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News Letter

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Conservation cooperation urged

Classes resume; gas still low

Marshall University classes were resumed today following a 13-day suspension. However, the "energy crisis" continues and all members of the university community are being asked to assist in conservation efforts, President Robert B. Hayes said.

As a result of the forced shutdown, the University Calendar has been revised. Spring Vacation, scheduled for March 7-12, has been cancelled. In addition, two week-day "study days" originally planned during the final examinations period have been eliminated.

The revised University Calendar appears elsewhere in this special edition of the News Letter. A revised final examinations schedule will be announced later in the week, according to Registrar Robert H. Eddins.

As part of the energy conservation effort, two buildings which were closed Jan. 31 will remain closed, at least until March 15 and perhaps later, depending upon the weather. These are the Women's Physical Education Building and the Engineering Building. Classes in the Women's Physical Education Building have been relocated in Gullickson Hall. Engineering Building classes have been relocated in the Community College Building and in the Maintenance Building.

In addition, a number of classes in Northcott Hall have

been relocated in other buildings, removing some daytime classes and all evening classes from Northcott. This will permit the furnace in that building to be reduced to maintenance-level heating several hours earlier each day than would be possible otherwise.

The relocation of classes affects several other buildings, particularly Harris Hall, the Community College Building and the Library. A listing of class relocations has been posted throughout the campus, placed in departmental mailboxes and distributed in other ways. If you are not able to obtain a copy or if you have questions, please contact the Office of the Registrar.

Because the university is still operating under a curtailed natural gas allocation, thermostats will be kept at reduced settings throughout the campus. This affects electrically-heated buildings also. Utility costs, coupled with the severe weather, are resulting in current expense budget problems and the university must try to save money as well as energy.

"We ask the cooperation of all concerned in terms of understanding and accepting the minimum temperature, as well as reporting areas where temperatures are found to be excessive so that corrective measures can be taken immediately," Plant Operations Director Karl Egnatoff said.

"We may continue to experience occasional periods of discomfort, particularly on Monday mornings," Hayes said. "Therefore I suggest that all university employees and students dress appropriately. With proper conservation measures, I believe we can complete the semester on time, without any additional class suspensions."

TOO HOT?

Believe it or not, you may find it too hot in some buildings as Marshall University implements a strict energy conservation program. This may be particularly true in newer buildings such as Smith Hall and Harris Hall.

Thermostats are being set at minimum-comfort temperatures. However, several heating systems in newer buildings were designed to work with air conditioning throughout the year. This meant that if temperatures rose above the thermostat setting, the air conditioning would come on to bring temperatures back down to the normal setting.

As part of the energy and money conservation program, air conditioning in those types of mechanical systems has been disengaged. Consequently, a classroom thermostat setting at 64 degrees will cut out the heat when the thermostat setting is attained. However, because of the number of people using a room, as well as the possibility of sun shining through the windows, temperatures in some instances could creep up into the high 70s or 80s—particularly in the afternoon. "We are not, in that case, wasting energy," Plant Operations Director Karl Egnatoff said. "Instead, we are conserving the energy required to power the air conditioning equipment."

He added: "If you run into these kinds of situations, we want to look into them, of course. But please bear in mind that the reason for excessive heat is conservation of fuel rather than the reverse."

Easter weekend will be extended

Spring Vacation became Winter Vacation this year and classes will be in session during the originally-scheduled vacation period, March 7-12.

However, a new holiday does appear in the revised University Calendar, printed elsewhere in this issue.

Monday, April 11, will be a holiday for students and faculty. Added to the previously-scheduled April 8 Good Friday holiday, it will mean a four-day break for students and faculty.

"Since we lost the Spring Vacation, we felt it would be a good idea to give the students a break of some sort during the semester," President Robert B. Hayes said, "so we decided to make the Monday after Easter a holiday. After these past few weeks we all need to have our spirits lifted a little. Perhaps this will help."

Non-faculty employees will work both Good Friday and the day after Easter and university offices will be open.

Revised calendar, Spring 1977

February 1 thru February 13 Vacation
 February 14, Monday, 8:00 a.m. Classes Resume
 February 18, Friday Last Day to Drop
 1st 8 Weeks Courses With "W" Grade
 February 19, Saturday National Teacher Examinations
 March 15, Tuesday Mid-Semester, 1st 8 Weeks
 Courses End
 March 16, Wednesday 2nd 8 Weeks Courses Begin
 March 18, Friday Last Day to Drop Courses With
 "W" Grade
 March 21 - May 13 "WP" or "WF" Withdrawal Period
 by Dean's Permission Only
 March 26, Saturday Graduate Management
 Admission Test
 April 1, Friday Final Draft of Graduate Thesis
 Submitted to Adviser
 April 1-15 Oral Examinations for Master's Degree
 April 4-7 Advance Registration for Summer Session
 April 8, Good Friday Classes Dismissed - Offices Open

April 9, Saturday, 8:00-1:00 Written Examinations
 for Master's Degree
 April 11, Monday Classes Dismissed - Offices Open
 April 12, Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. Classes Resume
 April 15, Friday Last Day to Drop 2nd 8 Weeks
 Courses With "W" Grade
 April 18-22 Advance Registration for 1977 Fall Term
 April 23, Saturday Graduate Record Examinations
 April 25, Monday Approved Thesis Due
 in Graduate School
 May 6, Friday Last Class Day
 May 7 thru 13 Final Examination Period
 May 14, Saturday, 11:00 a.m. Commencement
 May 16, Monday, 9:00 a.m. Deadline for Submitting
 the Final Set of Grades
 (Grades Due 48 Hours After Each Exam)
 May 30, Memorial Day University Holiday -
 University Closed

Open letter to MU staff

Dear Colleagues:

The greatest pleasure I have had as president of Marshall University has been working with the people of Marshall. This feeling has been reinforced during the current energy crisis as I have watched our people react to major problems in a spirit of good will and determination.

Members of the faculty have shown a willingness to adapt their teaching to changes in the academic calendar which have been forced upon us. A number have had to deal with additional inconvenience brought about by the relocation of their classes.


The Plant Operations staff has put forth a tremendous effort, often in miserably cold conditions, to keep our walkways clear, to cope with ruptured pipes and inundated rooms, to seal some of our buildings against the cold, to provide supplemental heating in many areas and to perform many other essential tasks.

The secretarial, clerical and administrative staffs have demonstrated determination in carrying out their normal work under adverse conditions. A number have shown their flexibility in undertaking new, temporary assignments in unfamiliar surroundings.

I'm proud of our people and the way they have performed in this critical period. There may be more difficult days ahead, but I'm convinced that we can cope with the situation, provide the students with quality educational opportunities and successfully complete this semester despite the hardships.

I want to offer my deepest thanks—to all of you.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Hayes
President

Charleston concerts set

Marshall University will present two performances of the highly acclaimed musical epic, "The Chief Justice: John Marshall," on Sunday, Feb. 20, at the West Virginia Science and Culture Center in Charleston.

Performances are scheduled for 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., according to Carolanne Griffith, Center media relations director. Tickets are free and may be obtained from the Center.

State residents may reserve tickets by calling the Center's toll free number: 1-800-642-8249. Tickets may be picked up until 30 minutes prior to the performance time. Those not claimed by then will be distributed to the public on a first-come, first served basis, Ms. Griffith said.