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News Letter

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ACCELERATION URGED FOR MU

Pointing out that Marshall University does not have some of the facilities "taken for granted" at comparable universities, Marshall President John G. Barker has urged the West Virginia Board of Regents and members of the State Legislature to give "every consideration" to accelerating Marshall's eight-year Campus Facilities Plan.

The plan, commonly known as the Wood and Tower Report, calls for an outlay of approximately \$14 million for construction of two new academic buildings, conversion and renovation of some existing buildings, and razing of several outmoded structures. The present timetable calls for completion of the program by 1980, when Marshall is expected to have some 12,000 students.

Dr. Barker's remarks were made Tuesday at a luncheon at the Hotel Frederick, sponsored by the Greater Huntington Area Chamber of Commerce for the Board of Regents and members of the area's legislative delegation.

Dr. Barker expressed an optimistic view of the university's future and indicated he expects Marshall to be removed from private probation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools this spring.

National recognition for WMUL - TV

"Handfuls, of Ashes," an Appalachian soap opera written and produced by staff members of WMUL-TV, has been accepted for national distribution by the Public Television Library.

Through the library, a department of the Public Broadcasting Service, the 12-show series will become available to the 205 public television stations throughout the country.

The series was written by Margaret Johnson and Larry R. Hall of WMUL and produced, in part, by a \$7,000 grant to WMUL from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

WMUL General Manager Terry M. Hollinger plays a major role in the series, which concerns the problems an Appalachian family encounters after moving from a rural to an urban area to search for work.

MARSHALL ARTISTS SERIES

Marshall Artists Series, Convocation Series, presents Martin Best, "The Art of the Minstrel," songs with lute and guitar, in concert, Thursday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m., Old Main Auditorium, admission is free.

Mr. Best, official lutenist and guitarist for the Royal Shakespeare Company, will present a workshop in advance of the concert. This session will be held Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2 p.m., Smith Music Hall Room 150.

Marshall Artists Series, Forum Series, presents Neil Sheehan, Washington-based New York Times reporter, Friday, Jan. 19, 8 p.m., Old Main Auditorium. Sheehan, the journalist who obtained and put the Pentagon Papers in the Times, will speak on "The Media and Our Freedom."

Marshall was placed on private probation by North Central as a result of deficiencies noted by a visiting evaluation team in 1969. Dr. Barker said the private probation led to a university "self-study" which in turn has resulted in "comprehensive and far-reaching plans and projections. Many changes have been implemented, and continuity of planning has been initiated."

Noting that another evaluation committee will visit the campus this spring and that the probationary status will be reviewed, Dr. Barker commented, "It is expected that the improvements already accomplished and a strong promise of continued increases in state support will be sufficient to remove probation."

He cited improvements to the James E. Morrow Library, "upgrading" of the Marshall faculty, and increase in Marshall's financing by the Board of Regents, and the Campus Facilities Plan.

However, Dr. Barker pointed out, "Marshall University is provided less financing on a per-student basis than four of the state's four-year colleges, less even than the two-year branch of West Virginia University."

Discussing the 1973-74 budget request, Dr. Berker commented, "The need for improving funding is crucial." He said the request entails further funds for improving the faculty and for new positions to improve staffing in student guidance and counseling and in campus security, maintenance, and custodial services.

Looking to the future, President Barker hailed the "Plan for Progress" recently announced by the Board of Regents. Noting the urban-oriented role outlined for Marshall, he said Marshall is unique in the West Virginia system of higher education in this respect. "Its strengths must be developed and new avenues of service to the people of our state must be exploited," Dr. Barker commented.

He cited as urgent needs within the "Plan for Progress" the development of a Community College division of Marshall, major expansion of the graduate program, and development of a Center for Community Development.

Discussing the proposed Veterans Administration-Marshall University medical school, Dr. Barker said, "Careful studies must be made to demonstrate the need, and to construct the complex interrelationship of community health resources, personnel, and educational program. The governor has made available funds with which to conduct such studies. With these studies as a base when the federal government releases its guidelines and allocates funds, we will be in the best position to propose a medical school here. "This we will do."

Tax rate increases

Slightly smaller paychecks will reflect the increase in Social Security tax rate for 1973. Starting Jan. 1, 1973, Social Security tax rate increased to 5.85% and the maximum salary base increased to \$10,800, according to Joseph C. Peters, vice president for business affairs. 1972 payroll tax rate was 5.2% and the maximum base was \$9,000. "For those employees making the maximum salary or more, the tax will be \$631.80 as compared with the old amount of \$468.00. The increase on the maximum earner will be \$163.80 for the 1973 year," said Peters.

In 1974 the tax rate will remain at 5.85%, but the maximum taxable base will advance to \$12,000. The maximum earner in 1974 will have a yearly deduction of \$702.

MU NEWCOMERS

LINDA L. ROWSEY, clerk for College of Business and Applied Science; SUZANNE BROOKS, secretary for Alumni Affairs; JIM MATOVICH, instructor of accounting, and RAYMOND E. BROWN, HAYWOOD C. BYRD, JOHN HAGAN, CHARLES H. MOORE, KEITH PERRY and DONALD E. VAUGHN, all with Buildings and Grounds, are recent newcomers to the Marshall campus.

News conferences to be aired

WMUL-TV has initiated a project to tape President John G. Barker's weekly meetings with representatives of the area news media, General Manager T.M. Hollinger announced. They will be broadcast each Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Barker's Jan. 10 news meeting will be aired this Sunday at 4 p.m.

Faculty and staff achievements, activities...

DR. OFFA LOU JENKINS, professor of education and director of special education, will be on sabbatical leave this semester. Dr. Jenkins has been invited by the executive director and board of directors of the National Council for Exceptional Children to assist with the revision of professional standards for preparation of personnel to work with exceptional children and to assist with developing standards for supportive personnel.

Dr. Jenkins will be based in Arlington, Va., for a four-month period beginning in January. With her leadership role in this project she will be meeting with special education representatives from the United States and other countries.

DR. W. THURMON WHITLEY, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a talk entitled "What is Topology?" to mathematics students at Ripley High School on Dec. 4.

DR. THOMAS BAUSERMAN, professor of mathematics, and STEVEN HATFIELD, assistant professor of mathematics, visited with mathematics students at Clay High School in Portsmouth, Ohio, on Dec. 14. Dr. Bauserman spoke on "Present State of Geometry in the School Mathematics Programs," and Mr. Hatfield spoke on "Careers in Mathematics."

JAMES MARTIN, vice president-manager of the Marshall Artists Series, will be writing reviews of classical music recordings for inclusion in the new magazine section of the Sunday Herald-Advertiser "Valley."

In accepting the assignment, Martin noted, "It is my intent to share my reactions to these musical experiences with those readers who are responsive to great artists and great music, and for the most part, reviews will focus on productions of merit in order to stimulate interest in them. I feel such reviews and related activities will generate a lot of enthusiasm in serious music."

During the academic year, each record reviewed will be broadcast by the university radio station WMUL (88.1 Mhz FM) the day following the review (Monday) at 1:05 p.m., and will be available to students in the music listening room of the Memorial Student Center. Blind persons may have reviews read to them by calling Martin's office, 696-6700.

DR. RALPH OBERLY, assistant professor of physics, gave a holography demonstration to the physics class of Chesapeake High School on Dec. 14. Some applications of holography were discussed.

Community College Lecture Series

West Virginia Northern Community College has scheduled a series of five lectures by authorities in the community college movement during the current academic year. The program is being provided for faculty, administration and students of the college, as well as for invited personnel from other academic institutions.

The lecture series, being offered at the Wheeling Campus of West Virginia Northern Community College, will feature in the third program of the series Dr. William K. Moore, who is presently on the faculty of Ohio State University, on Jan. 19. His topic will be "The Community College Faculty." Moore will discuss the characteristics, attitudes and opportunities of community college faculty members.

Moore has had published "Against the Odds: The High Risk Student in the Community College" and "Blind Man on a Freeway: The Community College Administrator."

Marshall University personnel have been invited to attend the programs, according to Dr. William K. Easley, Marshall vice president for academic affairs.

DR. JOSEPH S. LA CASCIA, chairman of the department of economics, and DR. THEODORE E. QUAST, JR., assistant professor of economics, attended the annual meeting of the American Economic Association which was held in Toronto, Canada, from Dec. 28 to 30.

Marshall University administrators, faculty, staff and students offer their sympathies to DOYLE CARTER, property officer for receiving department. Mr. Carter's wife, Anne, died Dec. 26.

DR. WILLIAM A. WALLACE, chairman of the department of counseling and rehabilitation, has been invited by Dr. Daniel B. Taylor, state superintendent of schools, to serve on a State Guidance Advisory Committee. The initial meeting of the committee was held Dec. 5 in Charleston. The purpose of the meeting was to identify areas to be improved and strategies for implementing improvements.

DR. LEONARD J. DEUTSCH, assistant professor of English, has been notified that his article, "Ellison's Early Fiction," will be published by "Negro American Literature Forum" of Indiana State University.

MICHAEL R. BEASLEY, instructor of English, DR. WILLIAM E. COFFEY, associate professor of social studies, DR. LOUIS B. JENNINGS, professor of Bible and religion, and DR. WILLIAM P. SULLIVAN, professor of English, represented the AAUP West Virginia Conference at a subcommittee meeting of the Joint Interim Legislative Committee in Charleston on Dec. 10.

The subcommittee is considering public employees collective bargaining legislation which may be approved the coming legislative session.

Accounting receives \$400

Dr. F. T. Chen, chairman of the accounting department, was presented with a check for \$400 by Edward H. Hennekes of Ernst & Ernst of Charleston on Dec. 12. Donald McIvy of the firm and Charles Webb, associate professor of accounting, were also present.

According to Dr. Chen, "That grant is committed to the furtherance of the accounting program here at Marshall."