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State legislators recognized and acknowledged the outstanding work Marshall University's Center for Regional Progress has done and continues to do in economic development for West Virginia by including a line item of $150,000 for the center in the Legislative Digest (an addition to the FY 1987-88 budget), according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, associate vice president for academic affairs at Marshall.

"The center for Regional Progress is a major resource and asset to the business community of West Virginia and should be recognized and acknowledged for their impact on the state's economy." Maddox particularly expressed appreciation to Senators Ned Jones of Cabell County and John "Joey" Boettner of Kanawha County and House of Delegate Speaker Chuck Chambers of Cabell.

"These individuals, along with several other legislators, were instrumental in getting the economic development center designed, implemented, and developing programs to help improve West Virginia's economy."

Established in 1984, the Center for Regional Progress was designed to serve as a bridge between Marshall University and the community and provide counseling and technical assistance to business, industry, local government, and various community agencies.

"Primarily concerned with the creation and retention of jobs, the center's programs are built around having a team of people dedicated for local economic and community development in West Virginia."

The center has been contacted by more than 300 businesses and 65 different local governments, providing management training, counseling and referral services, and working with government regulations and marketing research.

Maddox said the center also recognizes the assistance and resources the center provides to the local state government and has conducted overall economic and community development planning for municipal and county governments and the West Virginia State Legislature, and actively promotes joint ventures between the academic, public, and private sectors to address those needs.

"A wide range of individuals, including many of our students, have taken advantage of the center's services including small businesses who want to expand, increasing the productivity of businesses, governmental agencies, and large businesses that can utilize the center's services."

"We have recently completed a feasibility study for a small business incubator proposed for an existing Huntington building, worked with coal miners in Gary who want to buy the company they work for, and did economic development studies for McDowell and Mason counties," said Maddox.

Maddox said the center recently received a third place award in national competition for its outstanding work in economic development assistance provided to the International Trade Commission, the Governor's Office of Community and Industrial Development, and the West Virginia legislature.

"Dr. John Spears, interim director of the Center for Regional Progress and his staff have done an excellent job in providing clients with needed services and developing programs to help improve West Virginia's economy," Maddox said. "They deserve a lot of credit for the center's success, as do members of the state legislature for recognizing the center's importance and funding it in the Legislative Digest."

To obtain further details about the Center for Regional Progress and its services and programs call 696-6797.

Employee workshops set

The Training and Development Division of the Department of Human Resources/Personnel will offer four workshops during August.


Employees will be sent a workshop calendar and registration information through campus mail. Release time has been requested by the individuals involved. From left to right: Dale F. Nitzschke for employees attending the workshops.

All full-time and part-time employees will be eligible for these workshops. "Broaden the circle of knowledge and understanding of the approval to their employees who request permission to attend the workshops."

To receive more contact Nicole A. Norian, coordinator of training and development, 696-6455.

MU faculty/staff achievements

Dr. JOHNNY VIELKIND, associate professor and chairman of philosophy, attended the 21st annual Heidelberg Conference for Teachers of English in Faifax, Va. VIELKIND and Dr. FRANK MINNINI, associate professor of philosophy, attended the 86th annual meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, held April 30-May 2 at the University of Memphis.

Dr. REESE, interim director of training and development, 696-6455.

A. Michael Perry of Huntington, president and chief executive officer of Key Centurion Bancshares, Inc., has been elected chairman of Marshall University's Institutional Foundation for the fiscal year 1987-88, according to Dr. Robert P. Alexander, president of Marshall. Perry also is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of First Huntington National Bank.

"I am grateful to have been asked to serve as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Foundation, which is so essential to the overall success and growth of Marshall University," Perry said.

Perry is a native of Huntington and he and his wife, Henrietta, are the parents of three children.

MU faculty members receive VA grants

For the 1987-88 fiscal year, the Veterans Administration has awarded approximately $400,000 in research funds to Marshall University School of Medicine faculty members working at Huntington VA Medical Center, according to Dr. Murson.

The funding puts the program's five-year total over the $2 million mark, said Murson, who is both chairman of medicine and the VA's associate chief of staff for research and development.

M. Richard Nitzschke, called the joint research program a "silent, steady contributor to the economy of West Virginia and the Tri-State area."

"In addition to the health benefits it provides to the area, the program has attracted substantial funding from non-VA sources. That funding supports the research projects and provides for the renovation and improvements that go along with them."

The program, a number of research-related jobs for area residents, he said.

Currently six researchers are working on seven VA-funded projects relating to viral diseases, diabetes, growth hormone and cancer treatment.

The numbers rise sharply when the research program is compared to the same period of a fiscal year, said Murson. In Fiscal Year 1987, for example, there were 19 active investigators and 37 active projects at the VA Medical Center. The total amount of research funding to local VA researchers was $3.9 million. That number continues to grow.

The MUVA research program is essential to both institutions, Murson said.

Phones are high-tech

Marshall University has a new telephone system--and a whole lot more.

"As of this moment, we have at Marshall University the most technologically advanced telephone communication system in West Virginia," MU President Dale F. Nitzschke commented during a joint campus news conference with AT&T officials.

"At the same time, we have added a new and extended cable system throughout the campus to handle our voice, video and data transmission needs for many years to come."

Bob Oliver, district manager of marketing for AT&T, confirmed the most technologically advanced telephone system in West Virginia.

"With the cutover to the new system, Marshall is one of the leading educational institutions in the country in (Continued on page 2)
New system utilizes latest technology
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integrating voice and data communication. It has the very latest AT&T product line. In fact, there are elements of this system that are so futuristic that they probably won’t be available to the general public for another 10 years,” Oliver said.

Featur ing “state of the art” technology, the new system—called “System 85”—employs not only fiber optic cable, but microwave transmission as well. Provided and installed by AT&T, it was put into operation June 26. It integrates for the first time three separate areas: Marshall’s main campus, Doctors Memorial Building on Sixth Avenue and the Medical Education Building, located 14 miles west at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Spring Valley.

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“The VA would not have a research program if the Medical School’s presence here were not a positive factor. On the other hand, that research program is crucial to the research program of the whole School of Medicine. The VA has resources, Marshall has expertise, and together it’s a very nice marriage,” Mufson added.

The people of the Tri-State are the ones who benefit from that marriage, Mufson added. “The research opportunities we can offer often make our private sector patients able to use the services to veterans here over the last 18 months. That’s shown by the 100,000 dollars in research grants we’ve brought in so far,” Mufson said.

Accounting seminar set
A workshop designed to give small business owners and prospective small business owners the basics of setting up an accounting system will be held at Marshall University’s Career Development Center on Thursday, July 31. Attendance at any of the topics including tax compliance, record retention, year-end requirements, options for computerized accounting and the flow of resources at the session are available to the public, said Larry Deel, program manager of Marshall University’s Small Business Development Center. There will be no charge for the program, which is being sponsored by the Small Business Development Center and Somerville and Company Certified Public Accountants.

The workshop must be completed by Friday, July 31. To obtain further details contact Somerville and Company, 525-0301, or the Marshall Small Business Development Center, 696-6779.

Workshop will explore parent/teacher bonds
“Focus on Parents: Parent and Professional Partnership.” A workshop designed to offer pertinent information to parents and teachers in developing maintaining cooperative working relationships, will be held at Marshall University Nov. 13-14.

The conference will be important for parents who have children with disabilities and professionals who are involved in educational and/or care of children with disabilities, according to Dr. Robert Angel of Marshall University’s School of Education.

A variety of topics will be covered including physical therapy, occupational therapy, behavior management, parent/pupil education and others.

Keynote speakers will include Dr. Roger Kroth from the University of New Mexico; Dr. William Wagonseller from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

Kroth is the author of the book, “Communicating with Parents of Exceptional Children,” and various other articles in the field of special education, and Wagonseller has written and lectured on the topic of parents, including a series titled “The Art of Parenting.”

Other presenters will include Fred Theiern of Shawnee Hills Regional Center, Pam George of the West Virginia Department of Education, Ed Necco of Marshall University’s Special Education Department, Marlene Morelli of Marshall University’s Autism Training Center.

The program is being sponsored by the Cabell County Improvement Council for the Physical Handicapped, the Cabell County Parent Resource Center and Marshall University’s School of Education.

To obtain further details contact Dr. Robert Angel or Marshall University’s Department of Special Education, 696-5249.

Fellowships available
The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars offers fellowships for the 1992-93 academic year under its European Program, according to Dr. Clair W. Matz, director of Marshall University’s Center for International Studies.

Scholars who are pursuing research on western European or other social sciences are invited to apply for the fellowships.

The purpose of the program is to examine in depth the values and traditions common to Western Europe and the United States. The deadline for submitting applications will be Oct. 1. To obtain further details contact Dr. Matz, 696-2465, or Marshall Wilson International Center, attention: Seraphim, 1992-93 Development Center for Scholars, 1000 Jefferson Drive, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20560.

Bookstore gets IBM contract
The Marshall University Bookstore has been accepted by the Personal System 2 computer to faculty, staff and students.

The agreement allow for discounts of 40 to 45 percent, according to Joe Vance, bookstore manager. The system is being installed and will be on a special order program.

The bookstore will continue to provide sales and service to the AT&T personal computer as well as other equipment. To obtain further details contact Vance at the Marshall University Bookstore, 696-2456.

Marshall Staff Council holds special meeting
(The following report on the June 22 special meeting of the Marshall University Classified Staff Council was submitted by Peggy Thel, secretary.)

A special meeting of the Marshall University Classified Staff Council was called by Gloria Riskman to report on the meeting of June 19 with President Dale F. Nitzschke, Jane Vickers and Georgia Childers, regarding alleged voting irregularities in the recent Staff Council election.

After reviewing the results, Riskman recommended that he pick an impartial committee comprised of classified staff personnel to investigate the election procedures and determine if there were irregularities or illegalities. He would then report their findings to the council, along with his recommendations.

Ms. Riskman opened the floor for discussion. Many views were voiced and the election procedures were studied in depth.

Ms. Childers, chairwoman of the Election Committee, reported that there were no difficulties in the election, and that all ballots received had a corresponding voting card, therefore, discounting any votes cast illegally.

Ms. Riskman asked that the council that the election should stand as is, since it would take at least two months to prepare for another election.

It was recommended that in the event there were a lack of communication and misunderstanding, then all elections will follow “Robert’s Rules” implicitly.

Council then voted to accept the result of the election as is, and the vote was 16 for the motion and none against, with five abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Miller to defend dissertation
Ed Miller, director of student financial assistance, will defend his dissertation, “The Effect of Educational Loan Repayment on Personal, Vocational, and Consumer Concerns,” on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 11 a.m. in Jenkins Hall Room 217.

Observers will be welcome, but seating will be limited.