Mignon Doran, a former first lady of Morehead State University who was active in many causes, died yesterday at her home in Lexington. She was 96.

Mrs. Doran, widow of Adron Doran, MSU's president from 1954 to 1977, was known for her work with youth and youth organizations. A campus residence hall complex is named for her. She was a former member of the Governor's Commission on Children and Youth and started many programs for students at MSU.

An accomplished pianist and organist, Mrs. Doran played at University of Kentucky basketball games and later for MSU games. For many years, she was the organist at the boys' state high school basketball tournament. She performed into her 90s, playing organ at an annual holiday musicale she hosted at The Woodlands in Lexington, where she lived.

She also had been active in arts organizations and was a former president of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Doran, a Graves County native who studied at Murray State University, was married to Adron Doran for 70 years. He died in 2001.

Arrangements were pending at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals in Morehead.

Caption:

- Mignon Doran was once first lady of Morehead State University.