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2-way television course is first in state

Marshall University, the West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority and WPBY and WSWP public television stations are ready to combine forces this semester to broadcast West Virginia's first two-way microwave interconnected live televised class.

Criminal Justice 602 (Law and Social Control), a graduate level course, will originate on the Marshall campus and will be broadcast live to a class in Beckley at the WSWP studio (if enough students register in Beckley to justify offering the course).

The students in the Beckley class will be able to see and hear everything that happens in the classroom on the Marshall campus as it takes place, but they also will be able to speak directly to the instructor and interact with the class at Marshall just as if they were in the same room, according to Keith Spears, manager of Marshall's Instructional Television Services.

The instructor and students at Marshall also will be able to see and hear what takes place in the classroom at Beckley.

"To my knowledge," said Spears, "this is a precedent setting event in the state of West Virginia. I don't think it has ever been done before."

"This will be the first class emanating from a college or university campus to an off-campus location with two-way video and two-way audio," Spears said. "I think that is the exciting part about it. There will be students at two locations and they will be able to see each other and interact.

"The only problem that might arise would be if we don't get enough students in the Beckley area to justify offering the course," Spears said. "We will need at least 10 students to take the course in Beckley to justify it. If we don't get that many we will have to wait and broadcast another course later, but all of the details have been worked out, the hardware is in place and we are ready to go."

Spears thinks that this is only the beginning for this type of broadcast. "For example," he noted, "teachers from some of the more remote areas who need to take graduate courses could take the televised courses much more conveniently. There are some classes now which must be taken on campus because the instructors must see and interact with the students to make sure they are doing things correctly. These classes can now be taught off-campus through this system. There are many possibilities.

"We are currently purchasing equipment so that we will be able to originate future broadcasts directly out of classrooms so we won't have to hold the classes in the television studio," said Spears.

Spears even mentioned that in the future, courses might be broadcast so that anyone with a satellite dish could receive the courses and mentioned various other possibilities.

"We are just beginning to get into this type of thing, but the potential is tremendous," Spears said. "I think we will be doing a lot more in this area in the future."

Brown named chairwoman

Margaret Phipps Brown has been named chairwoman of the Marshall University Department of Criminal Justice, according to Dr. Alan B. Gould, acting vice president of academic affairs.

An assistant professor of criminal justice, Brown received her B.A. degree in sociology and social sciences from West Virginia Wesleyan College where she received a Conference Honors Scholarship, and received her J.D. from Emory University.

She joined the Marshall faculty in 1982, but previously taught part-time in the Legal Assisting Program in the Marshall Community College and the MU Criminal Justice Department.

Brown holds memberships in the American Bar Association, the West Virginia State Bar and the Cabell County Bar Association, and has been a member of Sigma Eta Sigma scholastic honorary, Pi Gamma Mu social science honorary and Alpha Phi Sigma criminal justice honorary.

While at Marshall, she has served as a pre-law advisor, an internship supervisor and a SCORES representative.

Brown has practiced law privately with the firm of Baer, Colburn and Morris and serves as a divorce commissioner with the Circuit Court of Cabell County.
Council discusses personnel policies

(The following report on the Nov. 21 meeting of the Marshall University Staff Council was submitted by Phyllis W. Caldwell, secretary.)

Present: Nina Barrett, Panda Benford, Thelma Blake, Phyllis Caldwell, Jill Chapman, Georgia Childers, Ariene Conner, Zanna Crager, Evelyn Crawford, Charles Gilbert, Bruce Greenwood, Charlene Hawkins, Ann Henson, Priscilla Kell, Bonnie Lyle, Donna Mohr, Rowena Napier, Elizabeth Nickell, Sherri Noble, Barbara Phillips, Christine Qualls, Kenneth Reffett, Gloria Rickman, Peggy Theis, Mildred Williams, and Ruth Workman.

Absent: Charlotte Ball, James Glover and Jackie Paul

Guests: Dr. Nitzschke, Paul Michaud, Buster Neel, Kaye Parks and several classified staff members.

Dr. Nitzschke, Mr. Michaud, and Mr. Neel attended the meeting to discuss a letter from the governor regarding merit raises. Mr. Michaud explained that any raises of this kind would have to be paid from monies available on campus and that there are no such monies. Also, Marshall University does not have a merit policy in place for classified staff. Mr. Neel said that instead of submitting names of persons for merit raises, names of those who have been reclassified since about September, 1985, have been submitted. He hopes we can get at least the 5% increase for these 31 persons and perhaps the remainder of the original increase that was requested later.

Bruce suggested that in the future perhaps those classified staff who have been or are taking classes to upgrade themselves might be rewarded with merit raises or reclassified in order to receive additional monies. Mr. Michaud said that we can only pay what the position is classified for, not for how many hours or degrees a person has.

Gloria thanked Dr. Nitzschke and Mr. Neel for attending the first part of our meeting. Mr. Michaud remained to discuss personnel policies and procedures and answer any questions. He indicated that he has an open door policy and asked that we call or come in at any time. He hopes that a training coordinator can be hired to present training sessions to employees.

Mr. Michaud believes that grouping holidays for an extended time off at Christmas is a good policy. However, some key offices may have to remain open, operating with a skeleton crew. Those offices might be: Payroll, Physical Plant Operations/Maintenance/Housekeeping, Research Areas, Security and Mail Service. Those working would receive either pay or time off. According to Ms. Rickman, Dr. Nitzschke is leaving because his/her position is classified for 40 hours.

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Questions are to be sent to Mr. Michaud. He also indicated that he is working on getting a column in the Huntington Herald Dispatch which would list available jobs at Marshall.

The meeting was adjourned.

Trombone concert set

Trombonanza, a special performance of music for tenor and alto trombones, will be held at Marshall University on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Under the direction of Dr. John H. Mead, associate professor of music, the program will feature various trombone fare, including the West Virginia premiere of Leroy Anderson’s “Bugler’s Holiday,” performed with three alto trombones and a synthesizer.

Dr. Mead will perform three works with Dr. Kenneth Marchant, assistant professor of piano: “Concerto for Alto Trombone and Orchestra,” an 18th century piece by Vivaldi; “Movement for Trombone and Piano,” a contemporary work by Hungarian composer Frigyes Hidas; and “La Petite Suzanne,” a turn-of-the-century work by Arthur Pryor, who was a soloist in John Philip Sousa’s band.

The “Golden Slippers,” a trombone ensemble consisting of six trombonists, will perform several works including: “Scherzo e Corale” by Hidas; “The Italian March” by G. Bonelli; “The Csardas” by Vittorio Monti; and “Suite for Four Trombones” by Alfred Hornhoff.

Trombonanza is open to the public free of charge.

Position openings...

The Marshall University Personnel Office has announced the following campus job opportunities:

- **Secretary III**, Pediatrics, Pay Grade 5, closes Jan. 17.
- **Head Track Coach**, Athletics, closes Jan. 16.
- **Assistant Track Coach/Assistant Ticket Manager**, Athletics, closes Jan. 31.
- **Head Volleyball Coach/Assistant Sports Information Director**, Athletics, closes Jan. 31.
- **Assistant Professor**, Pharmacology, closes March 31.
- **Academic Assistant**, Athletics, closes Feb. 7.

As of October 15, comp time cannot be substituted for overtime. The employee has to be paid time and one-half for all hours worked over 40 hours. Comp time for the 2½ hours between 37½-40 hours may be taken, but must be taken within the same pay period. A letter has been sent to all department heads regarding this policy and they are to disseminate it to their staff.

The Manpower contract was discussed. All positions going through Manpower have to be approved by Mr. Michaud. This service is to be used when the Personnel Office cannot supply help from their pool of applicants.

Reclassifications and desk audits also were discussed. It was pointed out that when a person leaves a department, the supervisor has a right to change the position description up or down. Changes must be approved by Mr. Michaud. There should be a two to four day turnaround when a desk audit is made. If you do not agree with the decision, you do have an opportunity to appeal. Anyone who wishes may request an audit without the approval of his/her supervisor.

Mr. Michaud said a new column in the Marshall University Newsletter will begin to appear soon to answer personnel and benefit questions. Questions are to be sent to Mr. Michaud. He also indicated that he is working on getting a column in the Huntington Herald Dispatch which would list available jobs at Marshall.

A person is to be appointed from the Student Affairs Division to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of John Morton. Phyllis will submit a name to the council for approval. Gloria asked for volunteers to prepare a mailing for AAA.

The meeting was adjourned.

Illustrator to lecture and exhibit works in gallery

Murray Tinkelman, an illustrator best known for creating 50 Zane Grey book covers and his rodeo and Indian art, will present two lectures at Marshall University in conjunction with an exhibition of his work which will be on display in Birke Art Gallery through Feb. 3.

Tinkelman will present “Five Years of Murray Tinkelman in 45 Minutes” on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m. and will give a visual awareness lecture entitled “Ready-Made Plus" at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24. Both presentations will be held in the gallery and are open to the public free of charge.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Tinkelman became enamored of horses, cowboys and Indians at an early age. He studied at Cooper Union, Art School and at the Brooklyn Museum Art School.

He served as associate chairman of the Department of Illustration at the Parsons School of Design and has been associated with Manhattanville College, the New School for Social Research and the Bank Street College of Education.

He has been a faculty member at Syracuse University since 1979 and has traveled throughout the country presenting lectures and exhibitions.

Tinkelman has authored several books and articles and has had his work featured in almost every national magazine. He will be honored at a reception following his Thursday evening presentation.

Birke Art Gallery is open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 11 to 4 p.m., Monday evening from 7 to 9 p.m., and other evenings in conjunction with events in Smith Recital Hall.
Letters of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

During this time we have learned how much our friends really mean to us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be treasured.

Sincerely,
The Warren Lutz Family

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Your kind expressions of sympathy are deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Sincerely,
Lance and Kay Belville

Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:
- DEC. 3-Women's Basketball Team
- DEC. 5-8-Women's Basketball Team
- DEC. 14-16-Women's Basketball Team

Facility forms changed

New forms have been developed for persons wanting to use facilities in the Memorial Student Center, according to Kamal Samar, assistant manager of the center.

The forms must be filled out before facility requests can be granted. The forms can be obtained in Memorial Student Center Room 2W6 or by calling ext. 6472.
Faculty and staff achievements...


Dr. CHRISTOPHER DOLMETSCH, associate professor of modern languages, and BARBARA MABEE, assistant professor of modern languages, attended the annual convention of the Modern Language Association held Dec. 27-30 in Chicago. Professor MABEE delivered a paper entitled "Im Totenspiel ungewisser Bedeutung: Antirassistische Assoziationsräume in der Lyrik von Sarah Kirsch" at a session devoted to "Racism in Post-1945 German Women's Literature." Dr. DOLMETSCH also has been included in a biographical profile in a recent volume in the reference series "Contemporary Authors: Volume III" (Detroit, Mich.: Gale Research Company, 1984), p. 145.

CHARLES D. WEBB, associate professor of accounting, recently attended a Member Round-Table of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants held at Charleston, W.Va. While at the meeting, WEBB joined accountants from throughout West Virginia to discuss a number of topics including the code of professional ethics, continuing professional education, the quality of accounting services provided to the public and recent developments in Washington.

REG SPENCER, director of the Career Planning and Placement Center, recently represented the West Virginia area on an educators' tour of Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. The tour permitted placement personnel, guidance counselors and teachers to learn more about career opportunities in the Air Force. SPENCER also attended the annual conference of the Southern College Placement Association (SCPA) in Tampa, Fla. SCPA is a regional placement organization that exists to further college relations between employers and placement directors and provide workshops on current placement issues.

KEITH SPEARS, general manager of Instructional Television Services served as moderator and conference coordinator for a recent state seminar on instructional television entitled "Uses of Video Media in Instruction" held in Charleston, W.Va. SPEARS delivered an address on the importance of television training today and what is expected in the future entitled "Two Way Television—Looking at Each Other." The workshop was under the auspices of the State Bureau of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education. ROY THOMAS, director of the research coordinating unit, located on the Marshall campus, was the presiding officer at the conference.

Dr. JOAN GILLILAND, associate professor of English, was a contributor to the "1984 MLA International Bibliography" which was published in late 1985 by the Modern Language Association.


Graduate recital set

Soprano Myra Parker of Wheelersburg, OH, will present her graduate recital at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, in Smith Recital Hall.

A graduate of Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., Mrs. Parker is a music specialist for the Greene County (Ohio) schools and serves as assistant choir director for a Portsmouth church. She is a student of Dr. Paul A. Balshaw, professor of music at Marshall and dean of the College of Fine Arts.

She has been a soloist with the Portsmouth Male Chorus and appeared as Mabel in the MU Opera Workshop presentation of "The Pirates of Penzance."

Mrs. Parker will be assisted by Linda McGraw of West Portsmouth on piano and by her husband John Parker on trumpet.

Her recital, which is being presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in music, will include music by Vivaldi, Brahms, Handel, Debussy, Puccini and John Duke.

The public is invited to attend the recital free of charge.

Seminars begin Jan. 22

The Marshall University Women's Center will present a lunchbag seminar on "Returning Women Students" on Wednesday, Jan. 22, from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 143 Prichard Hall.

Linda Beegle, president of the Marshall Returning Students Organization, will lead a discussion on the concerns of female non-traditional students over the age of 25.