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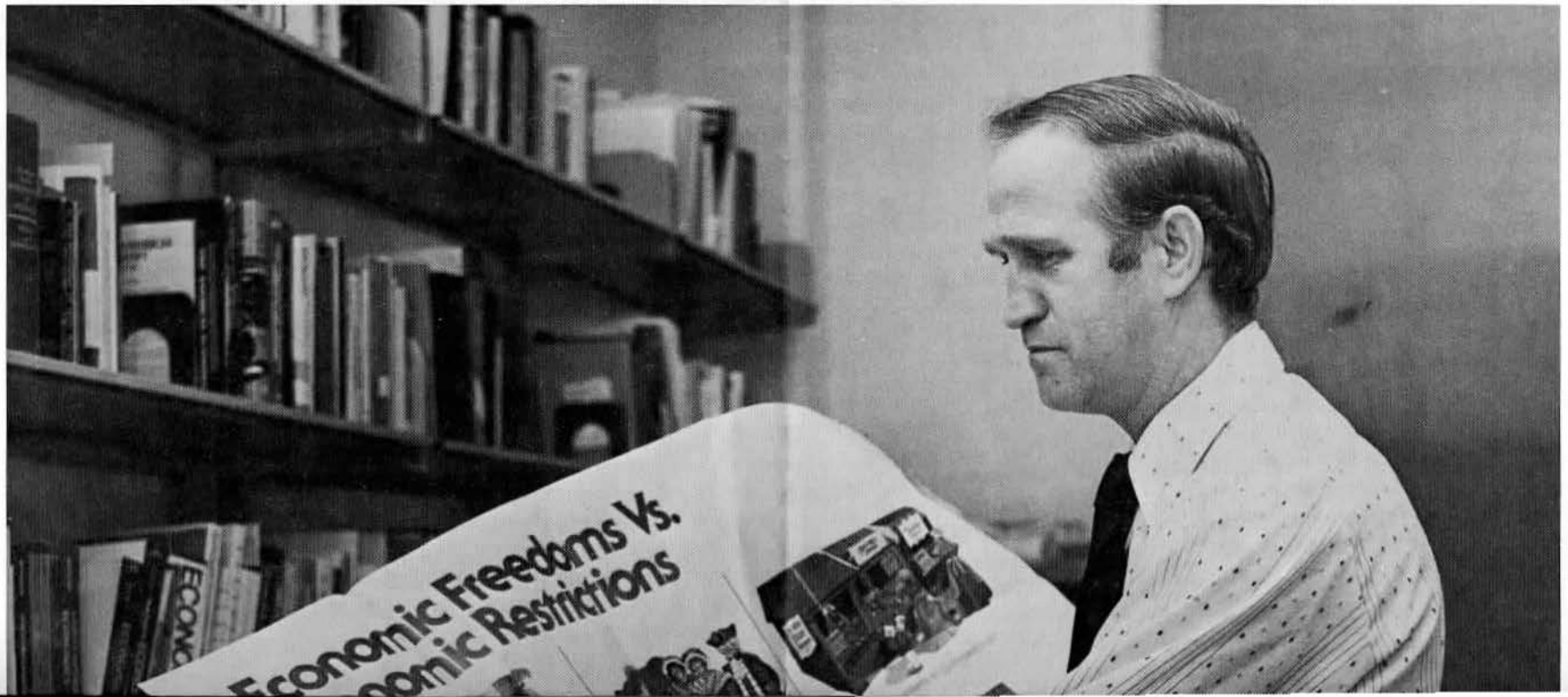


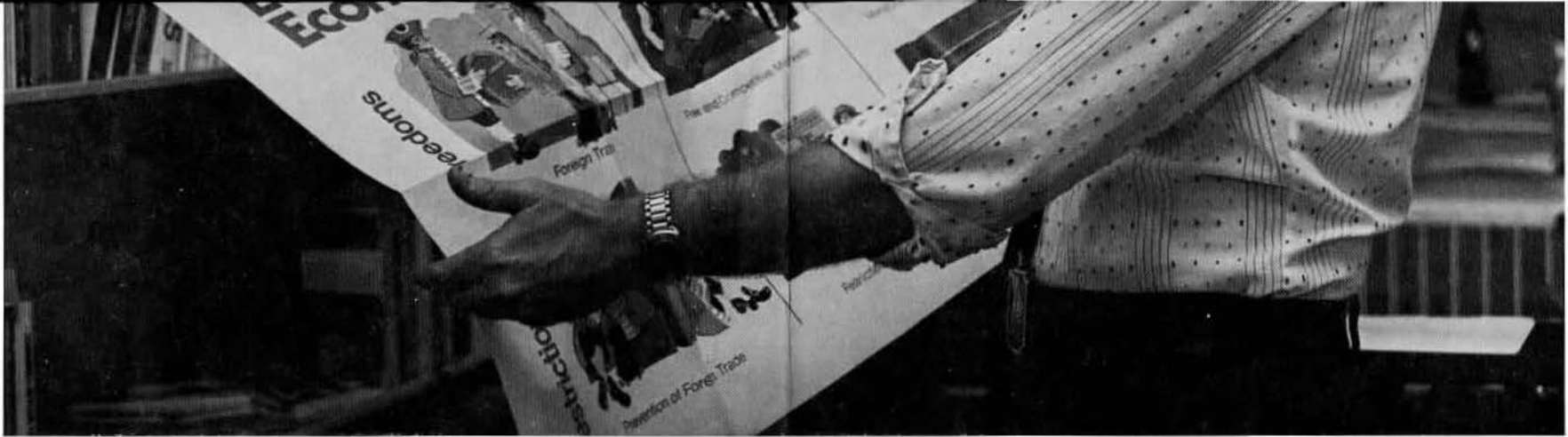
## Dancing Shoes—

Jamie Graham, Campton freshman, and Gary Babb, Irvine junior, perform with the internationally-acclaimed Kentucky Chimes clogging team. The group represents MSU at various admissions functions.

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**ECONOMIC EDUCATOR**—Green Miller, director of MSU's Center for Economic Education (CEE), examines one of the teaching aids available to teachers in public schools.

## CEE fights 'economic illiteracy' in region

By **FANNIE GRIDER**  
*MSU Student Journalist*

Despite the importance of economics in everyday life, a majority of Americans are "economically illiterate," according to Green Miller, director of MSU's Center for Economic Education (CEE).

Miller, assistant professor of economics, is working through the CEE to improve economic understanding in Eastern Kentucky.

"Each of us makes economic decisions every day," Miller says. "And whether we understand them or not, these decisions influence our lives."

He maintains that most people go straight from high school to work with no economic

education and, as a result, are ill-prepared for making the decisions facing them daily. But college graduates are in the same situation, because economics is not a required course and few students choose it as an elective.

"What this means is that leaders in business and labor are making decisions every day that affect our lives, yet many don't have an elementary understanding of economics," explains Miller.

Miller, director of the MSU center since 1979, believes that economics should be taught during elementary and high school years.

"But most teachers," he adds, "have a limited understanding of economic principles. Add to this

the lack of suitable classroom materials, and you have a situation where good economic education is impossible."

The Kentucky Council on Economic Education was created in 1967 to train teachers in the teaching of economics and to make available a wide variety of curriculum materials.

Operating through centers at seven universities in the state, the non-profit educational organization hopes to create a learning environment where, through high school education, young people can gain an understanding of the major economic issues they will be facing.

At MSU, with funds from KCEE and gifts from Ashland Oil, Inc., and other sources, the

center provides economic education and teaching materials for teachers, conducts workshops and teacher in-service days for schools throughout Eastern Kentucky, maintains a speakers bureau, and participates in career days at schools in the region.

The center awards more than 45 grants to teachers each year to allow them to attend workshops at no personal cost.

"Economic education is essential to everyone," Miller concludes, "and this realization by the public will improve the quality of our total educational system."

Additional information is available from Mr. Miller at 606-783-2171.

## Martiki, MSU plan mountaintop project

Officials of Martiki Coal Corp. and MSU stood this fall on a surface-mined reclaimed mountaintop to announce a joint research and demonstration project to determine the feasibility of using such land for agricultural production.

"We have joined hands with the university and its outstanding agriculture faculty to develop a model farming operation which hopefully will allow thousands of acres of surface-mined land in Eastern Kentucky to be used profitably in the future for agricultural purposes," said Michael H. Vallez, vice president for East Kentucky operations of MAPCO, Inc., parent firm of Martiki.

MSU President Norfleet described the envisioned Martiki-Morehead State Mountaintop Agricultural Complex as "a great opportunity for the university to cooperate with the mining industry to help this region's reclaimed land become the agricultural frontier of Kentucky."

He added:

"From an academic perspective, this joint venture will provide our students and faculty members with an ideal laboratory for applied research

and operation of the first phase, with MSU planning and managing the entire project under a 15-year lease arrangement.

The 250-acre site is off Wolf Creek in Martin County, about nine miles southeast of Inez.

Plans call for the eventual development of swine, poultry, and beef cattle facilities and for cultivation of row crops, orchard crops, greenhouse flowers and vegetables, and forests for commercial wood products and wildlife habitat.

In addition to agriculture, the project also will involve MSU's students and faculty members in mining, reclamation, and energy studies, according to Dr. Charles M. Derrickson, dean of MSU's School of Applied Sciences and Technology.

U.S. Rep. Carl D. Perkins and State Natural Resources Secretary Jackie Swigart were among the more than 80 dignitaries attending the announcement ceremony at the grassy mountaintop site.

Bruce Wilson, MAPCO's senior vice president, said of the project: "In light of increasing national concern over the loss of prime farmland and its potential impact on food production, we are confident that the success



David Byrd

**CHINA GIFT**—Richard Wang of the Republic of China personally delivered his government's gift of art works valued at more than \$70,000 to MSU's Claypool-Young Gallery.

into the adaptability of various agricultural enterprises to reclaimed land."

Vallez announced that Martiki will spend about \$250,000 during the first year for construction

of this project will show that a stable economic system, based on agriculture, can flourish in these mountains after the mineral resources have been removed."

## **GIFTS & GRANTS**

\$214,660 from Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program for support of technician training program.

\$10,000 from an anonymous donor for student loans.

\$149,754 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for support of education programs at the Frenchburg Civilian Conservation Center.

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\$53,865 from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for support of WMKY Radio.

\$37,500 from the MAPCO Educational Foundation for support of a chair in mining, reclamation, and energy studies.

\$5,000 from Kentucky Publishing Co., Morehead, for support of journalism scholarships, athletics, and other purposes.

\$65,977 from the Kentucky Department of Education for support of statewide activities in adult basic education.

\$12,000 in cash and laboratory equipment from Mineral Labs, Inc., Salyersville, for support of geology.

\$37,218 from the Eastern Kentucky Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center for support of clinical internships in rehabilitation services.

## **Allen heads alumni**



Merl F. Allen

Merl F. Allen of Morehead is the new president of the MSU Alumni Association.

Serving on the Alumni Executive Council for nearly 30 years wasn't always convenient for a woman trying to rear four children and maintain her own career as a teacher, but Mrs. Allen said she persisted because of her feeling for MSU.

"I always have loved this university and wanted to make a contribution to those who have followed me on the campus," she said recently. "Working in the Alumni Association has been rewarding, and I am really excited about serving as president for the next two years."

A home economics teacher at Rowan County High School for almost 20 years, Mrs. Allen currently is on a medical leave of absence while recuperating from ankle surgery. Her youngest child, Dwayne, currently is enrolled at MSU and he is continuing a family tradition of involvement with the institution.

Mrs. Allen and her husband, John (Sonny) Allen, MSU's assistant athletic director and former basketball All-American, each have two degrees. Counting

children, in-laws, parents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters, the Allens have more than three dozen MSU alumni in their family tree.

Mrs. Allen is the daughter of former MSU registrar Linus A. Fair, who retired in 1970 after nearly 40 years of service. He later received MSU's Founders Day Award for University Service. Her sister, Nell Mahaney, is an assistant professor of mathematics on the MSU faculty.

Mrs. Allen says she is determined to continue the progress made under her predecessor, Pikeville attorney James P. Pruitt.

"We have come a long way in involving students in our activities, in generating new support for the university's fund-raising programs, in creating interest in other ways of assisting the school, and in challenging other alumni to become active in the Alumni Association," Mrs. Allen stated. "We will be encouraging our fellow alumni to be more aggressive in their recruitment of students, in the enrichment of academic programs through our support committees, and in telling others of our annual and deferred giving programs."

What are her personal goals as alumni president?

"I hope to leave this job with the knowledge that a great majority of our alumni feel good about Morehead State University because they have had an opportunity to become personally involved in our activities and programs," she concluded.

# McGovern, Johnson to lecture



George McGovern



Nicholas Johnson

A former Presidential candidate and a national media lobbyist are coming to MSU as guest lecturers during the 1983 spring semester.

Former U.S. Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic presidential candidate in 1972, will be the 1983 Founders Day lecturer at 10:20 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, in Button

Auditorium. His topic will be "The Arms Race vs. The Human Race."

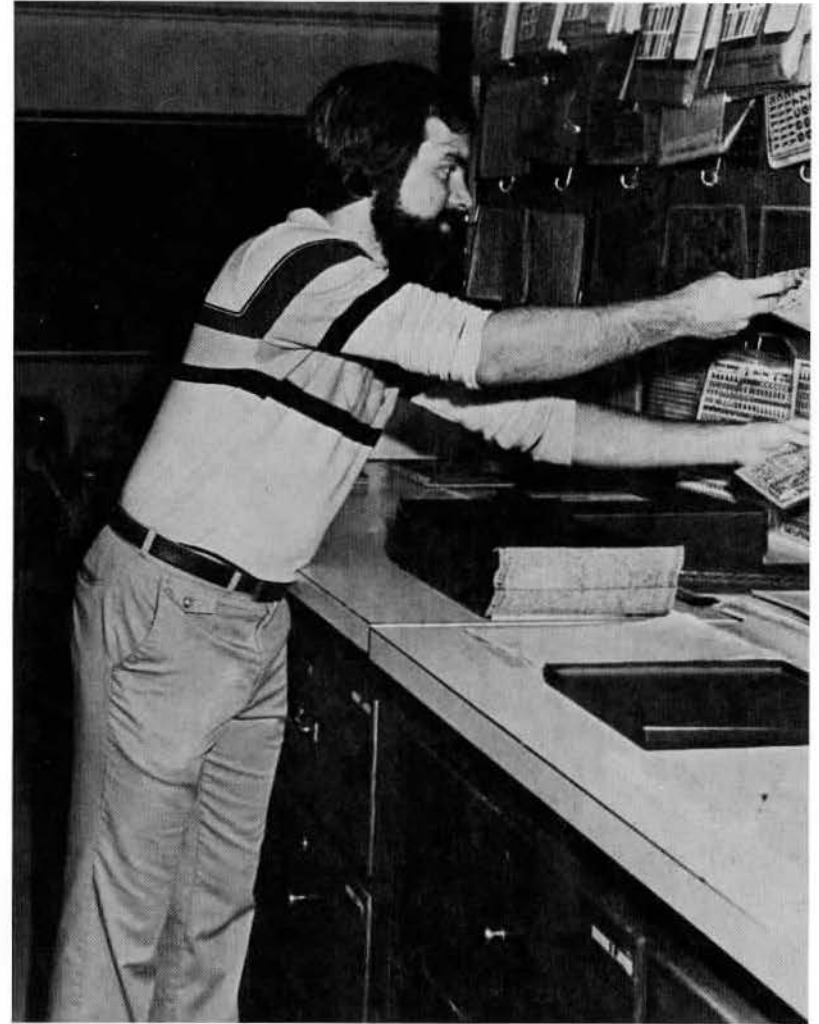
A former congressman and senator from South Dakota, McGovern holds a doctorate in history. He recently founded "Americans for Common Sense" in opposition to what he describes as "the new wave of radical conservatism."

Lecturing on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 10:20 a.m. will be Nicholas Johnson, head of the National Citizens Communications. His topic will be "The Communications Revolution."

A former administrator of the U.S. Maritime Administration, Johnson gained national attention during his seven years on the FCC as a consumer advocate who frequently criticized the networks for abuses of their public trust.

An attorney specializing in communications law, Johnson has written three successful books dealing with technological changes and communications.

Both lectures are free and open to the public under sponsorship of MSU's Concert and Lecture Series Committee.



ON THE JOB—Lee Blackaby, DeMossville graduate student is an assistant at MSU's new Instructional Materials Production and Activities Center for Teachers (IMPACT), which serves area teachers.

# EAGLE PEOPLE

**Porter Dailey**, director of budgets at MSU since 1978, has been named executive assistant to President Norfleet. Dailey, a native of Frankfort, will retain his previous assignment and be responsible for a variety of administrative matters involving the president's office.

**Bruce Miller**, professor of military science at MSU, has received the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal and been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. A native of Boston, Mass., he came to MSU last summer after serving as inspector general at Ft. Knox.

**Dr. Mohammed Sabie**, professor of health, physical education, and recreation at MSU, has received Florida Southern College's "Alumni Distinguished Service To Humanity" award. Dr. Sabie is a 1957 graduate of Florida Southern. A native of Baghdad, Iraq, Dr. Sabie has been a member of the MSU faculty since 1964. He and his wife, Dr. Layla Sabie, associate professor of education, recently became U.S. citizens.



Custer B. Reynolds

Custer B. Reynolds of Nicholasville is serving as national chairman of MSU's 1982-83 Annual Giving Campaign.

## MSU co-sponsors logging show

Kentucky's lumber industry will be the focal point of a new annual exposition recently announced by the Kentucky Forest Industries Association and Morehead State University.

The 1983 Kentucky Logging Show, co-sponsored by KFIA and MSU, is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2, at MSU's Derrickson Agricultural Complex north of Morehead on Ky. 377.

Exhibitors from throughout the eastern U.S. will display logging equipment and demonstrate new procedures. Included will be

In making the appointment, President Norfleet described the retired educator as "a person of the highest integrity with a lifelong record of dedicated service to the people of Kentucky."

"We are honored to have the strong leadership of Custer Reynolds in this year's campaign," Dr. Norfleet added. "His wholehearted support of our institution has not wavered since his graduation in 1943, and we are confident that he will provide enthusiastic direction to our fund-raising program."

A former president of the MSU Alumni Association, Reynolds served more than 35 years as a

teacher and administrator in the public schools and at the college level. He remains active as a lay speaker in the United Methodist Church.

"It is my hope that we can convince others who love and appreciate Morehead State University to generously support this campaign," Reynolds stated. "It is essential that we generate new financial resources to help the institution continue its tradition of excellence."

Reynolds is the chief volunteer in a seven-month effort to raise funds through the MSU Foundation, Inc., to benefit all components of the university.

a portable sawmill operation, chainsaw demonstrations, and displays of antique and modern logging equipment.

Competition in individual events such as chain saw cutting, chopping, axe throwing, and cross-cut sawing will take place throughout the weekend. An overall Kentucky logging champion also will be named.

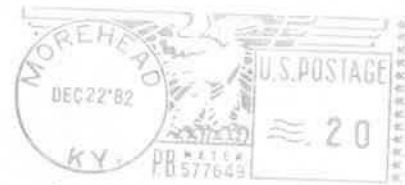
"With a large and expanding forest industry in Kentucky, we feel it will be beneficial to bring everyone together to observe and test new developments and equipment and to get to know

one another," said Walter Richardson, KFIA president and owner of Wayne Lumber Co. in Monticello. "We are planning to make this a yearly event."

President Norfleet said of the event:

"The university is pleased to join our friends in the lumber industry in the co-sponsorship of the Kentucky Logging Show. We welcome the opportunity to make the public aware of the value of this industry to our state."

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## Commentary

# Is science/math shortage real?

If you are not involved in education, you may not be aware that Kentucky and the rest of the nation are trying to cope with a worsening shortage of teachers of science and mathematics in elementary and secondary schools.

In Kentucky during the 1981-82 school year, there were 547 math teachers and 256 science teachers who were not certified by the the Kentucky Department of Education to teach in those subject areas. In other words, these teachers did not have sufficient college training to meet the minimum state qualifications.

No one can say that all or most of these teachers do a poor job in the classroom but it stands to reason that even the most dedicated teacher must have adequate preparation in his or her academic discipline to be totally effective.

This shortage of math and science teachers is no mystery to those of us in higher education. Our records show that college students have been moving steadily away from math and

science teaching career fields over a ten-year period. In the spring of 1972, Kentucky's universities and colleges produced 114 qualified math teachers and 194 certified science teachers. By 1981, that output had dropped to 50 in math and 66 in science.

As the regional university serving Eastern Kentucky, what is Morehead State University doing to help the public schools deal with this growing problem?

It is a pleasure to report to you that we are involved in several activities, including in-service and other special workshops to help current teachers upgrade their skills, particularly in new fields such as ecology and the use of computers in the classroom.

And, perhaps more important as far as the shortage is concerned, we are trying to recruit more college students into math and science teaching and we are working with area school districts to provide uncertified teachers with night and summer classes to help them become more fully qualified.

Also, we are working with some districts to package a total program for teachers now certified in other subject areas to earn certification in math or science. Indications are that this retraining concept is gaining more and more popularity with superintendents and school boards who must deal constantly with the tasks of recruiting and keeping qualified teachers in these critical areas. It makes sense for a school district to invest in the retraining of an experienced, capable teacher who is likely to stay with the system.

In summary, we at MSU are confident that we can help ease the teacher shortage in science and math but the job won't be accomplished quickly or without the full cooperation of our friends in the public schools. We welcome them into this new partnership.

As for our role in this matter, we believe that finding solutions to problems is what a university is all about.

—MORRIS L. NORFLEET