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## Coal strike impact affects state agencies

The coal strike's impact on state revenues has elicited directives from Governor John D. Rockefeller IV and Board of Regents Chancellor Ben L. Morton which affect all state agencies and the system of higher education.

In his memorandum to department heads on Feb. 13, the governor said:

"We are all aware of the coal strike that is now entering the 11th week. In order to maintain state services, while at the same time effecting economies in our governmental operations, it is necessary that we implement the following measures throughout state government immediately:

1. No employee will be hired into any governmental operation until further direction from me. Existing vacancies and vacancies that occur after today are not to be refilled.
2. No changes in compensation for any state employees are to occur until further direction from me. This directives includes probationary changes and any other raises promised but not given as of this date.
3. No purchases of equipment including but, not limited to transportation equipment, office furniture and fixtures, building renovations or additions are to be made. Capital

items already out for bid will be evaluated and awarded unless cancelled by departmental direction. Road repair equipment in the Department of Highways will be exempted from this restriction.

4. Travel regulations involving attendance at both in-state and out-of-state meetings will be rigidly adhered to. In cases where out-of-state meetings are scheduled, I request you review the need for and value of such meetings, either cancelling attendance or adjusting the participation to deal with the current situation."

In view of the governor's directive, Chancellor Morton issued the following memorandum on procedures for all out-of-state travel requests.

1. All travel requests must be reviewed and signed by the president of each respective institution.
2. Any trip that is not essential at this time should be postponed.
3. Trips should be limited to one or two people at most.
4. Trips which have been approved but not yet taken should be re-evaluated as to importance at this time.

"Your cooperation in holding the line on all state spending including travel is appreciated. Hopefully, we can return to normal procedures in the near future," Morton said.

### MU faculty meeting today

Marshall University President Robert B. Hayes has called a special meeting of the faculty today (Feb. 24) at 3 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of Memorial Student Center.

The agenda topic will be an address by the president on "Budget Needs for 1978-79--Marshall University's Approaching Crisis."

"This is a matter of extreme importance to all of us and I hope all faculty members will make every effort to attend," Dr. Hayes said.

## Forensic tournament under way on campus

High School students and speech teachers from West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio are expected to participate in the annual John Marshall High School Forensic Tournament at Marshall University this weekend (Feb. 24-25).

New areas of competition in television broadcasting and dramatic interpretation bring the total number of events to 11, according to Craig Monroe, assistant professor of speech and tournament director.

Other contests include impromptu speaking, original oratory, prose interpretation, after-dinner speaking, poetry interpretation, duet acting, pantomime, extemporaneous speaking and debate.

Also new this year will be seminars following the completion of each event in which faculty members who judged the events will discuss the values of each event and provide suggestions to participants on how to improve their performances.

At the close of the tournament on Saturday afternoon, awards will be presented to the winning schools and individuals, including the John Marshall Trithon Awards. A new award, Trithons will be given to the most successful students participating in three or more contests, Monroe said.

Assisting Monroe at the awards ceremony will be Barbara Stemple and Patricia Henry, graduate assistants in speech and associate directors for the tournament.

Registration for the tournament, headquartered in Smith Hall, will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, followed by a brief opening assembly at which MU President Robert B. Hayes and Dr. Dorothy R. Johnson, professor of speech and departmental chairman, will welcome the participants.

## Dr. Philip Rusche named MU College of Education dean

Dr. Philip J. Rusche, a New England educator/administrator, has accepted an appointment as dean of Marshall University's College of Education, according to Dr. Noel J. Richards, MU vice president for academic affairs.

Currently associate dean of the College of Education and director of the Graduate School of Education at Northeastern University in Boston, Rusche is expecting to assume his duties at Marshall on July 1, Richards said.

As head of Marshall's College of Education, Rusche succeeds Dr. Bernard Queen, who assumed the dual role as Marshall's development director and MU Foundation executive director in July, 1977. Dr. Jack Jervis, professor of curriculum and foundations and departmental chairman, is serving as interim dean.

"Marshall is extremely fortunate to add a person with Dr.

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# Christian Center given grant

The United Methodist Church has awarded the Campus Christian Center \$11,600 to fund a program for students at Marshall University on the hunger and malnutrition problems facing the world today.

Ten junior, senior or graduate students will be selected to participate in the multi-disciplinary program during 1978-79, according to Dr. Hugh B. Springer, Campus Christian Center director.

The program's purpose is to develop leaders in church and community who are committed to and willing to work for the alleviation and elimination of world hunger, Springer said.

## International group plans dinner, exhibits next weekend

The Marshall University International Club will sponsor an International Exhibit and Dinner the first weekend in March, according to Judith Miller, MU international student advisor.

Articles and information on the students' various cultures will be displayed in the Multi-Purpose Room of Memorial Student Center, beginning at noon on Saturday, March 4.

The dinner will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, and will feature dishes from different countries, prepared by club members.

Faculty and staff members are encouraged to bring an "International Dish," which will feed their families and six to eight additional people, Mrs. Miller said. Those persons bringing a dish and contacting her office in advance will not need to purchase tickets, she added.

Tickets to the dinner may be obtained by calling Mrs. Miller at 696-2379. Tickets purchased in advance will cost \$2.50 each for adults and \$1.50 each for children under 12 years of age. If purchased at the door the cost will be \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

## Active professionally...

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Rusche's qualifications to its administrative staff," Richards said.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Rusche was among approximately 120 applicants for the position whose credentials were reviewed by a search committee composed of department chairmen, faculty members and students. Chairing the committee was Dr. Paul D. Stewart, associate vice president for academic affairs and Graduate School dean.

Rusche, 39 years old, has been in his current position at Northeastern since 1971, having joined the faculty in 1966 as professor of educational administration. He has also taught at Indian Hill (Ohio) High School and lectured at the University of Cincinnati.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in American history and a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education from the University of Cincinnati, where he also earned a Master of Arts degree in American history. He received his Doctor of Education degree in educational administration from the University of Rochester.

A former president of the New England Council for the Advancement of School Administration, he holds memberships in several professional organizations, including the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, National Society for the Study of Education, the American Educational Research Association, and American Association of School Administrators. He is also a member of Kappa Delta Pi, education honorary.

He and his wife, the former Arlene Chyzus, have two children.

The program will offer four hours of credit in biology, political science or sociology, using a seminar approach combined with field work and field trips. Each participant will receive a \$750 work scholarship.

The project will interweave aspects of biology, ethics, medicine, political science and sociology to the problem of world hunger and malnutrition, while using surrounding Appalachian communities for field work, he added. The program will run for both the fall and spring semesters.

Serving as faculty for the program will be: Dr. Richard Comfort, professor of sociology/anthropology; Dr. Ruth C. Harris, professor of pediatrics and departmental chairman; Dr. E. Bowie Kahle, assistant professor of biological sciences; Dr. Clair W. Matz Jr., associate professor of political science, and Springer.

Additional information and application forms for the program may be obtained from any of the project faculty members or by calling the Campus Christian Center, 696-2444. March 15 is the deadline for applying.

## Services held Thursday

Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 23, in Tunnel, Ohio, for Clemens D. Coffman, father of Dr. Ruth C. Garrett, professor of speech. Burial followed in the Tunnel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Coffman died Tuesday, Feb. 21, at his home in Tunnel, near Marietta. He was active in the community and had served on the school board for many years.

He is survived by his daughter; three sons, Ralph, Hugh and Robert, and nine grandchildren.

## Parking fees due

Faculty and staff parking fees for the second half of the year are due and payable on or before March 1. Payments may be made at the Cashiers Office, Old Main 101.

## First aid kits available

Individual faculty members or departments wishing to purchase first aid kits should contact Joe Vance, bookstore director, at 3622, before March 30.

Vance is offering a 20 per cent discount on each of the following:

--First aid kits for five to 10 people, which sell for \$18.

--First aid kits for 15 to 20 people, which sell for \$38.

--First aid kits for 25 persons and up, which sell for \$59.

The discount offer will end March 30, according to Vance.

## 'Hostage' performances on tap tonight, Saturday

Marshall University Theater will present Brendan Behan's comedy-drama, "The Hostage," at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday in Old Main Auditorium.

Set in a disreputable lodging house in Dublin, the play centers on a young Cockney soldier who is being held hostage in reprisal for an I.R.A. man who is scheduled to be hung.

Reserved seat tickets at \$2 each are available at the Theater Box Office, Room 107, Old Main, weekdays from noon to 4 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling the box office during those hours at 696-2306. Tickets also will be sold at the door on performance nights.

Marshall students will be admitted free with student ID cards.