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First summer term enrollment up 17%

Marshall University enrollment for the first summer term has risen 17 percent over 1983, preliminary figures from the Registrar Robert St. Eddins show.

He said 3,866 students, 559 more than last year, enrolled during the official registration period. The most significant jumps, Eddins said, were in the Graduate school, up 37 percent to 1,398, and in the College of Education, up 18 percent to 585. The increase in the College of Education follows a recent declining trend, he said.

This is a refreshing change for Marshall,” Eddins said. “Although the improved economy deserves some of the credit, I’m sure that more offerings of popular courses and graduate tuition waivers are definite factors, also.”

Community College enrollment rose 55 percent to 288 and the Regents Bachelor of Arts program rose 52 percent to 38, Eddins said, with most other schools basically holding their own.

Dr. Williams heads new fitness project

A Marshall University professor is heading a pilot program in West Virginia to provide some bench marks on the physical fitness of school children and to recommend what they can do to improve.

Dr. W. Donald Williams, chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education, will serve as state trainer for the FITNESSGRAM program as part of a national effort to promote fitness.

In the initial effort in the state this fall, Dr. Williams will be working with Peggy J. Campbell, supervisor of physical education for Cabell County Schools, to test 1,800 students in grades five and six at Hite Saunders, Pea Ridge, Cox Landing and Cummack elementary schools and Cummack and Beverly Hills junior high schools.

Dr. Williams said students will be tested for cardiovascular endurance, body composition, abdominal strength and lower back flexibility. Tests include a distance run of one mile or nine minutes for students under 13 years of age and a run of 1.5 miles or 12 minutes for students over 13; sit-ups; sit-and-reach; and a calculation of body fat using a skinfold measure.

Test results will be sent to The Aerobics Center in Dallas, Texas, for computer processing and then returned to the school system in the form of the FITNESSGRAM for distribution to parents.

The program was first tried in Tulsa, Okla., two years ago and statewide in Oklahoma last session. During the 1984-85 school year, one school district in each state has been selected to serve as part of the nationwide implementation.

Cabell County is the pilot county in West Virginia. Dr. Williams said the program will expand to counties next year and then be enlarged to include more students in each county.

Dr. Wunder, a recent attendee at a workshop in May at The Aerobics Center in Dallas, is responsible for training teachers with local school districts to administer the program.

Comedy to close summer theatre season

The final production of the summer season, “Same Time, Next Year,” will be presented by Marshall University Theatre Thursday through Saturday, July 19-21 in air-conditioned Old Main Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Marshall sophomore Elizabeth Stephenson and Sam Butcher of Flatwoods, Ky., are featured in this long-running Broadway hit about a love affair between George and Doris, who meet once a year.

According to the director, Dr. Elaine Novak, professor of theatre, the story is also a reflection of 25 years of American manners, morals and attitudes mirrored by the characters.

22 Share awards in Maier competition

Awards totaling $5,000 were presented to 22 Marshall University student writers as students of the William J. Maier Writing Competition sponsored by the MU English Department.

The awards, established to recognize and encourage excellence in writing, were presented by Edwin H. Maier, president of Sarah and Pauline Maier Scholarship Foundation, Inc., of Charleston.

The winners were:

Freshman essay: First place ($500), Tim Gillmon of Huntington; second place ($400), Anthony Pinter of Welch; third place ($300), Patricia Lawhorn of Huntington; honorable mention ($100), Audrey Morenas of Barboursville, Paul Nease of Ceredo, Benjamin Cyrous of Huntington, and Dorothy Napier of Huntington.

Upper Division essay: First place ($250), Marjorie Sheppard of Poca; second place ($200), Pamela Lusher of Milton; third place ($150), Mary Bowling of Philippi; fourth place ($100), Tom Bailey of Huntington.

Fiction: First place ($300), Joan Heck Dew of Milton; second place ($200), Ralph Waldkins of South Point, Ohio; third place three-way tie ($100 each), David Hatfield of Kenova, Tom Bailey of Huntington and Joyce Mott of Huntington.

Poetry: First place ($250), Tom Bailey of Huntington; and second place ($150), Taube M. Cyrous of Huntington.

Graduate essay: Community College ($400), Betty Rickman of South Point, Ohio; and second place ($300), Glenn Lowe of Huntington.

University Honors upper division: First place ($250), Kimberly Harbour of Kenova; and second place ($150), Christopher Robinson of Huntington.

University Honors lower division: First place ($250), Beth Ann Payne of Ashland, Ky.; and second place ($150), George Kincard II of Huntington.

Football officiating

Marshall University’s Community College will offer a class on football officiating beginning Wednesday, July 18.

The class will meet in Room 136 of the Community College building from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays for seven sessions. Willard Hunter, a registrar of the college, will be the instructor.

There will be a $45 registration fee. Additional information on the class or the registration procedure may be obtained by calling extension 3646.
ly eliminate advance revenue from our 1984-85 budget and, at the same time, create reserve and contingency funds in excess of $100,000. This is an important step to help insure the future financial integrity of our department," Snyder added.

"Others say it is very pleased that the athletic deficit has been eliminated and that we now have procedures in place which should prevent a similar situation in the future," Marshall President Dale F. Nitzschke said. "Dr. Snyder and his staff, Vice President for Finance Michael F. Thomas, and Director of Athletics Herb J. Karle have done an excellent job in resolving this problem and I commend them for their work," he said.

As of June 30 of this year, the department shows a net balance of $37,481, Snyder said. Snyder said several factors had contributed to the department's success in removing the deficit, including expenditure reductions and strong support from private contributors.

"I want to express my appreciation to our coaches and administrative staff, who have worked hard and remained positive during this difficult financial period," Snyder said. "And a very emphatic 'thank you' goes to our faithful supporters who came to our aid with their financial backing when circumstances didn't look as bright" Snyder added.

"As we look to the future, we are optimistic about the competitive position of our total program. With support such as we have been receiving, we will continue to be successful."

Campus accessibility projects are under way

Marshall University is already recognized as the most accessible campus in the state for handicapped persons and is making both nuts and bolts and software improvements, according to the university's director of plant and administrative operations.

Dr. E. Long said work on a concrete ramp extending from Morrow Library to Smith Hall on the south side of the building will be completed soon by 4 oz. of new curb cuts and to add and add 5,000 square feet of sidewalks.

"In the interest of accessibility for the handicapped and others to completely identify problem areas and to getting to class easier," Long said. "We're proud of what has been accomplished and believe these latest projects will eliminate most additional barriers for people in wheelchairs and with other walking handicaps."

In Leach and Sons, Inc., a Huntington contractor, has just about completed the ramp project under a $27,900 contract. Long said the sidewalks and curb cuts are expected to cost about $35,000.

He said all work will be completed before the start of fall classes in late August.

"I'm very pleased that the handicapped persons will be cut in half between the library and Smith Hall," the business college dean said.

One additional project Long said he hopes to see started in the near future is the construction of a bridge between Old Main and Smith Hall along with an elevator to the south side of Smith Hall.