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Dr. Barker accepts Texas post

President John G. Barker has resigned effective Aug. 1 to assume the presidency of Midwestern University, in Wichita Falls, Tex.

In a news conference Monday, Dr. Barker told reporters the post offers him "over the long range, better application of my abilities than here."

Frederick Stamp of Wheeling, president of the West Virginia Board of Regents, was advised of the action Sunday night, Dr. Barker said. Stamp later told reporters the Board would discuss procedures for the selection of a new president at the next Regents meeting, scheduled Tuesday.

Officials at Midwestern University indicated Dr. Barker had been sought by them for the post, to succeed retiring president Travis White. Dr. Barker visited the Midwestern campus in 1970 as executive secretary of the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities, and assisted the school in establishing a self-study program.

Dr. Barker will leave the campus July 15 prior to assuming the Texas position.

Commenting on his resignation, Dr. Barker said, "I'd be less than candid if I didn't admit, too, that I have real regrets in making such an announcement because of all the attachments which I have had here at Marshall University, with so many of the people I've worked with, with the townspeople, and with the City of Huntington, truly a great place to live. We'll certainly miss all of this, but we're looking forward to a great opportunity in Texas."

Mitchell named English Department chairman

Dr. Marvin O. Mitchell, a member of the Marshall University faculty for 22 years, has been appointed chairman of the Department of English. Announcement of Dr. Mitchell's selection for the position was made by President Barker.

Dr. Mitchell succeeds Dr. Jack R. Brown as department chairman. Dr. Brown, who had served in the position since 1967, last fall requested that he be relieved of the chairmanship at the conclusion of the school term this May. He will continue as a professor of English until his retirement in 1976.

A native of Greensboro, N.C., Dr. Mitchell earned his A.B., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was selected for Phi Beta Kappa. His education was interrupted during World War II when he served in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946.

Dr. Mitchell taught one year at Texas A&M. He joined the Marshall faculty in 1952.

He has held a number of important committee assignments at Marshall and has served as acting chairman of the Department of English during the second semester of the 1968-69 academic year and during several summer terms. He currently is director of graduate studies in English, a position he has held since 1967.

President Barker said Dr. Mitchell's appointment was based on the recommendation of a search and screening committee composed of members of the English faculty, endorsement of the committee's recommendation by the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and by the vice president for academic affairs, and on the enthusiastic support displayed for Dr. Mitchell by many individual members of the English faculty.

"Throughout the long and careful process of selecting a chairman, three words have appeared repeatedly in connection with the name of Dr. Mitchell," the president said. "Those words are 'scholarship,' 'integrity' and 'reliability.' I am very pleased that we have a man of this type to carry on the leadership of one of our major departments."

Evening classes offered during summer sessions

Evening classes on the undergraduate level are among the offerings scheduled during two summer terms at Marshall University.

The first summer term begins Monday, with registration scheduled that day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Memorial Student Center, according to Registrar Robert H. Eddins. Classes begin Tuesday, and conclude on July 12.

During the first summer term, evening undergraduate classes include Management 320, Principles of Management, and Management 424, Industrial Relations. The classes are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the semester.

For the second summer term, the evening class featured is Finance 201, Personal Finance, from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

MU NEWCOMERS

Welcome these newcomers to the Marshall University campus: CATHY ANN HART, secretary in the Office of Informational Services; MARY JEAN CUNNINGHAM, library assistant in the Cataloging Department; GLORIA C. ADAMS, secretary in the Office of Financial Aid; DEBORAH L. SHEPARD, secretary in the Department of Management; SUSAN LEE DUNCAN, clerk in the College of Business and Applied Science, and ELOISE V. JOHNSTON, secretary in the Athletic Office.

Welcome aboard!
Regents' faculty panel activity reported

The following is a summary of the May 21 meeting of the Board of Regents' Advisory Council of Faculty as submitted by Dr. Sam Clagg, chairman of the Council:

The Board of Regents' Advisory Council of Faculty meeting on May 21st in the Board's Charleston office, conducted the following items of business:

1. In an election of officers for the Advisory Council, Sam Clagg was re-elected as chairman and Dr. Otis Rice, Professor of History at West Virginia Tech, was elected vice-chairman and recorder to replace Dr. William Fritchett of Fairmont State whose term on the Council expired.

2. In discussing an agenda item on faculty governance and administration, the Council decided to inquire into the possibility of a joint meeting with the Council of Presidents for the purpose of achieving a better understanding of the views of each group. The Council also began an examination of a "Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities" jointly formulated by the AAUP, The American Council on Education, and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. This is being done to learn to what extent the "Statement" might be acceptable to the West Virginia system. The Council also agreed to exchange faculty constitutions and other institutional documents related to government.

3. The Council continued a discussion of administration/faculty ratios through a consideration of specific positions in academic administration budgeted under Instruction. A Regents' ratio formula is employed which is comparable to that used in similar state systems. In general, academic support personnel are allocated at six percent of the instructional budget, or a dollar equivalent of five FTE ratios based upon a $14,000 average salary, whichever is larger. Without exception, the percent factor is larger. This provides a dollar amount and positions are limited by this figure.

4. The matter of student-faculty ratios was pursued because of continuing requests for special consideration, especially in the fields of art and music. A relatively new consideration, however, involves faculty laboratory time and credit. Ratios vary now on the basis of upper and lower division students, graduate students, engineering and nursing students. Lowering of ratios requires increased budget allocations. The present feeling is that we have about all of the external funding possible, that is, money from the legislature. The funds from the Regents to the institution are also external and limited by legislative appropriations. At the institutional level, funding is internal so as to be a matter of local option. Present student-faculty ratios have determined these funds and the ratio takes into consideration large and small instructional situations. Therefore, if certain disciplines at the local option stage achieve more favored ratios, these are to be achieved from disciplines functioning with high ratios as additional external funds are not available.

The ratio matter is at present an internal one. If departments desiring lower ratios can convince their colleagues in other departments and the administration of their special circumstances, such departments and their functions may be carried by excessive ratios in other departments. This is not to indicate an unsympathetic posture, but without increases in external funds this is the only manner of achieving the low ratio goal.

5. Mr. Elwin Bresette, acting for the chancellor, informed the Council of the continuing effort to achieve the Regents' budget request. A considerable amount of time is being devoted to this task.

Submitted by Sam Clagg
Representative to the Advisory Council of Faculty

Positions open

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Some overtime hours required at peak periods. Previous experience desirable. Applications due by June 15. Contact the Office of the Dean, College of Education, Room 211, Jenkins Hall, Marshall University.

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Galleries recital set

by Appalachian poet

Appalachian poet Muriel Miller Dressler will give a special recital from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday in the auditorium of the Huntington Galleries.

Mrs. Dressler will appear on stage with a musical accompaniment for a dramatic presentation of poems from her book, "Appalachia, My Land."

A resident of St. Albans, Mrs. Dressler was born at Witcher and for over 50 years has explored her Appalachian roots as the substance of her poetry. Her poem, "Appalachia," first appeared in the 1970 edition of "Poems from the Hills," published by Morris Harvey College. Since then it has been reprinted in "Appalachia" magazine, "West Virginia Illustrated," and "Wild, Wonderful West Virginia."
University Theatre schedules two summer plays

Marshall University Theatre has scheduled two plays during the summer term.

The first production, "The Man in the Dog Suit," by Albert Beich and William H. Wright, will be directed by Dr. N. B. East, assistant professor of speech. Tryouts for the farce comedy are scheduled Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium. All Marshall students are encouraged to try out for the play. Six men and four women are needed.

The play will be presented at 8 p.m. July 5 and 6, and at 3 p.m. July 7, in Old Main Auditorium.

"The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," by Paul Zindel, is the second summer play, and will be directed by Dr. Elaine Novak, professor of speech. Tryouts for this drama are scheduled July 15 and July 16. Five females are needed to portray characters from 15 to 90.

"Marigolds" will be presented at 8 p.m. Aug. 8-10 in Old Main Auditorium.

Both plays are free to students, faculty, administration and staff.