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Faculty-wide voting begins today (Feb. 17) on four items, including two constitutional amendments. In order to facilitate balloting and increase faculty participation in faculty governance, the following special procedures for balloting have been established:

Faculty balloting will be conducted in the offices of the collegiate deans rather than being centralized in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. It is hoped that by making the ballot acquisition and depositing of the ballot more physically accessible to the general faculty office locations in the respective colleges, that more faculty will participate in faculty balloting.

Ballots will be available in the deans' offices beginning Friday, Feb. 17. The deadline for casting ballots will be Friday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m.

**Teachers Retirement discussed by secretary**

The following matters were considered at the January meeting of the Faculty Advisory Council of the Board of Regents:

1. Mr. Willard Ansel, Executive Secretary, Teachers Retirement Board, was the Council's guest. Using graphs and charts, Mr. Ansel explained the source of income, which is three-fold: member contributions, investment income, and matching funds. He noted that the pay-as-you-go plan, while fiscally sound, creates an unfunded accrued liability. His remarks were interspersed with examples of specific problems such as the practice of paying back years of service with no interest. In response to Council's request for a ruling on tax shelter, Mr. Ansel stated that the Teachers Retirement is a pension trust and for this reason does not qualify under the IRS code as a tax shelter annuity. He concluded his remarks by announcing the forthcoming distribution to all members of computer printouts showing member contributions, years of service, and projected income.

2. After discussing drafts of revision of PB36 and PB40, the Council agreed to include these on the agenda for the joint meeting with the Council of Public College Presidents in February.

3. Vice Chancellor John Wright led a brief discussion of retrenchment. It was decided that the matter should be returned to the joint committee appointed earlier and that a report from that committee be presented at the Council's March meeting. [As noted earlier, I am a member of that ad hoc committee, composed of members from the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee and the Faculty Advisory Council. Our meeting is scheduled for March 9 in Fairmont. Please share your suggestions or concerns re retrenchment with me prior to that meeting if you will.]

4. In his report to the Council, the Chancellor expressed cautious optimism re appropriations. Included would be an average faculty salary increase of around 9%, up from the proposed 7½%.

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JOHN MCKERNAN, assistant professor of English, gave a poetry reading from his new book at the University of Nebraska on Jan. 6, 1978.

DR. JAMES R. KELLER, assistant professor of mathematics, is co-author of an article, “A Note on \[\lim_{t \to 0} \sin t\],” which appeared in the January, 1978, issue of School Science and Mathematics. Dr. Charles V. Peele is the other author.


DR. JOSEPH S. LA CASCIA, professor of economics and departmental chairman, presented a paper entitled “Social and Economic Goals: Conflict or Accord?” on Feb. 14 at the meeting of Omicron Delta Epsilon, an economics honorary society at Marshall.

**Report from council**

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5. The agenda for the upcoming joint meeting with the Council of Presidents includes the following items: (1) overload reimbursement, (2) the mechanics of ombudsman, (3) implications of court action on PB36, and (4) revision of PB40.

I remind you that Policy Bulletins (1 through 50) may be found near the back of the Marshall University GREEN BOOK. Your comments or questions on these or other matters will be welcomed.

Frank Aldred

**Campus activity items sought**

Items for the campus activities calendar, published monthly in The Parthenon, should be turned in to Edwin Vinson, interim advisor to the Marshall Artists Series, in Memorial Student Center 2W23 by the 15th of each month.

“We are interested in any campus activity such as special lectures, seminars, recitals or anything of university-wide interest,” Vinson said. He added that items for March only would be accepted through Feb. 20.

**Tickets now available for upcoming production**

Marshall University Theater will present Brendan Behan’s comedy-drama “The Hostage” Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 22-25, at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Reserved seat tickets at $2 each are available from the Theater Box Office, Old Main 107, weekdays between noon and 4 p.m. Tickets may be reserved by calling the box office, during those hours, at 696-2306. They also may be purchased at the door on performance nights.

“The Hostage” is set in a disreputable Dublin, Ireland, lodging house where a young Cockney soldier is being held as a hostage in reprisal for an I.R.A. man who is to be hanged.

The play is a witty and profound comment on Anglo-Irish relations and the Irish themselves, according to Dr. William G. Kearns, associate professor of speech and staging director for the production.

Assisting with the production are Dr. Michael Cerveris, music director; Bruce Greenwood, technical director, and Jody Dinkins, movement director.

**Dues payable**

Faculty Service Committee dues are still being accepted, according to Maxine Phillips, committee chairman. Checks in the amount of $3 and written to the Faculty Service Committee may be sent to Dr. Robert Maddox, History Department.

**Excused absences...**

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

FEB. 10-12--Members of the varsity basketball team.

Faculty and staff achievements, activities...


DR. WARREN W. WOODEN, associate professor of English, has been notified that his paper, "John Foxe, Elizabethan Preacher," has been accepted for delivery at the annual Philological Association of the Carolinas conference at Rock Hill, S.C. in March.

Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

FEB. 1-3--Tammy Utt, Peg O'Brian, Casey Robinson, Roger Kissinger, Dwight Erwin, Terry L. Thorn, Linda Ray, Jolinda Whitten and Terri Bartlett.

FEB. 3-4--Members of the varsity track team.

FEB. 3-7--Members of the varsity basketball team.


NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

VIRGINIA D. HALL, information specialist, University Relations; ELIZABETH M. ZICKAFOOSE, secretary, Beckley campus, School of Medicine; MARY L. KIRK, clerk, Registrar's Office, and FLOYD VICKERS DYER, building mechanic, Plant Operations.

Welcome to Marshall!

Decor brightened by Junior Department gift

Winnie the Pooh and his friends now greet children coming to the Marshall University School of Medicine's Model Family Practice Center thanks to a gift from the Junior Department, Woman's Club of Huntington.

Creating a colorful children's corner for the Model Family Practice Center was the department's idea for its National Junior Department Project which was to deal with preventive medicine, according to Mrs. Ann Justice, who shares the chairmanship of the project with Mrs. Karen Smith.

The gaily colored cutouts of Pooh, Tigger and Owlet, a table and toy chest benches, playpen, cradle, coat rack and waste basket, all carrying out the Pooh theme, plus toys and books, were given in memory of a deceased club member.

A wall plaque designates the area as the Glenna O'Daniel Litton Memorial Children's Corner. Mrs. Litton was an active worker in Tri-State youth groups and in her church, Mrs. Justice said. "We thought establishing this living memorial would be the best way to honor her," Mrs. Justice added. "We plan to add other items to the corner as time goes on," she said.

"We are very appreciative of the Junior Department's efforts in the Center's behalf," said Dr. Ray M. Kessel, chairman of Marshall's Family Practice Department and center director. "I'm sure that not only the youngsters will enjoy these gifts, but also others coming to the Center will appreciate the cheerful decor."

DR. CHARLES M. WOODFORD, associate professor of speech, is the co-author of an article, "The Relationship Between Loudness Discomfort and Acoustic Reflex Threshold in a Clinical Population," which appeared in Audiology and Hearing Education (3:9-12, 1977). D. W. Holmes was the other author.

DR. RUTH T. WELLMAN, associate professor of education, has a monograph, "Science: A Basic for Language and Reading Development," appearing in a National Science Teachers Association publication, What Research Says to the Science Teacher. The monograph is one of six and is the outgrowth of a special NSTA and Educational Resources Center project. Dr. Wellman will attend a seminar, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, on April 6 in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the project.

DR. CLAIR W. MATZ, associate professor of political science; DR. DOLORES W. JACOME, assistant professor of modern languages, and CHARLES F. GRUBER, assistant professor of social studies, appeared on WGN Radio's "Cross Talk" program on Feb. 3 to discuss reasons for ratifying the Panama Canal treaties.

DR. ROBERT D. OLSON, professor of speech, was in Washington, D.C., Jan. 16-20, serving as a panelist to review grant applications submitted to the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

DR. JOSEPH S. LA CASCIA, professor of economics and departmental chairman, spoke at the Feb. 6 luncheon of the Rotary Club at the Holiday Inn Downtown. His topic was "The Macro and Micro of Economics and Their Impact on You."

DR. WILLIAM F. ASHFORD, professor of marketing and departmental chairman, and DR. CHARLES I. JONES, professor of occupational, adult and safety education and departmental chairman, were installed Feb. 7 as president and secretary, respectively, of the Huntington Shrine Club of Beni Kedem Shrine Temple. They will serve one-year-terms.