Marshall University offices will close for the Christmas-New Year’s holidays Wednesday, Dec. 24, and not reopen until Monday, Jan. 4, President Robert B. Hayes announced.

The closing does not affect students and faculty since they are scheduled to be away from campus during the between-semesters period which starts with the end of the first semester Saturday, Dec. 20. The second semester starts with registration Monday, Jan. 12.

The Security Office will be staffed during the holiday period.

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UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party for MU employees, their families and retired members of the faculty and staff will be held Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of Memorial Student Center. President and Mrs. Robert B. Hayes will be hosts.

Santa Claus will be present to entertain the children and light refreshments will be served. Musical entertainment also will be provided.

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NEXT NEWS LETTER JAN. 9

This is the last issue of the News Letter this semester. The next issue will be circulated on Friday, Jan. 9, 1976. Deadline for submitting material for that issue of the News Letter is noon Wednesday, Jan. 7. Material for the News Letter is handled by the Office of Informational Services, Old Main 115.

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MAIL ROOM SETS HOLIDAY HOURS

Richard D. Vass, director of finance, has set the following schedule of hours for the university mail room during the holiday period:

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LIBRARY HOLIDAY-BREAK SCHEDULE

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REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES – CLASSES BEGIN

Wed., Jan. 14 7:45 a.m. - 11 p.m.

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MMI TOURNAMENT OPENS TODAY

The ninth annual Marshall Memorial Invitational basketball tournament opens today with the Thundering Herd playing Xavier University at approximately 9 p.m. in Memorial Field House. At 7 p.m., Fordham University will play Kent State University.

The two winners of the first round of play will compete for the championship at about 9 p.m. Saturday. The consolation game will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Reserved seat tickets for the tournament (four games) are being sold at $10 per set. General admission seating is $4 for each of the two nights. Student tickets are $2.50 per night.

Tickets are available from the Alumni Office in Memorial Student Center, at the Athletic Ticket Office in Gullickson Hall, and prior to the games at the field house ticket office.

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FACULTY WOMEN INVITED TO TEA

MU Faculty women are invited to attend the Faculty Wives’ Christmas Tea at the home of President and Mrs. Hayes, 1040 13th Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Hostesses will be members of the Faculty Wives Newcomers. Music will be provided by Collegium Musicum.

Miss Wippel appointed MU personnel officer

Edwina C. Wippel, a native of Huntington, has been appointed personnel officer at Marshall University. She will assist Richard D. Randolph, director of personnel, in the overall development of personnel programs for Marshall.

Prior to assuming the Marshall position this month, Miss Wippel served four and one-half years as personnel administrator at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

A graduate of Huntington’s St. Joseph Central High School, she earned her A.B. degree in English and speech at the College of St. Mary of the Springs in Columbus, Ohio. She received a M.A. degree in English from the University of Dayton (Ohio) and a M.A. in higher education administration from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

She taught English in Annapolis, Md., for one year before returning to The Catholic University of America where she was area coordinator for residence halls and rental property coordinator before assuming the personnel administrator position.
Following is a summary of actions taken by the Academic Planning and Standards Committee and approved by President Hayes:


Courses deleted: Geography 409/509, Geography of Canada, 3 hrs.; Geography 413/513, Geography of the British Isles, 3 hrs.; Music 676, Research Techniques and Writing, 3 hrs.; Music 605, Introduction to Musicology, 3 hrs.; Music 602a, Ancient, Medieval and Renaissance Music, 3 hrs.; Music 602b, 17th and 18th Century Music, 3 hrs.; Philosophy 410, Philosophical Sources of American Culture, 3 hrs.; Philosophy 510, Philosophical Sources of American Culture, 3 hrs.; Philosophy 419, Religious Thought in the Western World, 3 hrs.; Philosophy 519, Religious Thought in the Western World, 3 hrs.; Philosophy 420, Recent and Contemporary Thought, 3 hrs.; Philosophy 520, Recent and Contemporary Thought, 3 hrs.; Philosophy 425, Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, 3 hrs.; Philosophy 525, Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, 3 hrs.; Philosophy 426, Modern Political Thought, 3 hrs., and Philosophy 526, Modern Political Thought, 3 hrs.

Change in number and/or title: Music 603a, Beethoven and the Romantic Movement, 3 hrs., changed to Music 654, Music in the Romantic Era; Music 603b, Contemporary Music, 3 hrs., changed to Music 655, Contemporary Music, 3 hrs., and Anthropology 343, Primitive Culture, changed to Anthropological Research.

It was moved and passed that the Academic Planning and Standards Committee recommend the establishment of a 400 series, 12 hours of Interdisciplinary Studies and suggest that the Deans submit recommendations to implement the public learning internship program.

It was moved and passed that the Department of Bible and Religion be permitted to change its name to the Department of Religion.

It was moved and passed that the Criminal Justice Program be designated as a department within the Division of Social Sciences within the College of Arts and Sciences.

It was moved and passed that the APSC would designate certain numbers for those courses to be incorporated in the Internship Studies program, on the basis of 6 hours for the Public Service Internship proper, 3 hours for a Seminar in the area undertaken, and 3 hours for Directed Studies. Each department involved will be allowed 12 hours of Internship for each Junior and Senior enrolled. The course numbers, applicable to all departments involved, will be as follows: 487 Internship, 488 Seminar, and 489 Directed Studies.

On Oct. 30, 1975, Dr. Olen Jones, executive vice president, appeared before the Committee to discuss a program of "Instructional Improvement" which would provide training for graduate assistants, faculty feedback, a resource center, and referral for teachers who needed it. Jones suggested several methods of implementing such a program.

In response to Jones' remarks, members of the Committee responded with comments and some objections.

Jones asked that the Academic Planning and Standards Committee initiate a study of the feasibility and procedure of an Instructional Improvement Program at Marshall University. He concluded: "We are not about to tell the faculty what it should or should not do."

On Nov. 20, 1975, Giovanna Morton, Laura Lee Wilson, and Bonnie Douglas, members of the nursing faculty, met with the Academic Planning and Standards Committee.

Mrs. Morton raised the problem of grade standards being too low in view of the present withdrawal policy. It leads to too many repeated courses when students prove to be incapable of high quality nursing in the field upon graduation. The request was to cut back upon an overly liberal "W" policy leading to perpetual repeating of courses, the new result being a number of inferior graduates. This would apply to the distinctive nursing courses.

The Committee moved and passed unanimously to endorse the adoption in the Nursing Program of the following academic standards to apply as of the fall semester, 1976:

1. The student is to maintain a quality point average of 2.0 (C) or better in each nursing course before preceding to the next course.
2. The student is to maintain a satisfactory performance in the clinical area. An unsatisfactory performance in the nursing clinical laboratory constitutes an academic quality point average of 0 (F) in the theory grade.
3. The student is to maintain a quality point average of 2.0 (C) or better in each of the support courses required in the Associate in Science in Nursing Degree Program Curriculum.
4. The student may repeat only one nursing course in which the student received less that a quality point average of 2.0 (C) or a "W." In addition, this student must have the recommendation of the nursing faculty to repeat the one nursing course.
5. The student who withdraws from the nursing program in good standing and for reasons other than low grades may repeat a nursing course upon recommendation of the faculty.

Submitted by:
Joan Adkins, Chairman
AP&S Committee
Faculty and staff achievements, activities...

DR. JOSEPH S. LaCASCIA, chairman of the Department of Economics, discussed "Consumerism in the United States Economy Today" at the Huntington Forum on Consumer Education on Dec. 8. The program was sponsored by Action, Inc.

DRS. PHILIP McM. PITTMAN and WARREN WOODEN, associate professors of English, and DR. LORAINE DUKE and MRS. LOUISE S. BAILEY, assistant professors of English, attended the South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 6-8.

DR. BRUCE ARDINGER, assistant professor of English and director of writing, attended the Mid-West Modern Language Association Conference in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 6-8.

DEAN A. ADKINS, instructor of biological sciences, has had his review of Norman H. Russell's "Introduction to Plant Science" published in the December issue of The American Biology Teacher.

DR. STEVEN P. MEWALD, assistant professor of psychology, has had an article, "Processing Auditory Information: Interaction of Two Population Stereotypes," accepted for publication in the Journal of Applied Psychology.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Famed musician to hold workshops, concert

Nationally-known conductor, performer and composer William H. Hill will be in residence in the Marshall University Department of Music Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 15-16, for a series of workshops and a concert, all open to the public without admission charge.

His visit is part of Marshall's Distinguished Lectureship series, funded through the Marshall Foundation.

Mr. Hill, a woodwind specialist and composer of many works for bands, orchestra and choir, is director of bands at California State University, Los Angeles, where he teaches woodwinds and conducting.

He will present two workshops Monday in Smith Recital Hall.

The concert, scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, will feature the premiere of Hill's "Trumpet Concerto," with J.D. Folsom of the Marshall music faculty as soloist with the Marshall Community Orchestra.

EMERITUS CLUB SETS MEETING

The Emeritus Club of Marshall will meet at noon Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the UpTowner Inn.

Bonnie Kirk, winner of the regional Metropolitan Opera Auditions last February, will perform songs of Christmas.

FACULTY BOOKS DUE DEC. 15

Due date for books currently checked out to faculty is Monday, Dec. 15. Books needed for further use may be returned for renewal.

HUMANITIES STIPENDS AVAILABLE

Marshall University has nominated three of its faculty for NEH summer stipends and could nominate others.

Many possibilities, such as developing a humanities program for television, exist, according to Dr. Paul D. Stewart, Graduate School dean.

If you have not examined the NEH opportunities, you may do so by visiting the Graduate School Office, Old Main 127.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers to the campus include:

DIANA ROBERTSON, clerk in Occupational, Adult and Safety Education; CHRISTINE PICKETT, night supervisor in West Hall; SHARON EDWARDS, clerk in the Cashier's Office, EDWINA C. WIPPEL, personnel officer, and LYNN MAYFIELD, secretary in Office of Information.

Welcome to Marshall!

40 persons to recieve nursing pins on Dec. 19

Forty persons are to receive nursing achievement pins from Marshall University during traditional pinning ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 1975 in Smith Recital Hall.

This year's ceremonies will include presentation of three special awards--Spirit of Nursing, Best Bedside Nurse, and Academic Achievement. Winners of the awards will not be made public until they are presented. Recognition of honor students also will be included in the graduation.

The class will be addressed by Dr. A. Mervin Tyson, acting vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Robert C. Parlett, vice president for health sciences and dean of the medical school, and Dr. Robert C. Bradley, acting associate dean of associated health professions.

Thundering Word' team is trophy winner at OU

Marshall University's "Thundering Word" forensics team captured a grand sweepstakes trophy, a second-place finish in debate, and qualified three more people for national individual events (public speaking) finals last weekend in Ohio.

Competing in the Ohio University Individual Events Forensics Tournament, Marshall finished third behind Clarion State College of Pennsylvania and Bowling Green State University of Ohio among the 21 schools entered in the tournament. The grand sweepstakes trophy award is determined by the total number of points accumulated by both debate and individual events teams.

SS salary base to rise

The base salary for Social Security contributions will be raised to $15,300 for the 1976 calendar year, up from 1975's base of $14,100, according to Roger Hesson, director of employee benefits.