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Regional Center is envisioned as 'bridge'

Marshall University has announced plans for development of a Center for Regional Progress to "serve as a bridge between the university and the regional community." The proposal was received by the West Virginia Board of Regents at its meeting Tuesday.

In notifying the board of Marshall’s plans, President Robert B. Hayes said the university has developed to a point where it now is able to "become a more integral part of the community, dealing with its problems and assisting in its development."

Essentially, Hayes said, the planned center will draw upon the resources available within the university to help accelerate regional development in five major areas:

- Business and industry
- Community agencies and government
- Education
- Culture
- Health

The new Institute for the Arts, established with a $90,000 private gift to the university, will be part of the Center for Regional Progress, Hayes said.

In his report to the Regents, Hayes envisioned a three-year period of development for the center. He said it will be financed primarily from private sources and with grants from federal, state and local governmental agencies. Announcement of another, larger private grant is expected to be made soon, Hayes said.

He said administrative costs for the Center for Regional Progress initially are expected to run about $50,000 per year, including salaries of a director and a secretary and office expenses. For 1978-79, administrative responsibilities will be assigned to Marshall Grants Officer Peter M. File, so additional allocation from the Board of Regents will not be required.

File has had major responsibilities in developing plans for the Center for Regional Progress and will continue to refine the organizational structure, the Marshall president noted.

"The Center for Regional Progress is not a radical change for the university," Hayes said, "but is the next logical step in the progression of the institution. The center will expand Marshall's educational service by taking the university into the community to meet other needs of a developing region. There is an urgent need in the region for developmental assistance and coordination and Marshall has the qualifications and resources to provide the service."

He cited as examples of ways in which Marshall can help meet regional needs:

- Applied research into community problems and provision

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Ashland Oil Foundation provides MU support funds

The Ashland Oil Foundation, Inc., has contributed $13,600 for four student-support programs at Marshall University for the 1978-79 fiscal year. Announcement of the gift was made by Dr. Bernard Queen, Marshall development director.

Queen said $5,000 was earmarked for scholarships for third- and fourth-year students in the School of Nursing. Another $3,100 has been designated for graduate fellowships in the Department of Chemistry and $500 was awarded for the high school student summer research program in chemistry.

The remaining $5,000 has been allocated to the National Direct Student Loan Program, Queen noted this will yield $50,000 in loan funds for Marshall students since the federal government will match the gift on a 9-to-1 basis.

"Ashland Oil Foundation President Paul G. Blazer, Jr. and the other members of the Foundation have been very supportive of Marshall University for many years," Queen said. "We appreciate very much this latest example of their continuing interest in assisting the university and its students."

The Ashland Oil Foundation contribution is in addition to corporate gifts of $35,100 from Ashland Oil, Inc., which were announced earlier, Queen said.

Roger Leep named advisory board head

J. Roger Leep, senior accountant at Huntington Alloys, Inc., has been elected chairman of the advisory committee for the Accounting Program at the Community College of Marshall University, Dr. Paul D. Hines, vice president and dean of the Community College, has announced.

Other committee members for the two-year program are Jeanne Childers, director of accounting at Marshall University; E. Blaine Eddy, accounting systems analyst for Ashland Oil, Inc.; William T. Tracy, a Huntington Certified Public Accountant, and Donald Waybright, a group manager for the Internal Revenue Service.

The advisory committee is responsible for evaluating program development and content, according to Mrs. Mack J. Jarrell, coordinator of the program which leads to an Associate in Applied Science degree.
Charles Webb named Business College associate dean

Charles D. Webb, associate professor of accounting and departmental chairman, has been appointed associate dean of the Marshall University College of Business, Dr. Sara E. Anderson, dean of the college, has announced.

Webb's appointment fills a year-long vacancy which occurred when Dr. Anderson, then associate dean, became acting dean and later accepted the appointment as dean.

In his new post with the college, Webb will be responsible for student recruitment and for academic advising and records for both undergraduate and graduate students, according to the dean.

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of technical assistance, using expertise of departmental specialists in the university.

—Continuing education, both on and off campus, providing classes, seminars and workshops for professionals seeking to enhance their skills and knowledge.

—Information and referral services regarding resources available in the region, especially for small businesses.

—Student involvement and experience in various professions through graduate assistantships and internship programs.

During the developmental period, Hayes said, information inventories will be made of (1) university resources, primarily faculty expertise and availability; (2) community resources, such as agencies currently providing services and types and levels of services provided; (3) priority needs of the region, and (4) potential funding sources.

The director of the center will report directly to the Marshall president. The director will be responsible for coordinating programs in the five service areas, as well as working with various community organizations.

Hayes noted the Center for Regional Progress is in line with the Board of Regents' 1972 "Plan for Progress" which envisioned eventual establishment of "an appropriate Center or Bureau of Community Services and Development" by Marshall.

Campus job openings...

The Personnel Office is advertising several campus employment opportunities which—with one exception—have a July 17 (Monday) application deadline. The openings include:

—Secretary I, Sports Information;
—Secretary I, Research Coordinating Unit, full-time through Oct. 31;
—Secretary II, Institutional Research and Planning;
—Library Technical Assistant I, James E. Morrow Library;
—Admissions/Records Officer II, College of Liberal Arts;
—Administrative Aide, College of Education, closes July 25.

For additional information, or to apply, contact the MU Personnel Office, Old Main 207.

Library hours announced

The James E. Morrow Library will observe the following hours during the break between summer term:

- Sat., July 15, (Regular schedule) 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sun., July 16 CLOSED
- Mon. July 17 (REGISTRATION) 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Tues., July 18 (CLASSES BEGIN) 7:45 a.m. - 10 p.m.

"In addition to representing the dean when necessary, Mr. Webb will assume a vital role in community activities by working closely with business organizations in areas of mutual interest to the academic and business communities," Dr. Anderson said.

He also will coordinate preparation of statistical data on the college's programs, she added.

"We are indeed fortunate that Mr. Webb has accepted this appointment, because he possesses the personal, professional and administrative qualifications needed to execute these various activities for the college," the dean noted.

Personnel personals...

Dr. James Daniel Bobbit, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Bobbit has completed the intensive examination for recognition as a diplomat in his specialty, Ophthalmology. He is practicing at Cabarrus Ophthalmological Clinic, Concord, N.C., according to his mother, a former MU reference librarian. Peg also reports the arrival of a new grandson, Evan Daniel, who was born May 29.

Want to share some good news about your family with your colleagues? The News Letter will print such items gladly, if you will send them to Judith Casto, University Relations, Old Main 112, or stop by to tell her about them.

NEWCOMERS

New to the Marshall campus are:
FRANK L. GIARDINA, assistant sports information director; DAVID G. SAWUTZ, research technician, Pharmacology Department; MARTHA D. DEEL, clerk I, Accounting, and DAVID FENNEY, carpenter trainee, Buildings and Grounds.

Welcome to Marshall University!

Faculty and staff achievements, activities

KENNETH R. REFFEITT, library technical assistant for gifts and exchanges, was re-elected treasurer of the Cabell County Republican Executive Committee recently. A member of the committee for four years, Reffeitt was re-elected in the May 9 primary election to represent the second magisterial district as committee- man-at-large.

DR. CLAIR W. MATZ, associate professor of political science, has been awarded a Public Service Science Residency by the National Science Foundation for 1977-78. The residency is sponsored by the NSF Science and Society Office. Matz will be placed with the Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to devise a study program, "Citizen Inquiry into Public Policies on Domestic and World Hunger."

BONNIE J. FRYE, secretary in the Human Relations Center of the Student Affairs Division, was installed as worthy matron of the Barboursville Chapter 95, Order of Easter Star, on June 27.

DR. WILLIAM A. McDOWELL, associate professor of counseling and rehabilitation, has been selected as one of 15 members of the newly formed Citizens Advisory Committee for the West Virginia Welfare Departments.