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News Letter

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Hayes sees 'decade of progress'

Dr. Robert B. Hayes, newly-appointed as president of Marshall University, called for support and assistance from the Marshall faculty at the close of last Monday afternoon's special faculty meeting in Old Main Auditorium. He said the university is on the threshold of a decade of progress.

In his brief remarks, President Hayes said:

"This morning the members of the West Virginia Board of Regents expressed their confidence in my ability to provide administrative leadership for Marshall University. I accepted the challenge which the position of president provides because I believe the future for Marshall University is a promising one.

"There is nothing wrong with Marshall University that creative thinking, a positive attitude and hard work cannot cure. We are on the threshold of a decade of progress for which those who have preceded us have prepared this university and for which those around us await. I do not come to the position of president with a handful of prescriptions or promises of cures for all our ailments. It is my hope that we can develop an open and a flexible approach to solving the problems before us and that together we can build this university.

"I need your support and your assistance. I do not ask that your cooperation be without the critical and analytical approach which should be exemplified in all academic endeavors but I do request that the criticism be based upon an understanding of the facts and that it be constructive.

The administration of Marshall University which is

beginning today—or which began on July 16, 1974—will be one dedicated to serving the people for whom this institution exists. When I was appointed as the interim president I stated that 'I know of no university of which I would rather be president than Marshall University.' That opinion and that feeling have not been altered and I look forward to the tasks which are before me."

Student group gets 5th national award

The Marshall University student affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society has received its fifth consecutive commendation for excellence from the society's Committee on Chemical Education.

Each year the committee reviews the activities of all 597 chapters and selects for special commendation those which have compiled outstanding records for the previous academic year, according to Dr. Stanley Kirschner of Detroit, Mich., committee chairman.

Only 42 chapters were selected for the honor for their activities in academic year 1973-74, Kirschner said.

Dr. Daniel Babb, MU assistant professor of chemistry and adviser to the chapter, praised efforts by the chapter members, especially David Hunt of Barboursville, a Marshall graduate student who was chapter president last year.

Babb listed "outstanding" activities by the group as talks and demonstrations to local high schools, sponsorship of distinguished speakers and seminars, students acting as teachers in organic chemistry and the "Meeting in Miniature" in which students from other colleges and universities were invited to present papers on their research.

He said these were held in addition to the meetings, films, and field trips sponsored by most such chapters.

Honor Day Program's cup 'runneth over'

The advance news story said:

"About 100 National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists and commended students from West Virginia, Eastern Kentucky and Southern Ohio are expected to attend Marshall University's Honor Day Program on Monday, Nov. 4."

What really happened?

More than 300 students, representing 58 high schools, attended Marshall's Honor Day Program.

"It started off slowly," James W. Harless, admissions director, recalled.

"We weren't sure even 100 would show up. But late last week the applications started rolling in and we finished the program with far larger participation than we had hoped for," he said.

The honor students were on campus from early morning until late afternoon. Harless said. They were told about the university's programs, were given an opportunity to join academic information sessions with deans of colleges and class instructors, and wound up their day with tours of the campus.

"We had always held the programs on Saturday," Harless said, "but it seems that holding it during the week is a much better idea."

A similar program is planned for next year, he said.

Directories due Nov. 11

The 1974-75 Marshall University Faculty-Staff Directory will be available in the Office of Informational Services, Old Main 115, beginning Monday, Nov. 11.

Each faculty and staff member is entitled to two copies of the publication—one for home and one for the office.

Regents' Faculty, Presidents councils meet

The Board of Regents' Advisory Council of Faculty met with the Council of Presidents on 23 October 1974 at the Charleston offices of the Board. Chancellor Morton presided. The purpose of the meeting was to become better acquainted and to exchange ideas and views. With these objectives, and functioning in a very informal manner, no specific courses of action resulted. The members of both Councils believed the experience to be most beneficial. Views were exchanged on the following:

1. Statement on Government.

- a. Perhaps the Statement could best be treated at the institutional rather than the Board level. This would allow for such local variations as desired rather than having something mandated from the top.
- b. Would it be possible to endorse the Statement in principle without being committed to all of its details? The discussion of this indicated that the principle would erode and the details would reign.
- c. There was some expression for a very broad statement on government at the Regents' level which would allow maximum institutional flexibility.
- d. The discussion revealed that some institutions might already be in near conformity with the Statement. West Virginia University, Marshall and a few others could be close. The new institutions, such as the community colleges and a few others with recently initiated government systems, might need some time to evolve to near conformity or to receive guidance. Of course, most recognized that it is in the "near conformity" area that faculties and administrations have their differences.

2. Restraints upon power—presidential and faculty.

- a. The presidents within the system have major restraints placed upon them by virtue of the fact that the Board of Regents determines the role and purpose of each institution. It is hoped that role and mission are determined through interaction between the Regents and the president and between the president and the faculty. The providing of programs is a part of this process.
- b. The budget process involves many restraints. The Regents' budget must be approved by the Governor and favorable recognition for the budget must be gained from the Legislature. Even the Legislature experiences restraints in the form of the citizens' ability or willingness to bear taxes.

3. Policy formulation.

- a. Faculty created policies should meet some identifiable need. Much energy can be wasted in the formulation of policies for contingencies which never occur. Dr. Morton explained that when the Board of Regents feels the need for a policy in a specific area, it customarily consults its various Councils, including the Advisory Council of Faculty and the presidents.
- b. The point was made that the Board of Regents is sometimes credited with policies not of their making. This becomes a kind of "buck passing" resented by faculties and Regents alike. If policies are worth having they should be defensible at the level of their creation.
- c. There was also a discussion which indicated that directives, from whatever the source, are sometimes misinterpreted to be translated into policy which was never intended.

4. New programs proposals.

- a. Dr. Morton noted that heretofore there had been no proper base at the Board of Regents level for evaluation of new programs. He introduced Dr. John Wright, whose duties at the Regents' office include the evaluation of new proposals. When an institution submits a proposal for a new program to the Board of Regents, Dr. Wright notifies it of the findings of the staff of the Board of Regents with respect to the program. Programs submitted to the Board of Regents are defended by Dr. Morton and Dr. Wright and not by individual college presidents.

5. Acquisition of Morris Harvey College.

- a. In this discussion some concern was expressed that in the budgetary proposals to the Legislature, Morris Harvey could have emerged with \$2,000,000 regardless of the appropriations for the other colleges and universities. Another concern was that programs of colleges which might be acquired by the state should be carefully examined to determine their impact upon existing institutions. Dr. Morton pointed out that in all such decisions, including the Morris Harvey situation, the ultimate consideration must be the interests and needs of the state. He observed that studies indicate that there are substantial educational needs in the Kanawha Valley not being met by the state institutions and that acquisition of Morris Harvey College would have aided in meeting those needs.

6. Interpretation of Policy Bulletin No. 36.

- a. All appeal options under this policy must be exhausted at the institutional level before being carried to the Board of Regents.
- b. The composition of the Hearing Committee was discussed and Dr. Morton indicated that he would seek clarification from the sub-committee of the Board of Regents which drew up the policy.
- c. A related question concerned the non-tenured faculty member who might be terminated without the periodic review mentioned in Items G. and I. of the policy. Dr. Morton also agreed to seek clarification with respect to the problem.

7. Role of the Advisory Council of Faculty.

- a. The last matter to be discussed was the way in which the college and university presidents look upon the Advisory Council of Faculty. Dr. James Harlow, President of West Virginia University, observed that it offered an opportunity for faculties to speak directly to the Chancellor without having their thoughts filtered through the presidents. Dr. Morton called attention to the fact that the role of the Advisory Council of Faculty can become blurred in that it can serve several purposes, such as a communications link and a kind of welfare committee. He suggested that it should remember its primary mission, which is to advise the Board of Regents and its staff. The consensus seemed to be that the Advisory Council of Faculty can serve and is serving a useful function.

Submitted by Sam Clagg
Representative to the
Advisory Council of Faculty

DR. DERYL R. LEAMING, chairman of the Department of Journalism, has had an article accepted for publication by the "Phi Kappa Phi Journal." "Scholastic Editor" also has accepted one of his articles for publication this fall and an article he wrote earlier for the "Saturday Evening Post" is being reprinted by a magazine in South Africa.

ROBERT A. JUNAS, instructor of journalism, recently served as judge for the "Design an Ad" contest conducted by The Herald-Dispatch and The Advertiser, newspapers of the Huntington Publishing Co.

DR. HOWARD A. SLAATTE, chairman of the Department

of Philosophy, has been selected to appear in the 1975 edition of "The World Who's Who of Authors," published at Cambridge, England.

DR. CLAYTON McNEARNEY, assistant professor of Bible and religion, DR. JOHN GOODWIN, associate professor of Bible and religion, and DR. FRANK J. MININNI, associate professor of philosophy, attended the annual convention of the American Academy of Religion in Washington, D.C., Oct. 23-26.

DR. WENDELL KUMLIEN, professor of music and chairman of the Department of Music, has had an article published in the October issue of the "Music Educator's Journal." The article, part of a series entitled "The Charles Ives Centennial," is an historical and stylistic survey of "The Music for Chorus."

THOMAS W. OLSON, assistant professor of engineering, attended an instrumentation mini-course for engineers and technicians on Electrical Resistance Strain Gage Measurement at Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 30.

ELIZABETH H. CZOMPO, assistant professor of mathematics, presented two talks to students at Ripley (W.Va.) High School, Nov. 1. Her topics were "Careers in Mathematics" and "Think Metric."

DR. HAROLD E. WARD, chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences, discussed "Biology Students and Mathematics" at the Mathematics Department Seminar, Oct. 29.

DR. JOHN W. HOGAN, professor of mathematics, and DR. DAVID E. FIELDS, assistant professor of mathematics, attended a meeting of the Ohio Section, Mathematical Association of America, in Cincinnati, Nov. 1-2.

DR. W. THURMON WHITLEY, associate professor of mathematics, has had a paper accepted for publication in the "American Mathematical Monthly." His paper is entitled "Another Characterization of Semiprime Ideals in $C(X)$."

JANE B. SHEPHERD, professor of music and artist-in-residence, attended the fall meetings of the Metropolitan Opera National Council in New York City, Oct. 24-25. During her New York trip, she also appeared as guest soloist at St. James' Church in Canbury, Conn., performing selections from the religious works of Mendelssohn.

Actress Ruby Dee first lecture series speaker

Ruby Dee, actress, writer and poet, is to lead off a series of lectures on "Women in Contemporary America," when she appears at Marshall University on Monday, Nov. 11.

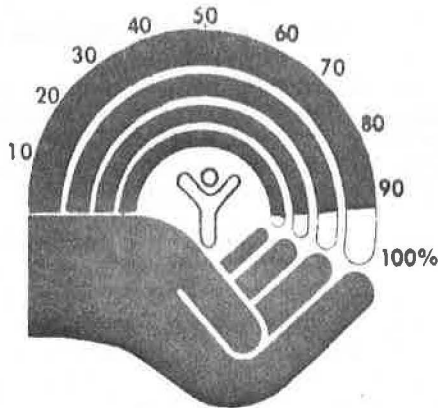
The award winning actress is to speak in the Multi-Purpose Room of Memorial Student Center at 8 p.m. She will discuss the role of women in the arts.

The series is being sponsored by the student Lecture Series and Contemporary Issues committees. All programs are free and open to the public.

Alayne Merenstein, chairman of the lecture series committee, explained the series is not designed to focus on the women's liberation movement "but on women coping with a contemporary society."

Future speakers on the series include Virginia McLaughlin of the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, W. Va.; Frederic Storaska, educator and crime fighter; Betty Friedan, founder of the National Organization of Women, and Helen Thomas, chief White House correspondent for United Press International.

We're almost there!



Official solicitation ended a week ago but the 1974 United Way fund drive on the Marshall University campus continues to grow and it's now almost up to the \$12,000 mark.

Dr. Neil L. Gibbins, MU United Way section chairman, reported Wednesday that the university campaign stood at 92 per cent of its \$12,908 goal with pledges and donations totaling \$11,831.

"I'm encouraged enough to believe we will make it," Dr. Gibbins said. "It would be a real shame to get this far and fail. It's possible Marshall can be one of the very few units in the community to reach the goal set."

He pointed out that only about 43 per cent of the university community's 1,073 people have responded to the campaign.

Students also have been solicited, he said, "and if the student campaign has modest success we'll be very close to attaining our goal."

Contributions can be made by contacting Dr. Gibbins at 696-6430.

Excused absences...

Excused absences have been approved by the respective colleges and/or the Graduate School for the following students on the dates listed:

Nov. 1—Betty Belville, Sharon Brown, Darrell Clark, Joy Garren, Mike Prout, Teresa Spurlock, Bill Hardin, Debbie Pauley, Ron Ronk, Tom Baarman and Jeff Morrison.

Nov. 6-7—Myrna Athey, Kim Martin, Carol Ann Hall, Jane Walaszczyk, Lynn Butler, Patricia Bazel, Kathryn DeBond, Becky Domokos, Marlina Hajash, Sandy Mays, Kathy Pellicione, Linda Pelton, Jennifer Pierce, Patty Toler, Maria Warholak, Susan Champagne, Mica Lutton and Nancy Henderson.

Inventory of pre - 1914 paintings is set

An area inventory of American paintings done prior to 1914 is to be held at the Huntington Galleries from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16.

Art collectors and other owners of old, original American paintings (oils, pastels, watercolors, charcoals, frescoes) are asked to bring them to the Galleries for the event which is being conducted by the local Bicentennial Inventory Committee. The committee is composed of Huntington American Association of University Women members, other civic groups and the Galleries staff.

Information about each painting will be sent to the Smithsonian Institution to become a part of a permanent file about American paintings available for use to scholars, according to Kathleen M. Harris, chairman of the local AAUW inventory group.

The inventory is not an effort to acquire the paintings, she said. It is an attempt to record the art of the nation and the owner of any painting may remain anonymous if so requested. The effort also is designed to help form a local exhibit for display in the Galleries in 1976 as part of the bicentennial celebration, she said.

No critical judgment or financial evaluation will be made of a painting. However, if the painting is signed, committee members will look up the artist in the Galleries' library as a courtesy. Information about the care of the art also will be available, Ms. Harris said.

"If you own an old painting, don't decide it is not good enough for the inventory," she said. "If you think it was done

before 1914, bring it in."

If the size or number of your paintings prevent you from moving them easily, call 529-2701, and a committee member will arrange to record the art for you. In case of rain the event will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17.

CONVOCATION PROGRAM TUESDAY

The second Speech Department Convocation of the semester will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in Smith Hall 154.

Selections from "Welcome to the Monkey House" by Kurt Vonnegut Jr. are to be presented. Admission is free and open to the public.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT SLATED

The Marshall University Community Orchestra's first Young People's Concert of the fall season will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

The tickets are available at the box office preceding the concert. Admission is 50 cents for all ages.

TRANSPORTATION LECTURE SET

Dr. George Horton, railroad transportation specialist and dean of the School of Business at Auburn (Ala.) University, will be the speaker for the second lecture on the First Huntington National Bank-Marshall University School of Business 1974-75 Lecture Series.

Dr. Horton will speak on "American Transportation Problems" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 in Smith Hall Room 154 on the Marshall campus. Admission to the event is free and open to the public.

SHAKESPEARE'S BRITAIN--TODAY!

Eric Pavel, described as a man who specializes in people and speaks seven languages, will probe the Elizabethan Age Monday, Nov. 11 when he presents his film-lecture "Shakespeare's Britain--Today!"

Appearing on the Marshall Artists Series, Forum Series at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium, Pavel will explore the regions of Great Britain which are tied to its history and to Shakespeare's plays.

Admission is by season membership or student activity card.

UNIVERSITY SINGERS TO PERFORM

The newly-formed University Singers will be on tour the week of Nov. 11 and will hold an "at home" concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13 in Smith Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

The new group, directed by Dr. Wendell Kumlein, chairman of the Department of Music, consists of 15 vocalists and 10 instrumentalists. It performs a variety of rock, jazz and pop selections in much the same manner as "Blood, Sweat and Tears" and "Chicago."

CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE SALE

Marshall University Bookstore will offer again this year Christmas sale on a special group of boxed greeting cards, wrapping paper and assorted holiday merchandise.

J. L. Vance, bookstore director, said the cash-only sale begins Nov. 18 in the Textbook Department, lower level of Memorial Student Center. Faculty and staff may purchase from the special group of merchandise at 40 per cent off retail price.

Basketball tickets reduced

Season tickets for faculty and staff members and their families to attend Marshall University home basketball games are available at \$22.75 per seat. All children, regardless of age, must have a ticket.

The reduced price includes 13 home games—one of them an exhibition game.

Seating locations are based on a priority system which considers Big Green Scholarship Fund pledges, prior purchase of season tickets and university employment.

Ticket applications are available in the Campus Mail Room. Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call Joe Wortham, ticket manager, at 696-3190.

Convention under way on Marshall's campus

The eighth annual convention of the West Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation is under way on the Marshall University campus. The event opened with registration at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Dr. Jimmy H. Railey, convention program chairman and professor of physical education, said about 350 people associated with public schools and colleges are expected to attend the three-day event.

Most of the convention's activities will be held in Memorial Student Center.

The association's elected officers are to assume their positions during the convention and officers for the next year are to be elected by section leaders and the association's executive officers, Railey said.