MU establishes Arts Institute

Marshall University has established an Institute for the Arts with the objective of coordinating, developing and promoting cultural programs in the Tri-State Region.

The announcement was made by Marshall President Robert B. Hayes during an afternoon news conference on Monday. At the same time, he announced the appointment of Dr. Michael E. Cervenis as director of the project. Dr. Cervenis is a professor of music and chairman of the Marshall Music Department’s Piano Division. He will assume his new responsibilities immediately.

Hayes said the Institute for the Arts is being established with the help of a $90,000, three-year grant made available to the Marshall Foundation from private sources. He said the donors had asked to remain anonymous at this time.

"We have been talking about the need for coordination, development and promotion of the many outstanding fine arts and performing arts programs available in the Tri-State Region," Hayes said. "This project will enable us to work with organizations throughout the region to meld university and community interests and to stimulate progress of the arts in our society. We are very pleased that financial resources have been made available to make this effort possible."

Hayes said the need for a regional Institute for the Arts had been emphasized in two separate studies within the last year. One (continued on page 2)

Memorial gifts received by Foundation

More than $62,000 in memorial gifts was received last month by the Marshall University Foundation, according to Dr. Bernard Queen, foundation executive director.

A former Wayne County educator, Miss Edna Marie Blair, who died March 9, 1976, left $38,000 to the university to provide scholarships for West Virginia students.

In her will, Miss Blair, who earned her diploma from the Normal School of Marshall College in 1913, stipulated that the proceeds from the sale of two pieces of property she owned in Kenova be turned over to Marshall.

The funds are to be used to establish the J. W. and Emma Blair Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of Miss Blair's parents, Queen said. The money will be invested through the foundation and the annual proceeds will provide perpetual scholarships, he added.

Another memorial fund, the Rowland Burns Medical Education Fund, established in memory of the prominent Huntington physician who died April 28, currently exceeds $24,000 and additional checks are still being received, Queen said.

The special medical education fund will be used to provide seminars and workshops in critical care medicine for physicians and nurses. The foundation will invest the gifts to provide funds annually for this educational program.

Burns, a specialist in heart and lung diseases and general medicine, was active in the development of the Marshall medical school and served as chairman of its Medical Education Advisory Committee.

Dr. William Wallace named department head

Dr. William A. Wallace, professor of counseling and rehabilitation at Marshall University, has been appointed chairman of the department, according to Dr. Jack J. Jervis, acting dean of Marshall’s College of Education.

Wallace succeeds Dr. Lawrence W. Barker, MU associate professor of counseling and rehabilitation, in the post. "Dr. Barker asked to be relieved of the chairmanship in order to devote more time to his teaching duties," Jervis said.

Wallace’s appointment is effective immediately.
Advisory board to be formed (continued from page 1)

recommendation came from the special committee appointed last fall to study the Marshall Artists Series. A similar recommendation emerged from the "Joint Ventures" project in which members of the Marshall faculty and middle management personnel from two of the region's major industries, Ashland Oil Inc., and Huntington Alloys Inc., co-sponsored conferences on matters of mutual interest in several areas.

The Joint Ventures report calls for Marshall to become an arts and cultural center for the Tri-State region. The arts interests in specific projects also will be asked to work with many existing arts organizations in the area into a region-wide system. The advisory board will be directly responsible to the Tri-State Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The recruitment, which is scouting's highest honor for volunteer leaders, came at the council's annual awards dinner, May 9, in Morgantown, W. Va.

DONALD L. SALYERS, secretary director, served as a faculty member for three one-day workshops on Vandalism and Security and was sponsored by the National Association of College Auxiliary Services. The sessions may be obtained by contacting Contact's office at 696-7600.

Faculty and staff achievements continue (continued from page 1)

ART EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZED

Marshall University art student Diane White of Huntington, center, recently was presented the Arthur Carpenter Award for Excellence in Art by Dr. Bernard Queen, executive director of the Marshall University Foundation. At left is Mrs. June Kihgo, chairman of the Marshall Art Department. Ms. White, a native of Kanawha County, is a 1966 graduate of DuPont High School at Belle. She received her A.B. degree from Marshall in 1973 and her M.A. in art in December, 1977, but is taking additional art courses at the university. She was selected for the $100 Carpenter Award, named in honor of the retired Art Department chairperson, by unanimous vote of the art faculty for all-around excellence in art. The award is sponsored by the Marshall Foundation. (Marshall University Photo by Bill Rice)

National Teacher Exams

The National Teacher Examinations will be given at Marshall University on July 15. Prospective teachers planning to take the examinations must register with the Educational Testing Service no later than June 1. Additional information is available from the College of Education.

The week's activities will include field trips, recreation programs and a picnic, as well as classroom work. There will be free time for individual activities. Provisions have been made for Marshall students to commute if they wish. Courses to be offered are

"Preparation for Retirement: A. James Manchin, secretary of state; John Larrie Bailey, state treasurer; Gus R. Douglass, agriculture commissioner; C. Crislip, public relations and publications director, West Virginia Education Association; State Senator Judith Hemond and Delegate Pamela Shimmon; Wilard A. Aven, executive secretary, Teachers Retirement Board; Darrell V. McGraw Jr., justice, State Supreme Court; Robert J. Bartley, attorney general and former Governor Cecil H. Underwood.

DR. RAY M. KESSEL, professor of family practice and departmental chairman, was honored last month by the General Family Practitioners of the General Hospital for his contributions to family practice medicine and his work in community affairs.

C. M. Maynard, assistant dean, College of Medicine, West Virginia University, has accepted as one of the 1978 Outstanding Young Men of America. The 1978 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America will include a brief biographical sketch of Dr. Maynard and a record of his accomplishments.

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Carle B. Miller, who retired from Marshall in 1972 as associate professor of marketing, had heart surgery Monday, June 12. His wife reports that he is doing well. Miller is a patient at Charleston Memorial Hospital, Charleston, W.Va. This is not a new grandson for Dr. Bernard Queen, director of Marshall's Technical Director, Bruce Greenwood, is in charge of the Theater Box Office, located in Charleston, W.Va. 25701.

MU Theater presents hit comedy June 22-24

"Vanities," a hit comedy playing its third year off-Broadway, will be presented by Marshall University Theater at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, June 22-24, in the Altoona Memorial Student Center. The play, directed by Dr. Elaine A. Novak, professor of speech and University Theater director, provides a glimpse into the lives of three popular southern girls in high school, where they are cheerleaders; in college, where they are sorority officers; and in New York City six years later, where they have settled.

The cast is comprised of three Huntington residents: Mary Elizabeth King, Harris; Pamela Bloom, Wood; Woods, a senior; and Katana Manleser, sophomore. Reserved seat tickets, which cost $2 each, are on sale in the Box Office, located in Old Main 107. Tickets will be held from 1 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and reservations may be made by calling 384-2224.

Theater ticket sales also will be made by mail. Checks made payable to Marshall University Theater, Huntington, will be accepted. Tickets will be available at the door on performance night, according to Robert J. Bartley, director of theater productions.

Assistant director will be Michael Curp, Huntington senior. Marshall's technical director, Bruce Greenwood, is in charge of set design and technical effects.