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"Puttin' on the Ritz" for homecoming

"Puttin' on the Ritz" is the theme for Marshall University's Homecoming '85, with student activities beginning Sunday, Oct. 13, and alumni events scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19.

The first alumni-sponsored event is "An Evening with Marshall Friends" reception from 8 to 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, in Suite A of the Huntington Civic Center.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, campus tours for returning alumni will be held starting at 9 a.m. from the lobby of Memorial Student Center. The traditional Lunch-Under-the-Tent will be combined with a tailgate party from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Prindle Field, across from Fairfield Stadium. The Lucky Jazz Band will perform.

Those attending the lunch will receive a handstamp to allow them to return to Prindle, at no additional charge, for a post-game party.

Kickoff for the football game against Southern Conference opponent V.M.I. will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Fairfield Stadium.

Alumni representatives from five fraternities are sponsoring a dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Memorial Field House after the game.

Most of the student activities will be held on the Memorial Student Center plaza or in the Center's lobby.

Dr. Rankin honored

The President's Task Force for the Meet-The-Scholars Program has announced its selection of Dr. Gary O. Rankin of the Department of Pharmacology as the recipient of the first Marshall University Meet-The-Scholars Award, according to Dr. Christopher Dolmetsch, coordinator of the program.

Dr. Rankin will be honored at a special reception at the President's Home on Oct. 25. The reception will be one of the highlights of the university's celebration of National Higher Education Week Oct. 19-26.

This will be the first event in an ongoing program designed to bring a distinguished Marshall University faculty scholar together with interested citizens of the Tri-State region. The Meet-The-Scholars Program is meant to acquaint the community with the breadth and depth of academic expertise available on the Marshall campus.

Dr. Dolmetsch said that because of the short time frame involved and the need to name the first recipient in time to be honored during National Higher Education Week, the Task Force members nominated several persons based on outstanding records of achievement and contributions in scholarship and tried to select persons who had distinguished themselves through research and scholarship while at Marshall.

The committee then narrowed the nominees to five and made the final selection.

The Task Force is currently in the process of formalizing the guidelines to be used in the selection process in the future. The guidelines, when completed, will be published in the Newsletter.

College of Education receives large grant

The Marshall University College of Education has received a $319,000 federal grant from the United States Department of Education's Handicapped Children's Early Education Program to develop new training services for pre-school autistic children, according to Dr. Glen Dunlap, director of training and research for the Autism Training Center at Marshall and project director for the grant.

The three-year program, which will be operated in conjunction with the Autism Training Center, will be used to develop model training services for autistic children through the age of six and will provide services for up to 30 children and their families in a nine-county area.

"There is a tremendous and essential need to focus services on the pre-school population of autistic children," said Dr. Dunlap. "We know that significant progress can be achieved when the children are very young and that the same progress can be difficult when children are older. This grant is specifically designed to help develop new programs for the young children."

The grant also will allow the Autism Training Center to reach more people and provide more services. "Autism and similar disorders are more widespread than one might think," noted Dunlap. "Services for autistic children have improved greatly throughout the country over the last 20 years, but the problem has been one of access to the services. Access is essential to make gains and this grant will help in that area as well."

"What we are really striving for though is to produce programs and a model for the treatment of autism that will be worthy of replication for programs throughout this region and in other areas nationwide," Dr. Dunlap said.

Faculty meeting scheduled

The second general faculty meeting will take place Thursday, Oct. 17, from 3 to 3:45 p.m. in the Shawkey Room, Memorial Student Center.

Faculty members will have the opportunity to meet with members of the Legislative Higher Education Subcommittee at this meeting, according to Rainey Duke, chairperson of the University Council.

All faculty members are urged to attend the meeting.
BOR Advisory Council reports

(Preceding the report of the September 24 meeting of the Advisory Council of Classified Employees to the West Virginia Board of Regents (ACCE) was submitted by Kenneth R. Reffeitt, Marshall representative to the council.)

The Advisory Council of Classified Employees to the Board of Regents (ACCE) met September 24 at the BOR Conference Room, Charleston.

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairman Clifton Neal who announced that Mr. Dan Crockett of the BOR staff will be a non-voting member of ACCE to represent BOR central staff employees. Also, Mr. Dennis Robinson of WVNET will represent that group as a non-voting member.

The following agenda items were presented and action taken as noted:

1. The minutes of the August meeting were approved with minor corrections.
2. Mr. Neal reported on the Aug. 13 meeting of the Board of Regents at West Liberty College. Other than routine Board business the only item affecting staff which was discussed was Policy Bulletin 35 regarding nine month employees who wish each nine month period counted as 12 months towards bumping up to a higher accumulation rate. The Institutional Representatives for Personnel Affairs (IRPA’s) had rejected the proposal as nine month employees would earn the higher rate with less actual work than 12 month employees. The BOR deferred final action on the matter until the October meeting.
3. Mr. Neal presented an update on the Classified Salary Schedule Committee which met September 4. The Chancellor has suggested that we separate the pure pay schedule from the rules and details of same. We may wish to establish a board to handle details of its implementation. In this way we may avoid some legislative problems. It has also been suggested that we recommend that the schedule be funded by a “proportional level rather than at zero level.” This would benefit more employees. As an adjustment due to recent raises of school service personnel of the state, the minimum for pay grade I has been raised from $617 to $661 for zero years. All other entries have been raised 5% each thus keeping the increment scheme intact.
4. Concerning the legislative agenda for the 1986 session, a general discussion was held in regard to a multi-faceted approach or the single issue of the classified salary schedule. Dr. Grose of the BOR staff presented for ACCE’s consideration the Computer Policy Board’s 1986-87 Higher Education Computer Upgrade proposal to the legislature. It was agreed for ACCE to not endorse the proposal as a separate staff legislative item, but that if it becomes part of the BOR legislative package, then we would, of course, support same. Therefore, it was agreed to have only the one item (classified pay schedule) on our legislative agenda.
5. Mr. Neal distributed copies of the letter received by him from Governor Moore dated Aug. 19 in regard to the inaction on WVU’s. It stated in part, “...we need to establish specific policies and guidelines in regard to all state government personnel activities. My staff has been reviewing the situation so that our policies may be issued soon.” Mr. Reffeitt reported recent activity in the approval of WVU’s for Marshall. It was agreed that the four officers of ACCE try to meet that afternoon with Ms. Cindy Selan of the Governor’s staff who is handling the BOR items.
6. Regarding Policy Bulletin 52 (New Grievance Procedure) it was suggested that the availability of the state code grievance procedure as an alternative be stated. Same will be looked at again at the next meeting.
7. In answer to a question from Marshall regarding the new holidays we now get when the Governor declares a holiday near Thanksgiving and Christmas, Dr. Grose recommended that Marshall do what most colleges do and give these “floating days” as personal days that the employees may take when they wish rather than closing down the school on days when the published schedule shows that we should be open. (These would be very helpful to employees when faced with bad weather closing days when they have to take vacation or leave without pay. The personal leave days would give the employee an additional option on days of inclement weather.)
8. In regard to faculty sick leave being accrued, Council authorized the chairman to write the Chancellor regarding what guidelines are being used for faculty sick leave. Specifically “what is the policy concerning the mechanics of keeping records on faculty sick leave.”

Future meetings of ACCE were scheduled as follows: Oct. 22, Nov. 20, and Dec. 11 each at 9 a.m. either in BOR offices or WVU Medical Center in Charleston.

Campus study focuses on energy management

A campus-wide feasibility study on energy management potential is underway this week and will continue during the next two weeks, according to Director of Plant Operations Harry S. Long.

The study, which is being conducted by the Building Services Division of Honeywell, Inc., will cover each building on campus, Long said. It will include examinations of mechanical systems and temperature controls. In addition, many members of the Marshall faculty and staff will be interviewed regarding occupancy comfort problems, Long added.

Results of the study and recommendations will be presented to the university following its completion.

“Our ultimate objective is two-fold,” Long said. “We hope to take the results of the study and achieve greater comfort for those who live, work and study at Marshall University. At the same time, we also want to be able to put into place an energy management system which will enable us to conserve on energy use and, of course, costs.”

Women’s Center lunchbag

“How Pornography Reflects and Perpetuates Society’s View of Women” is the topic for the Women’s Center lunchbag seminar at noon Wednesday, Oct. 16, in Prichard Hall Room 143. Dr. Elaine Baker, professor of psychology, will discuss the link between pornography and violence against women.

Excused absences announced

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

SEPT. 27—Baseball Team members
OCT. 1—Baseball Team members
OCT. 2-5—Women’s Volleyball Team members
OCT. 4-5—Women’s Track Team members
OCT. 3-5—Men’s Track Team members
OCT. 4-5—Men’s Track Team members
President’s Cabinet hears Tonkovich

(The following President’s Cabinet report was submitted by Rainey Duke, faculty representative.)

The agenda for October 3, 1985, had several items of interest to the faculty.

1985 Legislative Higher Education Subcommittee Visit: The Legislative Higher Education Subcommittee will meet with Marshall faculty on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 3 to 3:45 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of the Student Center. All faculty members are urged to attend this meeting in order to show their interest, express their thanks, and indicate their needs and concerns for the future of Marshall.

National Week for Higher Education (Oct. 19-26): C.T. Mitchell is coordinating Marshall’s events which include radio and television promotions as well as the first “Meet the Scholars” program at the President’s Home on Oct. 25 (see item below for fuller details).

Academic Program Development: Dr. David Powers, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, BOR, spoke to the Agenda for Action 1985-1990: A Master Plan for Goals and Service for Public Higher Education in West Virginia, especially in regard to Marshall’s role in planning not only in relation to the university but also to the region. He indicated that Marshall is at a good place in program development; it has not spread itself too thin. Besides playing to the strengths it has in existing programs, Dr. Powers suggested Marshall look to the 21st Century, focusing on complementary programs in computer and informational science, computer and electronics engineering, applied physics and operations research. These complementary fields would allow hiring of CORE faculty, thus reducing costs. He stressed the idea, however, that the name of the program or degree is not the main determinant in planning. What is crucial is building an image for producing quality education which can only be done through faculty development, hiring and retaining excellent teachers, giving students the ability to think, making them recognize the importance of analytical skills, and strengthening existing programs. He also indicated that the BOR encourages cooperative doctorates among WVU and Marshall and COGS. He will return to the Cabinet again to discuss these ideas in greater detail.

Meet the Scholars: An update was given on the plans of this newly-established committee. The first event will be held at the President’s House on Oct. 25 when 20 to 25 key members of business and industry will meet the first of Marshall’s “scholars.”

Speaker of the Week: Dan Tonkovich, President of the West Virginia State Senate, spoke about the legislature’s role in higher education.

Acting Company to perform “Orchards”

The Acting Company of Kennedy Center, one of the country’s most acclaimed professional repertory companies, will present Orchards on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Written specifically for The Acting Company, Orchards was conceived as a way to unite the most inspired short stories of Anton Chekhov with seven of America’s most distinguished contemporary playwrights—Maria Irene Fornes, Spalding Gray, John Guare, David Mamet, Wendy Wasserstein, Michael Weller and Samm-Art Williams.

Each playwright has adapted a Chekhov short story into a one-act play directed by Robert Falls, artistic director for Chicago’s Wisdom Bridge Theatre.

The performance is being sponsored by the Marshall Artists Series, Student Division, and is made possible in part by a grant from the Mid-Atlantic Arts Consortium in partnership with the Arts and Humanities Division of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History.

Nutrition is lunch topic

Eleanor Zizzo, instructor of home economics, will discuss the effects of nutritional habits on energy levels, size and weight, body fat percentage and mental alertness at the Tuesday, Oct. 15 Self-Care Luncheon, sponsored by the Student Health Education Programs office. The luncheon is set for 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

After noting the state has new ideas and new ideals, he indicated the legislature realizes that without a quality education system, West Virginia cannot have economic development. He further believes the people of the state recognize that we must compete in a global economy and that higher education is one of the resources and talents necessary for this economic development. In these “challenging and exciting times,” the legislature will look at the role and needs of Marshall and then look at ways to fund these needs. He pointed out that the last legislature showed the ability to do things differently from the past and has, thus, created optimism for the future. He further noted that businesses, industries, and corporations—naming Roundtable, Inc. and Ashland Oil—see the need for quality education in this state and are very supportive in a drive in this direction. The lack of financial resources, however, continues to face the state.

Children’s College enrolling students

Enrollment is underway for the 11th term of Children’s College, conducted by Marshall’s Community College, according to Robert L. Lawson, director of continuing education.

The program, set for Oct. 19-Dec. 14, offers Saturday enrichment classes for children in grades one through nine.

Classes for first-graders include Drama-Storytelling, Basic Reading and Basic Math.


Fifth- and sixth-graders have a choice among four classes – Micro-Computers, Little Animals Under the Microscope, Creative Writing, and Science Fiction.

Classes for seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders are Micro-Computers and Biological Discoveries.

Students may enroll in three classes. The cost for enrollment is $35 for one class, $50 for two classes and $65 for three classes for individual students. Families registering two or more children will pay $50 for each child for all classes.

For detailed information on the classes, meeting times and places or to enroll, call Lawson at the Community College, ext. 3646.

Legendary star to present MU workshop

Ruby Keeler, legendary star of stage and screen, will present a workshop at Marshall University on Friday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

One of the highest paid actresses during the “silver screen” era, Miss Keeler is in Huntington as a guest of the East Huntington Kiwanis Club for a fund raising event to benefit the Boys Clubs of Huntington.

Her presentation at Marshall, “The Life and Times of Ruby Keeler: Working on Stage and Screen,” will be open to the public free of charge.

Tuition waivers available

Applications for West Virginia University tuition waiver forms for the Spring 1986 term are available in the Graduate School Office.

November 1 is the deadline for eligible faculty and staff. All such forms must be filled out and returned to the Graduate School no later than Nov. 1.
Faculty Personnel Committee has meeting

(The following report on the Sept. 24 Faculty Personnel Committee was submitted by Dr. David L. Dawson, secretary.)

The following topics were discussed. Where noted, actions were taken.

1. Minutes of the 10 September, 1985 meeting were approved.
2. The final report of the ad hoc committee to prepare a plan to answer BOR policy bulletin 36.11.b. was accepted.
3. Sample faculty evaluation forms and the accompanying instructions were reviewed. This was purely informational, as the evaluation instrument and instructions were accepted last year subject to modifications. This current review showed the modifications made last year.
4. The report of the ad hoc committee to review functions of the Faculty Personnel Committee was discussed. Recommendations were made to the representative on the Faculty Senate Subcommittee of the University Council.
5. State-wide salary data received from the President was reviewed and discussed.
6. Some members reported that they had received a list of all M.U. faculty members, plus a separate list of new faculty. It was noted that the origin of this list, and some indication concerning to whom it was sent, is entirely lacking.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. EST. The next meeting will be upon notice by the chair.

MU faculty and staff achievements, activities

Dr. GLEN DUNLAP, director of training and research at the Autism Training Center, was the principal author of an article in the Fall 1985 issue of the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis. The article is entitled, “Increasing the Independent Responding of Autistic Children with Unpredictable Supervision.” Co-author is Jean Johnson of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Dr. ALLAN STERN, associate professor of mining, occupational and transportation safety, participated in an Off-the-Job Safety Fair held at Union Carbide’s South Charleston Plant on Sept. 25. Information was disseminated to plant employees on motorcycle safety.

Dr. HAROLD E. LEWIS, Division of Teacher Education, has had an article entitled “Narrowing the Method Gap” accepted for publication in Adolescence magazine. The article is entitled “Here Are Some Weird, Whimsical School Names,” published in the July issue of The American School Board Journal.

Dr. THOMAS BISHOP, professor of marketing, addressed the annual meeting of the Tri-State Region American Red Cross Blood Services group (145 persons) on Sept. 26. His topic was “What Is Marketing?”

Applications sought for Honors director

The University Honors Council is seeking applications from faculty members for the half-time, temporary position of director of the University Honors program. The position runs through next June 30, according to Mary Ann Thomas, associate dean of student affairs, who is serving as interim director.

Applications should be sent to the University Honors Council Search Committee, 122 Northcott Hall, no later than Oct. 18 and should include a resume, three letters of recommendation and a statement reflecting the individual’s views on honors programs.

Additional information may be obtained from Ms. Thomas.

Pre-game party set

The Marshall University Alumni Association will sponsor a pre-game party before the MU vs. Furman football game on Saturday, Oct. 12. The party will be held in the Gold Room of the Quality Inn, I-85/Rt. 29 N, 755 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville, SC. There will be a $5 charge per person.

Dancers seeking work

The members of the Marshall University Dance Company will do your yard and lawn work for you in order to raise funds for warm-up suits and special projects, according to Dr. Mary Marshall, associate professor of theatre and dance.

If you have work the Dance Company members can do, contact Dr. Marshall at ext. 6442 or after 9 p.m. phone 522-9127.