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TAFT SEMINAR OFFICIAL HERE – Miss Marilyn Chelstrom, center, visited Marshall University last week to discuss the Robert A. Taft Institute of Government Seminar currently in progress. Miss Chelstrom, of New York City, is executive director for the program, which is conducted on a number of campuses across the country each year. Here she chats with two of the seminar participants, Mrs. Frances E. Beldon of 3412 Brandon Road, Huntington, and Lawrence V. Cartmill of 135 Rotary Road, Huntington. The Taft Institute Seminar is designed to present information on practical politics to high school and junior high school social studies teachers. Thirty teachers from throughout West Virginia were selected for this year's program, which closes July 2. Mrs. Beldon teaches at Cammack Junior High and Mr. Cartmill at Ona Junior High. (Marshall University Photo.)

Oberly named physics chairman

Dr. Ralph E. Oberly, a member of the Marshall University faculty since 1970, has been appointed chairman of the Department of Physics and Physical Science.

Oberly succeeds Dr. Donald C. Martin, who retired in the spring of 1973. Oberly and Robert J. Dils have been serving as acting co-chairmen of the department during the past academic year.

Oberly, whose hometown is Urbana, Ohio, received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in physics from Ohio State University. He was employed as a research engineer by North American Aviation in 1963-64 and as a graduate teaching assistant at Ohio State from 1964 to 1970.

He is a member of the Optical Society of America, American Association of Physics Teachers, and the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society. He is married to the former Barbara Prough.

Oberly presently is in Huntsville, Ala., where he has been awarded a summer faculty fellowship at Marshall Space Flight Center by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the American Society of Electrical Engineers. JOSEPH L. VANCE, manager of the Marshall University Bookstore, recently completed a Management Seminar with the National Association of College Stores. The course is designed to assist university store personnel with education in store operations.

DR. HAROLD E. NEELY, director of grants and associate professor of political science, has been awarded a certificate of commendation by the National Alliance of Businessmen for his work during the past year in the NAB program to provide economic opportunity for disadvantaged persons, needy youth and veterans. Dr. Neely served as a Marshall representative in the program.

JACK SEAMONDS, assistant director of informational services, won two third-place awards recently in the annual West Virginia Associated Press newswriting and photo contest. A former Statehouse reporter for the Charleston Daily Mail, Seamonds won in the "news under deadline pressure" and "news without deadline pressure" categories.

Regents' Faculty Council action reported

The following is a summary of the Board of Regents' Advisory Council of Faculty meeting of June 17, as submitted by Dr. Sam Clagg, MU representative and chairman:

The Board of Regents' Advisory Council of Faculty, meeting on June 17th in the Board's Charleston office, conducted the following items of business:

- 1. The Council reviewed the status of its recommendation to the Board of Regents that the Board accept the principles of the "Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities" jointly formulated by the AAUP, American Council on Education, and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. The status of the "Statement" is that it was recommended for adoption by the Council over a year ago. At that time, the Board directed the "Statement" to the sub-committee drafting the document relative to "Academic Freedom, Responsibility, and etc." (now known as Regents' Policy Bulletin No. 36). The sub-committee decided the statement was not appropriate for Policy Bulletin No. 36. The Council has now decided to submit the "Statement" to the Council of Presidents for their reaction and possible support before resubmitting the "Statement" to the Board. Acceptance by the Presidents is essential in any event as it calls for appropriately shared responsibility and cooperative action among the components of the academic institution. This topic is deemed an excellent one for discussion in the joint meeting with the Council of Presidents which is now in the preparation stage.
- 2. The Council discussed fully questions relating to the length of a semester and the minimum amount of instructional time required for course credits. The Council could not discover the authority for establishing classroom minutes per credit hour. A sub-committee was given the assignment to pursue this matter. The Council has no intention of carrying the issue beyond determining the authority for such standards.
- 3. In the June meeting of the Board of Regents, Policy Bulletin No. 36 was amended. The section changed was 9-G which read:

"During the probationary period contracts will be issued on a year-to-year basis and appointments may be terminated at the end of any contract year. During such probationary period no reason for non-retention need be given. An appeal from the president's decision as to non-retention may be made by the non-tenured faculty member to the Board of Regents, which shall review the decision of the president to determine whether such decision results from improper procedure or rests upon grounds which violate academic freedom or constitutional rights, or is substantively arbitrary or capricious. In the appeal to the Board of Regents, the burden of proof shall be upon the non-tenured faculty member."

The section as amended now reads:

"During the probationary period contracts will be issued on a year-to-year basis and appointments may be terminated with or without cause at the end of any contract year. During such probationary period no reason for non-retention or non-reappointment need be given. An appeal from the President's decision as to non-retention may be made by the non-tenured faculty member to the Board of Regents, which will review the decision of the President to determine whether the same has afforded procedural due process and was not in violation of the constitutional rights of the non-tenured faculty member."

The Council requested that this matter be reconsidered at the next meeting of the Board. If the reconsideration strategy is successful, the section would be restored to the original language.

4. There was a discussion of the recent Board action relative to faculty serving on juries. Any faculty member engaged in jury duty will receive the difference between the faculty member's salary and the pay received for jury duty.

Submitted by Sam Clagg Representative to the Advisory Council of Faculty

Positions open

SECRETARY: Director of Off-Campus Programs. Applicants must be able to type accurately. Position involves checking of enrollment and admission forms, filing and other general office duties. Accuracy, attention to details important. Post-secondary secretarial study desirable but not required. Apply by July 8 to the College of Education, Jenkins Hall, Room 210.

CLERK: Office of Grants. Shorthand, typing, filing and other office skills required. Apply by July 12 to Dr. Harold Neely, director of grants, Room 120, Old Main.

SECRETARY: Office of Advising. Prefer skilled applicant with typing and office machine skills. Contact Rex Eagan or Dr. Sara E. Anderson, College of Business and Applied Science.

MARKETING: Professor or Associate Professor. Doctorate required in Business Administration or related field. Fields of particular interest are marketing research and marketing management for baccalaureate and MBA programs.

ACCOUNTING: Ph.D. or DBA preferred, but applicants nearing completion of such degrees will be considered. Candidates should be able and willing to teach undergraduate and MBA courses, and lead curricular development of some specialties. CPA not required, but highly desirable.

For these two academic positions, apply by July 15 to Dr. L. A. Drewry Jr., dean of the College of Business and Applied Science, Marshall University.

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West Germans visiting

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Eight West German teachers are scheduled to arrive next Monday on the Marshall campus for the latest Campus Experiment in International Living, according to Dr. Robert P. Alexander, coordinator of the program.

The group will be on campus through July 13. This is the 10th year Marshall University has participated in the program. Faculty members are urged to welcome members of the

Faculty members are urged to welcome members of a group as auditors in the classroom, Dr. Alexander said.

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