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News Letter

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North Central to visit campus

A nine-member visitation team from the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will be on Marshall's campus April 5-7, according to MU President Robert B. Hayes.

The team will be re-evaluating the entire university in light of the addition of both the School of Medicine and Community College.

Serving on the evaluating team, headed by Dr. Kenneth E. Lindner, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, are:

Dr. C. Nelson Grote, president of Schoolcraft College, Livonia, Mich.; Dr. Harry F. Hodge, dean of the College of Education at Arkansas State University; Dr. E. Russell Kuchel, provost for research and institutional development at Northern Arizona University; Carroll Larson, M.D., professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Iowa, and Dr. Barbara H. Mickey, associate vice president and dean of academic programs at the University of Northern Colorado.

Serving as associate members of the re-evaluation team are: Dr. Arthur C. Mackinney, Graduate School dean and professor of psychology and management at Wright State University; Dr. Georgia E. Lesh-Laurie, assistant dean at Western Reserve College and associate professor of biology at Case Western Reserve University, and Dr. Lionel H. Newsom, president of Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio.

Also on campus for a portion of the three-day visit will be Dr. Joseph A. Barney, North Central assistant executive director.

The commission members will meet with the president and other campus administrators; Dr. Ben L. Morton, chancellor for the West Virginia Board of Regents, and board staff members; and faculty and student representatives.

The commission members are expected to report privately to Dr. Hayes within six weeks for after the visit, but the Association's decision won't be made until the organization's summer meeting in mid-July.

At that meeting in Chicago, university officials will be available to answer questions or to present any new supportive data.

Record spring enrollment is reported by Eddins

A record Spring Term enrollment of 10,367 was reported Tuesday by Registrar Robert H. Eddins. The figure includes 10,338 taking courses for credit and 29 auditing classes.

The breakdown shows 2,813 freshmen, 1,783 sophomores, 1,395 juniors, 1,576 seniors, 2,348 graduate students and 450 unclassified. There are 5,888 full-time students and 4,479 part-time students.

The College of Arts and Sciences has 3,435 students; College of Education, 2,108; College of Business and Applied Science, 1,802; Graduate School, 2,348; School of Medicine, 178, and Community College, 496.

Hillbilly made available

Free copies of the West Virginia Hillbilly, the weekly newspaper, published to Richwood by Marshall Alumnus Jim Comstock, are being made available to Marshall University students and faculty.

Distribution tables have been set up in the Student Center and in the corridor outside the Mail Room.

Comstock said a Bluefield woman was underwriting the costs of the free distribution of Hillbilly on campuses in the state.

Series events announced

Four internationally renowned artists and artistic groups have been engaged for the 41st season of the Marshall Artists Series, Baxter Series, according to James A. Martin, series coordinator.

Opening the 1976-77 season on Oct. 19 will be the legendary Soviet pianist, Lazar Berman.

Season memberships for the series are available now at a special advance price of \$24 each until March 31 from Mrs. E. Norval Carter, 533 13th Ave., Huntington, W.Va., 25701. Checks should be made payable to the Marshall Artists Series.

After March 31, season memberships will be sold for \$28 each.

On Nov. 9, Robert Merrill, leading Metropolitan Opera baritone, and Louise Russell, coloratura soprano, will perform. Scheduled for Feb. 9 is the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, followed on Feb. 21 by the Leningrad Symphony Orchestra.

All events will be held at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre in Huntington.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Marshall Artists Series, 6656, or by stopping by the office in Room 2W23, Memorial Student Center.

Next Gab Session

The next Faculty Gab Session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, at 3 p.m. in the Presidents Room of Memorial Student Center.

President Hayes will be present for informal discussion and to answer questions from individual faculty members.

Committee actions summarized

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The following is a summary of actions taken by the Academic Planning and Standards Committee and approved by MU President Robert B. Hayes.

NEW COURSES include: Political Science 207, Introduction to Comparative Politics, 3 hrs.; 235, Law, Politics and Society, 3 hrs.; 436/536, Judicial Politics, 3 hrs.; 453/553, Governmental Budgetary Process, 3 hrs.; History 342, American Legal History, 3 hrs.; Zoology 310, Anatomy and Physiology, 4 hrs.; Geology 455/555 and 456/556 (special topics courses to become formal courses); Geology 640, 641, 642, 681 (research oriented); Criminal Justice 425/525, 3 hrs.; Classical Studies 450/451 and 550/551, Special Topics; Greek 450-451 and 550/551, Special Topics (all new courses in Classics adaptable 1-4 hrs.); English 305, Appalachian Poetry, 3 hrs.

CHANGES IN courses: Political Science 205 changed to 105, 309 to 209, and 201 to 104; History 312 changed to 330, American History to 1877; History 313 changed to 331, American History since 1877.

DELETIONS: Music 601A, 606, 607, 608, 613, 619C, 625A, 625B, 626A, 626B, 627A, 627B, 628, 646B, 647B, 648B.

OTHER ACTIONS: Mr. Robert L. Siler, Director of Veterans' Education and Training in Charleston, recommended a definite attendance policy designed to keep veterans in school, the alternative being no monetary support from the government. Mr. Siler warned that if a veteran is declared ineligible even Marshall University could become liable to reimburse the Veterans Administration when the veteran declares he cannot repay the sum. If a veteran stops attending classes, Mr. Siler stated, the University should alert the VA.

The Academic Planning and Standards Committee agreed to give the Veterans Administration the information desired, and then let the officials make their own decisions about veterans. A major problem is the manner in which the VA is alerted and by whom. One recommendation was that professors be given forms with the names of the veterans. In any case, the burden of paper work should not fall to the University.

Other APSC assignments and objectives are in various stages of completion: (1) a strengthened policy of the grade-appeal procedure; (2) the Instructional Improvement Program; (3) a cooperative effort with the deans to establish departmental autonomy in the type of CLEP to be administered and the application of CLEP credit; and (4) the criteria and guidelines for the recipient(s) of the Distinguished Teaching Award(s).

Submitted by:
Joan Adkins
Chairman

MU observes spring break

Marshall University faculty and students will observe the traditional "Spring Break" next week (March 8-15), but university offices will be open and members of the non-teaching staff and administration are to be at work. There will be no Newsletter published next week. The next issue will be on March 19. Classes will resume Monday, March 15.

Nonsmokers are affected

The following is from a recent issue of Today's Health:

You don't have to smoke to have nicotine in your blood and carbon monoxide in your lungs, two researchers reported to the American Academy of Allergy.

Raymond Slavin, M.D., of St. Louis University, and Marvin Mertz, Ph.D., of the Environmental Protection Agency, monitored the smoke-filled rooms at the academy's own meetings and found that non-smokers' lungs registered four times the normal monoxide level even though they hadn't touched a cigarette.

Eight parts per million of monoxide were measured in nonsmokers' lungs after they had left a room where smoking was permitted, compared to only two parts per million in a room where smoking was banned. Dr. Slavin said the amount was equivalent to smoking four or five cigarettes and was enough to produce a dull headache, a tired feeling, and probably a nonsmoker's cough.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers to the campus include:

JANET LEE DUNCAN, counselor in Special Services;
DANA MEADOWS, secretary in College of Education;
GERALDINE (JERRI) ALLRED, clerk, Alumni Affairs Office;
KRISTINE K. STANDIFUR, clerk, Department of Geology;
EARL VALENTINE JOHNSON, CHARLES M. BOARD, and GLADYS M. THOMAS, custodians, Buildings and Grounds.

Welcome to Marshall!

Marshall faculty, staff achievements, activities

DR. CLARENCE A. KELLNER, associate professor of speech, conducted a workshop on "Directions in Broadcast Education" at the annual meeting of the Maryland Communication Association which he attended. The meeting was held Feb. 20-21 at Ocean City, Md.

DAN K. EVANS, assistant professor of biological sciences, has contributed a section to a book, "The Flora of Illinois," recently published by Southern Illinois University Press, Carbondale. His contribution concerns the taxonomy and geography of some 145 species of the genus *Carex* (sedges). The book is authored by Robert H. Mohlenbrock, professor of botany, Southern Illinois University.

DR. WILLIAM F. ASHFORD, professor of marketing and department chairman, and JAMES F. WEIDMAN, instructor in marketing, participated in the annual West Virginia Mobile Homes Convention conducted in Charleston Feb. 28. Weidman coordinated the presentation on advertising and promotion which consisted of newspapers, television and radio.

Dr. Ashford is speaker

Dr. William F. Ashford, professor of marketing and department chairman, will deliver an address to the Tri-State Purchasing Management meeting Tuesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Gateway Inn. His topic will be "The Coordination of Sales and Purchasing."

Soto to retire; successor selected

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Karl J. Egnatoff, currently director of operations at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey at Newark, has accepted an offer to be director of physical plant operations at Marshall University.

Egnatoff, who will be on campus April 1, succeeds Joseph S. Soto in the position. Soto plans to retire June 30. He will work with Egnatoff during the period from April 1 through June 30.

Soto has been with the university since 1962, when he was appointed vice president for business affairs. In 1971 he assumed his present position.

In his position at the New Jersey school, Egnatoff is responsible for facilities and space utilization, mechanical and custodial maintenance of school property. His role at Marshall will be similar, according to Soto, who served on the search committee for his successor.

A native of Fayette County, W. Va., Soto is a former Raleigh County elementary school teacher and principal. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concord College, Athens, W. Va., and a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude from Morris Harvey College in Charleston. Soto also has a M.A. degree from Marshall.

A former state government official, Soto was with the West

Virginia Tax Department from 1941 to 1957, serving in various capacities, including state tax commissioner.

He is married to the former Priscilla Hunter and they have two grown children.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Egnatoff earned a B.S. degree in commerce from the University of North Dakota and studied industrial engineering at the University of Illinois.

Egnatoff has been at the New Jersey school since 1968. Before that, he was general order manager for Intercontinental Trading Corp., Somerville, N.J., from 1967 to 1968 and was branch office services manager with Remington Rand Office Machines Division of Sperry Rand Corp. from 1955 to 1967.

He is married and the father of two children.

"Joe Soto is an extremely capable administrator and we regret that he is reaching retirement age," MU President Robert B. Hayes said. "He has been a tremendous asset to Marshall University. At the same time, I'm very pleased that the search committee was able to find a successor with the excellent background offered by Karl Egnatoff. This is an unheralded but key position at any institution and I believe we will be able to maintain a high level of performance in that area."

Report from Advisory Council

The Advisory Council of Faculty of the West Virginia Board of Regents met Feb. 28, 1976, and conducted the following items of business:

1. The Chancellor touched on the following items in his report to the Council:

- (1) The special committee established to prepare a position paper on Affirmative Action will have its report ready to present to the Council this spring. It will contain two parts: (a) a brief statement giving the Board's policy; and (b) a detailed (150-200 pages) manual for each institution.

- (2) Quality control of off-campus courses and non-traditional courses are concerns that need attention. The line between post secondary and secondary education is becoming fuzzy. An overlap appears to exist between college vocational and public school vocational education. The Council of Presidents shares with this Council the need for serious study of the problem.

- (3) The Chancellor remains optimistic about the budget for FY 1976-77, though he fears it may be a while before the figures are announced.

- (4) The bill which would have made representatives of the Faculty and Student Advisory Councils voting members of the Board of Regents has been tabled. A second bill, which would make it mandatory to have a faculty and student representative as non-voting Board members, now rests at a low priority level in the legislative stack.

2. Professor John White, an elected member of the State Teachers' Retirement Board, presented a report on the status of the State Teachers' Retirement System. The highlights of that report were as follows:

- (1) Mr. White is pleased with the recent program made by the new director, Mr. Willard M. Ansel, especially that made in connection with the keeping of members' records and the improved efficiency in effecting benefits to new retirees.

- (2) Each member of the system will soon receive three status statements: (a) deposits; (b) service record; and (c) updated corrected statement of the employee's entire record. (Military service can be counted, regardless of when the service occurred. If your record does not contain a copy of the DD

214, send one to the STRS office in Charleston without delay.)

- (3) Mr. White was optimistic about getting full funding for the System for FY 1976-77 (\$41,800,000) from the Legislature.

- (4) Currently 15,009 employees are receiving retirement benefits. The top recipient for FY 1975-76 receives \$1,983 a month.

3. Re political activity on the part of academic personnel, on motion with amendment the following resolution was unanimously adopted: The Advisory Council of Faculty recommends to the Board of Regents the following policy regarding political activity by employees;

Employees of public supported colleges and universities in West Virginia have the right to engage in political activity, whether in support of a particular candidate, issue, or political group, in campaigning for public office for oneself, or in holding public office, provided that such activity does not involve (1) political campaigning in the classroom, (2) limiting the employee's ability to fulfill his professional obligations, or (3) conflict with State or Federal law.

4. The Chairman announced that the Board of Regents had, in accordance with the recommendation of the Advisory Council of Faculty, rescinded its earlier policy on jury duty.

The Advisory Council of Faculty will meet jointly with the Council of Presidents on March 17, and the following agenda items have been submitted to the Chancellor for that meeting by the Advisory Council of Faculty:

- (1) Sick leave policy.
- (2) Faculty load and its relationship to "overload."
- (3) Faculty involvement in decision making.
- (4) Quality control of academic classes.

Your comments or questions will be welcomed. Send memos care of the History Department or call X-6780.

Frank Aldred
Representative
Advisory Council of Faculty

Dr. Herman N. Weill is claimed by death

Dr. Herman N. Weill, 51, professor of history at Marshall, died Wednesday night, March 3, at his home at 9 Pembroke Lane. The body was taken to Henson Mortuary.

Dr. Weill was discovered dead by his son about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, a mortuary attendant said. The attendant said the cause of death appeared to be a heart attack.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed as of News Letter press time Thursday.

Dr. Weill was dean of the Marshall Graduate School from July 1, 1972, until his resignation from that position in August, 1974, at which time he assumed duties as a professor of history.

A native of New York City, he earned bachelors degrees in history and social studies from the University of Miami (Florida) and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from the University of Illinois. He came to Marshall from Johnson State College in Vermont where he was Arts and Sciences dean.

Survivors include his wife, the former Dagmar Korneck, and two children.

Indiana University professor to speak here March 19

Dr. Richard S. Kirkendall, professor of history at Indiana University, will give two lectures at Marshall University on Friday, March 19.

His first appearance will be at 11 a.m. in Smith Hall Room 154 where he will speak on "A Hero For Our Times: Truman's Popularity and the Leadership Crisis."

His second appearance will be at a banquet in the Marshall Memorial Student Center and his topic will be "The Lessons of History: Truman, Korea and the Imperial Presidency."

Banquet reservations may be made with Dr. Robert Maddox in the History Department. The cost for the banquet will be \$6.

AAUP chapter to meet

The Marshall University Chapter, AAUP, will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 18, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2W22, Memorial Student Center. Discussion leader will be Mrs. Anne Ferguson, executive secretary, West Virginia Conference, AAUP.

Absences excused...

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

Feb. 25-29 - Barry Rush, Jim Sturgeon and Pia Cummings.