536 from U. S. Bureau of Mines to investigate, categorize and project potential geologic hazards in underground coal mines.

● \$3,920 from U. S. Office of Education for television equipment to improve clinical laboratory instruction in nursing, medical assisting, veterinary science technology and radiologic technology.

● \$500 from Reader's Digest Foundation for travel and research by journalism students.

● \$11,761 from U. S. Office of Education for x-ray diffractometer to improve instruction in physical sciences.

● \$21,223 from Kentucky Council on Higher Education to support institutional planning, coordination, development and evaluation of Area Health Education System activities.

● \$127,782 from Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals to continue support of mining technology safety training.

● \$1,250 from Charles Stewart Mott Foundation for teaching-training films in adult education.

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COMING HOME — Wayne M. Martin, recently-appointed men's basketball coach at Morehead State University, talks with a television interviewer during a campus press conference. Former head coach at Pikeville College and assistant at Oral Roberts University, the 31-year-old Winchester native is returning to his alma mater. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU.

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