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Campus response to United Way ‘poor’

Neal Adkins, associate professor of accounting and head of Marshall’s United Way effort, is perplexed.

After exceeding its United Way goal last year, the Marshall University community has raised less than 60% of the current goal of $13,500.

Only 257 persons from Marshall’s 1,370 employees responded with contributions this year, according to Adkins. Less than $8,000 has been raised, he said.

“Those of us involved in the campaign are dismayed by Marshall’s poor showing this year, especially in view of last year’s efforts,” Adkins said.

“I’m not sure how this happened, but I’d like to know,” he said. “I’d appreciate hearing from any faculty member or staff member–anonymously if necessary–as to why they didn’t support the United Way effort,” Adkins added.

He also urged those who have not made pledges and who would like to contribute to contact him in Old Main 224, call him at 2310, or contact any of the United Way division leaders on campus.

“If all of us give something, no matter how little, the drive will be a success and we all can share the joy of helping others,” he said.

Regents approve reorganization

A reorganization of academic programs at Marshall University will be completed with the implementation of several changes approved by the West Virginia Board of Regents at its meeting Tuesday, Dec. 6.

The reorganization actually began last July 1 when the College of Science was established, according to Dr. Noel J. Richards, vice president for academic affairs.

Changes approved Tuesday which will take place immediately are:

- The College of Arts and Sciences becomes the College of Liberal Arts.
- The College of Business and Applied Science now is the College of Business.
- The Department of Journalism has been designated the School of Journalism.

Changes to become effective July 1 are:

- Establishment of a School of Nursing, with the dean reporting to the vice president for health sciences.
- Transfer of the Department of Art and the Department of Music from the College of Education to the College of Liberal Arts.
- Transfer of the Department of Economics from the College of Liberal Arts to the College of Business.

Several of the changes cannot be implemented until the next fiscal year, starting July 1, because they have budgetary implications, Richards said.

Richards said the changes had been endorsed by the units involved, as well as by the Academic Planning and Standards Committee and the University Council. He said he did not anticipate any further changes in the academic organization in the immediate future.

Personnel Office launches ‘Hotline’

Want to explore new career opportunities available on campus? Call Marshall’s “Employment Hotline,” 696-3644, and learn about current positions open within the university.

A tape recorded message provides the listener with a listing of job openings on campus and a brief description of the qualifications needed.

The “Hotline” was installed last week and may be called 24 hours a day, according to Ray A. Nissen, MU personnel director.

“We have added the ‘hotline’ approach to our periodic posting of positions available in hopes of reaching more employees who are seriously interested in upgrading their employment,” Nissen said.

Holiday party

A Christmas party for all university employees–current and retired–and their families will be hosted by President and Mrs. Robert B. Hayes on Friday, Dec. 16, in the Multi-Purpose Room, Memorial Student Center, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There will be light refreshments and music, in addition to an appearance by Santa Claus.
Faculty and staff achievements.

CAPT. GORDON B. JOBE, assistant professor of military science, survived the Wilderness Instructor's Training Course conducted at Seneca Rock, W.Va., Oct. 25-28. Activities included hiking, camping, cave exploring, mountain climbing and fire fighting.

DR. JOSEPH S. LA CASCIA, professor of economics and departmental chairman, has accepted the presidency of the Mountain State Economic Association (MSEA) for 1977-78. MSEA is a statewide organization for those in business, government and education residing in the economy of West Virginia.

Dr. JAMES MANAKKIL, associate professor of physics, was installed as president of the Appalachian Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers at its annual meeting in Pittsburgh.

John McKernan, assistant professor of English, has had his first book of poetry published by Lost Roads of Fayetteville, Ark. Entitled "Waking Along the Missouri River," the volume is a collection of his poems which have appeared in national magazines, such as Atlantic Monthly, New Yorker, Harpers, and Saturday Review.

Reneu now!
Faculty members with library books due Dec. 20 are urged to renew the books now and avoid any conflict with exams and grade reports.

Mail early to avoid problems
Planning a large mailing through the campus mail room?

Need notices stuffed in campus mail boxes for faculty and staff?

Both can be handled more smoothly if mail room personnel know about it in advance and are given a little lead time.

The mail room was caught short of postage last week as large mailings made their way through the mail room.

"It's not cleared out yet," said assistant mailroom scheduler, Shelly Jenkins, MU staff person. "The office of College of Arts and Sciences, survived the Wilderness Instructor's Training Course conducted at Seneca Rock, W.Va., Oct. 25-28. Activities included hiking, camping, cave exploring, mountain climbing and fire fighting."

"It's a simple cash flow problem but one that can affect the entire university," he added.

McKernan advised those planning large mailings to inform mail room personnel of their needs at least a month in advance. "It takes that long to process the paperwork here and we have the funds on hand."

On handling on-campus distribution of information to faculty and staff, McKernan suggested two to three days be allowed mail room personnel to get the material in the mail boxes.

"It strikes me as unfair to delay delivery of mainstream mail to put meeting notices in the boxes. Let us handle the meeting notices when there is a bill in the primary mail," he urged.

Information available
The office of College of Arts & Sciences has information regarding a faculty appointment to the Brookings Staff Association for 1978-79. Further information is available in Main 111.