Total MU enrollment reported steady at 11,181

Major enrollment gains in the College of Science and the Community College helped to offset declines in the College of Liberal Arts and Graduate School, leaving Marshall University’s Fall Term enrollment nearly equal to that of last fall, Registrar Robert H. Eddins reported Tuesday.

Total enrollment at Marshall this fall is 11,181, compared with 11,221 at the same time last year, a decrease of 40 students or three-tenths of 1 percent.

Statewide, enrollment in the public sector of higher education is down 3.9 percent.

The College of Science rose from an enrollment of 782 last year to 978 this fall, an increase of 25 percent, Eddins said. Community College enrollment went from 1,184 to 1,421, a gain of 20 percent. At the same time, enrollment in the College of Liberal Arts dropped from 2,779 to 2,347, a loss of 15.5 percent. Graduate School enrollment fell from 2,805 to 2,585 for a 7.8 percent decline. Eddins noted that most of the drop in Graduate School was in off-campus courses and that full-time enrollment in the school is 8 percent higher than it was a year ago.

Also showing increases were the College of Business, up 9.3 percent; the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing, up 26.9 percent, and the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree program for older students, up 10.9 percent.

The College of Education, which has suffered enrollment declines during the past several years, had only a 2 percent loss this fall, going from 1,774 students to 1,754.

National Mining Academy, MU reach cooperative agreement

The National Mine Health and Safety Academy in Beckley and Marshall University have announced a cooperative agreement in which the two institutions will work together to prepare students for careers in the mining industry.

The agreement received approval from the West Virginia Board of Regents Tuesday. Previously, it had been approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior, which operates the Academy.

Dr. Robert B. Hayes, Marshall University president, and Dr. Michael G. Zabetakis, Academy superintendent, jointly announced the agreement.

"The facilities and knowledge present at the Academy will be an invaluable asset to Marshall as we educate students for employment in the mining industry," Hayes said. "We compliment all officials involved for their foresight in the development of this unique and vital program."

"The objective of the National Mine Health and Safety Academy is to develop and implement programs in mine health and safety through education in cooperation with educational institutions and others," Zabetakis explained. "This agreement will facilitate this objective."

MU’s Department of Occupational, Adult and Safety Education and the Community College of Marshall University have designed programs which will utilize Academy faculty and facilities.

The OAS Department currently offers seminars in conjunction with the Academy and is planning a safety conference in early November, James B. Stone, assistant professor of safety at Marshall, said. A graduate level management course is scheduled to begin in January, he said.

"This agreement offers the opportunity for college credit to every student who attends the Academy and who is admitted to Marshall University," Stone said. "The future is fantastic when we consider the diversity of people who go to the Academy. Associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs will be enhanced with the Academy's support."

Community College students will enroll in courses at the Academy to prepare them as supportive personnel for the mining industry, according to Dr. Paul D. Hines, vice president and dean of the Community College. The college has developed associate degree and certificate of proficiency programs in Mining Technology.

Mining academy instructors will serve as adjunct faculty members of Marshall University.

"The Mining Technology Program was developed because of the energy situation facing the nation and because of expanded mining opportunities in the Tri-State Region," Hines said. "By utilizing the Academy and its staff, we will be able to provide the high quality technical facilities and expertise required for a first-rate program."

Courses in the Mining Mid-Management and Mine Safety Technician program options began this fall in Huntington and in Point Pleasant. Options in Mine Office Services, Mine and Land Surveying and Mine Employee Training Technician have been submitted to the Board of Regents, Hines said.
With the intent of adding some “pageantry” to Marshall University football games, Dr. Charles I. Jones and his family have presented 16 pennants to be displayed at Fairfield Stadium. Dr. Jones, right, and Dr. Bernard Queen, director of the Marshall University Foundation, unveil one of the pennants, which were contributed through the foundation. Joining in the contribution were Dr. Jones’ wife, Ruth, an MU master’s degree recipient and director of the St. Mary’s Hospital School of Nursing, and his son, Charles I. Jones Jr., a Charleston attorney. “We hope that the colorful flags of the Southern Conference schools and national athletic conferences will add to festive occasions at the football stadium,” Jones said. Jones is professor and chairman of the Occupational, Adult and Safety Education Department and has been a Marshall faculty member for 10 years.

(Arza Barnett)

A GIFT FOR FAIRFIELD

AMENDMENTS CONTINUE

There will be a special faculty meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 4 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium for the purpose of offering amendments to the proposed Faculty Senate plan. All amendments are to be in writing and in sufficient numbers for all of the voting members present.

Amendments offered at this meeting shall be decided by a majority of those voting members present as defined in the current constitution. For this reason, maximum attendance and participation is urged.

This meeting will be declared recessed at about 5 p.m. to be continued one week later if needed.
Students to visit nuclear reactor

Ten Marshall University students will be conducting experiments at a nuclear research facility later this month.

The students will spend eight hours at the University of Michigan’s Ford Nuclear Reactor (FNR) and Phoenix Memorial Laboratory, according to Dr. Thomas J. Manakkil, MU professor of physics and James O. Brumfield, MU assistant professor of biological sciences, who will accompany the students on the Oct. 26-28 trip.

The students, enrolled in an undergraduate/graduate course on Radiation Physics in Life Sciences, will familiarize themselves with hot cells and handle radioactive material with remote control arms, explained Manakkil.

"This is a marvelous opportunity for our students," Manakkil said. "There's no substitute for actual contact or 'hands on' experience," he added.

Birke Art Gallery
proposed by committee

The Physical Facilities and Planning Committee met at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 5 and conducted the following business.

A request to name the Student Art Gallery was received and acted upon, it being recommended to the President that the name, The Birke Art Gallery, be approved.

Dr. McCoy was requested by the committee to prepare a motion addressing itself to the need for a readily accessible compilation of policies and regulations having emanated from all standing university committees and governing various aspects of university life.

An inquiry was address to the vice president for student affairs relative to the enforcement of existing sign policies in reference to two specific instances in which these policies appear to have been violated.

Another committee meeting was scheduled for Oct. 12.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric P. Thorn, secretary
Physical Facilities and Planning Committee

Recommendations due!

The Commencement and Honorary Degrees Committee is now accepting recommendations from faculty, staff, and students for persons to receive honorary degrees from the University at the May, 1979, Commencement.

Names of recommended individuals should be submitted to the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Old Main 110, on or before Friday, Nov. 10.

Persons submitting names should include for each a brief statement as to why the individual should receive this honor, along with the name, address, and phone number of the person submitting the name, so the committee can secure additional information as needed.

W. C. Felty
Committee Chairman

Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:
SEPT. 15, OCT. 5-7—Women's Volleyball team.
SEPT. 14-16—Women's Golf team.
OCT. 4-7—Women's Golf team.

Funded by a cost sharing arrangement through the Energy Research and Development Administration, the University of Michigan's reactor facility is one of only a few in the nation designed for research, Brumfield said.

FNR researchers are committed to helping other schools better equip their students in knowledge of nuclear and radiation physics principles applicable to multi-disciplinary areas, including the health sciences, Manakkil noted.

Radiation Physics in Life Sciences is one of four new courses offered for the first time this year by the Physics Department. Other new offerings include: Applied Optics in Life Sciences, Applied Electronics and Instrumentation, and Biomedical Physics.

"The courses are primarily multi-disciplinary, crossing the traditional boundaries of biology, physics, and the medical sciences—what we call the life sciences," Brumfield said.

"Throughout the College of Science we are expanding and adapting curriculum to meet today's needs," he added.

"This is the direction the College of Science should be taking," said Dr. E.S. Hanrahan, dean of the college. "One of the priorities set by the College of Science when the Board of Regents approved its establishment was to broaden and strengthen existing science programs, while interacting with School of Medicine and Graduate School related programs," he added.

"This field trip is not a one-shot event, by any means," Manakkil said. "Expanded research sessions at the FNR are scheduled in other courses, including our nuclear physics and chemistry course this summer or next fall," he added.

The cooperative agreement with the University of Michigan not only provides for student use of the facilities, but also extends to faculty research as well. Marshall's Geology Department is doing some coal related research there, according to Brumfield.

University Council
discusses agenda items

The University Council met on Oct. 4 and conducted the following items of business:
1. Considered the role of adjunct faculty, clinical professors and lecturers in the commencement procession. The Council decided to direct the matter to the attention of the Commencement and Honorary Degrees Committee.

2. Decided to encourage full attendance and participation at the Oct. 17 and 24 Special Faculty Meetings for the purpose of offering amendments to the proposed Faculty Senate Plan. Because amendments may be made by a majority of those present and voting, maximum participation is imperative.

3. A sub-committee report on the matter of media representation at faculty meetings is near the final policy stage.

4. The posting of final grades by some arbitrary use of numbers is not a violation of any statute and a policy related to this will be developed by the end of this semester.

Submitted by Sam Clagg
Chairman, University Council

Belknap earns Ph.D.

Larry K. Belknap, assistant professor of recreation at Marshall University, received the Doctor of Recreation degree from Indiana University on Aug. 31, according to Dr. Noel J. Richards, MU vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Belknap's dissertation is entitled "Impact of the Indiana University Executive Development Program for Park and Recreation Administrators on Selected Program Graduates."
Faculty and staff achievements, activities...

DR. WARREN W. WOODEN, associate professor of English, and Gregory Norris, graduate student in English, attended the Third Mid-Atlantic States Conference on Patristic, Mediaeval and Renaissance Studies held at Villanova University Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Wooden chaired a section of papers on "Shakespeare and Spenser" and also was reappointed to the conference program committee.

DR. DARRELL SCHMIDT, assistant professor of mathematics, has had a research paper, "An Existence Theorem for Chebyshev Approximation by Interpolating Rationals," accepted for publication in the Journal of Approximation Theory.

State speech meet draws Marshall faculty

Twelve Marshall University faculty members and one graduate assistant attended the fall meeting of the West Virginia Speech Association at Cedar Lakes Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

Speech Department members attending were: DR. DOROTHY JOHNSON, chairman and professor; KEITH PEACOCK, visiting professor; DR. WILLIAM G. KEARNS, DR. WILLIAM N. DENMAN, associate professors; CRAIG MONROE, MAUREEN MILICIA, CATHERINE CUMMINGS, B.R. SMITH, and ED McCARNES, assistant professors; DENCIL BACKUS, instructor, and Greg McGlone, graduate assistant.

Attending from the Community College were SARAH DENMAN, coordinator of communications, and SUZANNE HUGHES BYROM, part-time instructor.

Denman was named president of the association and Monroe became president-elect. Milicia was selected publications committee chairman and Ms. Cummings was appointed professional and legislative action committee chairman.

Visiting professor Peacock served as keynote speaker for the meeting. Monroe and Backus presented a program on organizational communication.

NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:
ELIZABETH A. HOFFMAN, technician II, Microbiology Department; CATHERINE A. TYSON, secretary, Surgery Department; BARBARA DIANE CHAPMAN, secretary, Educational Foundations; LINDA MOURNING, word processing operator I, Medical School; JANET P. QUINN, secretary/word processor, School of Medicine, and MARGIE JEAN NEWMAN, dispatcher, Security.

Welcome to Marshall!

Campus poets to observe

National Poetry Day Monday

There will be a poetry reading Monday, Oct. 16, to celebrate National Poetry Day on the Marshall campus. Students, Alumni, and Faculty of Marshall who have published their poems nationally have been invited to read in an informal setting at 2 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Among those who will read are the following: Professors Sullivan, Ramsey, Gerke, and McKernan, Tom Gibbs, Paul Curry Steele, Jim Pack, Ron Houchin, Cynthia Wolfe, and Llewellyn McKernan. Refreshments will be served and the event is open to the public.

GLENN E. SMITH, Community College associate dean, has received the U.S. Army Commendation Medal for "exceptionally meritorious service." A reserve officer for 27 years, Smith was awarded the medal by Maj. Gen. Willie E. Dixon, former commanding general of the 99th ARCOM, in ceremonies at South Charleston.


DR. FRANK RIDDEL, associate professor of social studies, has an article, "The Transformation of Church-State Relations in Spain During the Franco Era," which has been accepted for publication in the Winter Issue of the International Review of History and Political Science.

LEO IMPERI, associate professor of music, was soloist for the coronation of Queen Sylvia XLII on Oct. 6 at the Mountain State Forest Festival in Elkins. Crowning the queen was Governor John D. Rockefeller and U.S. Representatives Harley Staggers and Nick Rahall were in attendance.

Concert scheduled Wednesday

The Marshall University Music Department will present a program of instrumental and vocal ensemble music Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Ensembles to be featured in the free, public concert include: A Cappella Choir, Student Brass Quintet and the Low Brass Ensemble. Among the works to be presented will be Fetter's "Te Deum" with John W. Creighton, MU associate professor of music, doing the tenor solos.

A mixed student chorus performing both sacred and secular choral works, A Cappella Chorus will be directed by Dr. Paul Balshaw. MU professor of music and Ed Harkless, graduate assistant in the choral division. Conducting the brass ensembles will be Dr. John H. Mead, MU associate professor of music.

Forum on 'accord' set

The Marshall Muslim Students Association will sponsor a Forum on the Camp David Accord on Tuesday, Oct. 17th, at 3:30 p.m., in the Memorial Student Center, Room 2W22.

Dr. Alan Gould, professor and chairman of the History Department, will present the American points of view on the Camp David accord and discuss it with Dr. Jabir A. Abbas, professor of political science, who will present the Arabs-Islamic point of view regarding the accord. The introductory remarks by the two speakers will be followed by a question period. Everyone is welcome to attend and ask questions.

'Viennese Gala' tickets may be purchased now

Individual tickets are available for the "Viennese Gala" featuring the Tonkünstler Orchestra of Vienna, the first production of the community component of the Marshall Artists Series, Mrs. Nancy P. Hindsley, Marshall University cultural events coordinator, announced today.

"All of the season membership tickets have been sold for this year's Baxter Series, but we have some seats available for individual performances, Mrs. Hindsley said.

The tickets for the Oct. 19 performance may be purchased at the Keith-Albee Theater box office and at the Artists Series Office on the Marshall campus in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22.

Reserved seats may be purchased for $6 in the balcony and $8 in the orchestra and loge area. Tickets for youths 17 years old and under may be purchased in the balcony for $3.