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News Letter

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Spring enrollment up nearly 7 pct.

A total of 9,325 students are enrolled for the spring term at Marshall University, an increase of nearly 7 per cent over the same period last year.

Figures released by Registrar Robert H. Eddins show 8,840 registered for classes on the Huntington campus, with another 485 enrolled in off-campus courses.

Last year's spring term enrollment totaled 8,726. The overall percentage increase for the current term is 6.86 per cent.

The on-campus enrollment of 8,840 shows a 1.5 per cent growth in full-time students, but an 18.6 per cent surge in part-time students and an overall increase of 6.6 per cent.

Off-campus courses show a 10 per cent enrollment increase over the 437 registered last spring.

Perhaps the most significant gain in on-campus enrollment is reflected in the number of freshmen, Eddins said. There were 1,909 freshmen in the spring term of 1974, compared with 2,368 this term, for an increase of 24 per cent.

Another significant area of growth is in the number of veterans registered at Marshall. Eddins said 1,017 veterans are

enrolled for the current term, compared with 883 last fall, an increase of 134 students or 15 per cent. He attributed this partially to the recent increase in educational benefits for veterans, along with an extension of eligibility for receiving those benefits.

The Graduate School led all Marshall divisions in growth with 1,724 enrolled this term compared with 1,438 last spring for an increase of 19.88 per cent. The College of Arts and Sciences followed closely with 2,950, an increase of 474 or 19.1 per cent. Enrollment in the College of Business and Applied Science rose 7.6 per cent, while College of Education enrollment declined by 13.6 per cent.

Eddins attributed the overall increase to several factors, including the improved benefits for veterans. He also cited the economic situation and the "tight" job market.

Although there is historically a decrease in enrollment from the fall term to the spring term, university officials were pleased that the freshman enrollment decreased by only seven students, from 2,375 last fall to 2,368 this spring. This "normal" decline in freshmen runs between 300 and 400.

Inauguration for Dr. Hayes is laid aside

Marshall University officials have decided not to have an inauguration ceremony for Dr. Robert B. Hayes, who was appointed president last Nov. 4.

"There have been several inquiries as to the date of the inauguration ceremony for Dr. Hayes," according to Dr. Olen E. Jones Jr., executive assistant to the president. "We talked it over and decided there were a number of reasons for not having a presidential inauguration ceremony."

"In the first place," Jones said, "we have several important projects under way right now—developing a medical school, establishing a community college, and preparing a major plan for improving our physical facilities, among others. We decided against diverting attention, effort, time and money from projects which are so important to Marshall's future."

Jones also cited the economic situation. "The taxpayer is in a financial pinch and, thanks to inflation and soaring utility rates, Marshall is in a financial pinch. So why spend scarce money on an inauguration?"

"It is expected that development of the projects I have cited, and the development of an administrative organization and plans will require all of our time and energy for the next several months. In the order of priorities, an inauguration ceremony has low status and must be laid aside."

In foregoing a formal inauguration, Hayes has considerable precedent. Marshall has had only one presidential inauguration in its 138-year history.

Second 'Faculty Gab-Session' scheduled Wednesday

The second weekly "Faculty Gab-Session" will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 in the Alumni Lounge on the second floor of Memorial Student Center.

The sessions are informal discussions between President Robert B. Hayes and members of the faculty. Dr. Hayes said they are designed to permit a free exchange of information

between him and the faculty in a relaxed atmosphere.

"I'll try to field any questions faculty members may want to ask. Or, if anyone wants to send me a question beforehand, I'll try to have the answer at the time of the gab-session," Dr. Hayes said.

Advisory unit discusses retirement fund

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The Advisory Council of Faculty of the West Virginia Board of Regents met Monday, Jan. 27, 1975, in the Charleston Conference Room of the Board and conducted the following business:

Most of the day was devoted to the status of the West Virginia Teacher Retirement Fund. John White, a member of the State Teachers Retirement Board, was introduced and provided the data of this report. The five paragraphs which follow are, for the most part, quotations from the "Proceedings" of the meeting.

White presented data which showed that the present rate of contribution by the state, approximately 6 to 7 per cent, the Retirement Fund will be depleted in 10 to 15 years. State funding on the basis of at least 15 per cent appears necessary to ensure that the Retirement Fund will continue to grow. At this rate the present deficit could be amortized in about 75 years. He also emphasized that instead of making the roughly \$12 million annual appropriation required by law, the legislature has in reality been appropriating only \$3 million to \$4 million annually, which is the source of the difficulty now.

In other statistics, White showed, for example, that in 1974 member contributions to the Retirement Fund would total approximately \$16.4 million. To reach the 14 per cent which the Retirement Board considers the minimum necessary appropriation for the current session of the legislature, there would need to be a legislative share of \$38.2 million. At the 15 per cent level, the amount would be \$40.9 million. Against these contributions, estimated benefit payments would be \$47.7 million.

However, if the legislature does not change its funding level, but instead, continues at the present 6 to 7 per cent, or in the case of 1974 makes a contribution of \$19.1 million, the Retirement Fund will be depleted in 1984. At that point, according to White, we move from a retirement system to a state pension plan. Should this occur, the present formula of calculating benefits at two times the length of allowable service might well be sacrificed for some less favorable formula. He also noted that there has been a steady increase in benefits paid to members since 1960-1961 which has not been matched by a corresponding increase in receipts. For example, in 1960-1961 the benefits paid constituted 36.45 per cent of the receipts, but in 1973-1974 the benefits were 105.02 per cent of the receipts. For 1974-1975 the benefits paid will amount to an estimated 112.70 per cent of the receipts.

White pointed out that the Executive Secretary of the Retirement Board has indicated during a recent meeting that the state's contribution should be materially increased but that Gov. Moore had surprisingly come up with his proposal, not recommended by the Retirement Board, whereby the state would assume the present contribution by members of the Retirement system.

White commented that even though state assumption of the payment of the member's contribution of 6 per cent appears very attractive on the surface, it is in reality filled with dangers. Should that occur, future contributions will be hinged to legislative appropriations, which during times of tight budgets or apathy toward education could be disastrous. Moreover, without member contributions, faculty will have less voice in decisions and less control over policies than they now have. In addition, it will be easier for the legislature to change the formula for computing benefits to the detriment of the recipients. It was also pointed out that if the legislature should in the future fail to provide the necessary funds the impact would be felt not only by members of the Retirement System, which also includes public school teachers, but also by faculty who are participating in TIAA-CREF, since it is inconceivable that they, being a minority of all teachers, would receive preferential treatment. Thus, any jeopardy to

the present State Retirement System constitutes a threat to all aspects of faculty retirement.

After a thorough discussion of the various facets of the problem facing the Retirement Fund, the Advisory Council agreed to present the problems to their own faculties and to return to the February meeting with some sense of the feeling of their respective institutions regarding the difficulties. At that time the Council will determine what action it should appropriately take.

I would appreciate your immediate reaction to the above. The next meeting of the Council is Feb. 19. The Council has in the draft stage a resolution for the legislative leadership as follows:

Annual appropriations at a rate not less than 14 per cent of active payroll to the State Teacher Retirement System must be made. Postponement of these appropriations will cause an impossible financial burden for the State in the future.

The Advisory Council of Faculty, West Virginia Board of Regents, urges the Legislature and the Governor to include in the year's budget appropriations which, if continued on an annual basis, will insure the financial soundness of the Teachers Retirement System.

The Advisory Council of Faculty further recommends that the State not assume the individual's 6 per cent contribution as is now the practice.

Please provide me with some guidance in this matter. Do you favor the tone of the resolution? Do you believe the Council should drop the matter? Your response will be conveyed to the Council.

Submitted by Sam Clagg
Representative to the
Advisory Council of Faculty

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers to the campus include:

ANNA A. SAMOSKY, receptionist in the College of Education, and GEORGE PIERRE ST. LEGER, administrative assistant in the School of Medicine.

Welcome to Marshall!

41 students excused

The following students have been excused by the appropriate deans and/or department heads on the dates listed:

Jan. 28—Donna Basham, Mary Louise Rozansky, Barbara Spitz and Robin Veale.

Jan. 30 and 31—Tim Barnhouse, Cathy Bodo, Mike Campbell, Pam Dunlap, Rick Hauck, Ross Hudson, Beth McVey, Bob Morrelles, Jim Prunty, Sue Sanders, Cathy Schultz, Pat Caines, Dale Staley, Sherry Dial, McHenry Ellis, Tom Race, Steve Johnson, Vernon Varnum, Dave King, Mark Morgan, Rick Tiller, Mark Wade, Dave Waybright, Douglas Wagner and Kristi Wick.

Jan. 31—Tom Baarman, Steve Howerton, Teresa Spurlock, Terri Vass, Debbie Johnson and Ron Ronk.

Feb. 10—John Molino, Mike Cornell, Brett Thompson, Mark Hathaway, Joe Shade and Roy Sloan.

Faculty and staff achievements, activities... Page 3

DR. MICHAEL J. GALGANO, assistant professor of history, has had an article, "Iron Mining in Restoration Furness: the Case of Sir Thomas Preston," accepted for inclusion in a forthcoming issue of the British journal, *Recusant History*.

DR. JONATHAN ALSIP, associate professor of psychology, has been elected to fill a temporary vacancy on the Graduate Council for the second semester, 1974-75.

DR. WILLIAM N. DENMAN, assistant professor of speech, discussed "The Kanawha Textbook Controversy: the View of a Civil Libertarian," on Jan. 26 before the Charleston Unitarian Fellowship and in December before the Point Pleasant Kiwanis Club. The talks were given in Dr. Denman's capacity as president of the West Virginia Civil Liberties Union.

DR. JOHN W. HOGAN, professor of mathematics; DR. MARK D. PANKIN, assistant professor of mathematics, and DR. W. THURMON WHITLEY, associate professor of mathematics, attended the 81st annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society in Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-26. Drs. Pankin and Whitley presented papers at the meeting. Dr. Pankin's topic was "Row Admissible Latin Squares" and Dr. Whitley's topic was "Another Characteri-

zation of Semiprime Ideals in $C(X)$."

MRS. ELIZABETH CZOMPO, assistant professor of mathematics, spoke on "Think Metric" at Barboursville Junior High School on Jan. 28.

The newly-formed Marshall University Collegium Musicum, directed by DR. BRADFORD R. DeVOS, gave five performances before professional, civic and religious groups during December. Dr. DeVos's review of "The Sources of English Church Music, 1549-1660," compiled by Ralph T. Daniel and Peter Le Hurray, appeared in the December issue of *Notes: The Quarterly Review of the Music Library Association*.

MOVE seeking more involvement by faculty

The Marshall Office of Volunteer Experience (MOVE) is seeking to develop cooperative efforts with the faculty and staff to promote greater student involvement in volunteer and practicum experiences, according to Dr. Richard G. Fisher, dean of students.

An open meeting devoted to showing how MOVE works and how it can help MU faculty, staff and students, will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, in the Campus Christian Center. A Chili supper also will be served.

Any member of the student body, faculty or administration who wishes to attend the meeting or who would wish to become involved with MOVE can contact the co-directors, Debbie Callison or Craig Devendorf, or the Rev. William Miller at 529-3086, or Fisher at 696-6420.

"Student Government established MOVE last summer to provide an avenue for students to test their career and academic interests through volunteer and field experience programs, to enable students to fulfill part or all of the requirements of a course, to enable students to establish individual or group helping relations, and to serve as a clearing house, volunteering referrals and information, to organizations and individuals of Marshall University and the surrounding region," Fisher said.

Ms. Callison and Devendorf handle the mechanics of MOVE in their capacities as co-directors, Fisher said. The Advisory Board consists of Trish Fowler, Laidley Hall; Brian Ward, Student Senate; Fred Holland, Tau Kappa Epsilon; Philip Hinerman, student body president; Ruth A. McQuade, instructor in sociology and anthropology; Dr. Lawrence W. Barker, chairman of the Department of Counseling and Rehabilitation; the Rev. Miller, director of the Campus Christian Center, and Dr. Fisher.

Emeritus notes...

Dr. Alma N. Noble, retired professor and chairman of French, has been awarded a plaque of appreciation from the New Vienna (Ohio) Business Association. She was presented the award for arranging to lease the pharmacy of her late brother, N. C. Noble, in order to keep it open for the benefit of the citizens of New Vienna, and for her assistance in securing a physician to serve the community.

Dr. Noble, of 301 W. 10th Ave., Huntington, also has been selected as a reference source in its Library of Human Resources by the American Bicentennial Research Institute, Inc., and is listed in the 1975 Dictionary of International Biography.

Dr. Noble retired from Marshall in 1969, but served an additional three years at Morris Harvey College, retiring there in 1972.

Parthenon offers cut-rate ads

Marshall University faculty and staff members are now eligible for a special discount rate on classified ads in *The Parthenon*.

The discount rate for the recently initiated "Mini-Ads" is \$1 for 15 words.

"That's quite a bargain considering the large market *The Parthenon* serves," said Bill Rogers, adviser to the student newspaper.

Rogers said the "Mini-Ads" are catching on with students, but faculty and staff response has been slower than expected. "We would like to have more faculty support so we can keep the price low and build interest," Rogers said.

He noted the "Mini-Ads" can be used for anything from selling a bicycle to renting an apartment. Rogers said advertisers seem to be getting a good response to their ads.

To place an ad, contact Sarah Miller in Smith Hall 317 before noon prior to the day of desired publication. Due to the low cost of the ads, advance payment is required to avoid billing costs, Rogers said.

Ralph Hall, Stuart Thomas awarded doctoral degrees

Two members of the Marshall University faculty recently have been awarded their doctoral degrees, the Office of Academic Affairs announced.

Ralph H. Hall, assistant professor of education (Curriculum and Foundations), was awarded the Ed.D. degree by West Virginia University in December, 1974. A member of the Marshall faculty since 1965, he received his M.A. degree from Marshall in 1952.

Stuart W. Thomas Jr., instructor in psychology, was awarded his Ph.D. in psychology by Michigan State University, also in December. A member of the Marshall faculty since 1972, he received his M.A. from Michigan State in 1969.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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'Don Juan in Hell' on Mount Series next Thursday

Ricardo Montalban, Edward Mulhare, Kurt Kasznar and Myrna Loy will present George Bernard Shaw's "Don Juan in Hell" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the Keith-Albee Theatre as part of the Marshall Artists Series, Mount Series.

Reserved seat tickets will be on sale at the theatre boxoffice from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the day of the performance, and an hour before curtain. Telephone orders will be taken weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (304) 523-8391. MU students may present their activity cards to obtain free reserved seat tickets. Season memberships to the Baxter Series do not include this event.

BADMINTON CLUB OPEN TO FACULTY AND STAFF

The Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation is sponsoring a badminton club for faculty, staff and students, according to Dr. Dorothy Hicks, interim head of the department.

The club will meet on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 p.m. and on Thursdays from 8 to 10 p.m., unless otherwise posted. All play will be held in the Women's Gymnasium. All equipment, except tennis shoes or sneakers, will be furnished by the department.

Those interested may contact Linda Holmes at 696-3186.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE FILM SCHEDULED

Representatives of the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Board will show a 30-minute film and hold a question and answer period in Science Hall Auditorium at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, according to Roger Hesson, director of employee benefits.

All full time employees are urged to attend, Hesson said.

The board's basic hospitalization, major medical, life, accidental death and dismemberment insurance coverages will be the subject of the meeting, Hesson said.

TIAA DISABILITY PROGRAM TO BE DISCUSSED

Bruce Smith, representative of Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA), will discuss the TIAA disability insurance program at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26 in the Science Hall Auditorium.

Roger Hesson, director of employee benefits, said all university employees are urged to attend.

EMERITUS CLUB TO HEAR DR. GREEN

The Emeritus Club of Marshall will meet at noon Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the UpTowner Inn for luncheon and an address by Dr. N. Bayard Green on "Our Appalachian Heritage."

Dr. Donald N. Martin, club president, said reservations for the meeting should be made with him at 523-3028, or with Bernice Dorsey, club secretary, at 525-5901 before Feb. 17.

FREE WATCH CRYSTAL CALENDARS

Free "Crystal-Date Watch Calendars" are available from the Marshall University Bookstore, Joseph L. Vance, bookstore manager, has announced.

Vance said the calendars are available to all faculty and staff members on a first-come, first-served basis.

BLOOD DRIVE SET ON CAMPUS FEBRUARY 11-12

The Tri-State Red Cross Blood Center will be accepting blood donations from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the Multi-Purpose Room of Memorial Student Center.

Graduate studies talk resumed

The Graduate Council met Jan. 29 for a continued discussion of the improvement of graduate studies at Marshall University, according to Dr. Paul D. Stewart, council chairman.

The discussion included the ramifications of a possible shift to the professional model of graduate structure, Stewart said.

AP&S Committee's actions are reported

The Academic Planning and Standards Committee met recently and approved the following actions:

Additional courses -- Home Economics 604, Mathematics 470-570, Mathematics 471-571, Mathematics 472-572, Journalism 401, Curriculum & Foundations 309, Appalachian Literature, Management 360, Military Science 251, Accounting 480-481, Finance 480-481, Management 480-481, Marketing 480-481 and Office Administration 480-481.

Course changes--Deletion of Mathematics 436, 430-530; Inorganic Chemistry 449-549 changed from 2 to 3 hours credit, and EDF 649 changed to CR 648.

Programs approved--M.S. in Safety Education; FFA equivalency degree (leading to B.B.A.).

Submitted by:

Dr. Joan Adkins, chairman

Dr. Howard Slaatte, secretary