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Six Faculty Gab Sessions set for semester

The first Faculty Gab Session of the second semester will be held Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 3 p.m. in the Presidents Room of Memorial Student Center.

A total of six Gab Sessions have been scheduled, all on Tuesday afternoons. Each will be held at 3 p.m. in the Presidents Room. The dates:
- Feb. 3, Feb. 17, March 2, March 16, April 13 and April 27.

Faculty Gab Sessions are designed to provide opportunities for informal discussions between members of the faculty and President Hayes.

Marshall University News Letter

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National figures to discuss issues

A series of addresses by national figures on two key national issues-defense spending and the quality of health care-will be held at Marshall University in February and March.

The series, called the National Issues Forum and sponsored by the student Lecture Series and Contemporary Issues committees, will feature former Chief of Staff William S. Westmoreland; former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey A. Clark; Dr. Charles A. Hoffman, past president of the American Medical Association, and Max W. Fine, executive director of the Committee for National Health Insurance.

All programs are open to the public without admission charge.

The schedule:
- Thursday, Feb. 5--Max Fine, "National Health Insurance," 8 p.m., Alumni Lounge, Memorial Student Center.
- Tuesday, Feb. 10--Ramsey Clark, "National Defense Spending: A Weapon or Butter Economy?" 8 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Memorial Student Center.
- Thursday, March 4--Dr. Charles Hoffman, "The Practicing Physician of the Present and the Future," 8 p.m., Alumni Lounge, Memorial Student Center.
- Thursday, March 18--Gen. William Westmoreland, "National Defense Spending: A Weapon or Butter Economy?" 8 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Memorial Student Center.

Regents’ advisors meet; actions reported

The Advisory Council of Faculty of the West Virginia Board of Regents met Jan. 11, 1976, and conducted the following items of business:

1. The Chancellor touched on the following items in his report to the Council:
   (1) The Governor’s budget request for 1976-77 contained full funding for medical education and the scholarship program. All other items in the Board’s request for 1976-77 were listed at the 1975-76 funding levels.
   (2) The Report of the Subcommitte on Higher Education [the “Nelson Committee”] represents the faculties as being shut off from the Board and the presidents as being too powerful. The Report endorses trespass legislation and student parking. [I have a copy of the Report for anyone who would like to see it.]
   (3) The Academic Affairs Advisory Committee will prepare a position paper on teacher certification which will contain suggested changes for the approval of programs as well as measures to facilitate institutional initiative.

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New Research and Creative Arts Bulletin available

The eleventh edition of the Marshall University Research and Creative Arts Bulletin has been released and copies should have reached most members of the faculty and administration, according to Dr. Paul Stewart, dean of the Graduate School and editor of the publication.

Stewart said information for the bulletin was collected from faculty members of the 1974-75 academic year and covers the period from September, 1971 to April, 1975.

This edition of the bulletin is dedicated to Dr. Walter Perl, professor of German, who died last spring. He had served as editor for several previous editions.

Persons who have not received a current copy of the bulletin may get one from the Graduate School Office, Old Main 127.

Those members of the 1974-75 faculty who did not submit material for the current edition may do so now in the event a supplementary publication is prepared, Stewart said.
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(4) When asked about student evaluation of faculty members the Chancellor replied that, while it is incorporated in Policy Bulletin number 36, the Board has no policy per se and probably would find it difficult to prescribe one at the system level.

(5) Re tuition waiver under Board policy, the Chancellor noted that institutions now are permitted to distribute the waivers without restriction. Each institution is allowed to give waivers up to five per cent of the previous year’s FTE. At present, 46.47 per cent of tuition waivers are awarded to out-of-state students. Pressure is mounting for a policy which would (a) limit the number of out-of-state tuition waivers, and (b) make “need” the only criterion in making the awards. [The Board has the authority to make quid pro quo arrangements with other states, and conversations with Kentucky are scheduled to begin this spring.]

(6) The Chancellor reported that he had written a letter to the Governor requesting an increase in the rate allowable for travel compensation. [A bill has been introduced to implement this increase.]

MU faculty and staff achievements, activities...

DR. CHARLES I. JONES, chairman of the Department of Occupational, Adult and Safety Education, has been appointed to membership on the West Virginia Advisory Council on Vocational Education by Gov. Arch A. Moore Jr. The appointment is for a three-year term effective Jan. 22.

EDWARD J. PRELAZ, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation, has been certified as an emergency medical technician by the West Virginia Department of Health. Prelaz attended the 82-hour course at St. Mary’s Hospital.

MRS. OLIVE B. HAGER, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation and president of the West Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, conducted the association’s leadership conference at Jackson’s Mill, Jan. 16-17. On Jan. 13, she spoke on “Developmental Playgrounds” at Griffithsville (W.Va.) Elementary School, and on Jan. 14 spoke to Logan County, W.Va., physical education teachers on “Professional Involvement.”

WALLIN S. McCARDELL, assistant professor of journalism, recently attended the national meeting of The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, in Philadelphia. Seventeen MU student journalists also attended.

RALPH J. TURNER, assistant professor of journalism, was a panelist for a discussion of “Ethics of Journalism” on Jan. 22 at a meeting of the Ohio Valley-Kanawha Professional Chapter, Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, at the Henry Clay Hotel in Ashland, Ky.

DR. WILLIAM P. SULLIVAN, professor of English, chaired the Legislative Dinner of the West Virginia Conference, American Association of University Professors on Jan. 21 at Morris Harvey College in Charleston. Marshall also was represented at the meeting by DR. CAROLYN KARR, associate professor of social studies; DR. LEONARD DEUTSCH, assistant professor of English, and JOSEPHINE FIDLER, acquisitions librarian.

Absences excused...

Excused absences have been approved by the respective colleges for the following persons on the date listed:

JAN. 22—Robert Leete, Danny King, David King, Ronald G. Smith, Stephanie Austin, Donna Basham, Julia Bowen, Karen Graham, Stephanie Holman, Mary Lopez, Terri Miller, Susan Powers, Barbara Sepcic, Robin Vealey, Agnes Wheeler and Kim Williams.

TRAVEL FILM SET MONDAY

Jonathan Hager will present his travel adventure film, “Scotland Afore Ye,” at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2 in Old Main Auditorium. Admission is by season membership to the Marshall Artists Series, Forum Series, or by valid student activity card.

OSCAR BRAND TO APPEAR TUESDAY

Folksinger Oscar Brand will present a program of songs at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in Smith Recital Hall as part of the Marshall Artists Series, Forum Series. The program is open to the public without admission charge.
Editor's note: Marshall's receipt of a letter of reasonable assurance of accreditation for the medical school last week was hailed in the U.S. Senate Jan. 23 in an address by Senator Jennings Randolph. It was published in the Congressional Record of Jan. 23. Senator Randolph has been one of the key figures in the establishment of the medical school and in working with the Liaison Committee for Medical Education to obtain the accreditation letter. His remarks, as published in the Congressional Record, follow:

Mr. President, there is understandable happiness and justifiable satisfaction among the citizens of our State, particularly in Huntington, Cabell County, and the surrounding areas. On yesterday, Marshall University received news that the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the Association of American Medical Colleges and the American Medical Association will issue a letter of "reasonable assurance of accreditation" for the development of a new medical school at this university.

This new medical school will be funded in part under the Veterans' Affairs Medical School Assistance and Health Manpower Training Act, Public Law 92-541. This measure authorizes the Veterans Administration to assist institutions of higher learning in the development of new medical schools and health professions training programs through direct funding and utilization of Veterans Administration hospital facilities and staff. Under this program, it is necessary that an institution and a veterans hospital be in close proximity. At Huntington there is an outstanding Veterans Administration health care facility. It was my responsibility as a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee to participate in the formulation of Public Law 92-541, enacted in 1972.

Since the inception of this constructive and progressive legislation for the training and education of health care professionals, Marshall University, citizens of our State, and public officials have worked diligently toward the development of a new medical school utilizing this authority. These efforts have required constant perseverance and cooperation. In June 1974 the Veterans Administration announced preliminary approval of the Marshall University application contingent on certain requirements to be fulfilled by the university. One of these was the letter of "reasonable assurance of accreditation" from AMA-AAMC Liaison Committee on Medical Education. This particular requirement is now in the process of being finalized.

There were those persons at the outset who doubted that this effort could be successful. There were those who lost confidence at various times in our labors. There were those who lost hope and left the fight. Some persons downgraded this endeavor. But Marshall University and the majority of our citizens of West Virginia persevered. We did not quit.

This has been a challenging task—almost a crusade—and it is impossible in these brief remarks to commend all of those persons who performed and who are continuing to perform essential roles as we move forward with the development of a final program for a new medical school for the training of urgently needed physicians. I do express tribute to President Robert Hayes of the university, his staff and faculty, and the students of Marshall University. I stress also that our Governor, Members of the Congress, and the State Legislature, the Board of Regents, the medical fraternity, and local health care institutions in the area of Huntington have exercised critical roles in this program.

This success was wrought by planning, by documentation of the facts, and by effective presentation of our valid case. There is much work yet to be done on this project as we cooperate to establish a Marshall University Medical School. I am confident this objective will be achieved.

AAUW slates first discussion for series

The first dialogue in the American Association of University Women's American Issues Forum series will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, in the Special Collections Department (third floor), James E. Morrow Library.

Peggy P. Jarrett, assistant professor of education and chairman of the AAUW series, reported that Dr. Mahlon C. Brown, professor of social studies, will be discussion leader. Mrs. James Bobbitt will be the hostess. Issues to be discussed are "The American Work Ethic" and "The Welfare State: Providing a Livelihood."

The event is open without charge to Marshall University faculty, staff, students and friends.