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Higher ed subcommittee to visit campus

The subcommittee on higher education of the West Virginia Legislature's joint committee on government and finance will visit Marshall University on Friday, Sept. 16.

Subcommittee members will meet with all segments of the campus community during their day-long visit. Sessions will be held in the Special Dining Room and the Multi-Purpose Room of the Memorial Student Center as follows:

- 9 a.m. meeting with administrators.
- 10:30 a.m., meeting with faculty.

--Noon, lunch.

--1 p.m., tour of campus

--2:30 p.m. meeting with students.

--3:30 p.m., meeting with nonfaculty staff.

The meetings with faculty, students and nonfaculty staff will be open to all members of those groups as well as their official representatives. The subcommittee has said it invites discussion on any topic affecting the university.

Note: policy change

Statement Regarding Withdrawal:

Because of some students' evasion of the requirement to obtain the instructor's signature on the withdrawal form for dropping individual courses, the following policy has been adopted by the academic deans, effective immediately:

When a single course is dropped, if the Withdrawal form does not have a valid faculty signature, the action is nullified, and the instructor will assign the appropriate grade.

This statement is recommended as a part of the official Withdrawal policy printed in the University catalog. It will require the student to contact his instructor prior to dropping a course.

For students who withdraw entirely from the University, the Deans Offices will notify the instructors through the use of the usual reporting forms.

Dr. Noel J. Richards
Vice President for Academic
Affairs

Faculty advisory council gets program review voice

The Faculty Advisory Council of the West Virginia Board of Regents met three times during the summer. Noteworthy among matters dealt with and developments occurring were these:

1. A proposed revision of Policy Bulletin no. 40 (Delegation of Certain Personnel Authority and Responsibility to Presidents) was approved by the Council and forwarded to the Council of Presidents for its approval before being sent to the Board of Regents. The Presidents rejected the draft, but formed a 3-man committee to study the proposal further. [No great significance should be attached to the Presidents' rejection of the Faculty proposal. The draft did not represent a substantial change over the present policy bulletin (approved by the Board in May 1976), and was poorly written besides. As I pointed out last spring when asking for your views on PB 40, authority regarding tenure is the only remaining matter of vital importance to faculty that needs dealing with, and the draft contained no proposed changes in connection with tenure decisions.]
2. A proposed revision of Policy Bulletin no. 20 (Policy Regarding Quality Points For Graduation) that would allow each institution within the system, to set its own policy concerning the so-called "forgiveness rule" was approved by the Council and forwarded to the Council of Presidents for its approval. Under the present PB20, only West Virginia University is permitted to establish its own policy.
3. The Council received the assurance of Vice-Chancellor John Wright that it could in the future have a voice in the academic program review process. The Council is now satisfied that, while it may be unpleasant for those involved, there is nothing mysterious or sinister about program review. The report made by the institution is expected to address the key problem of low number of degrees awarded and/or small enrollments in a given program, and should either provide valid reasons for continuation or recommend terminations or modifications in order to deal with the problem. In conducting the review it is important to look at the broader question of the relation between a low-enrollment program and the general institutional plans or goals. Low numbers alone will not automatically bring termination.

Marshall programs designated for inclusion in this year's round of academic program review were six associate degree programs (Accounting, Medical Laboratory Technology,

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Acting chairman named

Dr. Steven Hatfield, Marshall University associate professor of mathematics, has been appointed acting chairman of the Mathematics Department, Dr. E. S. Hanrahan, MU College of Science dean, announced.

Hatfield succeeds Dr. Thurmon Whitley, associate professor, who asked to be relieved of his administrative duties in order to devote full-time to teaching, the dean said.

REMINDER

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED IN STADIUM. The state law which prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages at Fairfield Stadium will be strictly enforced by university police officers. In order to enforce this law, spectators will not be permitted to carry containers of any type into the stadium.

Announcements...

Information cards for the 1977-78 faculty-staff directory were distributed with the Aug. 31 paychecks. Please return the cards as soon as possible, so work can begin on the new directory. If you did not receive a card, please stop by University Relations, Old Main 112, and ask for one.

RATE CHANGE

The Public Employees Insurance Board notified us that as of Sept. 1, rates were increased due to rising medical costs. The new rate schedule for employees currently paying premiums will be: \$9.10 per month, single coverage, or \$19.90 per month, family coverages. **NOTE: Only employees who have been at Marshall less than a year are affected by this change.**

News Letter deadline

The Marshall University News Letter is published every Friday when classes are in session. The deadline for submitting news is 10 a.m. on Wednesday prior to publication. Items may be brought to the University Relations Office, Old Main 112, or sent through campus mail.

Gallup Poll head to speak here Tuesday

George Gallup Jr., president of The Gallup Poll, will speak at Marshall University at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the Multi-Purpose Room of Memorial Student Center.

Gallup's campus appearance is sponsored by the Lecture Series and Contemporary Issues Committees of Marshall's Student Activities Office. The event is open to the public without charge.

A leader in the field of public opinion research, Gallup will discuss the findings of several international polls relating to contemporary issues which were conducted by Gallup pollsters. A question and answer period will follow his talk.

Faculty and staff achievements, activities...

DR. LEONARD J. DEUTSCH, assistant professor of English, has been commissioned to write the Ralph Ellison entry for the "Dictionary of Literary Biography."

DR. W. C. SISARCICK, associate professor of mathematics, recently became an Associate of the Society of Actuaries. He is now one of approximately 50 people in the United States and Canada who hold both a Ph.D. degree in mathematics and an associateship in the Society of Actuaries.

DR. WARREN W. WOODEN, associate professor of English, has an article entitled "Anti-Scholastic Satire in Sir Thomas More's 'Utopia,'" in the current issue of The Sixteenth Century Journal, VIII, 2, 29-45.

DR. ROBERT F. MADDUX, associate professor of history, has published an article entitled "The Martin-Rosier Affair" in the spring issue of Capitol Studies. MADDUX also will read a paper at the Duquesne University History Forum on Oct. 21 and has been appointed to the membership committee of the Organization of American Historians.

CALENDAR REFILLS

Faculty and staff should send requests for 1978 desk calendar refills to Jess Bocook, Receiving Department, no later than Oct. 3. Please specify size, make and quantity of refills and include your department name, room number and building.

REVIEW BOOKS

The University Relations Office has acquired a new batch of books which, under an agreement with the Herald-Dispatch, may be reviewed by faculty and staff members.

Stop by Old Main 112, look over the selection and if you find one to your liking, it's yours. Your review should be mailed to James E. Casto, Book Page Editor, The Herald-Dispatch, Box 2016, Huntington, W. Va. 25701.

SABBATICAL LEAVE

Sabbatical leave application forms are available in the Office of Academic Affairs, Old Main 110. Anyone applying for a sabbatical for fall semester 1978-79, spring semester 1978-79, or the academic year 1978-79 must have the completed form, with endorsement by chairman and dean, in the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, before 4 p.m. on Oct. 3.

TEST DATES

The National Teacher Examinations (NTE) will be given three times at Marshall University during the academic year 1977-78, Dr. Jack Jervis, interim dean of the MU College of Education, announced today.

The test dates are: Nov. 12, Feb. 18, and July 15.

Information on the NTE registration procedures and registration forms may be obtained from the College of Education at Marshall or from the Educational Testing Service (ETS), Box 911, Princeton, N.J., 08540.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are invited from students wishing to apply for Rhodes Scholarships for graduate study at Oxford University in England, beginning in September, 1978. Rhodes Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to 32 outstanding students from the U.S. who have demonstrated academic ability and leadership potential. The scholarship provides for a subsistence allowance in addition to payment of tuition and fees.

The deadline for applying is Oct. 31, 1977. Interested applicants may obtain applications and further details by contacting Dr. E. S. Hanrahan, College of Science, Old Main 115, Telephone 696-2372.

NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

DEBORAH DALPORTO, administrative aide, College of Education; NANCY M. KINGSBURY, health programs advisor, Student Development; VANESSA B. BROWN, secretary, Plant Operations; PATRICIA L. RATLIFF, clerk-typist, College of Arts and Sciences, and GARNET VIRGINIA KEENEY, keypunch operator, Computer Center.

Welcome to Marshall!

Ashland Oil head named to advisory board

Robert E. Yancey, president of Ashland Oil, Inc., has accepted an appointment to serve as a member of the Marshall University Advisory Board, Marshall President Robert B. Hayes announced.

He succeeds Orin E. Atkins, Ashland Oil chairman and chief executive officer, on the seven-member board. Atkins resigned from the board earlier this year because his extensive schedule of business travel made it impossible for him to attend many meetings of the board.

Both Yancey and Atkins are Marshall alumni and both have received "Distinguished Alumni" awards from the Marshall Alumni Association.

"We are very pleased that a man of Bob Yancey's stature and ability has agreed to join the Marshall Advisory Board," Hayes said. "He is a proven leader and we are looking forward to working closely with him in the further development of Marshall University."

"At the same time," Hayes added, "we regret very much that Orin Atkins' corporate responsibilities made it impossible for him to continue to serve on the board. He has displayed his tremendous leadership talents repeatedly as a member of the Advisory Board and has made a tremendous contribution to Marshall University."

Faculty advisory council reports actions

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Cytotechnology, Engineering Technology, Library Media Technology, and Recreation Leadership) and four secondary teacher education specializations (Chemistry, Physics, Safety Education, and Mentally Retarded). Institutional reports are due by October 1 and decisions by the Board will be made at its December meeting.

4. The Board of Regents' document containing salary and wage increase guidelines for the current (1977-78) fiscal year read as follows:

"The average increase in the salaries and wages of continuing employees at West Virginia public colleges and universities shall be at least five percent in fiscal year 1977-78. Continuing employees are those employed on a regular basis on or before January 1, 1977. As a matter of emphasis, this approach does not mandate that each and every employee shall receive an across-the-board increase of five percent.

All employees as defined above shall generally receive an across-the-board increase of three percent. Exceptions are permitted in instances of unsatisfactory performance or instances of existing inequities. However, such exceptions shall be especially submitted to the Board of Regents for its information.

At least a two percent average increase for all continuing employees as defined above shall be awarded for merit recognition and equity type adjustments according to appropriate individual institutional procedures.

Normally, increases shall be calculated on the basis of the annualized salary or wage of the individual employee. Exceptions may be made for those who are on an employment anniversary date schedule."

5. A copy of the report prepared by the Council's salary study committee was forwarded via the Chancellor to Governor Rockefeller early in July. Shortly thereafter the Chancellor received a letter from the Governor expressing

his appreciation for the report and his assurance of inclusion of facts therein in his future deliberations.

6. Dr. I. Dee Peters, Chairman of the Department of Mathematics at West Virginia University, was re-elected as chairman of the Faculty Advisory Council and in July became the first voting member of the West Virginia Board of Regents.

7. Included among agenda items for the September 16 meeting of the Council are the following: 1) rank and tenure for faculty in terminal and career programs, and 2) the hiring of retired faculty. Your comments or questions on these or other matters will be welcomed. Send memos care of the History Department or call X-6780.

A member of Senator Robert R. Nelson's staff has informed me that members of the West Virginia Legislature's Subcommittee on Higher Education will visit the Marshall campus on Friday, Sept. 16, and will meet with interested faculty beginning at 10:30 a.m. This offers us opportunity to talk to the lawmakers about our problems at a time when they are especially receptive.

Frank Aldred
Marshall Representative
Faculty Advisory Council
of the Board of Regents

Membership coffee set

The Huntington Branch, American Association of University Women, will hold a prospective members coffee from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday (Sept. 10) at the home of Mrs. George Hervey, 4 Cavalier Drive.

Women graduates of accredited institutions or those recognized by the International Federation of University Women are eligible for membership and are invited to attend the coffee.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Boyce Yarbrough, 522-9119, or Sara Staats, 523-5988.