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MU planning to remain open

"We intend to keep Marshall University in operation and we're going to do everything we possibly can to ensure that we do," Marshall President Robert B. Hayes said Tuesday.

His comments followed an announcement by Columbia Gas of West Virginia that the university's natural gas allocation for February and March will be drastically reduced.

Hayes met Tuesday with Marshall vice presidents, deans, the director of housing and the registrar to discuss the critical situation.

"We've had an energy conservation program in effect for the past two years," Hayes said, "and we were able to operate three per cent under our natural gas allocation in December. Now we are considering a number of steps to cut natural gas consumption to a bare minimum—which is just about what we are going to be allocated.

Among steps being studied are possible changes in the

university's schedule, relocation of some classes to other buildings, and conversion of several gas-fired boilers to use alternate fuels.

"Specific assignments have been made for detailed studies of the feasibility and impact of some of the steps we might take," Hayes added. "We'll be meeting daily for the next few days to discuss the findings and to take action."

Marshall is fortunate in that several of its newer buildings are heated electrically, Hayes noted. These include eight-story Smith Hall, the Twin Towers dormitories, Memorial Student Center, James E. Morrow Library and Harris Hall, a new classroom building.

Conversion of boilers in several other buildings is a possibility, Hayes said, and one or two older buildings might have to be closed with classes being reassigned to other buildings.

"It is essential that we remain in operation from the standpoint of the students," Hayes said. "Many come here from great distances, including several foreign countries, and would have no place to go if we closed the university. In addition, we have to try to complete the semester on time in order that our students might find summer employment or, in the case of those graduating, start their careers."

"I'm sure we are going to experience some inconvenience, and perhaps even some discomfort," Hayes said, "but in all fairness to the students we have to do everything we can to keep Marshall in operation."

Box holders asked to use combinations

The University Post Office handles a tremendous volume of incoming mail. Daily distribution of such mail is accomplished by its placement into lock boxes which have been assigned to University departments and personnel. Access to a lock box is by combination which is assigned to the box holder.

May we please request that department heads and other box holders provide their combination to persons authorized to pick up mail from University Post Office Boxes.

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Your cooperation will be appreciated very much. In the event a mail box is inoperative, please notify the mailroom personnel immediately.

Richard D. Vass
Director of Finance

Jack Phillips resigns to head national foundation

Jack C. Phillips, director of development at Marshall for the past two years, has been appointed president of the National Methodist Foundation, effective Feb. 15. The foundation is headquartered with the United Methodist Higher Education and Ministry Offices in Nashville, Tenn.

Phillips also has been serving as executive director of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., which is responsible for receiving and administering private contributions to the university.

Marshall President Robert B. Hayes said a search committee will be appointed immediately to seek a successor to Phillips.

Bio-medical Ethics forum to feature Duke professor

Dr. Harmon L. Smith, who holds dual professorships at Duke University's Divinity and Medical schools, will be the speaker for a forum on "Bio-medical Ethics," sponsored by the Campus Christian Center at Marshall University.

Each semester, the Christian Center sponsors a public forum for discussion of current issues, bringing together representatives from the university, church and community, according to the Rev. Hugh B. Springer, Presbyterian campus minister.

"In discussing 'Bio-medical Ethics,' we will be dealing with the full range of moral issues evolving from modern medicine and biology, especially in view of today's advanced technology," the Rev. Mr. Springer said.

During his three-day stay in Huntington, Dr. Smith will give two free public lectures, in addition to several informal classroom and roundtable dialogues.

The first public lecture, "Bio-Medical Ethics and the Health Professions," will be geared toward persons in the health fields. Co-sponsored by the Marshall School of Medicine, the lecture will be at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, at St. Mary's Hospital.

Responding to Dr. Smith's remarks will be Dr. Willard K. Bentz, professor of behavioral sciences, MU School of Medicine; Mrs. Giovanna B. Morton, associate professor and

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Faculty and staff achievements, activities...

DR. JAMES W. HARLESS, admissions director, has been appointed to the Serviceman's Opportunity College (SOC) Advisory Board by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. HARLESS will attend the next board meeting Feb. 14-15 in Washington, D.C.

DR. LAWRENCE W. BAKER, Department of Counseling and Rehabilitation chairman, presented an in-service training session to the outpatient staff of the Region II Community Mental Health Service on Jan. 14. Topic for the session was child management techniques from an Adlerian perspective.

DR. WARREN W. WOODEN, associate professor of English, has had an article, "Michael Drayton's 'Nymphidia': A Renaissance Children's Classic?", accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of Children's Literature.

NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

PATRICIA L. PENROD, secretary, School of Medicine, and SANDRA KAY ESTEP, secretary, Office Administration Department.

Welcome to Marshall!

Announcements...

James J. Schneider, formerly assistant state treasurer, has been named to the West Virginia Board of Regents staff as financial research coordinator.

Schneider's appointment is effective Feb. 1, according to Elwin Bresette, vice chancellor and finance and facilities director. He succeeds Mrs. Virginia Roberts, who was named state Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by Gov. John D. Rockefeller, Bresette said.

CONCERT TICKETS

Tickets to the John Hartford and Hickory Wind concert scheduled for 8 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Keith-Albee Theater are available on campus at Opus One in Memorial Student Center. Marshall students, faculty and staff may purchase them for \$3. The concert is sponsored by the Student Activities Office.

DOCTORATE EARNED

David O. Barrows, instructor of computer studies, has earned the Ph.D. degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Dr. Barrows completed his doctorate in December. His dissertation is entitled "The Construct Validity of Acquiescence."

BALLET HERE

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet will perform at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theater on Tuesday, Feb. 1, as part of the Baxter Series of the Marshall Artists Series.

Balcony seat tickets are available for those not holding season tickets in the Baxter Series from the Music Department now or at the door beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the performance evening. The cost to Marshall staff is \$5 per ticket. MU students may obtain free tickets upon presentation of second semester activity cards.

DR. RICHARD O. COMFORT, professor of sociology and anthropology, was re-elected to the Advisory Committee for the Community Development Block Grant program for Huntington. The committee makes recommendations to the city manager and city council concerning the spending of \$1.2 million worth of federal funds.

C. BOSWORTH JOHNSON, associate professor of journalism, was speaker for an AT&T seminar on media-business relationships for Bell System executives on Dec. 1 in New Orleans. On Dec. 3-5, JOHNSON participated in the Gannett Foundation-Ford Foundation seminar on the media and courts, held at The Greenbrier. He also attended the Radio Television News Directors Association (RTNDA) annual conference and RTNDA Foundation board meeting at Miami Beach, Dec. 12-16.

DR. JOSEPH S. LA CASCIA, chairman of the Economics Department, was interviewed about Gov. John D. Rockefeller's economic program for West Virginia on WKEE Radio's OUTREACH program at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 17.

DR. JOHN HOGAN, professor of mathematics, spoke to the MU Alpha Theta Club at Huntington High School Jan. 12 on the topic "Mathematics at Marshall University."

Public lectures scheduled

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director of the associate degree program in nursing education at Marshall, and Dr. Charles Turner, a local physician with the Huntington Internal Group.

Smith's second public lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Campus Christian Center. The topic, "Bio-medical Ethics: Issues, Cases and Problems," is more suited to a general audience.

The response panel that night will be Dr. Richard O. Comfort, MU professor of sociology and anthropology; Dr. Ruth C. Harris, chairman of the Pediatrics Department, MU Medical School, and the Rev. Mr. Springer.

AS events info available at 6406

A 24-hour telephone number which can be called to verify Marshall Artists Series programs has been established, according to Series Manager James A. Martin.

"Should severe weather cause us to cancel or postpone a program, we want people to be able to find this out before venturing out," Martin said.

The number to be called is 6406, the MU Security Office.

Martin also said that temperatures in local auditoriums would probably be below the normal comfort level and those patrons braving the cold should dress accordingly.

Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the heads of the respective colleges for the following:

JAN. 17--Members of the MU Marching Band.

JAN. 19-22--Members of the Women's Basketball Team.

JAN. 26--James Shott, George Persinger, Mark Morgan, Don Bowyer, Steve Hopkins, G. Mike Smith, Vernon Varnum, Nancy Hill, Andrew Counts, Kevin Ireland, Danny King, Richard Turner, Robert Mesite, Rick Penix, Mark Paxton, Joe Mac Farlane, Mike Haines, Clifford Riley and Kenneth Dunn.

Regents approve new economics degree

Students interested in earning an undergraduate degree in economics from Marshall University now have two options open to them.

The degree may be earned either through the College of Arts and Sciences or through the College of Business and Applied Science.

In its Jan. 4 meeting, the West Virginia Board of Regents approved the College of Business and Applied Science's proposal to offer a Bachelor of Business Administration in economics, said Dr. L. Aubrey Drewry, dean of the college.

Previously the only avenue open to students interested in this field was a Bachelor of Arts degree through the College of Arts and Sciences, Drewry said.

Choral Union rehearsals to begin Monday

The Marshall University Choral Union is looking for new members, according to Dr. Paul Balshaw, director and MU professor of music.

The group is open to area residents as well as Marshall students, faculty and staff, Balshaw said. There are no auditions, he added.

Rehearsals for the Choral Union's spring semester concert will begin Monday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining may attend this session or any of the subsequent rehearsals scheduled from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday nights through April 4.

The choral group, accompanied by the Marshall Community Orchestra, will present Bach's Easter oratorio, "The St. John Passion," on Palm Sunday, April 3, and the following evening in Smith Recital Hall. Both performances will begin at 8 p.m.

"The basic difference between the two degrees is that the B.B.A., as its title implies, is business oriented, while the other is social sciences oriented and directed to students in the liberal arts," said Dr. Joseph S. La Cascia, chairman of the MU Economics Department.

New York, UN tour offered during break

Dr. Clair W. Matz, assistant professor of political science, will lead a four-day tour to New York and the United Nations March 5-9.

The cost of the trip will be \$150 which includes roundtrip air fare from Huntington, the UN seminar fee, and lodging while in New York. The group will leave Tri-State Airport at noon Saturday, March 5, and arrive in New York about 4 p.m. that day. The weekend will be free for participants to tour the city.

Monday and Tuesday, March 7-8, the group will participate in a seminar at the United Nations building, including tours and briefings by officials in political, economic and humanitarian areas.

Reservations may be made by contacting Dr. Matz at 6636 or in Smith Hall Room 742.

Campus job openings

Marshall's Personnel Office has announced openings for the following:

Secretary, Department of Athletics, closes Jan. 30.

Custodian, Plant Operations, (two positions) closes Jan. 30.

Secretary, Department of Occupational, Adult and Safety Education, (temporary, part-time, ends April 30) closes Jan. 30.

For further details or to apply for the above contact the Personnel Office, Old Main 207.