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News Letter

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Report from BOR advisory council

The BOR Advisory Council of Faculty met last week in Charleston where two major topics dominated its proceedings. The first of these was the Board of Regents' proposal of January 10 on several policy alternatives affecting institutional missions and program alignments. The second was a spate of bills affecting higher education and now pending in the legislature.

Faculty representatives from West Virginia Institute of Technology and Bluefield State College, threatened with retrenchment of their institutions' missions, were particularly critical of the BOR policy proposals. Vice Chancellor David Powers responded that the proposals are for "planning purposes only" and are not yet decisions which have been taken. ACF members, however, generally agreed that the BOR seems to have violated its own long-range planning procedures by abruptly circulating such proposals and providing only a few weeks for institutional responses.

Two offices merge, new duties result

Two Marshall University Auxiliary Services staff members have received new responsibilities with the merger of the university's offices of Student Housing and Conference Facilities, MU Auxiliary Services Director Warren Myers announced today.

Ray Welty and Ramona Orndorff have been named manager and assistant manager respectively of the new Housing and Conference Facilities Office, Myers said.

Welty, formerly assistant director of student housing, and Ms. Orndorff, housing administrative assistant, have been at Marshall since 1979.

"The merger, which was effective yesterday (Feb. 1), formally joins two units which by necessity have worked closely together in the past," Myers said.

"While this does mean a saving as far as an administrative position, it also is a logical way to create an efficient and effective service unit," he added.

Welty will be responsible for working with groups wishing to use campus facilities for conferences, seminars and other meetings. His office will be located on the second floor of Old Main in Room 213. The Conference Facilities phone number, 696-3125, will remain the same. Ms. Orndorff will be primarily responsible for the day-to-day operation of the housing office.

A native of McKeesport, Pa., Welty earned his baccalaureate degree from Slippery Rock State College and earned his master's degree in student personnel from the University of Miami-Coral Gables, where he was assistant director of residence halls.

Ms. Orndorff, a native of Marlinton, holds the B.A. degree in psychology and a M.S. degree in occupational safety and health from Marshall.

Consequently, the ACF unanimously approved a resolution which commended the BOR for its leadership in directing the Master Plan Advisory Committee but also

advises the Board of Regents of the Council's concern for assuring institutional involvement, including but not limited to faculty, staff, students, and concerned individuals, relative to the three proposals on which comments have been requested, and to request an extension of no less than four weeks during which comments will be accepted.

With respect to proposed legislation, the ACF **endorsed** the following bills:

H.B. 1024 (sponsor, Conley) - would prohibit the governor from reducing appropriations to public education, including higher education.

HB. 1078 (McKinley) - would permit the BOR to transfer unexpended personnel moneys to equipment budget lines at the end of a fiscal year.

H.B. 1234 (Shanholtz) - would establish a group dental and oral surgery plan and an optical insurance plan under the Public Employees Insurance Act.

H.B. 1263 (See), H.B. 1345 (See) and S.B. 238 (McGraw) - would redirect the existing faculty improvement fee to a fund dedicated to faculty and staff development.

S.B. 58 (Cook) - would permit arbitrators to award back pay to suspended employees of higher education who are reinstated as a result of arbitration.

Among a number of bills **opposed** by resolution of the ACF were:

H.B. 1092 - (Blatnik) - providing definition of tenured, probationary and temporary faculty within the higher education system (the AFC opposed statutory resolution of these matters).

H.B. 1380 (Riffle) - to abolish the Board of Regents and place higher education under the State Department of Education (the ACF has not yet

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Retirement seminars set

A seminar on the State Teachers Retirement Plan will be conducted twice on Wednesday, Feb. 15, by Willard Ansel, executive secretary of the West Virginia State Teachers Retirement Board.

The sessions are scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center 2W22. The executive secretary will discuss the retirement system and its benefits and will be available to answer questions.

Ruth Flower Brown scholarship in English endowed

A scholarship for outstanding Marshall University students majoring in English has been endowed in memory of a former MU professor of English, MU Foundation Executive Director Bernard Queen has announced.

The Ruth Flower Brown Memorial Scholarship was established with a \$10,000 gift to the Foundation from Mrs. Brown's nephew and his wife, H. Lee and Jane Deacon Flower of Morris Plains, N.J.

Under the scholarship guidelines, recipients must have a 3.5 grade point average or better and be English majors.

"I can think of no more fitting tribute to this excellent

Spring lunchbag seminars announced by Women's Center

The Women's Center has announced the topics for its spring series of weekly Lunchbag Seminars which are held at noon on Wednesdays in Prichard Hall 101.

The seminars are open to all interested persons, according to Patricia Matters, center director. Coffee and tea are provided.

February programs will include:

Feb. 8, Female Entrepreneurs and Financing: Ways to secure capital for women-owned businesses and information on efforts to establish a Women's World Banking Fund in West Virginia, with Linda Holup of Women and Employment, Inc.

Feb. 15, Susan B. Anthony: An overview of the accomplishment of the woman who was in the forefront of the suffrage movement, with Frances Hensley, assistant professor of history.

Feb. 22, Living with a Man: A look at how the Women's Movement has affected male-female living arrangements, with Jody Gottlieb, assistant professor of sociology/anthropology.

Feb. 29, Sex Discrimination in Huntington: Examples of sex discrimination faced by area women and information on the local agency which handles discrimination complaints, with Carole Boster of the Huntington Human Relations Commission.

Birke Art Gallery to feature sculpture, photography works

The work of Ohio artists Connie Campbell-Eaton, sculptor, and Christopher Eaton, photographer, will be on display in the Birke Art Gallery Saturday, Feb. 4, through Friday, Feb. 24.

A public reception honoring the two artists, who reside in Athens, will be held in the gallery Monday, Feb. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. Ms. Eaton will present a slide-illustrated discussion of her work at 7 p.m.

Ms. Campbell-Eaton's exhibit will include a large sculptural installation, three scale proposals for large works and 10 drawings of the pieces on display. Her husband's photographic display will include five etchings and 20 color works, primarily of outdoor subjects.

The Birke Art Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays.

teacher who spent many years of her life in encouraging excellence in her students," said Dr. Queen. "We are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Flower for establishing this scholarship which not only honors Mrs. Brown, but also fosters academic achievement," he added.

Mrs. Brown, who died March 13, 1983, at age 77, first joined the Marshall English faculty in 1926 after receiving her baccalaureate degree from Marshall. She later earned a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan.

She also took additional graduate work at the University of Washington and taught at Marshall for more than three decades, retiring in 1975. In 1952, she organized the MU Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

Staff Council meets Feb. 9, committee reports on agenda

The Marshall University Staff Council will meet Thursday, Feb. 9, at noon in the Shawkey Room, Memorial Student Center. This is a luncheon meeting and is open to all staff employees.

Those attending may obtain lunch from the Student Center Cafeteria or bring their own. The agenda will include:

Legislative Committee update by Jill Prichard, report on additional holidays by Ray Welty, Institutional Board of Advisors meeting report by Kenneth Reffeitt, WPBY computer program report by Sue Welty and selection of election committee.

Awards to student researchers offered by state ADA affiliate

The West Virginia Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association is offering research awards of approximately \$1,000 each for work on diabetes related research projects during the summer.

Undergraduate, graduate or medical students may apply for the awards. Applications, which are due by March 13, should include two letters—one from the student and the other from the sponsoring investigator. The letters should indicate the student's involvement and interest in the research.

Six copies of the application are to be submitted to Dr. Edmund B. Flink, Chairman, Research Committee, Department of Medicine, WVU School of Medicine, Morgantown, W.Va. 26506.

Additional information may be obtained from the Graduate School Office.

NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

RITA G. HEINZ, secretary, Financial Aid; SUSIE L. BARTHOLOMEW, secretary, Medicine; SUSAN JOY, epidemiologist, and PAMELIA A. COE, curriculum evaluation director, Family and Community Health; MARTY LEE NEWMAN, building engineer, Plant Operations, and VICTOR LEE MOSES and JOHN M. BERRY, watchmen, Public Safety.

Welcome to Marshall!

MU faculty and staff achievements, activities. . .

JUNE KILGORE, Art Department chairman, has a one-woman exhibit of her paintings opening Feb. 3 at the Slocumb Gallery of the University of Tennessee-Johnson City. The exhibit will continue through Feb. 27.

DR. JOHN MEAD, associate professor of music, appeared as a performing artist and conductor for the Kentucky Trombone Workshop held Jan. 20-21 at Northern Kentucky University. Attending were college and university faculty members from Ohio, Kentucky and Nashville, Tenn.

DR. CHRISTOPHER DOLMETSCH, assistant professor of modern languages, contributed a review of a recent publication in Baroque German Literature to the December issue of "Choice" (Vol. 21, No. 4).

Bar-coding for ID cards

Faculty and staff members are urged to have their ID Cards bar-coded for use with the James E. Morrow Library computerized book check-out system, according to MU Libraries Director Ken Slack.

The procedure which only takes a few moments will eliminate filling out cards when checking out books. Faculty and staff members may stop at the circulation desk at any time during the hours that the library is open.

Comments sought

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taken a position on other possible statutory changes affecting the BOR).

S.B. 180 (Heck) - providing grievance procedures for employees of the BOR and county boards of education.

S.B. 202 (Palumbo) - authorizing the BOR to close or merge any state college or university (such action presently requires an act of the legislature).

S.B. 226 (Kaufman and Chace) - establishing evening classes at the W.V.U. College of Law (ACF members think that evening classes should be offered but not required by state law).

The ACF encourages all university constituencies to manifest their interest in these and other legislative questions (especially the BOR budget requests). **The BOR staff is encouraging Marshall University to send a large delegation to the capitol during the week of February 27 - March 2.**

Next month the ACF will review the Revised Policy Bulletin 36, effective July 1, 1983, with particular concern about its impact on faculty tenure in cases of financial exigency. I would appreciate receiving faculty comments on P.B. 36, which I will share with the council.

Respectfully submitted,
William E. Coffey,
ACF representative

Excused absences. . .

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

JAN. 25-29—Carole McCallister, Bret Mills, Thomas McChesney and Matt Robertson.

DR. MICHAEL E. TRULSON, associate professor of pharmacology, has had two papers recently published in the **European Journal of Pharmacology**, 1983, 96: "Mescaline elicits behavioral effects in cats by an action at both serotonin and dopamine receptors," pp. 151-154 (with T. Crisp and L.J. Henderson) and "Tolerance develops to LSD while drug is exerting its maximal behavioral effects: Implications for the neural bases of tolerance," pp. 317-320 (with T. Crisp).

DR. WILLIAM A. McDOWELL, Counseling/Rehabilitation Department chairman, has been notified that his topic "Folk Cultural Effects on Mental Health" was accepted for presentation at the American Psychiatric Association Convention to be held in Los Angeles in May. He will be joined in the presentation by Dr. Edward O'Malley, Psychiatry Service chief at the VA Medical Center, and DR. MILDRED BATEMAN, professor of psychiatry.

DR. JOAN T. MEAD, assistant professor of English, will have an essay, "Spare me a few minutes I have Something to Say: Poetry in Manuscripts of Sailing Ships," in **Literature and Lore of the Sea**, a book of nautical essays to be published this summer by RODOPI Press, Amsterdam, Holland.

Quintessential Brass to present concert on Monday

Quintessential Brass, a brass quintet which began a month-long residency in the Huntington area earlier this week, will appear in concert at Smith Recital Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6.

The residency is a cooperative effort between Marshall University, the Cabell County public schools and community cultural organizations. While here, the young professional musicians will present master classes, workshops, talks and demonstrations and several public concerts.

Tickets for Monday's performance will be available from the MU Institute for the Arts, the Marshall Artists Series and at the door. Admission will be \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for youth 17 and under and free to MU students with ID and Activity cards.

Additional information on programs and concerts by the Quintessential Brass may be obtained by calling the Institute for the Arts at extension 3107.

BOR booklet available

Copies of the West Virginia Board of Regents booklet "Facts and Budget Request" are available in the Office of University Relations, Old Main 102. The booklet includes specific data for the state system and individual schools as well as a look at the status of higher education in the state.

Thought. . .

Bacchus has drowned more men than Neptune.

—Garibaldi