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Staff council discusses parking situation

(The following reports on the Dec. 19 and Jan. 16 meetings of the Marshall University Classified Staff Council were submitted by Connie Zirkle, secretary.)

The Dec. 19 meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Nina Barrett, president.

Sharie Altizer was unanimously elected as the council's new vice president.

Committee Reports:

Personnel—Sharie Altizer discussed a letter sent to Bill Burdette and the hiring of three Kelly Service employees into custodial positions.

Altizer shared information regarding dividing PEIA insurance payment into two pay periods per month. The problem lies in when the bills must be paid to PEIA. The PEIA would have to change the due date before the money could be split into two payments.

ACCE—David Cremeans said ACCE and the Institutional Board met and discussed the issues of the 36 to 50 increment raise, full funding of the salary schedule, a cost of living raise, the right for public employees to hold public office and contracting out of state positions. These issues will be emphasized to state officials.

The Jan. 16 meeting was called to order by 1:06 p.m.

Tom Johnson, chief of the MU Police Department, was the guest speaker. He opened the discussion with information regarding the proposed parking fee raises. He said the parking fee raise was being discussed because the current fee structure is inadequate due to rising costs; for example paving and lot maintenance costs.

Johnson said it has been four or five years since the last increase and the increase before that was 20 years ago. He informed the council that Marshall's parking fees are low compared to other universities. He also discussed the location of Marshall and how it is "landlocked" so only a limited space is available for parking.

The Personnel Committee had prepared the following questions to ask Johnson.

In regard to the over-selling of parking permits to students, how much money was collected?

Johnson stated that the auxiliary account was self-funding and did not receive any state fees. There is a \$350,000 budget needed for equipment, salary and repairs on the existing lots. He said 54 percent of this budget is obtained through permits. The rest of the funds are obtained through collections from meters, fines and interest. To offset the increased costs a \$5 per semester or \$10 per year increase is proposed as a minimum.

Terry Olson asked about the number of tickets given and those actually collected.

Johnson said that he doesn't know how many tickets are written or collected because after 10 days, fines are turned over to the city court and they keep the money. Violations that occur in the handicapped areas are collected at Marshall due to laws.

The land acquisition fee was the next topic of discussion.

Johnson explained that it is a one-time fee only for the first time that a parking permit is purchased by an individual. The funds used from this fee also are facing higher costs due to the additional expense of removing older properties where asbestos is involved.

Do you think a parking garage should be built?

Johnson discussed two issues he thought were important: the

"astronomical cost" and how much fees would have to be raised so that it would be economical to use, and that parking garages are "magnets" for crime and related problems such as assaults, lawsuits, car theft and damage.

Barrett asked about the cost of maintaining the lots, such as painting and snow removal.

He said that since Public Safety had taken over the Parking Office, \$30,000 to \$40,000 has been spent to fill in pot holes. He also stated that there were a lot of projects on board where more parking space was in negotiation, where space was being reallocated or available space could be better utilized, as well as the possibility of purchasing new property.

Is handicapped parking sufficient?

Johnson said handicapped parking is set up by a formula dictated by law. Marshall meets those regulations.

Does Public Safety intend to keep Kelly Service instead of student assistants?

Johnson indicated that plans were to keep Kelly Service. He said student assistants have to work around their hours and this creates a problem. Ideally, assistants are needed from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and patrol at night. They have to maximize the resources available. He stated that he wants people he can depend on and people that will be available when needed.

A statement was made that a lot of staff don't like to use campus mail since it is unreliable in the fee/permit process.

Johnson asked, "Why is campus mail unreliable?" The university is trying to funnel all cash collections through the Bursar's Office due to state auditing. He is trying to prevent the staff and faculty from having to pay at the Bursar's Office and walk to the Parking Office to get their permit. Campus mail alleviates that problem. He said that he is open to options and alternative solutions.

He said they are trying to make it a user friendly process (parking in general). He is looking into how it is deducted from payroll. He also discussed the \$20,000 software expense that was incurred when parking turned collections over to the Bursar's Office.

Parking will be needed for the new library. Where will it come from?

Marshall is trying to acquire more land for parking. The Pike house was bought for that purpose. Lots behind Chevron are in negotiation as well as areas on Fifth Avenue, Third Avenue and Hal Greer Boulevard.

Barrett asked Anita Hill to have her committee look into the parking fee structure and see if it is feasible for council to approve the increase?

Standing Committee Reports:

Financial Affairs—Martha Deel said the web page is ready and waiting for the link at the Computer Center.

Physical Environment—Anita Hill reported they are back to square one with the issue of the timing of the lights on Third Avenue and the dangerous crossing for the disabled. She said that she had talked to the city and was told it would have to stay like it is. Barrett suggested that it be made a mayoral election issue.

Service—Sherry Brooks reported that four cards had been sent to staff members who had family members pass away. Flowers were sent to one employee and a card was sent to Connie Zirkle.

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Staff members will be honored at luncheon

Marshall University's 13th annual Service Awards Luncheon will be held Thursday, May 15, from noon to 2 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The following is a tentative list of university staff members who will receive awards:

For 15 Years of Service—Nina Barrett, Eddie Bracey, Connie Chapman, John Darrah, Sharon Gates, Herbert Karlet, Paula Kelly, Linda Mills, Janet Rone, Penny Smoot, Jerry Stowasser, Allen Taylor;

For 20 Years of Service—David Arigan, Robert Bolling, Ezra Brinegar, Janet Dudley, Charlotte Hardin, Linda Holmes, Betty Lawhorn, Thomas Lovins, Joyce Ray, Ida Reed, William Shondel, Jack Shafer, Carol Skaggs, Judy Watters;

Black History Month activities continuing

Marshall University's observance of Black History Month will continue through February with the following activities:

Sunday, Feb. 23

—"Soul Food Feast" featuring the traditional foods, and favorite dishes made in the kitchens of African American families at 3 p.m. in the Campus Christian Center.

Monday, Feb. 24

—"Black Man Rising," a play by James H. Chapmyn that looks beyond the media stereotypes of African American men and acknowledges the power that has kept so many of them focused and alive, at 7 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

—A panel discussion on "Social Justice and Race Relations in the Tri-State Community" at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge. The panel will feature several Tri-State area community leaders.

—"Black America: Facing the Millennium," a program exploring the challenges and priorities of black Americans on the brink of the 21st century and the culture and state of black America from the vantage points of history, culture and economy, at 10 p.m. on WPBY-TV, Channel 33.

Friday, Feb. 28

—"Nubian Prince and Princess Pageant," featuring the selection of the students of the year by Marshall's Black United Students organization, at 7 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The activities are being sponsored by Marshall's African American Students' Program Office, the Marshall Artists Series, West Virginia Public Television and the MU Office of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs.

Many of the activities will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the African American Students' Program Office at Marshall University, 304-696-6705.

For 25 Years of Service—Delana June Adkins, Nancy Filbert, Charles McKinney, Judith Olson, Barbara Ransbottom;

For 30 Years of Service—Julia Gibson;

For 35 Years of Service—Shirley Dyer;

Retirees—Nell Bailey, Wilma Gibbs, Cleo Johnson, Edna Ball, Clifford Curry, Floyd McSweeney, Ernestine Osburn, Maxine Vernon, Clarice Maynard, Helen Moeller, Reginald Spencer, Christine Qualls, Judy May, Jacquelyn White, Barbara James, Shirley Bledsoe.

To be eligible for awards employees must have completed 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years of service to Marshall University by May 1, 1997.

If you know of anyone who has been left off this list contact Joe Wortham, 696-5402.

Barbara James retiring

Barbara R. James, coordinator of the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree program (RBA) at Marshall University, has announced her retirement from the university effective March 31.

The RBA is a nontraditional program designed for the adult student. College credit counting toward the degree requirements may be awarded to students in the program for documented learning resulting from work or life experience.

A native of Nitro and graduate of Dunbar High School, James has been a member of the Marshall staff since 1965. Prior to accepting a position at Marshall, James served as secretary to the director of the West Virginia University Hospital.

She worked in several offices at Marshall including admissions, adult education, extension and the MU Foundation until the RBA program was developed at colleges and universities throughout the state in 1975.

The director of Marshall's program at that time (Paul Collins) had been asked by the university president to do some work for the new School of Medicine. James said she knew he would have too much work to handle and made the suggestion that she take the RBA program and work out of a vacant office in Old Main. Collins agreed and subsequently moved full-time to the School of Medicine.

James then worked with the program under a succession of different directors until she was officially named coordinator in 1990.

The program has experienced rapid growth in the past few years and has granted approximately 2,000 baccalaureate degrees to students who might not otherwise have received degrees.

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James

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. DAYAL SINGH, professor of finance, presented two research papers at the annual meeting of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences held Feb. 2-5 at Las Vegas, Nev. His papers were titled "Feasible Measures to Contain Unrelenting Higher Than Inflation Rate Annual Increases in Health Care Costs" and "Benefits for Stockholders and Depositors of a Small Bank in its Final Merger with a Super-Regional Bank: A West Virginia Case Sample."

Dr. STEVEN P. MEWALDT, professor of psychology, recently had an invited review of Englekamp and Zimmer's "The Human

Former professor dies

Carolyn Clyde Fore Dwight, 82, of Huntington died in Atlanta, Ga., Thursday, Feb. 6.

She was professor of business administration at Marshall from 1938 to 1966 and professor of economics and business administration at Middle Georgia College, a unit of the University of Georgia, from 1967 to 1977. She also taught at the University of California at Northridge in 1966.

Prior to college teaching, she taught at Vinson High School and Huntington High School.

She graduated summa cum laude from Marshall and was the first woman to receive the master's degree in business administration from Ohio State University. She also did graduate work at the University of Chicago and the University of Colorado.

She was married to the late Charles Eugene (Gene) Dwight for 58 years.

Survivors include: two daughters, Beverly Gail Dwight of Atlanta, Ga., and Marilyn Dwight Rife of Chillicothe, Ohio; a son, Stephen Fore Dwight of Tampa, Fla.; two grandsons; two sisters; four nephews; two nieces, eight grandnephews and three grandnieces.

Faculty revive journal

Two Marshall University psychology professors, Dr. Pamela L. Mulder and Dr. James W. Moore, have become editors of The Journal of Rural Community Psychology (JRCP).

For more than a decade, the journal was published by the California School of Professional Psychology at Fresno.

However, increasing publication costs and the small, relatively specialized subscribership eventually resulted in a decision to cease publication.

Mulder and Moore will make the JRCP available as an on-line journal in both multimedia and text only versions beginning the middle of this year.

The editors are seeking publishable manuscripts for consideration and would like to hear from individuals who would be interested in serving as reviewers or people who would like to subscribe to the journal.

They strongly prefer to receive submission via e-mail or on disc. All review work will be done electronically. For details read the "Guidelines for Authors" on the JRCP WWW site: <http://www.marshall.edu/jrcp>.

To obtain further details contact Mulder, 696-2770, or Moore, 696-2776, or send an electronic inquiry to: JRCP@MARSHALL.EDU.

Memory: A Multi-modal Approach" published in The Journal of Chemical Neuroanatomy (11) 1996.

THOMAS A. LOVINS, director of recreational sports and fitness activities, and SHARON STANTON, assistant director of recreational sports and fitness activities, attended the 17th annual Mid-American Conference Recreational Sports Directors' Workshop held Jan. 23-24 at Ohio University. Fifty-five sports professionals attended the conference. Dr. Charles Ping, president emeritus of Ohio University, was the guest speaker. His topic was "A Student Center: Need, Vision and Fact."

Dr. CLAIR W. MATZ, professor of political science, and CHRISTINE BURNS, a political science graduate student, had an article titled "Assessing Mexico's Political and Economic Stability" published in the Winter 1997 issue of National Guard Review. BURNS is serving a graduate internship this semester at the central office of the State College and University Systems of West Virginia in Charleston.

Dr. JEFFERY SCOTT ELWELL, professor and chair of the Department of Theatre, had the premiere of his play, "Raising Stallions," in Hattiesburg, Miss., Feb. 8. Acting editions of his one-act plays, "Dead Fish" and "Stepping Out," will be published this spring by Palmetto Play Service. His play, "First Date," has been translated by Magnus Johansson and will have its international premiere at the Cafe Theatre in Lund, Sweden, March 9. Two interviews with southern playwrights appeared in the Fall and Winter volumes of Southern Theatre.

Barbara James retiring

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James has been involved in various activities at Marshall. She served as a member of the Classified Staff Council for several years and served as president of the council in 1990-91. She also was elected by the staff to serve as their representative on the Advisory Council of Classified Employees for the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees from 1992 to 1994.

She recently has served as an instructor for the university's "Connections" program, an in-service course designed for all Marshall employees.

James is active in the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church where she has served as an elder and is a long-time volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

She has co-chaired the society's "Relay for Life" event that has raised \$40,000 each of the last two years and will co-chair this year's event May 17 at Marshall's Lefty Rollins Track.

James recently accepted a post as a trustee for a new association of cancer societies from Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C. She is one of four West Virginia representatives on the organization that will set policies for fund raising and educational activities for the American Cancer Society in the region.

After retiring, James said she plans to travel and continue working for her church and the American Cancer Society.

"Marshall has been my home away from home for 31 years and all of these people have been a part of my family," James said. "It's going to be a big change in my life. I know there will be a lot of things I'll miss. I also know that it is time for me to make a change. It's time for me to retire."

Library contributors to be listed in newspaper

More than 500 Marshall employees and retirees who donated to The Library Fund were recognized in The Herald-Dispatch on Feb. 9 and 10.

Unfortunately, several names were inadvertently omitted or misspelled in the ad. Those include: W. Blaker Bolling, Camilla C. Brammer, Charles K. Braun, Mary Perry Madsen, Stephanie Adkins Neal and Carol A. Specht.

"Dr. Gilley wrote to all employees on Nov. 11 indicating his intention of publishing the names of employee donors," said Frank P. Justice Jr., Marshall vice president for development. "The advertisement will be published later in the Charleston Gazette-Mail and we want to make all necessary corrections to the list before that ad is published."

If you were listed incorrectly or if your name was omitted, please call the Office of Records and Research for Development at ext. 4378.

Faculty and staff may still make a gift or pledge to The Library Fund. To make a gift through payroll deduction, call the Development Office (ext. 6440) for a pledge card.

To make an outright gift of cash, send a check payable to The Marshall University Foundation Inc. to the Foundation's office on the third floor of Old Main. For details on how to make your gift via MasterCard or Visa, call the Foundation office (ext. 6264).

Faculty Senate to meet

Marshall University's Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, Feb. 27, at 4 p.m. in the Patio Dining Area on the second floor of Memorial Student Center.

The agenda will include: approval of minutes of 1/30/97; announcements; report of the university president; ACF report; six standing committee recommendations to approve: an addition of a medical withdrawal to Section 2 of the university withdrawal policy, an increase in the base budget of the library by \$200,000, approval of the Department of Athletics Policy on Transfer by Student Athletes and approval of the Policy and Procedures for Hearing on Appeal of Denial of Request for Release to Transfer, recommendation to amend the WP/WF policy passed by the senate at its special meeting of 1/23/97, recommendation to amend sections V and VI (Academic Rights and Responsibilities) of the MU Student Handbook and corresponding sections in the undergraduate catalog, approval of a proposed action plan for Marshall University and the West Virginia Graduate College; standing committee reports from Academic Planning, Athletic, Budget and Academic Policy and Faculty Personnel; old business; new business/open forum, and agenda requests for future meetings.

Club sponsoring dinner

Marshall University's Faculty Wives Club will sponsor a dinner theatre event Saturday, Feb. 22, for the MU Theatre presentation of "Philadelphia, Here I Come."

Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center. The cost of the dinner will be \$11.50. Richard Hensley, director of continuing education at Marshall, will be the guest speaker.

Theatre tickets for the presentation at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center will be \$6. To obtain further details contact Dee Brown, 525-8255.



Gilley Presents John Marshall Awards

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley is shown presenting a John Marshall Award for Meritorious Service to Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs. Gilley recently presented the John Marshall awards to Dr. Cleckley and her brother, attorney Franklin D. Cleckley, former West Virginia Supreme Court justice, for their demonstrated concern for the welfare of deserving students and their generosity in establishing The Dan, Reverend Ellen Dorroh and Gustavus Werber Cleckley Memorial Scholarship Fund. Gilley also presented an award to George Hancock of Martinsburg who established the George W. and Holly Woods Hancock Scholarship Fund to help African American high school students in Berkeley County attend college. The first four Hancock scholarships were awarded in 1996. Two of the recipients attend Marshall.

Guyer's book published

Dr. Barbara P. Guyer, director of the H.E.L.P. (Higher Education for Learning Problems) Program at Marshall, has had a book titled "The Pretenders: Gifted People who have Difficulty Learning" published by High Tide Press.

Guyer, an educator for more than 40 years, shares the stories of those she has known and worked with throughout her career. She has helped many students, from elementary school to college and even medical school, understand that their learning problems were not unusual, that they could learn, and that they were intelligent, even gifted people.

In the book she profiles eight people she has known and worked with professionally since founding the H.E.L.P. Program and before. They have all overcome incredible obstacles to achieve success in their fields and their home lives.

The book will be available through the Marshall University Bookstore.

Lunchbag seminar slated

A lunchbag seminar titled "Not For Ourselves But For Others" will be presented Wednesday, Feb. 26, at noon in Prichard Hall Room 143.

Shannon Ewing, a graduate assistant, will discuss the Huntington Equal Suffrage Association from 1915 to the 19th Amendment.

The seminar is open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.