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Artists Series study committee is named

Dr. E. David DuBois, pastor of Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, has accepted an appointment to serve as chairman of a committee to study the future of Marshall University Artists Series, Marshall President Robert B. Hayes announced this week.

Also named to the committee were students Donna Norton and Allen Whitesides; Mrs Richard K. VanZandt and John E. Jenkins, Jr., representing the community; Dr. David C. Duke and Mrs. Robert V. Shepherd of the Marshall faculty, and Kenneth E. Blue of the university’s Student Affairs division.

Marshall to host physics teachers meet

More than 50 physicists from universities, colleges and high schools from West Virginia, Ohio and Maryland will attend the 1977 meeting of the Appalachian Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers this weekend, Nov. 4-5, at Marshall University.

Dr. Thomas J. Manakkil, MU associate professor of physics, is program chairman and Marshall University is host for the event.

Numerous activities are planned and all members of the physics teaching community, their guests and students are invited to attend.

Dr. Noel J. Richards, vice president for academic affairs at Marshall, will present the welcoming address Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Science Hall Auditorium.

Activity began today at 2 p.m. with a presentation of digital electronics and microprocessor systems featuring demonstrations and programs on working models of microcomputing units on the first floor of the Science Hall under the direction of C.N. Cochran of the MU Department of Computer Science, Dr. Manakkil and Dr. A.R. Lepley, MU professor of chemistry.

Lepley will present a seminar program on “Evaluating Microprocessor Systems” Friday at 7 p.m. in Science Hall Room 101.

The computer portion of the program is co-sponsored by Marshall, the American Association of Physics Teachers and the Central Ohio Valley Computer Union.

At least five major national computer manufacturing companies will have working models on display, Lepley said.

Beginning at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dr. Ralph E. Oberly, chairman of the Marshall Physics Department, will discuss “Application of Lasers in Scientific Problems.”

Weather permitting, the remainder of Friday evening will be spent viewing the sky through the new 14-inch telescope in the Donald C. Martin Observatory at the Huntington Galleries.

Anyone interested may attend the sessions.

Saturday’s program will begin with registration and a coffee hour at 9 a.m. in Room 100 of the Science Hall.

Following the welcome address by Dr. Richards, papers from scientists from Marshall, Ohio State University, Ohio University, Frostburg State College, West Virginia University and West Virginia State College will be presented.

In a letter to members of the Artists Series Board of Trustees, Hayes said the Artists Series has serious problems and that he has asked the committee to make a comprehensive study and present recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

He noted in his letter that James A. Martin, Artist Series coordinator, had submitted his resignation and that it had been accepted.

“The first problem I was handed when I became interim president of Marshall in July, 1974, concerned the Artists Series,” Hayes said in the letter. “The original problem has not been solved and I have had to deal with it on a regular basis since 1974. It is my opinion that unless we are able to make some major changes in the Series it will be a lost cause before long. I do not want this to happen and I do not believe that it is inevitable. However, to save the Series will require a sound plan and improved promotion.”

Hayes said the committee will be asked to include in its studies: (1) relationship of the university/town communities, (2) structure and role of the board, (3) programming, (4) finances, (5) audience development, (6) facilities, (7) staffing.

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draws record entry

Thirty-nine teams from seven states, the largest turnout in its history, are expected for the John Marshall Debate Forum hosted by the Marshall University Speech Department today and Saturday.

Approximately 100 people from West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland and Alabama will participate in the two-day tournament, according to Dr. John Bliese, assistant professor of speech and event coordinator.

West Virginia schools sending teams include: Alderson-Broaddus, Fairmont State, Shepherd and West Virginia Wesleyan colleges, and West Virginia and Marshall universities.

Others competing include: University of South Alabama; George Mason and James Madison universities of Virginia; Eastern Kentucky State and Morehead State universities of Kentucky; Towson State College of Maryland; Clarion State, Washington and Jefferson and Westminster colleges of Pennsylvania, and the University of Akron, Capital University and Marietta College of Ohio.

Competition rounds for both junior and senior division teams began at 2 p.m. today and will continue throughout the evening. Saturday’s rounds begin at 9 a.m. and the final round is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

United Way pledges

United Way pledges may be returned to your division leader or sent to Neal Adkins, associate professor of accounting and MU drive chairman, through the campus mail.
Committee to begin work immediately

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Hayes said the committee is expected to begin its work immediately since planning requirements for the 1978-79 county school system.

"We have received comments and criticism concerning what has happened, with suggestions that the action taken indicates a lack of university support for the Series," Hayes noted in the letter. "In every case and the action taken, I hope, will permit us to save and bring new vitality to an important facet of the life of our community. I have found that problems ignored seldom go away and often they become enlarged and more difficult, if not impossible, to solve. We in this community have ignored the Arts Series problems too long and it is time to do our best to solve them."

In an Oct. 28 meeting with members of the Board of Trustees, Hayes expressed concern not only with the Series' financial situation, but with the decline of interest in the program within the general community and among students in the past several years.

The Baxter Series, the element of the program designed primarily for community participation, at one point had a season membership of nearly 2,000. It attracted just over 1,000 season membership sales for the 1976-77 season following a late, intensive campaign to sell memberships. As of last Friday, the figure for this season's programs stood at 692.

"A situation in which attendance begins to fall off, and of which it continues, there will be a breakdown in the near future. We're going to have to plan to and work, and work hard, to keep that from happening," he added.

Membership of the study committee is made up of representatives of all the components of the Artists Series Board, plus Mr. Blue from the MU Student Affairs area.

More faculty and staff achievements....

Several members of the English Department attended the annual convention of the American Speech and Hearing Association at the College English Teachers held at Jackson's Mill Oct. 29-29. They included: DR. WILLIAM P. SULLIVAN and DR. ROBERT S. GERKE, professors; DR. PHILLIP McM. PITMAN, DR. WARREN W. WOODEN and DR. WILLIAM C. HARMS, associate professors, and DIANA WALDRON, assistant professor. Dr. Pittman is president of the association and Dr. Wooden is editor of its journals, "The Bulletin of the WACAA.

Members of the Counseling and Rehabilitation Department attended the meeting of the American Counseling Association in Charleston on Oct. 29 were DR. ROBERT DINGMAN, associate professor, DR. VIOLETTA EASH, assistant professor, and DR. WILLIAM WALLACE, professor. The workshop, conducted by Dr. Iris V. Yalom, professor of psychiatry at the Stanford University School of Medicine, was sponsored by the Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry Department of the Charleston Division, West Virginia University School of Medicine.

DR. DAVID CUSICK, assistant professor of mathematics, gave reports of students in the School of Business in Charleston on Oct. 26. The seminar was entitled "Teaching Your Pocket Calculator Some New Tricks.

DR. JOHN HOGAN, professor of mathematics, spoke on "Probability and Matrices" at Winfield High School on Oct. 27.

DR. DERYL LEAMING, professor of journalism and departmental chairman, is the recipient of Fort Hays Kansas State University's 1977 Alumni Achievement Award, the school's highest recognition of its graduates. The award, established in 1959, recognizes those graduates who have made "outstanding and unselfish" contributions in their chosen fields.

DR. JABIR A. ABBAS, associate professor of political science, attended the 10th annual convention of Arab-American and Pacific States Graduates, held Oct. 21-23 in Detroit. He participated in a panel on "Political Organization and Mass Movements" and presented a paper entitled "Toward a Meaningful Participation in the Arab Peasants in their Cooperatives for a Better Living." The conference theme was "Issues of the Seventies in the Arab World." Attending the session were academicians and researchers from Canada, England, France, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya and the United States. Also present were cabinet members from Libya and Iraq.

Tickets at half price

All full-time Marshall University employees may purchase season basketball tickets for themselves or for members of their immediate family for $24 each, half the regular season ticket price. For additional information call the Athletic Ticket Office, 3190.

Officers elected by faculty women's group

Coral R. Snodgrass, instructor in finance and business law, was elected president of the Faculty Women's Association at the annual meeting of the organization Oct. 12.

Other officers of the association are Dr. Carol Klocks, assistant professor of education; DR. DONNA SPINDEL, assistant professor of history, secretary-treasurer;