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Teachers study 'Capitalism'

Twenty-six elementary and secondary teachers have been studying the American economic system during an American Capitalism Seminar which closes today at Marshall University.

Sponsored by MU's College of Education and College of Business through funding from the Marshall Foundation, the three-week seminar was designed to enhance "the public school offerings in economic education and on the United States' economy," according to Dr. Mahlon C. Brown, MU professor of social studies and seminar director.

"If we can expand the teacher's personal understanding of how our economic system works, then that teacher becomes much more effective in the classroom," Brown

said. "Our ultimate goal is the improvement of the public's knowledge of economics."

In addition to Brown and MU assistant professor of accounting Neal Adkins, seminar assistant director, the program's faculty included representatives from business, labor, government and education.

"The program is really a cooperative educational venture interweaving the academic and business/labor sectors," Brown added.

Field trips to the John Amos Plant, Huntington Alloys, Inc., the First Huntington National Bank, Ashland Oil, Inc., and Blenko Glass were scheduled also.

Faculty, staff achievements, activities...

DR. CLAYTON L. McNEARNEY, associate professor of bible and religion, has received a summer appointment at New York City's Columbia University as visiting associate professor of religion. He will be teaching classes dealing with the interaction of religion and culture during the five-week term.

Six Marshall University faculty members attended a one-day workshop on "Remote Sensing" conducted June 22 by the Eastern Regional Sensing Applications Center (ERRSAC) at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md. Participating were DR. RICHARD BONNETT, associate professor of geology; DR. DAN EVANS and JAMES BRUMFIELD, assistant professors of biological sciences; DR. RALPH OBERLY, associate professor of physics and physical sciences; JIM ROGERS, assistant professor of geography, and DR. RAM SINGH, associate professor of sociology.

DR. BRUCE ARDINGER, assistant professor of English and director of writing, attended the 26th International Technical Communication Conference (ITCC) in Los Angeles, May 16-19, and served as moderator at a session on scientific writing. The summary he wrote, entitled "Common Ground of Science and Literature," has been published in the "ITCC Proceedings."

DR. JOHN L. HUBBARD, assistant professor of chemistry, was co-author of two papers presented at the Fourth International Meeting on Boron Chemistry (IMEBORON IV), Salt Lake City, Utah on July 8-13. The papers were "A Novel Route to Highly Hindered Potassium Trialkylhydridoborates" (with Charles A. Brown of IBM Research Laboratories) and "Developments in the Hydride-Induced Carbonylation of Organoboranes" (with Herbert C. Brown and Keith Smith of Purdue University).

Program offers students 'insight'

Four area high school seniors and one college freshman are participating in a 10-week program in the Marshall University Chemistry Department.

The Research Project Program, sponsored by Huntington Alloys, Inc., Ashland Petroleum Co. and the American Chemical Society, is designed to give "promising high school students an insight into chemical research," according to Dr. James Douglass, chairman of the Marshall Chemistry Department.

The students are Susan Kilgore, Vinson High; Jeanne Ray, Huntington High; Grace Simmons, Buffalo High of Wayne; Mark Smith, St. Joseph Central High, and Seaber Walton, a recent graduate of Huntington High who will be attending Oberlin College this fall.

Each student is working under the direction of a faculty member. Projects include building and programming computers, determination of trace contamination in the Ohio River and synthetic research in organic chemistry.

Coordinator terms Elderhostel success

"Very successful" is how Dr. Richard Comfort, professor of sociology, described the two Elderhostel programs held on Marshall's campus June 17-23 and July 1-7.

Comfort serves as the campus coordinator for Elderhostel, a national program drawing persons over 60 years old to some 300 college and university campuses. Marshall is one of seven schools in West Virginia offering the program which is partially federally funded.

Forty-five persons participated in the Marshall program, coming from Florida, Virginia, Iowa, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Texas, Tennessee, New York and West Virginia.

Course work included "Living in the Appalachian Area," taught by Dr. Karen Li Simpkins, assistant professor of sociology/anthropology; "American History," taught by Dr. Charles Moffat, professor-emeritus of history, and "Creative Use of Leisure Time," taught by Comfort.

Field trips and tours were included in the activities. Under the performing arts activities, the groups heard a performance by a portion of the Huntington Chamber Orchestra and saw the MU Theater production of "Private Lives."

According to Comfort, one couple who had participated in 20 Elderhostel programs nationally said the Marshall's was the best "in terms of professors and program content and coordination."

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Dr. Olen E. Jones to serve MU as provost

Executive Vice President Olen E. Jones Jr. has been appointed to fill the newly-created position of provost at Marshall University, President Robert B. Hayes announced Tuesday.

As provost, he will head the university's Office of Academic Affairs. He also will serve as acting president when the president is away from campus. The title of vice president for academic affairs will be eliminated, as will that of executive vice president.

As part of the organizational change, the vice presidents for student affairs and the Community College will report to the provost. Previously, they reported to the executive vice president, as did most other vice presidents and directors of major divisions. The other major administrators now will report directly to President Hayes.



Dr. Jones

Marshall has been searching for a chief academic officer since last Oct. 30 when Dr. Noel J. Richards resigned as academic vice president to become vice chancellor of the West Virginia Board of Regents. Jones has handled the Academic Affairs Office responsibilities, in addition to his executive vice president duties, on an interim basis since Feb. 28.

Hayes noted that a large number of academic vice president candidates had been screened and several were brought to campus for interviews.

"As the search proceeded and as Dr. Jones handled the operations of the Office of Academic Affairs, I received a considerable number of suggestions from faculty members and deans

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Fall implementation seen

BOR approves doctoral program

A new, interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biomedical Sciences will be offered this fall at Marshall University jointly by the Marshall and West Virginia University Graduate schools.

Approved by the West Virginia Board of Regents Tuesday, July 10, the joint doctoral program is the first of its kind to be offered on the MU campus, according to Dr. Paul D. Stewart, MU Graduate School dean.

The new program will provide advanced educational opportunities for those persons interested in becoming research scientists or teachers in the basic science areas of biochemistry, physiology, pharmacology, microbiology and anatomy, the dean said.

"The new program not only benefits potential students, but it also enhances the recruitment of quality faculty by providing them opportunities to engage in more effective research in partnership with graduate students," said Dr. Robert W. Coon, MU vice president for health sciences. "The continued stimulation of a research program, coupled with effective teaching, will result in a stronger undergraduate medical education program," he added.

A cooperative education effort between Marshall and West

FELLOWSHIPS

The Rockefeller Foundation is announcing Humanities Fellowships of up to \$20,000 for study and publication of values of contemporary civilization from the perspective of humanistic scholarships. More details are available in the Graduate School Office.

Virginia University, the courses will be taught primarily by members of Marshall's medical school basic sciences faculty, who hold faculty appointments at WVU.

"Although we will begin admitting students to the program this fall, there are several administrative details and operational procedures which will be worked out as we go along," Stewart said.

After a three-year period, the program will be reviewed by both schools. "This trial period is standard for any new program at West Virginia University," explained Dr. Frederick Lotspeich, MU Biochemistry Department chairman, who is coordinating the Ph.D. program on Marshall's campus.

During the initial three years, three candidates may be admitted each year to the doctoral program.

"Actually the joint doctoral program is an extension of Marshall's own Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences degree program which was initiated in Fall 1977," Lotspeich said. Two students were graduated this spring from the master's level program and five currently are enrolled in it, the department head noted.

"We will be using Marshall's master's program in biomedical sciences as a base for the Ph.D. program," Lotspeich said. After completing an appropriate M.S. degree program, students planning to pursue the doctoral degree may be required to complete additional course work before taking the examination for candidacy into the Ph.D. program.

Once admitted to candidacy, the student will take additional courses and, under the supervision of his research committee, select a research project for the doctoral dissertation. Each candidate's research committee will be composed of six members with two of these members to be appointed by the WVU Graduate School dean.

MU involved in pollutant study

Two Marshall University departments are involved in a \$24,964 research project this summer to identify polluting substances in the Ohio and Kanawha rivers.

Dr. Donald C. Tarter, professor of biological sciences, and a project coordinator, said river bottom sediments and water samples will be taken from 57 sites and then analyzed in Marshall laboratories to identify substances which may be detrimental to the environment.

This is the second phase of the dredge site sampling and testing program conducted under a contract with the Huntington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tarter said.

Dr. M. R. Chakrabarty, professor of chemistry, is supervising the laboratory tests. The samples are being analyzed for the following elements: mercury, cadmium, arsenic, lead, copper, zinc, selenium, chromium and nickel. Other tests are for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB), carcinogens expelled from power plants; aldrin, dieldrin and DDT, all pesticides, acidity and alkalinity, and total hardness.

Council, committee endorse assignment

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that we assign him to the position on a permanent basis," Hayes said.

"I was impressed by the endorsements I was receiving about Dr. Jones' work in the Academic Affairs area, but I was reluctant to reassign him. He has been extremely valuable as executive vice president and moving him would be a loss to our present administrative organization," Hayes said.

"However, the academic program is the reason Marshall University exists and leadership in that area is our top priority. Therefore, I have had discussions with the University Council, which took up the matter with the vice presidential search committee and other faculty members. The response to having Dr. Jones serve as the chief academic officer was overwhelmingly favorable, so I asked him to assume the position," Hayes said. "I am very pleased that he has agreed to do so."

Hayes said some additional administrative changes are being made to compensate for the loss of the executive vice president position. In line with this, a new position, assistant to the president, will be established.

The vacant position of director of institutional research and planning will not be filled and responsibilities of that office will be assigned to two presently-employed staff members, who will report to the Office of Academic Affairs.

Assigning the vice presidents for student affairs and Community College to report to the provost "will permit us to administer under one office almost all of the programmatic activities related to student life on the campus," Hayes noted.

Hayes added that assigning Jones as chief academic officer will permit Marshall to enter the 1979-80 academic year "without the problems and delays that we would encounter in the orientation and adjustment of a new academic administrator. It also will provide academic leadership by an individual who already has a comprehensive view of academic programs and the academic budget, and who is well acquainted with Marshall University and its objectives."

Jones, 42, earned his A.B. and M.A. degrees from Marshall and served as a member of the Marshall staff in several capacities from 1960 to 1965 and again from 1967 to 1970. He received his Ph.D. degree from Northwestern University, where he was assistant to the dean of the School of Education and later was administrative assistant in the Center for Teaching Professions.

The Kanawha River samples also are being tested for carbon tetrachloride.

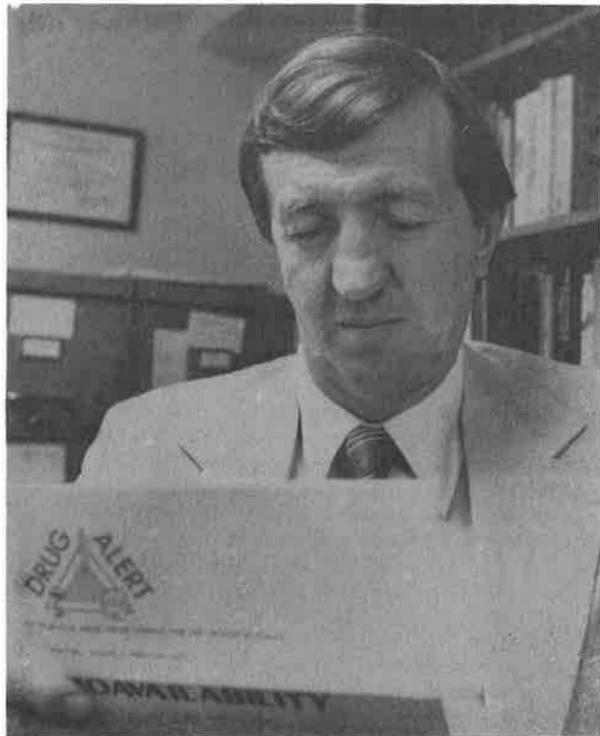
Others involved in the research are: Randy Carpenter, field advisor, a chemist with Southern Community College at Logan; Billy Cremeans of Huntington and Curtis Hardman of Glenville, both candidates for masters of science degrees in biological science, and Steve Cazad of Huntington and Holley Faulkner of Richwood, both undergraduate chemistry students.

Dr. Tarter said the next logical step from the biologist's point of view is "biological magnification," the concentration of organics in each step of the food chain. The tests will determine what elements are being ingested by organisms in the rivers and what ultimately may be ingested by humans.

Previous research has shown levels of all the elements in the rivers here to be within safe limits, Dr. Tarter said.

NEWCOMERS

New to the campus secretarial ranks are: LINDA BONDURANT, Special Education; LAURA LEE LANTZ, Research Coordinating Unit; ROSEMARY H. FREEMAN, Curriculum and Foundations, and MARGARET ANN HOLLEY, Medicine. Welcome to Marshall!!!



"DRUG ALERT" DEBUTS IN REGION

Dr. Donald S. Robinson, chairman of the Pharmacology Department at the Marshall University School of Medicine, takes a look at the department's periodic news letter, "Drug Alert," which made its debut in the region last month. The news letter, first developed by Robinson in 1971, will be distributed by the MU medical school as a continuing education service for area physicians. Each issue will be devoted to a single topic related to drug therapeutics and appropriate non-drug management of a medical problem. (Marshall University Photo by Rick Hays)

Miller scholarship endowment increases

A scholarship fund established in honor of a retired Marshall University faculty member has grown to more than \$6,000, Dr. Bernard Queen, Marshall development director, announced today.

The "Eva Louise Miller Scholarship Fund" will be used to provide assistance to students majoring in accounting or in other programs in the College of Business, Queen said.

The endowed scholarship was set up by former students and College of Business colleagues of Miss Miller, Queen said. The money has been invested by the Marshall Foundation and annual proceeds will be used to provide scholarship assistance to worthy students, he noted.

A native of Huntington, Miss Miller retired as an assistant

professor of accounting in the spring of 1974 after serving 28 years at Marshall. She continues to reside in Huntington.

She graduated from Huntington High School and received her A.B. degree from Marshall. She earned her M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1952.

"Miss Miller was one of the most beloved members of the College of Business faculty during her long career at Marshall," Queen said. "We are pleased that the Eva Louise Miller Scholarship Fund perpetuates her identification with the College of Business."

Additional contributions to the scholarship fund may be made out to Marshall University Foundation, Inc., and mailed to Queen's office at Marshall. Checks should be designated for the specific fund, Queen added.

'Equus' to open on July 26; tickets go on sale on Monday

Tickets will go on sale Monday, July 16, for Marshall University Theater's production of "Equus" which opens a three-night run in air conditioned Old Main Auditorium on Thursday, July 26.

Curtain time will be 8 o'clock nightly, according to Dr. Elaine Novak, MU Theater director and professor of speech, who is directing the show.

Based on the recent Broadway hit by Peter Shaffer, "Equus" is based on an actual case which included a young English boy who blinded six horses. The boy is referred by the courts to a psychiatric hospital where the psychiatrist dealing with his case tries to unravel the reasons behind the crimes. In attempting to do so, the psychiatrist learns a great deal about himself.

The cast includes James Lawhorn, a special Marshall student, now on the administrative staff of the Huntington Galleries, who plays the part of the psychiatrist, and Ed Heaberlin, Huntington freshman, who portrays the young boy.

Tickets at \$2.50 each may be purchased at the door or reserved in advance by calling the Theater Box Office, 696-2306, between noon and 4 p.m., weekdays. All seats are reserved. MU students with valid ID cards will be admitted free.

Library announces between-term hours

The James E. Morrow Library will observe the following hours during the break between first and second summer school terms:

BREAK HOURS

Sat., July 14 (Regular schedule)	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun., July 15	CLOSED
Mon., July 16 (REGISTRATION)	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tues., July 17 (CLASSES BEGIN*)	7:45 a.m. - 10 p.m.

REGULAR SUMMER SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday	7:45 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Workshops teach good eating habits

Teaching good eating habits to young people is the goal of a new federal program in which Marshall University and three other state institutions are participating.

Under Congress' Nutrition Education and Training Act, each state is to receive 50 cents per school-age child to develop nutrition education programs for students, teachers and school food service personnel and to create innovative teaching aids, according to Dr. Grace Bennett, MU professor and Home Economics Department chairman.

As the initial funding for what will be a three-year program, Marshall's Home Economics Department has received a grant of \$21,685 from the West Virginia Department of Education which administers the federal funds.

"As part of our involvement in the program, we will conduct three workshops in July, one for teachers and two for food service personnel," said Dr. Bennett.

"The workshop goals are fairly simple. We hope to improve the understanding of good nutrition habits among teachers, who in turn will pass this knowledge on to their students.

"In the school food service personnel workshops, management techniques aimed at improving the quality of school lunches will be explored. Improvements in the quality should result in better student acceptance of the school lunch program," explained Dr. Bennett, a registered dietitian.

"Our school food service people often are criticized—probably unfairly so when you think of the wide range of tastes they must try to create lunches to appeal to," Dr. Bennett said.

Among the topics to be explored with the food service personnel in the workshop sessions, according to Dr. Bennett, are decreasing the amount of sugar and salt in foodstuffs and increasing the fiber, particularly in bread products. Adjusting the amount of food to the age group being served is another area for discussion.

"We also will provide them with some new recipe ideas, including foods that tie into classroom experiences, such as stack cake for an Appalachian unit and foods from other cultures," she added.

"Tastes vary from age group to age group. Mildly seasoned dishes and raw finger foods appeal to elementary school youngsters, while high school students have more sophisticated palates and lean toward stronger flavored foods, especially Mexican and Italian dishes," Dr. Bennett explained.

Assisting Dr. Bennett with the workshops will be Ramona Anderson, home economics instructor and registered dietitian, and Dr. Martha Lee Blankenship, associate professor of home economics.