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# News Letter

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## PILOT PROGRAM FOR MU

The West Virginia Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Marshall University are cooperating in a new program to provide improved services and greater educational opportunities to handicapped students of West Virginia.

The program was announced jointly by Cornelius L. Williams, Huntington District supervisor for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Dr. Richard G. Mund, vice president for student affairs at Marshall.

As a result of the three-year pilot project, "We are hopeful that Marshall University will become a model school for the handicapped," Williams said.

Under the agreement between Marshall and the state agency, a full-time rehabilitation counselor has been assigned to Marshall to work with handicapped students. He also will assist other rehabilitation field counselors and will help in developing new programs for the handicapped on the Marshall campus.

Jerry L. Meadows, 30, has been given the assignment by the Rehabilitation Division and Marshall is providing him office space in Memorial Student Center. Meadows, a field counselor with the agency for the past five years, is a native of Parkersburg. He earned his A.B. degree at Marietta College, his M.A. degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and has done additional graduate work at the University of Virginia and West Virginia University.

He will be responsible jointly to Williams and to Marshall Associate Dean of Students Marvin E. Billups. Among Billups' duties is direction of Marshall's Human Relations Center, which deals with the problems of handicapped students.

Although the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation previously has worked directly with handicapped students at the secondary school level, this will be the agency's first direct service office on a West Virginia college or university campus.

Among the reasons Marshall was selected for the pilot program, Williams indicated, was the "favorable climate" at Marshall. "The university is a progressive institution which is concerned about the handicapped and the disadvantaged. It has made clear its desire to join with the Division in this project."

Other factors cited include Marshall's generally level topography, the fact it is located in the state's largest city and therefore accessible to more handicapped students, an excellent program of student personnel services, and a fine undergraduate program in rehabilitation education.

The Rehabilitation Division had 128 of its handicapped clients enrolled in Marshall University last fall. Of that number, 10 dropped out during the academic year. One of the objectives of the on-campus counselor will be to reduce the dropout rate among handicapped students by helping them overcome the problems they encounter.

During the three-year period of the pilot project, the agency expects to provide casework services directly to 275 handicapped students and to assist others indirectly. The project will include all types of disabling conditions and clients will be offered the full range of vocational rehabilitation services.

If the project proves successful, the Rehabilitation Division

plans to incorporate it into the agency's regular program at the end of the three years.

Counselor Meadows, who will be assisted by a secretary assigned from the Vocational Rehabilitation Division, will be involved in a wide range of services to the handicapped.

His responsibilities will include:

-Assisting field counselors in serving their clients enrolled at Marshall.

-Receiving new referrals and building up and carrying his own caseload.

-Offering assistance to each graduating client in planning for and obtaining employment.

-Assisting field counselors who are helping disabled high school students plan for college, particularly Marshall University.

-Working toward elimination of structural barriers to the handicapped.

-Identifying needs for special facilities, equipment and services for the handicapped and helping plan for meeting those needs.

-Planning for special individual and group orientation activities for new students who are handicapped.

-Planning special social and recreational activities for handicapped students.

-Assisting handicapped students in locating suitable housing, obtaining necessary personal services, and obtaining scholarships, grants and loans.

Marshall Vice President Mund expressed enthusiasm for the project. "Marshall University attracts a significant number of handicapped students each year because of its relatively good topographic situation and because of the progress we have made in eliminating architectural barriers," he noted. "However, the handicapped student will encounter a wide range of problems under even the best of circumstances. We are delighted that a state agency with the resources and know-how of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is joining with us in an effort to provide greater educational and social opportunities for the handicapped."

### Directory data needed

It's that time of year again when the Office of Informational Services begins compiling information so that a complete and accurate Faculty-Staff Directory can be published for university-wide use.

In your mail boxes today you will find a letter from this office, a green card and a biographical data sheet. These forms should be filled out and returned to Old Main 115 NO LATER THAN MONDAY, SEPT. 10.

If you have any questions, please stop by the office or call 6453. Your cooperation is necessary in getting the 1973-74 directories to all employees at the earliest possible time.

DR. M. R. CHAKRABARTY, professor of chemistry, and DR. MELVYN W. MOSHER, assistant professor of chemistry, are co-authors of an article entitled "Thermodynamics of Protonation of Substituted Pyridines in Aqueous Solutions," which appeared in the "Journal of Chemical Society II" in the July issue.

REGINALD SPENCER, director of career planning and placement, was the guest speaker for the Civitan Club at The UpTowner Inn on July 27. The topic of his speech was "Placement Trends and Employment Services Offered Undergraduates, Graduates and Alumni."

ROBERT J. DILS, associate professor of physical science, and DR. RALPH OBERLY, assistant professor of physics, have been appointed by President Barker to serve as representatives to the Huntington Galleries in a cooperative effort to develop a planetarium there.

## MU grad is Scotland-bound

A recent Marshall University graduate, Steven R. Hayes of Huntington, has been selected as this year's recipient of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Scholarship. The award covers all expenses for a year's study in a Scottish university.

Hayes, 22, was graduated cum laude with an A.B. degree in political science last spring. He will leave for Scotland in late September to spend a year at the University of Glasgow doing research for a diploma in economic development. He has postponed plans to enter law school in order to take advantage of the Highland Games Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding graduating male student of Scottish descent in the United States. It is provided by the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Association.

Grandfather Mountain, located near Linville, N.C., is the scene of a large gathering of the Scottish clans of the United States. The annual gathering features traditional highland games and activities.

Hayes is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Hayes of 180 S. Edgemont Road, Huntington. His father is dean of the Marshall University College of Education.

## Barker named NCA evaluator

The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has appointed Marshall University President John G. Barker to serve as an examiner-evaluator for the association.

Examiner-evaluators are called upon periodically to serve on evaluation committees which visit college and university campuses to examine institutional programs and needs. The evaluation committees make recommendations on accreditation to the North Central Association. Such a committee visited the Marshall University campus last March. As a result of that visit, Marshall's accreditation was reaffirmed in July.

Dr. Barker also has been asked to join an accrediting team of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In November, the team will visit the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, Odessa, Texas, a newly-organized member of the Texas system.

Before becoming Marshall president in 1971, Dr. Barker served as associate executive secretary of the Southern Association's Commission on Colleges.

EDWARD G. NECCO, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, will be the featured speaker on Sept. 12 in the Second Annual Parent Education Series, sponsored by the Community Mental Health Center.

Mr. Necco will talk on the role of parents and other significant adults in the emotional development of normal or disturbed children.

## Positions open

**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID** – Responsibilities include development and administration of all financial aid programs, (i.e., National Direct Student Loan program, College Work-Study Program, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program, Federally Insured Student Loan program, scholarships, etc.), preparation of annual reports, and the supervision of office staff.

B.S. required, M.A., accounting background, and previous experience as a financial aid officer preferred. Salary commensurate with training and experience. Interested persons should contact: Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs by no later than Aug. 31, 1973.

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**SECRETARY FOR UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM** – Will work primarily with the Assistant Director-Counselor. Should be able to type material accurately and efficiently and be able to take shorthand or speed writing. Prefer a person with experience, but not essential. Should have good personality to greet students and visitors since the person will act as receptionist. Salary will be \$420 per month.

Apply to Robert D. Goodlett, Director of Special Services and Upward Bound Programs, Student Development Center.

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The Marshall University Computer Center has openings for key punch operator, computer operators (first and second shifts) and operating systems specialist. Interested applicants are invited to contact Larry Slone for the key punch and computer operators positions and Karl Thomas for the operating systems specialist opening.

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## Tenure program set

Members of the Marshall University faculty and staff have been invited to attend a "consideration" being sponsored by the Danforth Associates at Marietta (Ohio) College Sept. 7 and 8. Topic of the program will be "Tenure: Breastplate of Truth or Buckler of Incompetence?"

The speaker Friday evening, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. will be Dr. William Boyd, president of Central Michigan University. Saturday at 10 a.m., he will be joined by Marietta College President Sherrill Cleland and others for a panel discussion on tenure. Both sessions will be held in Marietta's Hermann Fine Arts Center. Dr. and Mrs. James H. O'Donnell III are project directors.

# Credit/non-credit policy started

Marshall University this fall will implement a credit/non-credit option policy approved last April by the West Virginia Board of Regents, Registrar Robert H. Eddins announced today.

Under the credit/non-credit option, a student may elect to take a maximum of 18 semester hours of academic work on a credit/non-credit basis toward fulfilling requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Courses taken on this basis must be in areas other than his major field of study or teaching specialization.

Students wishing to take advantage of the credit/non-credit option will go through the normal registration procedure, Eddins said. Then, during the late registration period, Aug. 30-Sept. 7, they will pick up a special form in the registrar's office, complete it, and return it to that office. This form will specify those classes which the student will take on a credit/non-credit basis.

Students who pre-registered last spring also may take

advantage of the credit/non-credit option by filling out the additional form, Eddins said.

Course work taken on a credit/non-credit basis will be counted for credit the same as any other course. The grade the student achieves, recorded as CR or NC, will not be counted in computing the student's grade-point average. A course in which the grade of NC (no credit) is awarded may be repeated either on the same basis or on a regular grade basis.

## Dr. Cyrus first woman mayor

Dr. Phyllis H. Cyrus, associate professor of management at Marshall University, was sworn in Monday as Huntington's first woman mayor.

Dr. Cyrus, who was elected to City Council in the June 5 election, succeeds Mayor Owen Duncan, who died last Sunday night. Mrs. Cyrus had been selected earlier by Council to serve as assistant mayor.

Terming the swearing-in ceremony a "sorrowful occasion," Dr. Cyrus said, "I will do my best to give the city the leadership it would have had under Mayor Duncan."

Dr. Cyrus, a member of the Marshall University faculty since 1960, is a native of Huntington and received her A.B. degree from Marshall in 1935. She earned her J.D. degree at West Virginia University in 1938 and practiced law from 1938 to 1946. She lists herself as a housewife from 1946 to 1958 and she and her husband, Mason G. Cyrus are the parents of three children: Ann, 26; Jim, 25, and John, 23. Mrs. Cyrus taught in the Huntington public schools in 1958-59, before joining the Marshall faculty.

## Sports information director appointed

Sam Stanley has been named sports information director at Marshall University, Director of Athletics Joe McMullen announced.

Stanley, 36, is currently assistant news editor of the Huntington Advertiser. He will assume duties at Marshall September 1.

Stanley is a native of Huntington and a 1965 Marshall graduate with an A.B. degree in journalism. His newspaper career began in 1957 on the sports staff of the Huntington Herald-Dispatch. In 1965-66, he was sports editor of the Sanford (Fla.) Herald.

He was publicity director of the Orlando Panthers of the Continental Football League in 1966-67 before returning to Huntington. He served on The Advertiser copy desk for two years and in 1969 became news editor of the Somerset (Ky.) Commonwealth Journal. Stanley became The Advertiser's assistant news editor in 1971.

## 7 join MU staff

Seven new full-time employees have joined the Marshall University community. They are: DONALD L. SALYERS, director of security; THURSA B. LAUTENSCHLAGER, supervisor of nurses; JOSEPH A. FARAGALLI, assistant football coach; JEROME C. SALES, stackmaster in the library; REBECCA EVELYN MOORE, secretary in the Athletic Department; KATHY ANN HAGER, clerk in accounts payable, and CYNTHIA W. MULLENS, residence director.

## Artists Series bargain available

Season memberships are still available for the Marshall Artists Series, Baxter and Forum Series. Faculty and staff may attend the 16 events on these two series for as little as \$19. A brochure detailing all the 1973-74 Marshall Artists Series programs will be distributed shortly.

## Orientation sessions scheduled next week

The final sessions of New Student Orientation will be conducted Aug. 26, 27, and 28, Jean McDaniel, coordinator, announced. Attendance at an orientation session is mandatory for all new students.

There will be four phases of Fall Orientation:

Phase A—Full-time freshmen, Aug. 26-27, beginning at 1 p.m. the 26th.

Phase B—Full-time transfers, Aug. 27-28, beginning at 1 p.m. the 27th.

Phase C—All others, except the above, who are registering for evening classes only, Aug. 27 beginning at 6 p.m.

Phase D—All others, except the above, who are not registering for just evening classes, Aug. 28 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

New students who inquire about orientation or registration should be directed to the Multi-Purpose Room of Memorial Student Center where someone from the Orientation Office will be stationed to assist them.

## Bluegrass band here

The West Virginia Grass, a five-member band featuring Bluegrass music, will perform in the Memorial Student Center Coffee House Aug. 30-Sept. 1, from 9 to 11 p.m. each of the three days. All five members of the group are students at Bethany College. The group had a successful appearance here last January, according to Skip Cornett, chairman of the Coffee House programming committee.