

## MOREHEAD INAUGURATES NINTH PRESIDENT



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The chairman of the trustees at Pennsylvania's Slippery Rock University said yesterday that Herb Reinhard turned around that troubled

college during his presidency there and that he could do the same for Morehead State University.

Jack Arthurs, the chairman of the council of trustees at Slippery Rock, spoke during inauguration ceremonies for Reinhard, Morehead's ninth president.

Although the ceremony involves giving the new chief executive a presidential medallion, Reinhard, 54, in fact assumed office in July.

In addition to the fact that a president had been fired before Reinhard's arrival at Slippery Rock, Arthurs said that the student body "was losing respect for the institution."

"The pride was going," he said. "The faculty was divided."

When Reinhard arrived on campus, he "made waves . . . and made decisions," Arthurs said.

"We hated to give up Herb Reinhard because he was a good president," he said. "But we could feel at ease . . . that he had done at Slippery Rock what needed to be done. Once again we could feel we had a fine strong institution, and everything is on the upbeat."

Reinhard has also made sweeping changes at Morehead - among them switches in top administration posts, new admissions standards, more scholarship money, increased recruiting of National Merit semifinalists and more attentive care to the university's physical plant. But his management style, with its emphasis on sudden and decisive changes, has been criticized by some on the Morehead campus.

Arthurs told a crowd of about 350 in Morehead's Academic-Athletic Center that Reinhard's management during his five years at Slippery Rock turned around a university on the decline.

"The same thing can happen at Morehead," he said. "But it takes a lot of work, a lot of dedication and help from everyone. If you will give those things, I guarantee you that he will build a great institution into an even better institution."

"I challenge you to give him the help he needs."

Robert Macoskey, past president of the faculty council at Slippery Rock, called Reinhard "a risk taker" who is among those "who fail a lot because they try a lot."

"But when they succeed, their success is marvelous," he said.

In his inaugural address, Reinhard said that Morehead must improve because "Kentucky will progress no further than the quality of the system of its education, whether we're talking about K-12 (kindergarten through grade 12) or higher education."

The quality of life in Eastern Kentucky "will improve only with an educated populace," he said.

But to draw more high-quality teachers to Morehead, Reinhard said that statewide improvement of faculty and staff salaries was "an absolute necessity."

He added that Morehead needed to be an example of equal opportunity and economic development for Eastern Kentucky residents. "If we can become a model for human relations, we will indeed serve all of Eastern Kentucky," he said.

In addition to spectators, the ceremony was attended by representatives of more than 80 colleges and universities - including the presidents of six of

Kentucky's seven other public universities - as well as delegates of education associations, regional representatives, university regents and Morehead faculty members.

Among their comments:

Harry Snyder, executive director, Kentucky Council on Higher Education. "Congratulations to you because you've been given a great honor," Snyder told Reinhard. "Condolences . . . because it is a great burden."

Snyder said that there was "no other job in academia which demands so much of a person."

Michael Fox, the student regent. "When you first came to this campus, there were a lot of changes that needed to be made," he told Reinhard, later concluding that "the university is better because you're here."

U.S. Rep. Chris Perkins, D-Hindman. Perkins attacked President Reagan's proposed financial aid cuts for college students. "We are not going to allow the young people of today to be walked upon as a budget cut," he said. "Here in Eastern Kentucky, education is the key to our future. We will not turn our backs on it."

Caption: PHOTO Color Herald-Leader/Steven R. Nickerson Morehead President Herb Reinhard puffed on

his pipe as he and Jack Arthurs awaited yesterday's inauguration.

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