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Byron D. Carpenter to head center

Byron D. Carpenter of St. Albans, planning director of the Regional Intergovernmental Council at Dunbar, has been appointed director of the new Marshall University Center for Regional Progress.

Announcement of the appointment was made Tuesday by MU President Dale F. Nitzschke. He said Carpenter, 33, will assume his new duties March 15.

The Center for Regional Progress is designed to serve as a "bridge" between Marshall and southern West Virginia communities, enabling the university to offer its resources to meet economic and community development needs, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, MU associate provost and supervisor of the project.

"We are pleased that we have been able to attract a person with Mr. Carpenter's background in regional

economic development work to undertake this new, service-oriented program for Marshall University and the region," Maddox said.

Carpenter, whose office will be located in Marshall's Northcott Hall, will be responsible for gathering information on faculty expertise, resources available and the priority assistance needs of the region. He also will be responsible for finding potential funding sources for the Center's future development, establishing priorities on the region's needs and preparing a five-year plan for meeting these.

In his present position, Carpenter has been responsible for assisting 25 municipalities and four county governments in planning, implementation and administration of development projects and programs. He has held several positions with the Regional Intergovernmental Council since joining the organization in 1976.

A 1974 graduate of Morris Harvey College (now the University of Charleston), Carpenter received his Master of Arts degree from Marshall in 1976. His career includes service as executive director of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and part-time teaching at the University of Charleston.

Maddox said the university received a \$38,841 grant from the Governor's Office of Economic and Community Development as start-up funding for the Center of Regional Progress.

"The Center will place special emphasis on its Business and Industry Division giving top priority to business/job development," Maddox said. "Creation of new jobs and retention of existing jobs are the essential foundation for economic development," he added.

"Many new businesses fail because of inadequate information and planning and other existing businesses lack the professional staff to devise proper management strategies," Maddox explained. "Smaller businesses also often do not have access to proper economic and demographic information necessary for planning. Marshall's Center for Regional Progress will be able to provide that technical and managerial assistance drawing upon the expertise of its faculty, staff and students," Maddox said.

"Professionals at Marshall also can assist local governmental bodies and agencies with their planning in such areas as housing, zoning, recreation, transportation, personnel administration and counseling and rehabilitation," he said.

Schools to provide housing for 1984 World's Fair visitors

Lodging for persons attending the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans this summer will be available at three nearby university campuses, according to Ray Welty, MU student housing and conference facilities manager.

Dormitory rooms will be available from May 30 through July 31 at Tulane University and Loyola University, both in New Orleans as well as at the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg.

"Although the rates may vary some from campus to campus, the cost is considerably less than at other facilities," Welty said.

Those interested in reserving residence hall lodging should call the housing offices of the participating schools. The telephone numbers are: Tulane, (504) 865-5426; Loyola, (504) 865-3735, and Southern Mississippi, (601) 226-4783.

EVALUATIONS

It is the position of the Faculty Personnel Committee that the administration as well as the faculty have responsibilities that affect the quality of instruction at Marshall University. Therefore, we recommend that the Board of Regents policy requiring systematic student evaluation of faculty be extended to include evaluation of administrators by faculty. This evaluation should also include constituent groups, i.e., chairpersons evaluate Deans, Deans evaluate the Provost, etc.

Submitted by Dr. Virginia Plumley
Chairman, Faculty Personnel

NOTICE

Based on a ruling by the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Board, effective April 1, the entire monthly employee premium contribution for health and optional insurance will be deducted from the employees paycheck during the first payroll period of the month.

MU faculty and staff achievements, activities. . .

RAY WELTY, manager, and RAMONA ORNDORFF, assistant manager of the Housing and Conference Facilities Office, attended the 20th annual conference of the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers Feb. 22-25 in Nashville, Tenn.

DR. BETTY JOAN JARRELL, assistant professor, Community College, authored an article, "Your Professional Profile," which appeared in the January 1984 issue of *NALS the Docket*.

BELEN D. SULTAN, assistant professor of nursing, conducted a continuing education workshop on "Cardiac, Respiratory and Neurological Physical Assessment" Feb. 18 at a workshop sponsored by the Commonwealth Hospital of Fairfax, Va.

DR. JOHN MEAD, associate professor of music, and three of his graduate students have completed a tape for Medici Music Press to be used by the firm as a demonstration tape for its complete library of music for trombone trios and quartets.

JANE C. FOTOS, School of Nursing continuing education director, has been elected chairman of the Cabell Huntington Health Department board of directors. She is serving her second five-year term on the board.

DR. C. ROBERT BARNETT, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, reviewed Michael Steele's book, *Kunte Rockne: A Bio-Bibliography*, for the December 1983 issue of the "Canadian Journal of Sports History."

LAURA LEE WILSON, associate professor of nursing, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of Goodwill Industries, Inc. She also presented two programs for Goodwill clients on "Making Your Way Through the Health Care System."

GIOVANNA B. MORTON, associate professor of nursing, was elected president of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Nurses board of directors.

DR. JABIR A. ABBAS, professor of political science, and Farrokh Assad, graduate student, participated in the 1984 annual conference of the Kentucky Political Science Association which was held March 2-3 at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. Abbas organized and chaired the panel "Political Communications about the Third World" and presented a panel section on "Impact of Negative Image of Arabs in Shaping U.S. Public Opinion and Foreign Policy." Assad read a paper, "Iranian Hostage Crisis in the American Media," which was condensed for inclusion in the *Proceedings of the Kentucky Political Science Association* (pp. 51-60). The two also participated in a 30-minute radio interview for WEKU-FM on their topics.

SPRING BREAK

The News Letter will not be published next week (March 12-18) due to the Spring Break for faculty and students. The next issue is scheduled for Thursday, March 22. The deadline for submitting materials for inclusion in the News Letter is 10 a.m. on Tuesdays preceding publication.

Campus fire alarm systems to undergo testing next week

Fire alarm systems on campus will be inspected and tested during the period of March 12-16, according to Leonard Bedel, safety coordinator.

During the tests, alarms will sound for short, intermittent periods until all devices have been checked. It will not be necessary to evacuate buildings during these tests.

Residence halls and University Heights facilities will be tested March 12-13. Campus academic and administrative building systems will be checked March 13-16.

Personnel personals. . .

Wedding vows were exchanged Feb. 11 in Proctorville, Ohio, at the New Hope United Methodist Church by Patty Stevenson and Roger Bradley. The bride is a Graphic Services press operator and the groom is employed by Kentucky Steel. The couple will reside in Proctorville.

Proud of a family member's accomplishment? Is there a new baby at your house? Is there something else you'd like to share with your colleagues? "Personnel personals. . ." is just the place. Send your information to Judith Casto, University Relations, Old Main 102.

Women's Center announces topics for lunchbag seminars

Upcoming Lunchbag Seminars, sponsored on Wednesdays at noon by the Women's Center in Prichard Hall 101, will cover the following topics:

March 21, Math Anxiety: Why math is viewed as a problem especially for women, with Karen Mitchell, MU instructor in mathematics.

March 28, Gourmet Cooking: An art as well as a chore, featuring tips for busy women, with Ann Hoover, graduate student in dietetics.

April 4, Household Productivity: The economic value of housework, child care and managerial work in the home with Dr. Carole Vickers, Home Economics Department chairman.

Appreciation expressed

Your kindness and sympathy following the death of my father, Emzie Reffitt, are more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.

Sue Conley, Instructor
Community College

Excused absences. . .

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

March 1—Andy Brison

March 1-4—Jennifer L. Ferman, David K. Stiltner and Myra L. Taylor.