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News Letter

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July 11, 1975

Eight new programs approved

The West Virginia Board of Regents, meeting Tuesday in Morgantown, approved eight new academic programs for Marshall University, including five in the Community College. At the same time, two existing degree programs were terminated.

New programs approved were a Certificate of Advance Study in Education, a Master of Science in Criminal Justice, a Master of Science in Safety, and associate degrees in the five Community College programs: Chemical Technology, Fire Science, Library Media Technology, Occupational Safety, and Recreation Leadership. Fire Science and Occupational Safety also will offer one-year certificate options.

Terminated were the B.B.A. degree in Office Administration and the A.B. degree in Classical Languages. The two programs were reported to be among nearly 50 programs terminated in the state's system of higher education.

In his recommendations to the Board of Regents, John C. Wright, vice chancellor and director of academic affairs, said of the Office Administration degree program, "Very few students continue for the full four years...It is recommended that the four-year degree program be terminated so that fuller attention can be given to two-year programs in this area."

He said of the Classical Languages degree program, "Recent course offerings have increased the number of students benefiting from the discipline and reduced the unit cost...However, the degree program is too small to remain as a viable independent unit. The institution plans to consolidate it into the Foreign Language program."

The board also accepted Wright's recommendations to continue several Marshall degree programs which had been

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MU gains Historical Society's collection

The Cabell Wayne Historical Society has placed its entire collection of historical documents and photographs on permanent loan with the Special Collections Department of Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library.

The collection, totaling an estimated 60 cubic feet of materials, consists of books, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, diaries, maps, charts and photographs.

Sanford Shamin, coordinator of the historical society's new Heritage House in downtown Huntington, said the loan was made after it became apparent that the society would not be able to preserve and display the collection in a proper manner.

"We are without adequate space for that in our new home," Shamin said.

He said the historical society now will concentrate primarily on the preservation of architecture, artifacts and works of art.

"We're happy to have the responsibility for these materials and for the opportunity to put them into the mainstream of

scholarship," noted Dr. Kenneth Slack, MU director of libraries. "They can be the nucleus around which we can build a definitive collection of primary resource material on Cabell and Wayne counties," he said.

After sorting and cataloging, the collection will be listed and described in catalogs distributed worldwide by the Library of Congress.

Library receives grant

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library has received a \$3,918 grant from the U.S. Office of Education, the university has been advised. The award was made under the College Library Resources Program.

Dr. Kenneth T. Slack, Marshall's director of libraries, said the money will be used to purchase additional books and other library materials.

Swiss group to be on campus July 25-30

Marshall University will serve as host to a group of Swiss educators and a Swiss student beginning Friday, July 25.

The educators, all women, and the student, a young man, are participants in the Experiment in International Living Program, according to Dr. Robert P. Alexander, campus coordinator of the program and chairman of the Department of Management.

While visiting here, the group will live on campus, hear special lectures at the university, tour the city and surrounding area, and audit summer classes in their fields of interest.

The Experiment in International Living is a non-profit organization which seeks to promote a better understanding among people of the world. Sanctioned by the U.S. State Department, the experiment has exchange programs for high

school and college students, as well as educators. According to Alexander, this is the eleventh year Marshall has participated in the program.

The group will arrive in Charleston on Friday night and make its tours largely on Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27. At 10 a.m. Monday, July 28, members of the group will receive an official welcome to the university and later hear a special lecture by Dr. O. Norman Simpkins, chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. On Tuesday, July 29, they will hear another special lecture by Dr. A. Mervin Tyson, professor of English. They will leave the university Wednesday, July 30.

Alexander has requested the faculty to welcome members of the group as auditors in their classrooms.

Faculty and staff achievements, activities...

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DR. JOHN S. LANCASTER, assistant professor of mathematics, has been selected as one of 41 men and women in the nation to participate in a week-long conference on "Recent Developments in Operator Theory" to be held at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., Aug. 11-15.

DR. TALMADGE R. HUSTON, student health services physician, has been selected as a Fellow for the 1975 American Academy of Family Physicians' annual Scientific Assembly to be held in Chicago on Oct. 7.

DR. RALPH E. OBERLY, chairman of the Department of Physics and Physical Science, is in Huntsville, Ala., where he is serving a second consecutive summer as a member of the Marshall Space Flight Center's faculty, on a fellowship awarded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the American Society of Electrical Engineers.

DR. DONALD C. TARTAR, professor of biological sciences, has been appointed an associate of the Biology Section of the Proceeding of the West Virginia Academy of Science.

RALPH J. TURNER, assistant professor of journalism, is serving as assistant editor of Journalism Quarterly, the research journal of the Association for Education in Journalism, Turner has been on sabbatical leave during the past school year, attending Ohio University. He is scheduled to return to campus in the fall.

DR. RICHARD G. FISHER, dean of students, has had an article, "The Impact of Unit Membership for Collective Negotiations on the Role of Student Personnel Workers," published in the May issue of the Journal of College Student Personnel.

Two Marshall professors to teach abroad

Two Marshall University professors will be teaching abroad during academic year 1975-76.

Dr. Ralph E. Oberly, chairman of the Department of Physics and Physical Science, will be teaching in England, and Dr. William E. Coffey, associate professor of social studies, will be teaching in Egypt.

Oberly was selected by the U.S. Office of Education to participate in its Mutual Education Exchange Program. While he is teaching physics at Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology in Cambridge, England, Prof. Gilbert Graham of Hertz, England, will be teaching physics at Marshall.

Coffey has been granted a leave of absence to serve as visiting professor of history at American University in Cairo, Egypt. He will leave for Cairo on Sept. 15.

He will be teaching U. S., European and world history to small classes (about 10 students each) of English-speaking people. He said about 80 per cent of his students will be of Arabian descent while the remainder will be a mix of Africans, Europeans, Americans and Latin Americans.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers to the campus include:

BARBARA JANE BROWN, accounting clerk in Accounts Payable; MARY ELIZABETH HILL, secretary in the Department of Athletics; DEBORAH LYNN CALDWELL, typesetter-clerk in the Office of Publications; MICHAEL C. BURKE, computer programmer in the Computer Center; MONICA G. MCMELLON, data recorder operator in the Computer Center, and VICKI J. MORGAN, secretary in the Department of Music.

Welcome to Marshall!

New programs approved

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under review. These were: M.A. in Business Education, M.A./M.S. in Communication Arts, M.A. in Early Childhood Education, B.S. in Dietetics, all programs in Foreign Languages and all programs in Music.

Further review was approved for the B.S. and Teacher Education programs in Physics and the M.A./M.S. programs in Home Economics.

In other action, the board approved purchase of eight pieces of property on Third Avenue. At the same time, the board "advised" against purchase of commercial property on Third Avenue east of 18th Street at this time.

The board also approved employment of the Huntington architectural firm of Dean and Dean to draw renovation plans for the Old Dining Hall to provide facilities for the Community College. The renovation cost has been projected at \$200,000.

Activities calendar maintained to avoid schedule conflicts

Artist Series Coordinator Jim Martin maintains a day-to-day calendar of university events which can be used for planning and avoiding schedule conflicts.

The information on the calendar is provided by the Student Information Center and is posted by the month at the south lobby entrance to the Memorial Student Center cafeteria and is published in the Marshall University All-Activities Calendar prior to the first and second semesters.

Martin requests that entries for the calendar be sent to the Marshall Artists Series Office and include date, time, location, name of event and sponsor.

'MELLERDRAMA' PLAYS TONIGHT, SATURDAY

"Ten Nights in a Bar-Room," a 19th century "mellerdrama," will be performed in air-conditioned Old Main Auditorium at 8 p.m. today and Saturday. Tickets for the play are on sale at the door before each performance. MU students will be admitted free with valid activity cards.

FACULTY ARTISTS FEATURED IN CONCERT

Two faculty artists will be featured in a free, public musical concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, in Smith Recital Hall. Featured musicians will be Patricia Green, violinist, and Dr. John H. Mead, trombonist. Both are professors of music. They will be accompanied at the piano by Dr. James Taggart, associate professor of music.