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## FIRST NEWSLETTER HITS STANDS

After dusting off the old typewriter and applying a wee bit of finger power, the publishing firm of Vittetow and Hornback has finally gotten the first issue of the Morehead State College FACULTY NEWSLETTER onto the news stands.

Our first issue, with the newness of the project quite apparent, includes several personals, a few news bits, a future events section and the telephone numbers of the faculty.

As we said earlier, the NEWSLETTER is your publication. Its contents are solely by you, about you and for you. Thus we urge you to submit items of interest for the March issue.

We would like for every department to be represented in the NEWSLETTER. At the present, the Vittetow and Hornback publishing company finds itself without the aid of couriers. So we must ask you to supply the leg power and leave your typewritten material with us in the Administration Building.

We hope the NEWSLETTER will:

1. Continue the development of a cooperative spirit
2. Keep you posted on campus-wide events
3. Show various programs and projects underway, or anticipated, in your departments
4. Present items of personal interest to you
5. Present other items which are suggested by you

Thanks for your fine cooperation. We'll be looking forward to seeing you in the March issue of the NEWSLETTER.

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## PERSONALS

Carl Woods of the History Department will attend the 45th annual four-day conference of the Council of the Southern Mountains, Inc. opening February 20 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The conference will last through February 23.

This conference is concerned with united efforts in the areas of education, health, economic development, religion, and recreation opportunities for youth in our application.

Dr. James McConkey, former member of the English Dept., is preparing the manuscript for his book on Forster for publication by the Cornell University Press.

Dr. McConkey, who now teaches at Cornell, did much of the work on his book while teaching here.

## OVERSTREET CUTS CLASSES!

Greetings:

If you can make a permanent record of the bright ideas generated around the faculty table in the cafeteria, the Mens Club, the various faculty groups at coffee breaks and impromptu gatherings about the coke dispenser in the book store, your fortune is made. Luck to you!

During registration week yours truly cut classes and attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers in Hotel New Yorker. One of the thirty-odd papers I listened to was presented by Harry Swartz of the New York Times, on Science Education in the USSR. It seems that the Russian science men are having their troubles, too --too few teachers, too few classrooms, inadequate laboratory equipment and so on and on. But as to pay for men of science they have us beat by a city block. On the same comparative scale a topflight professor of physics in America would receive a million dollars a year in salary. But, to date, there has been no rush of American physics men to Russia!

Yours truly,

Paul C. Overstreet

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## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Music Department's activities off the campus came to a roaring halt with the rising tide of the Big Sandy River. Until the flood came, we were nearing the completion of an experimental band and choral clinic in Floyd County. Plans for continuing the project this spring are tentative.

Earlier in the year the music faculty, together, with leading music teachers in this area, took upon itself the task of trying to determine the immediate problems of the schools in the county surrounding us with respect to their music programs. Through a questionnaire which was mailed to music teachers, principals, supervisors, and superintendents, we found that the most pressing problems were the lack of a sufficient number of specially trained music teachers. Some of the schools stated that their most important problem is a low level of music appreciation among their children due to the fact that they almost never hear a better type of music.

Very few indicated the lack of funds to be a pressing problem. In fact, several administrators told us that they had had money available to hire music teachers for two years or more, but had not been able to find anyone to take the jobs. Some of them stated that to meet the emergency they had asked general teachers and specialists in other fields to undertake the development of their music programs. The results according to their appraisals were better than nothing but certainly not adequate.

One page of the questionnaire asked for the recipients to check (on a check list provided) areas in which the Morehead State College Music Department could assist them in meeting their problems. On the same page they were asked to make their own specific suggestions. In tabulating their responses, we found that the greatest majority felt that the following services would be of most help to them:

1. Furnishing more music teachers, through graduation from this college.
2. Sponsoring clinics in certain centrally located areas to which the music teachers and students would come for specialized training.
3. The presentation of concerts by the various performing groups from Morehead.
4. Extension courses in the form of workshops which would be directed toward analysis and suggested solutions of specific local problems.



## Music Dept. (con't.)

As a first effort to try to do something about the pressing problems in this area, we selected Floyd County as being the most interested area for the establishment of a clinic type activity. We set up a schedule of 5 all-day sessions located at Prestonsburg. All of the vocal and instrumental instructors and a selected group of the music students from each of the schools involved were to report to Prestonsburg and to be organized into a band and a chorus.

Mr. Marzan served as director of the band, Mr. Carter as director of the chorus. Mr. Woelflin and two of our advanced students worked with smaller groups. We expected to achieve two objectives; namely, to demonstrate to the music teachers suggested rehearsal techniques and general music teaching techniques with both large and small groups, and to perfect as a by product a band and choral concert to be presented in selected centers in Floyd County.

At the time of the flood we had held three of the five sessions. We felt that we had found some of the weaknesses on the part of the music teachers and had suggested remedies. We think that we had succeeded in developing at least some interest in a better type of music. Since the program is not yet completed, we cannot yet predict the eventual outcome. However, we are at least hoping that this type activity will be of some important significance in helping those teachers, some of whom have had very little specialized music training on the college level.

In an effort to satisfy the expressed needs of those schools who feel that a lack of performances or really good music is their greatest handicap, we have scheduled a series of concerts by our various performing groups. These groups will go to various towns to present assembly programs as well as evening concerts, the expenses for which trips the schools seem eager to help us bear. Since it is necessary to restrict the number of trips we can make for many obvious reasons, we are attempting to schedule the concerts in those areas which seem to need us most. For purposes of college publicity, we have scheduled some of them, frankly, in areas whose support we need.

We, of course, realize that the solution of these and other problems cannot be brought about by the efforts of a small group of men from one college department. Our long term objective is more that of helping to discover the basic problems than of actually solving them. We feel that a challenge to the teachers and students together with carefully considered proposals is probably the most effective service we can offer. Our long term objectives are being developed with that in mind.

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## DR. DORAN ATTENDS AACTE MEETING

President Adron Doran recently attended a three day meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

The theme of the meeting held in Chicago on February 14, 15 and 16 was "An Educated People Moves Freedom Forward."

## EKEA DIRECTORS TO MEET HERE

The Eastern Kentucky Education Association Board of Directors will meet here on March 8, Executive Secretary Monroe Wicker has announced.

The directors will have lunch in the college cafeteria and will hold a business and planning session at which time preliminary plans will be made for the annual EKEA Convention in November.

## EKEA (con't.)

The members of the board are:

Dorothy Conley, President - Wheelwright  
 Dr. Aaron Doran, KEA Director  
 Floyd Hall, - Catlettsburg  
 Paul Westerfield, - Vanceburg  
 C.H. Farley, - Pikeville  
 James V. Powell, - Elkhorn City  
 Verne P. Horne, - Paintsville  
 Hazel Calhoun, - Grayson  
 Esterilla Cummings, - Wheelwright

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MRS. SEVERY TO GIVE RECITAL

Mrs. Violet Severy will give an organ recital on March 7 in the Baird Music Building.

Assisted by Leslie Woelflin, clarinetist, Mrs. Severy will play works by Bach, Reyer, Purvis, Franck, Mendelssohn, Peeters and a group of contemporary works by Milhand, Hindemith, Bloch, Demessieux and Sowerby.

Mrs. Severy has studied with three of the finest organists and teachers in the United States in Arthur Poister, Clarence Mader and Dr. Leslie Spelman.

OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT TO BE ON DISPLAY  
 IN ART GALLERY DURING MARCH

There will be an extraordinary art exhibit in the art gallery during the month of March, which will consist of:

Paintings, Drawings and Prints by Clifford Amyx - Acting Head of Art Department---University of Kentucky.

Paintings, and Designs-----By Raymond Barnhart---Professor of Painting and Design---University of Kentucky.

Sculpture-----by Bob Wiggs-----University of Kentucky.

5 Paintings-----by Ulfert Wilke-----Professor of Painting ---University of Kentucky.

Because of the danger of breaking the sculpture, there should be no meetings scheduled in the Art Gallery during the month of March.

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BRECK FACULTY ENGAGED IN SELF-EVALUATION

The Breckinridge faculty is now engaged in a self-evaluation of the Training School. Five phases of the school are being evaluated. They are: the curriculum and instruction, the school plant, the community and the school, the teachers and director of the school and teacher qualifications.

Four parents, seven pupils from grades six through twelve and the entire staff are participating in the evaluation.

Meetings will be held once each month until the study has been completed.



## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Sharkey School Project

Morehead State College and the Rowan County Board of Education entered into an agreement whereby the Sharkey School might be used as an off-campus laboratory school for Morehead State. The school is and will remain a part of the Rowan County school system.

Morehead State College has no part in its administration except in an advisory capacity. The county will maintain persons who will qualify as supervising teachers for the school.

The college will supplement the salaries of each of the teachers to the amount of \$500 annually. The college further agreed to help get the building in repair and to purchase some needed equipment. This agreement became effective at the beginning of the school year 1956-57.

Sharkey is a rural community with a two-teacher school, typical of many eastern Kentucky communities. The teachers are: Mrs. Margie Roberts and Mrs. Virginia Lohr. Mrs. Roberts holds the Master's degree and Mrs. Lohr is working toward the M.A. degree.

General Statement of Purpose

It was felt that the type of program in operation at Sharkey could be a beneficial adjunct to the on-campus program of teacher training.

The Sharkey project should provide opportunities for meeting certain needs of college students and personnel which cannot be provided on-campus.

Important among the opportunities are the followings:

1. To study the complete organization and operation of a two-teacher school in a typical rural community of Eastern Kentucky.
2. To observe and participate in teaching processes under conditions which differ from those generally found on-campus.
3. To study and participate in school-community relationships in a rural situation.
4. To get first-hand information about the problems of the rural school.
5. To work with teachers in a rural situation to improve instruction.
6. To carry on experimentation and research which involves the school or the community or both.
7. To use pertinent data from study and research to improve the program of Sharkey and to improve our present teacher training program.

Implementation of Project

How to implement a program to meet listed objectives is always the greatest problem facing an individual or group of planners. How to implement the Sharkey project to make it worthwhile for Morehead State College poses problems involving distance, time, many persons, etc. The plans for any new project must be worked out slowly and methodically. Some will be discarded while others will evolve with the passing of time.

A list of suggestions for implementing the project is as follows:

1. Make a study as early as convenient of the socio-economic, educational, and religious status of the community. This study should involve disciplines outside the Educational Department.
2. Make a study of teaching positions taken by Morehead graduates covering a period of five years from 1951-1956 to find out how many take positions in one and two-room schools.
3. Make a study of the needs and problems of teachers in one and two-room schools.

## Sharkey Project (con't.)

4. Have graduate students under direction of teachers in methodology or other courses make these studies. The in-service training personnel may assist.
5. Have students at the sophomore level and above observe the teachers in all phases of their work at the Sharkey school--classroom methods and materials, P.T.A., lunchroom, play, record keeping, etc.
6. Consider operating the school during the summer when the college has not only the greatest number of elementary student teachers, but the greatest number from rural situations.
7. Work out plans whereby the elementary teachers of the training school and the elementary division of the educational department can meet with the Sharkey teachers as often as necessary to share experiences and cooperate in improvement of the program.
8. Give special help and services to the teachers at Sharkey when needed.
9. Have Sharkey teachers visit the training school and the training school and other college teachers visit the Sharkey School. Arrange for an exchange of teachers, teachers of elementary education in the college and the Sharkey teachers occasionally for a day.
10. Plan for students and teachers to observe and participate in community activities.
11. Evaluate the project periodically. Have all persons involved make recommendations for improvement and direction.

Questions

1. What reorganization will have to be made in the college for effective use to be made of the Sharkey project?
2. How can we best meet transportation difficulties?
3. Will the regular work on campus be neglected by teachers who actively participate in the project?
4. How much time should a student spend at Sharkey?
5. Should Morehead State College exert efforts to change situations in the Sharkey school and community or should it play an advisory role only?
6. To what extent does the rapid consolidation of school affect the worth of the Sharkey Project?

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## COLLEGE HEALTH SERVICE NEWS

During the first semester 1,288 persons used the services of the college infirmary. One thousand one hundred sixteen persons were treated by the college nurse. Sixty students were hospitalized in the infirmary and one hundred twelve persons were referred to local doctors for treatment. Thirty-eight of the infirmary visits were made by the faculty members.



## FACULTY TAKES ACTIVE PART IN REGIONAL MEETING

Morehead State College faculty members had a very active part in the Southeastern Regional Meeting and the state meeting of the Association for Student Teaching which were held in Lexington, Kentucky, February 8 and 9 at the Student Union Building of the University of Kentucky.

Those attending and their specific duties:

1. Miss Era Mae Smelley -- Refreshment Committee
2. Mrs. Mary Northcutt -- Display Committee
3. Mrs. Hazel Whitaker -- Conference Recorder
4. Mrs. Virginia Rice -- Advisory Committee
5. Miss Thelma Evans -- Secretary, Treasurer of Kentucky A.S.T.  
Constitution Revision Committee  
National Committee on "Bulletin of Professional Terms"

The above five teachers will make up the committee to publish the A.S.T. Newsletter which will give a summation and evaluation of the meetings as well as reports from various committees.

Mrs. Blanche Waltz, Nomination Committee, and Miss Amy Irene Moore, National Executive Committee, were unable to attend the Lexington meeting. Miss Moore is attending the national meeting in Chicago this week. (February 12 - February 16)

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## DR. EXELBIRT TO GIVE TALK; TAKE SABBATICAL

Dr. W. Exelbirt of the History Department will deliver a talk entitled "Historical Background of Recent Slavic Frontier Shifts" in the Slavic section of the University of Kentucky Language Conference.

Dr. Exelbirt will be away on Sabbatical leave during the upcoming summer. He will study in libraries in New York City in the field of history of Eastern Europe.

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## DR. DORAN DELIVERS ADDRESS IN WASHINGTON

President Adron Doran spoke before a committee on education in the House of Representatives in Washington on February 13.

Dr. Robert R. Martin, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Marvin Dodson, Executive Secretary of the KEA, also appeared before the committee.

The committee, considering legislation relating to schoolhouse construction, heard Dr. Doran discuss federal support for schoolhouse construction in the Eastern Kentucky Education Association District.

Dr. Doran pointed out that 25% of all emergency teachers in the state of Kentucky are employed in the school districts represented in the EKEA district.

He also pointed out that school districts in the Eastern Kentucky region are unable to meet their building needs.

Dr. Doran concluded by saying "The Eastern Kentucky Education district cannot meet its building needs from local sources and State Aid. It becomes the solemn duty then of the Congress of the United States to appropriate sufficient funds to relieve the critical situation among the schools of Kentucky and the Nation."

(Copies of Dr. Doran's address may be picked up in the Public Relations Office)

## A FACULTY CLUB?

Many colleges have active faculty clubs. Such clubs provide a faculty lounge, recreational facilities, and periodic social gatherings sponsored by various departments.

Numerous faculty members have expressed a desire for more social events at Morehead for faculty members.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, let us know and we'll publish them in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.

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## KENTUCKY CERTIFICATES GOOD IN MICHIGAN

Teachers holding certificates from the states of Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Minnesota will be eligible to teach in Michigan schools, the State Board of Education has decided.

The board agreed to accept teachers holding valid elementary and secondary certificates issued by the state of Kentucky since that state has approximately the same standards as Michigan.

It also agreed to accept persons holding valid secondary teachers certificates from Pennsylvania, Missouri and Minnesota. Teachers holding elementary certificates from those states will not come under the acceptance, however, as the board said certification in the elementary level does not meet Michigan standards.

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## CONCERT VIOLINIST TO APPEAR HERE

Concert Violinist Howard Boyajian will present a concert here on March 28.

Boyajian is an old acquaintance of Dr. J. E. Duncan and will play a selection written by Dr. Duncan for this performance.

## NEWS NEEDED

The deadline for the next issue of the NEWSLETTER is March 15. We hope to have every department represented. Leave any newsy bits of information with either Frank Vittetow or Ray Hornback.

We'll see you in the NEWSLETTER in March.



## TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST TO YOU

Name	COLLEGE No.	HOME	Name	COLLEGE	HOME
Allen, John	14	757W	Laughlin, Robert	14	447
Anderson, Mr. & Mrs.	220	446J	Long, John H.		230J
Apel, Charles		386J	Lucke, Edward	14	1042X
Adams, Paul	14	239J	Lucke, J.D.		1042X
Banks, G. C.		354	Marzan, Fred	334	
Bishop, Marguerite	476	65	Mathieu, Thedor	485	275
Bolin, Patti	359	723	Mays, J.T.	485	77
Breeding, Betty	187	757R	McShea, H.J.		231M
Braun, Catherine	5	176	Miles, Guy		380J
Byrd, Katy		229X	Minish, Juanita	220	289
Carey, Henry			Moore, Ethel J.		1045J
Carter, Anna	21	522M	Moore, Amy Irene	220	
Carter, John	334	230JX	Nollau, Hazel	220	255
Caudill, Billie Jo	220	785	Northcutt, Mary P.	220	255
Caudill, W.M.	328	785	Overstreet, Paul	5	
Caudill, Virginia	149	23R	Owsley, William B.	299	
Chapman, Ione	276	69	Phillips, Toney C.	299	300
Cheatham, Nell	299	851X	Prewitt, Silas M.	201	201
Claypool, Naomi	276	69	Rader, Clifford R.		4158
Collis, John	149	292R	Rice, Virginia	220	212
Covington, W.P.	289	489	Rice, W.H.	311	212
Cox, Alice E.		784W	Roberts, Norman	220	531J
Cooper, Lake Mrs.	299	784M	Robertson, Allen Mrs.	119	119
Cooke, Avaleen	328	784R	Severy, Violet	334	
Day, Lorine	220	161	Shely, Pat	14	877J
Denny, Sam J.	220	884	Smelley, Era Mae	220	274R
Doran, Dr. & Mrs.	21	120	Stokes, Robert	149	1026
Duncan, J.E.	334	1043X	Stewart, Albert		
Evans, Thelma	220	289	Tant, Norman	857	885
Exelbirt, Wilhelm		205R	Vittetow, Frank	70	70
Fair, Linus A.	147	468	Vittetow, Betty (R.N.)	70	70
Fincel, Neville		109	Walter, Zell S.		403
Fowler, Nolan	276	480R	Waltz, Mrs. Blanche	220	192
Graves, Octavia		26	Watson, Nona Bess	276	760
Haggan, Henry	485	38	West, F.T.	299	189R
Hale, Anna L.	359	357	Whitaker, Hazel	220	735
Hill, Mrs. Kate B.	58	58	Wicker, Monroe	220	1012
Hogan, Herbert	149		Wilkes, Ella O.	5	292J
Hornback, Ray	328	114	Williams, Clarica	220	387R
Huffman, Keith M.	334	305J	Wilson, Roger	187	189J
Heaslip, Margaret P.	5	211J	Woelflin, Leslie	334	806X
Kauffman, Alice	359	289	Woods, Carl		341X
Lacefield, Arch		1046	Woods, Docia		341X
Lappin, Warren C.	187	144	Young, George T.	220	
			Young, Thomas D.	276	287

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