Officials agree to property trade

Officials of Marshall University and the Cabell County Board of Education last week announced a memorandum of agreement which provides for transfer of property at University Heights to the Board of Education as the site for a new vocational, technical and adult education school.

As part of the agreement, the Board of Education would transfer the Ensign School property at 2104 Fourth Avenue to the West Virginia Board of Regents for Marshall's use. The school is located one block from the eastern edge of Marshall's campus.

Before the agreement can be consummated, it must have approval of both the Cabell County Board of Education and the West Virginia Board of Regents. In addition, the State Board of Education must approve an application for modifying the already-approved Better Schools Amendment project for Cabell County, which specifies that a vocational school will be constructed adjacent to the present Cabell County Center for Vocational, Technical and Adult Education at Fifth Avenue and 28th Street.

The Cabell board gave its approval Wednesday, June 29, and now the agreement will be submitted to the Board of Regents for its approval.

Under the agreement, the properties would be exchanged on an "even trade" basis. The Board of Education would take ownership of the University Heights tract immediately in order to begin construction of the new school.

The Cabell board would retain occupancy of Ensign School until the end of the 1979-80 school year or until such time as Engin students are housed in different facilities, should that occur sooner.

As another provision of the exchange, the Board of Regents and the Cabell board would enter into a cooperative agreement to allow some joint educational programming between Marshall's Community College and the Cabell County Vocational School. This would eliminate the possibility of duplicate course offerings and would provide for some sharing of facilities.

Finally, the memorandum of agreement calls for the Cabell board, if requested, to cooperate with Marshall in seeking funding for Community College facilities which would complement the vocational, technical and adult education facilities.

Marshall intends to use the Ensign School property to help alleviate the campus parking problems. "In addition to providing additional parking for those using the eastern area of the campus, the Ensign property will give us some badly-needed additional parking for major events in the Multi-Purpose Facility," MU Executive Vice President Olen E. Jones said.

Germans educators to visit campus July 13-19

Marshall University will be host to five German educators for a week, beginning July 13.

The teachers, one man and four women, are participants in the Experiment in International Living Program, according to Dr. Robert P. Alexander, MU Management Department chairman and coordinator of the campus program.

While here, the teachers will live in a dormitory, eat in the cafeteria, audit classes and mingle with the students. Also planned are some special lectures, tours of the area and social activities.

"I hope all faculty members will cooperate in allowing our visitors to sit in on their classes," Dr. Alexander said.

The tentative schedule calls for tours of the West Virginia Science and Culture Center in Charleston, the Huntington Galleries and Blenko Glass. Dr. O. Norman Simpsons, MU Sociology/Anthropology Department chairman, will give the visitors an overview of the Appalachian culture.

"I'd like to encourage faculty members who might be interested in having one or more of our visitors as guests in their home for dinner to call me at Marshall," Alexander said.

"Perhaps there are some people who might like to show them some other aspects of life in Huntington not normally seen on an organized tour," he added.

Alexander's campus telephone number is 696-2312.
English Dept. participates in exchange program

A Marshall University faculty member and a British educator will exchange posts for the upcoming academic year, Marshall College of Arts and Sciences Dean George Harbold, announced.

Dr. Barbara B. Brown, assistant professor of English, will take over the classes taught by Maurice P. Hussey, principal lecturer in English studies at Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology in Cambridge, England.

Hussey, a distinguished Medieval English literature scholar, will spend the year as a member of Marshall’s English faculty. He is the creator of the BBC-TV program, “Chester Mystery Plays,” which was aired recently in two segments in the United States by PBS stations.

This is the second year that Marshall has participated in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare’s Mutual Educational Exchange Program, Dr. Harbold said.

In 1975-76, Dr. Ralph Oberly, chairman of the Physics and Physical Science Department, traded roles with a Cambridgeshire College physicist. The exchange program is part of the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961.

Dr. Brown and her husband, Dr. Jack R. Brown, MU professor emeritus of English, are in England now observing Cambridgeshire College’s program before the students take their summer break.

NOTICE

The service window of the Marshall University Faculty Mail Room will be closed Saturday, July 2, so mail room employees may observe the three-day 4th of July holiday.

The mail room lobby will remain open for those who wish access to their mail boxes.

Happy holiday!

Dean Drewry resigns

Dr. Lyman Aubrey Drewry Jr., dean of Marshall University’s College of Business and Applied Science for the past four years, has submitted his resignation effective Aug. 31. Dr. Drewry said he has accepted a position at another university, which will make an announcement later.

Dr. Sara E. Anderson, associate dean, will serve as interim dean of the college until a successor to Dr. Drewry has been selected, according to Marshall Executive Vice President Olen E. Jones Jr. Announcement of a search committee to recommend a successor will be made at a later date, Dr. Jones said.

Faculty, staff achievements, activities

Dr. Karen Li Simpkins, assistant professor of sociology/anthropology, was elected in May to membership in the Association of Social Anthropology in the United Kingdom. She also attended the State of the Child Workshop at Berea College.

William C. Rogers, advisor to The Parthenon, recently attended a three-day seminar for college publication advisors in Williamsburg, Va.

Dr. Ram N. Singh elected MCIE head

New officers of the Marshall Council for International Education for the 1977-78 academic year are: Dr. Ram N. Singh, associate professor of sociology, president, and Carolyn Hunter, coordinator-reading program, Community College, vice president.

Dr. L. Aubrey Drewry, dean of the College of Business and Applied Science, was elected as an executive member-at-large. The chairman of the four subcommittees will be elected this fall.

HOLIDAY

Monday, July 4, is a university holiday. All offices will be closed in observance of the day.