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## Taking a look at teacher education at MSU

By Dr. RONALD G. EAGLIN

In the last six months, Lexington Herald-Leader columnist Bill Bishop has written at least four commentaries on what he sees as the sorry state of public schools, those who teach in them, and those who trained the teachers, especially in the eastern-most counties of Kentucky.

As president of the institution which has prepared many, if not most, of that area's teachers over the last 100 years, my first response was to point out that the teacher education program at Morehead State University has the highest accreditation possible from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Moreover, our program has maintained a strong reputation for quality over the years, with an impressive list of successful alumni in public education, including the new president of KEA. However, after looking into the matter in considerable detail, it is clear to me that the serious questions he has raised are larger than one institution and one region of the state. I share many of his concerns about public education and how teacher education institutions are responding.

Why do so many experienced teachers feel frustrated by their inability to enable all of their students to learn at higher levels? Why do some public schools continue to lag behind others in standardized tests? Why do so many prospective teachers do poorly on national tests in mathematics? What caused the shortage of qualified science and math teachers? Is this shortage spreading to other academic fields? Why are many of our best college students looking to careers other than teaching? Does it really make sense to require a new teacher to spend more time learning how to teach rather than actually what to teach? Should our professors in teacher education spend more time in elementary and secondary classrooms?

Earlier this year the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) of the Kentucky Department of Education gave wide latitude to all 26 teacher-training institutions to formulate specific course requirements to meet the broadly-stated standards for teacher preparation and certification. No minimum credit hours were prescribed for professional education courses or the courses in a teaching specialty. Institutions developed their programs of study and submitted them to the (EPSB) for approval. In effect, the removal of state-mandated minimums represented a deregulation of teacher certification and a good opportunity for colleges of education to make bold changes and fashion a performance-based approach to teacher preparation. Some of our programs were enhanced under the new guidelines, but it appears that certain others still look too much like those of the past whose effectiveness can be questioned in light of today's student outcomes.

We have made several positive changes in teacher education in recent years, including the hiring of public school teachers as full-time visiting professors, the organizing of professional development schools, and the raising of requirements for admission to teacher education. But it is not enough! I am challenging the academic leadership and faculty of our institution to broadly reexamine everything we do in teacher preparation, including additional coursework in teaching content areas and more interaction with experienced teachers in the public schools. I believe it is time for us to seriously consider five-year programs for high school teachers in some fields.

Also, I am encouraging my presidential colleagues to join the efforts of Dr. Gordon Davies, president of the Council on Postsecondary Education, and State Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody and other individuals and organizations who want to address teacher education on a statewide level.

Elementary/secondary school leaders and postsecondary education executives in several other states are coming together to form partnerships ranging from pre-school through college (P-16) in hopes of creating unified educational systems which can more effectively seek change.

I believe it is time for Kentucky to follow that path.

## Accounting And Budgetary Control Facility Renovation

The office space occupied by the Office of Accounting and Budgetary Control has been renovated. The space, located on the second floor of the Howell-McDowell Administration Building, was redesigned to better serve the needs of the students, faculty and staff of the University.

The goal of the project was to make the Accounting and Budgetary Control staff members who are in contact with students most, more accessible. The reception function, cashiers and student accounts counselors are now located in a common area. The work area is an open concept, with few walls to serve as barriers, either physical or perceived, to service provider access. School colors have been incorporated, where possible, in the renovation process.

## Standard and Poor's Confirms Bond Ratings

Working with the Office of Fiscal Services, the bond rating firm of Standard and Poor's recently conducted a rating review of Morehead State University's Consolidated Educational Building and Housing and Dining System revenue bonds. A review involves analysis of financial statements and various enrollment and demand statistics such as application rates, matriculation rates, head count and FTE enrollments, and residence hall capacities and occupancy rates.

As a result of that review, Standard and Poor's has confirmed the existing bond ratings of "A" for the Consolidated Educational Building and "BBB+" for the Housing and Dining System revenue bonds. An "A" is the lower end of the high-quality bond category and "BBB+" is the highest rating in the medium-quality bond category. Standard and Poor's has issued a market report that describes the outlook for MSU bonds as stable for the intermediate to longer term.



## Construction Update

Several projects have been completed since the last report. These include the Academic Athletic Complex Roof Replacement; Waterfield Hall Renovation for Region 7 Offices; Kentucky Folk Art Center Phase II; Burton Auditorium Lighting; Patti Bolin Room Renovation; and Baird 117 Improvements. The work at Baird 117 included new lighting, ceiling, and wall finishes; sanding and refinishing floor; and installation of a new acoustical system. Dr. Chris Gallaher welcomes your visit.

### *Projects currently in progress include:*

Facility	Project Scope	Contractor
Wellness Center	\$1,800,000	Pack's Inc.
Chiller Replacement		
CO, MH, MT, ADUC, LC	\$800,000	Abner Construction Co., Inc.
Equine Teaching Facility	\$720,000	Standafer Builders
Bell Tower Plaza, Phase II	\$100,000	Concrete Contractors Plus
Greek Sidewalk	\$20,000	TNL Construction
Lappin/Combs Landscaping Phase II	\$50,000	Pack's, Inc.
Tennis Courts Renovation	\$80,000	In Bid Process
Regents/Wilson Brick Repair	\$90,000	University Staff
Allie Young Renovation	\$23,000	Ken Hall Construction
Howell-McDowell 202 Renovation	\$34,000	Wally Thomas Construction
Palmer House Roof Replacement	\$8,000	In Bid Process

The firm of Sherman-Carter-Barnhart Architects was selected to manage and design the renovation of Breckinridge Hall. Other consultants on the design team include Newcomb & Boyd Consultants, theatre, audio visual, telecommunication, and acoustical services; CMTA, Inc., mechanical and electrical services; Poage Engineering and Associates, Inc., structural engineering services; and Peter George Associates, Inc., theatre and video consulting services.

Other projects in the planning and design stages include Allen Baseball Field Lighting; Jayne Stadium Window Replacement and Painting; Hog Barn Construction; Academic Athletic Complex Ceiling Tile Replacement; Weatherby Window Repairs; Academic Affairs Classroom Improvement/Upgrades; Adron Doran University Center Cafeteria Formica Replacement; Energy Conservation Projects at Allie Young and Laughlin Health Building; Reed Hall Nursing Lab Renovation; and miscellaneous carpet replacement projects.

## COLLEGE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### College Of Science And Technology

#### Office Of The Dean

- Dr. Gerald DeMoss received \$500 from the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development, Department for Technical Education for the "Administration and Coordination of Vocational Education Programs."
- Dr. Gerald DeMoss received \$29,006 from the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development, Department for Technical Education for "Improving and Developing Quality Vocational Education Programs."

#### Department Of Agricultural Sciences

##### Upcoming Activities:

- The AS Department and UK Cooperative Extension Agents from the Licking River Region will have a Regional Field Day on September 17 at the University Farm.
- Construction should start soon on the renovation of the present pavilion which includes the

addition of a warm-up arena and classroom funded by the Equine Trust.

### **Agricultural Sciences activities during the months of May, June, July, and August included the following:**

- Dr. Michael McDermott received a \$4,000 grant from the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development, Department for Technical Education for "Enrichment Activities for Agricultural Education."
- Final plans for the new swine breeding and gestation building are in process.
- An all-weather surface has been completed for the beef cattle feeding area.
- The poultry houses have been renovated for hay storage and as multi-purpose buildings.
- AS received a \$10,000 grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to be used to provide assistance in meat goat production marketing to local and state groups. A seminar and shows are scheduled for October 30 & 31, 1998. The feasibility of establishing a meat goat research herd at the MSU farm is being considered.
- The Big Aggie Day mentoring program was held on August 27 at the MSU Farm. This activity encourages new freshmen agriculture students to meet other students in the department as well as all faculty and staff and to learn about the activities of the various student clubs in the department.
- The MSU Angus Beef Cattle Herd has been recognized with the Pathfinder designation by the American Angus Association as a herd consisting of outstanding individual animals.
- MSU Farm was involved with the petting zoo during the Appalachian Celebration.
- The Equine Program hosted over 100 girl scouts in various summer camps. The program also had a successful summer show team. Also, the Equine Program had an individual who placed at the IHSA Nationals in May.
- The Veterinary Technology Program helped host the Buffalo Trace Clinic Days for veterinarians and technicians in June.
- The Vet Tech Program recently installed a multi-station anesthesia lab to upgrade the facility.
- During the month of July, Agricultural Sciences faculty made presentations at the 1998 Kentucky Vocational Agriculture Teachers Conference in Louisville.
- Agricultural Sciences faculty were involved in the FFA State Contests and the Kentucky Agricultural Council activities that were held in conjunction with the Kentucky State Fair.
- During the month of July, the Kentucky State FFA Horse Judging Contest was held at the MSU farm. Various faculty, staff, and students were involved.
- The Vet Tech Program finished an Equine Herpes Virus Type 1 Challenge Model Development Study for Merial Limited. Presently, a new study with Merial is under consideration.
- The Vet Tech Program conducted a study for SSC, Inc., on The Toxicity of Adequan (R) Canine IM in the cat. A new study is presently being developed with SSC, Inc.
- The Vet Tech Program has completed contracts with the Rowan County Fiscal Court/Humane Society for a spay and neuter project. Contracts have also been completed with the Northeast Kentucky Area Health Education Center for emergency stabilization procedures training for ER residents and paramedics.
- The Agricultural Sciences Department has received a \$25,000 grant from the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development, Department for Technical Education for "Improving and Developing Quality Vocational Education Programs."

### **Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences**

- Dr. Ted Pass, Professor of Biology and Director of the MSU Water Testing Laboratory, has been awarded a grant amounting to \$20,000 from the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to implement a 1998-99 testing proposal for the Cabinet.
- Dr. David Eisenhower, Assistant Professor of Biology, has been cited in the most recent

### **Professional School Admissions**



Since our report in the June issue of Board Briefs, the following students from the College of Science and Technology have been admitted to professional and/or graduate schools:

Ms. Marcia Rash -  
Master's Program in Public Health Nutrition at ECU

Ms. Laura Dennis -  
Master's Program in Public Health Nutrition at ECU

Ms. Cyndia Dombroskas -  
Dietetics Internship at Appalachian State University

Ms. Elizabeth Smith -  
Dietetics Internship at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Ms. Angela Skaggs -  
AP-4 Program at Morehead State University

Ms. Robin Donta -  
Nurse Practitioner Program, MSU/UK

Ms. Melanie Dunaway -  
Nurse Practitioner Program, MSU/UK

Mr. Donald Hart -  
Nurse Practitioner Program, MSU/UK

Ms. Kelly Hirtzler -  
Nurse Practitioner Program, MSU/UK

Mr. Trevor Jones -  
Nurse Practitioner Program, MSU/UK

Mr. Christopher Keeton -  
Nurse Practitioner Program, MSU/UK

Ms. Elizabeth Potter -  
Nurse Practitioner Program, MSU/UK

Ms. Michele Walters -  
Nurse Practitioner Program, MSU/UK



## EAGLE VIDEO

### Eagle Video Network

The new Eagle Video Network was established in the summer of 1998 replacing the existing 20-year-old video technology used to distribute cable television on campus. The Eagle Video Network provides state-of-the-art digital video services to students living in campus residence halls.

In addition to improving cable signal quality, the new system expands the basic service (provided free with residence hall rental) from 17 to 22 channels. Students may also subscribe to extended tier or premium channel services for a per room/per semester fee. Extended tier service offers an additional 23 channels to the basic service and premium channel services offer HBO or Showtime movie service. The channels are received from Direct DSS satellite service and were selected with input from the Student Government and Residence Hall Associations.

A "Phase B" plan to expand the Eagle Video Network into administrative and educational buildings is being developed for future funding consideration. However, no timelines or budget commitments have been made at this time.

### Sexual Harassment Report

In accordance with the policy on sexual harassment (PG-6), the following is a summary of complaints for the 1997-98 academic year.

Dr. Francene Botts-Butler, affirmative action officer, investigated three cases; and Myron Doan, dean of students, investigated one case.

Students were the complainants in one case, staff in one, and faculty in two. Faculty were the respondents in two cases, students in one, and staff in one.

An informal method of resolution was utilized in three cases, and the formal method of resolution set out in PG-6 was utilized in one case. All four cases have been resolved (two faculty complaints dismissed at the request of complainants) with no cases pending resolution.

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booklet of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, "Kentucky's Threatened and Endangered Species," for his assistance in providing literature on the Pallid Sturgeon, an endangered fish species found in Western Kentucky. Also, Dr. Eisenhower completed an inventory of the MSU freshwater and marine fish collection housed in Lappin Hall. Over 339 different species of freshwater and marine fishes have been identified with the total collection of some 27,000 specimens that are maintained for student study and research.

- The Herbarium now contains the largest collection of Bryophytes (mosses) of any institution in the Commonwealth. The total number of vascular plant specimens now exceeds 13,000 pressed and cataloged plants. Dr. Allen Risk assisted by Dr. Howard Setser maintain the collection in Lappin Hall.

### Department of Human Sciences

- Dr. Brenda Malinauskas presented a Sports Nutrition Seminar at Beijing Teacher's College of Physical Education in May, 1998.

- Mrs. Jane Ellington received a \$5,500 grant from the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development, Department for Technical Education for "Vocational Teacher Education Enrichment for Family and Consumer Sciences."

- The Department of Human Sciences received \$20,500 from the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development, Department for Technical Education for "Improving and Developing Quality Vocational Education Programs."

- Eleven AP-4 students are performing their professional dietetics advanced program internships in Kentucky, Alabama, and Ohio. MSU's Department of Human Sciences is the only university in the state offering the AP-4 Program.

### Department of Industrial Education and Technology

- The Department of IET has completed a Self-Study Review by the National Association of Industrial Technology. The Association is a nationally-recognized, accrediting organization whose mission is to support the technology profession in both industrial and academic settings and to recognize those who have achieved and maintained high professional standards in the field of technology. In the final review, Dr. Clint Bertrand of Texas A&M and Dr. Waldo Meeks of Southern Georgia, members of the NAIT Accrediting Team, were very positive in their comments and are supportive of the IET Department's accreditation. A final decision will be made, based upon the NAIT visiting team's recommendations, by the NAIT Accrediting Board at its national conference in Indianapolis, Ind., on October 21, 1998.

- The Department of Industrial Education and Technology received \$18,500 from the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development, Department for Technical Education for "Field Based Teacher Education for Industrial Technology Education."

- Mr. Robert Hayes received \$6,000 from the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development, Department for Technical Education for "Enrichment Activities for Technology Education."

- The Industrial Education and Technology Department received \$31,000 from the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development, Department for Technical Education, for "Improving and Developing Quality Vocational Education Programs."

- The Department of Industrial Education and Technology had 45 students participate in the Cooperative Education Program during the 1998 summer sessions. Students pursuing an Industrial Technology degree with options in manufacturing, construction, graphics, and electronics were employed by a variety of businesses, industries, construction contractors, and manufacturing companies among both government and private employers. Participating employers include Sealmaster, Frontier Housing, and Trent's Electric in Morehead; Mazak of Florence; Toyota of Georgetown; Browning Manufacturing in Maysville; Fayette County Urban Government in Lexington; AK Steel in Ashland; and Ascent Technology in Compton, as well as many others throughout our service region including West Virginia and Southern



Ohio. MSU students studying in the field of technology are given an opportunity through the co-op program to gain work experience in their fields, helping them better apply classroom lessons as well as preparing them for success in their future careers. The students provide companies with valuable technical expertise from their academic preparation in the classroom.

## **Department of Mathematical Sciences**

- The College of Science and Technology is making final plans for a special showcase in the areas of mathematical sciences, physics, and technology. Outstanding juniors and seniors interested in these disciplines are invited to participate in the 5th Annual MPATE Day (Mathematics, Physics and Advanced Technology Exploration Day) scheduled for October 7, 1998. Teams of students will participate in challenging and exciting learning activities involving mathematics, physics, and technology. Each team will consist of students from different schools, and prizes will be awarded to teams that achieve higher scores on the explorations. Also, teachers will have the opportunity to participate in activities designed especially for them.

## **Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences**

- The Associate Degree Nursing Program received \$21,500 and the Radiologic Technology Program received \$21,162 from the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development, Department for Technical Education for "Improving and Developing Quality Vocational Education Programs."

## **Department of Physical Sciences**

- Dr. Marshall Chapman presented the paper, "Bimodal Volcanism from a Granite Magma Chamber Periodically Invaded by Basaltic Magma; Isle Au Haut Igneous Complex, Maine," in July at the International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior in Capetown, South Africa.
- Dr. Joan Whitworth conducted workshops in Project Learning and Project Wild in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service. The workshops were funded by the District VI Science and Math Alliance. Also, she taught SCI 690 (for teachers) via distance learning during the Spring Semester of 1998. Dr. Whitworth oversees the distribution of funds for mini-grants for teachers to aid in professional development.
- Dr. Benjamin Malphrus has three grants currently active: (1) Grant funded by the Council on Postsecondary Education is titled, "Program to Improve Instructional competencies in Astronomy and Space Science;" (2) Grant from NSF, "Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement - A Multichannel-Spectrometer for the Morehead State Radio Telescope," and (3) Grant from the Kentucky Space Grant Consortium, which supports space-related research.
- Dr. Capp Yess has two grants currently active: (1) Grant from the Kentucky Space Grant Consortium titled, "Effect of Red-Shift Space Distortions on Our View of the Local Universe," and (2) an institutional grant that funds student assistance for Dr. Yess on this project.
- Dr. Ronald Fiel has presented a workshop funded by the State Department of Education designed to attract females into science. The workshop, held on MSU's campus in July, immersed 17 female students, who ranged in age from 12 to 14 years, in science and technology study.
- Dr. Ronald Fiel and Dr. Robert Boram presented two 3-day workshops, one on campus and one at Allen Central High School in Floyd County. These were science content workshops for elementary school teachers. Participants included 24 local science teachers.
- Dr. Robert Boram has a NOVA grant to design a new content course for science teachers.

## **Doing Business Via The Web**

Coming soon to an Internet connection near you will be the new and improved Morehead State University web page. But, it is more than a redesigned web page. It's a whole new way of conducting business.

Morehead State University has undertaken an expansive project to re-engineer and update its web page and change the way it does business. Affected services will include enrollment processing, academic services, and student support functions. The re-engineering work group responsible for the project is made up of a diverse team of representatives from across campus and includes delegates from each University division.

The new web page will feature a targeted approach, with information grouped according to the audience being served. From the home page, a user can identify himself as a prospective student, current student, faculty or staff member, or alumni and visitor. Information presented under each group option will be customized to the audience.

Potential students will choose from options to learn about cost of attendance, financial aid, housing, academic programs, and social activities. They will even have the option to apply for admission to the University on-line and view the status of the application. For example, a student can see that the University has received her housing deposit but her high school transcript has not arrived.

Current students will eventually be able to register for classes, inquire about grades, pay fees, change class schedules, and much more.

All of these tasks will be accomplished using a secure link between the user's personal computer and the University mainframe system. Secured transactions will require that the user provide authentication using a login ID and a personal identification number (PIN). Once a user has been authenticated, information will be securely passed to the user's terminal from the University mainframe.

The redesigned home page is expected to be placed on-line in Spring 1999. Current home page links will be maintained until all tracks can be updated.

## Kentucky Folk Art Center

In June, three major gifts to the Folk Art Center totaled \$100,000. The Richardson family of Morehead and Louisville gave \$50,000 to name the main gallery the Lovenia & William Richardson Gallery; Larry Addington gave \$50,000 to name the upstairs exhibit area the Garland & Minnie Adkins Gallery; and the Ruth family of Morehead gave \$25,000 to name the Jimmie Ruth Auditorium.

On June 21, the first exhibit in the Adkins Gallery opened. The "African-American Folk Art in Kentucky" exhibition, supported by the Kentucky Arts and Humanities Councils, the Lexington Herald-Leader, and the Elizabeth Graham Firestone Foundation, will run through Oct. 3. Major news coverage of the show included a Sunday, June 21, feature in the Herald-Leader.

The Folk Art Center Grand Opening was held on June 26, with over 100 attending a special luncheon and an estimated 400 people attending the ceremony at the Center. Again, major media coverage was generated.

The week's activities included daily demonstrations by folk artists; tours of the Center; a book signing and awarding of the Chaffin Award to Sharyn McGrumb; and the naming of Flemingsburg folk artists Ronald and Jessie Cooper as the 1998 MSU "Appalachian Treasure."

Work on the elevator began immediately after the opening; installation of a new "Space Saver" system for the permanent collections area was scheduled to begin Aug. 28.

Visits from a Southern Living photographer and writer will result in an article in the November issue of that magazine, and filming of a KET "Kentucky Life" segment is scheduled.

The Folk Art Center will host the 1999 national conference of the Folk Art Society of America, which will be headquartered in Lexington and will include a full day in Morehead and Isonville.

## Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

### Self-Study for Reaffirmation of Accreditation (Update)

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation process is concerned with improving educational quality and assuring the public that member institutions meet established standards. Morehead State University's accreditation is scheduled to be reaffirmed in Fall 2000.

Reaffirmation involves a comprehensive self-study of our purpose, programs, and services. As a great tribute to MSU, approximately 110 MSU employees volunteered to serve on the various self-study committees. Over 200 individuals have been appointed to the committees, including the Steering Committee.

During the Spring semester, the executive committee planned the Self-Study process and the committees were organized. Dr. Jack Allen, our SACS liaison, visited the campus in March. During the summer, two task forces worked on collecting the information needed to evaluate the University's compliance with the SACS criteria.

One task force collected a list of data needs from each committee. In July, approximately 290 data requests were sent to 59 departments and offices. Another task force developed five surveys for the following constituents: board of regents, administrators, students, faculty, and staff.

The board of regents and administrator surveys were distributed at the administrative retreat. These surveys were to be returned by Aug. 14, 1998. The faculty and staff surveys were given to unit heads for distribution and were to be returned by Aug. 21.

The student surveys were administered during the third week of classes. We surveyed more than 3,000 students enrolled in the following classes:

- On-campus day classes that meet on Monday at 9:10 a.m. (Aug. 31)
- Off-campus evening classes that meet on Monday at 6:00 p.m. (Aug. 31)
- On-campus evening classes that meet on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. (Sept. 2)
- Various distance learning classes (to be determined)

We need a good response rate for our surveys to be valid. We are still accepting completed surveys; so, if you have not yet returned yours, please send it to the SACS Office, 305 CCL.

For more information on the SACS Self-Study process, please visit our SACS web page at <http://www.morehead-st.edu/projects/sacs> or contact Dr. Charles Patrick (783-2884) or Angela Martin (783-2021).

## New Board Of Regents Members

Homemaker and community leader, Madge Walters Baird of Pikeville was appointed to the Board of Regents this summer for a six-year term ending June 30, 2004. A two-time graduate of MSU, she is the daughter of E. Bruce Walters, a former member of the Board of Regents.

Buckner Hinkle, Jr., a partner with Stites & Harbison in the firm's Construction Service Group, has been reappointed for a six-year term. He is a graduate of the University of the South and the University of Kentucky College of Law. Mr. Hinkle also serves as a trustee of the Appalshop Endowment Fund.

Michelle Francis, President of the MSU Student Government Association, will serve as the student representative to the board for the 1998-99 school year. She also has served the SGA as vice president for administration and a freshman representative. She is a senior from Bardtown, majoring in government.

## Digital Network Project

MSU ranks at the top of the state in providing a state-of-the-art campus network infrastructure, thanks to the continuing digital network project. During the past 15 months, over 1000 network ports in 12 buildings have been installed, doubling the number of ports on the campus high-speed data network.

In addition, a new fiber optic cable plant has been installed that reaches every academic, administrative, and residence hall building. This new cable plant will allow for continued expansion of the backbone network as well as providing a means to introduce other digital communications services to the campus in the future. Currently, the following buildings have been installed with network switching equipment for accessing the data communications backbone network:

Adron Doran University Center  
Honors House  
Allie Young Hall  
Licking Valley Extended Campus  
Center's Jackson Office  
Ashland Area Extended Campus Center  
Lappin Science Hall  
Baird Music Hall  
Laughlin Health Building  
Big Sandy Extended Campus Center  
Licking Valley Extended Campus Center  
Camden-Carroll Library  
Lloyd Cassity Classroom Building  
Claypool-Young Art Building

Morehead Astrophysical Observatory  
Combs Classroom Building  
Rader Hall  
Derrickson Agricultural Complex (Vet Tech Bldg.)  
Reed Hall  
Garraud House  
Rice Maintenance Building  
Ginger Hall  
Support Services Complex  
Hazard CC/Jackson KTLN Site  
Wetherby Gymnasium  
Howell-McDowell Administration Building  
Whitesburg KTLN Site

Connection to the network means microcomputers in offices, labs, and classrooms have direct access to all campus network resources as well as the Internet. During FY 98-99, the following facilities are scheduled to be added to the campus network:

Academic-Athletic Center  
Palmer Development House  
Alumni Center  
Waterfield Hall (Conference Services)  
Button Auditorium  
WMKY Radio Station

In addition to these new installations, several buildings with high concentrations of microcomputers and/or computer lab facilities have been slated to receive network upgrades in 1998/99. These buildings include the following:

Camden-Carroll Library  
Howell-McDowell Admin. Building  
Combs Classroom Building  
Lappin Science Hall

Also funded in the 1998/99 Digital Network Project was the addition of the first residence hall to the campus high-speed data network. Fields Hall was selected as the first facility to receive network access and was connected prior to the start of the 1998 fall term. Students living in Fields Hall now have an option to connect their personal computers directly to the campus network for high-speed access to the Internet and other campus network resources. A proposal to add the remaining residence halls to the campus network is being prepared for future funding consideration.

With the completion of the scheduled 1998/99 network projects, buildings remaining without access to the network include these facilities:

Allen Field  
Jayne Stadium  
Breckinridge Hall  
Water Testing Lab  
Downing Hall  
Wellness Center

Breckinridge Hall will be added to the network during the scheduled renovation process. Buildings located in the athletic complex are not connected to the University's fiber optic cable plant. The Office of Information Technology is currently investigating the use of wireless technology to connect these buildings to the network.

## Dr. Eaglin To Participate In Roundtable Discussion

Dr. Ronald Eaglin will participate in a round-table discussion which is part of the National Association of Gifted Children Conference to be held in Louisville Nov. 11-15.

Representatives on the panel will include leadership from business and industry, local school administrators, and officials from state government and higher education.

## MSU Partnership Reaps Rewards

Morehead State will receive \$234,000 to direct a summer gifted and talented institute each summer for the next three years. The money is part of a \$680,000 Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Grant to be shared by MSU and other education providers in the state.

MSU staff involved in this project include Dr. Cathy Barlow, director; Rosemarie Gold, co-director; Dr. Dan Grace; Dr. Barbara Niemeyer; and Dr. Debbie Grubb.

## National Youth Sports Program

Morehead State recently celebrated 20 years of hosting the National Youth Sports Program, which is sponsored by the NCAA and serves economically disadvantaged youth.

The five-week program is for children ages 10-16 and is free to participants. Youth come to MSU's campus from Rowan, Carter, Elliott, Morgan, Lewis, and Fleming counties. They participate in a variety of athletic and educational activities, including field trips.

