

## HERB REINHARD TAKES POSITION IN MARYLAND CONTROVERSIAL MOREHEAD STATE CHIEF TO BE PRESIDENT OF FROSTBURG COLLEGE



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Morehead State University President Herb Reinhard has accepted a job as president of Frostburg State College in Maryland.

The new job begins July 1, one day after his contract at Morehead expires.

"I think it's fair to say I'm excited," he said. "It (Frostburg) is a firm, stable institution. My wife (Nancy) and I are very pleased and look forward to going there."

Reinhard, 55, said he expected to work through the end of his Morehead contract and take no break before starting at Frostburg the next day.

His 22-month tenure at Morehead has been marked by controversy. He said on March 31 that he would leave Morehead when his contract expired, adding that the decision was made "in the best interest of the university."

Sweeping changes that he made in Morehead's academic and administrative structure sparked a revolt by some members of the school's board of regents. They refused to extend his contract, which led Gov. Martha Layne Collins to ask all eight appointed regents to resign. All but one did.

The governor also asked Reinhard to take a sabbatical until after his contract expired.

Instead of taking a sabbatical, Reinhard announced his resignation to the reconstituted board.

The new chairman of the Morehead board, former Gov. Louie Nunn, praised Reinhard yesterday in a statement read by his secretary.

"It comes as no surprise that he got an excellent position because he is a well-qualified, capable, able administrator," Nunn said. "Too bad he didn't have the opportunity to demonstrate it at Morehead."

Former regent and Reinhard supporter Mike Duncan of Inez said he was pleased to learn about the Frostburg job.

"He (Reinhard) understands a lot about higher education and I am happy for him," Duncan said.

Frostburg State College is a four-year liberal arts school with a 260-acre campus in the town of Frostburg, which is in the mountains in the extreme western panhandle of Maryland. It has about 3,500 students; Morehead has about 5,700.

The school is governed by the board of trustees of the Maryland State Universities and Colleges, which also oversees five other state schools, excluding the University of Maryland.

Reinhard was chosen for the job at Frostburg after a seven-month nationwide search that drew 73 applicants, said Mark Miller, the director of public and governmental affairs for the Maryland board.

Reinhard said the search committee spent a day at Morehead and a day at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania before reaching a decision. He had been president at Slippery Rock for five years before taking the Morehead job in July 1984.

Miller read a statement from James K. Archibald, the chairman of the Maryland board, who called Reinhard a "distinguished scholar and dynamic administrator" whose "qualifications and expertise are particularly tailored to the needs of Frostburg State."

Reinhard will succeed Kenneth Jablon, who has been interim president at Frostburg for a year. Jablon succeeded Nelson Guild, who was president for 17 years before becoming executive director of the Maryland board.

Although Reinhard's salary at Frostburg will become public when listed in the state budget, Miller said the amount is only known by Archibald and Reinhard at this point. Reinhard, who makes \$75,000 a year at Morehead, declined to discuss his new salary.