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Track will be named in honor of Rollins

Marshall University's quarter-mile, all-weather track will be named in honor of West Virginia House of Delegates Majority Leader Walter "Lefty" Rollins, who died Sunday, Feb. 9, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

The recommendation to designate the facility "Lefty Rollins Track" was approved by Marshall's Institutional Board of Advisors at its Jan. 28 meeting, Gilley said. The University of West Virginia Board of Trustees was expected to give final approval at its Feb. 12 meeting.

Construction of the track was snagged in the fall of 1973 when low bids exceeded available funds at two separate bid-opening sessions. At that point, Delegate Rollins intervened and asked the West Virginia Board of Regents to accept the low bid and get the project started. He assured the board the Legislature would appropriate the necessary supplemental funds.

The board voted to proceed and Rollins spearheaded the successful effort to gain legislative approval of the supplemental funding during the 1974 session.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted Jan. 25, 1974, and the track was formally dedicated March 22, 1975.

"It's obvious Lefty Rollins played the key role in getting Marshall's track constructed and in assuring its quality," Gilley said. "We believe it most appropriate that the track carry his name into the 21st Century."

The veteran Wayne County legislator, a member of West Virginia University's 1942 National Invitation Tournament basketball championship team, was an avid supporter of Marshall University throughout his career in the West Virginia Senate and the House of Delegates, Gilley observed.

Rollins, who battled cancer for the past eight years, recently was confined to his home by illness but retained his position as majority leader. The House of Delegates paid tribute to him during its session Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Author to discuss book

Huntington author and river historian Gerald "Jerry" Sutphin will present a slide/lecture program and discuss his book, "Sternwheelers on the Great Kanawha River," during a meeting of the Marshall University Library Associates on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Charles A. "Carl" Hoffman Room on the third floor of James E. Morrow Library.

The presentation will be open to the public free of charge.

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Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley, left, and Sherri L. Noble, president of Marshall's Staff Council, present a plaque to W. Don Ray, general manager of WSAZ Television. The station and the Lee Foundation donated \$30,000 to The Marshall University Foundation -- \$25,000 earmarked for the WSAZ Staff Development Fund and \$5,000 to supplement the George R. Andrick-WSAZ-TV Endowed Scholarship that was established in 1986. The donation for staff development will allow Marshall employees to continue their education. WSAZ is owned by Lee Enterprises.

Byrd Institute donates use of computers to CIS

The Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing Systems has donated the use of two IBM RT computers and an IBM robot to the Marshall University Computer and Information Science Department for use in its teaching laboratory, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, executive assistant to the president at Marshall.

"One of the goals of the Byrd Institute is developing an integrated teaching factory which ties the university into the institute's technology center to provide enhanced educational opportunities to faculty and students on campus," said Maddox.

Hamid Chahryar, acting chairman of the department, said the two IBM RTs will be the only functional UNIX-based computers available in the department for teaching computer science.

The computers will give students access to advanced concepts such as high-resolution graphics and be used for teaching several courses in operating systems, programming language and software engineering.

The robot will be utilized in courses on digital electronics and computer organization. "Students will use the command board to run the robot and learn the operation of the robot in FMS (Flexible Manufacturing System)," Chahryar said.

He said the equipment also will give students more faculty opportunities to conduct more advanced

Committee discusses program reviews

(The following reports on the Dec. 5 and Jan. 16 meetings of the Marshall University Academic Planning Committee were submitted by Glenn Smith, Dec. 5 acting secretary, and Peggy Baden, secretary.)

Dec. 5

Ad Hoc Committees--Program Review--Elwyn Bellis reported on Computer Technology, Electronics Technology, Aviation Technology and Engineering Technology program reviews which were deferred from the Nov. 14 meeting.

Concerns which had been identified earlier had been addressed and, after brief comments, Bellis recommended that the program reviews be approved. A motion to that effect was made and passed. Specified program reviews were referred to Sarah Denman for transmittal to the Board of Trustees.

Lynne Mayer reported on the mathematics program review.

Comments included:

1. Program Description--appropriate.

Library Committee meets

(The following report on the Jan. 31 meeting of the Marshall University Library Committee was submitted by Sara B. Staats, acting secretary.)

James Douglass is acting chairman while Robert Gerke is on sabbatical. Richard Spilman is representing the College of Liberal Arts in Gerke's absence. Tim Morton is the new representative for the Graduate Students Association.

Josephine Fidler, director of libraries, reported that the library was exempted from the 35 percent budget cut imposed the first of January. She has notified all academic departments of the need to submit their book orders by March 1.

The library has applied for a grant from the U.S. Department of Education for funds to upgrade its computer system--a mainframe, hardware, software and more storage capacity.

Author to discuss book

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Sutphin, a veteran employee of the Huntington District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has done extensive research on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers and has been involved in several museum exhibits concerning the rivers.

A 1962 graduate of Marshall, Sutphin wrote the script for films featured with an Ohio River exhibit which opened in 1990 at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History.

Anyone interested in the development of the library is welcome to join the Marshall University Library Associates, according to Dr. Kenneth Slack, executive secretary of the organization.

A reception with refreshments will be held following Sutphin's presentation.

To obtain further details about the presentation or the Marshall University Library Associates contact Mary Caserta at Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library, 696-3120.

2. Program Evaluation--specifics were lacking:
 - A. Curriculum--narrative was not provided.
 - B. Faculty--information was missing.
 - C. Admissions--information was incomplete.
 - D. Exit Abilities--information was incomplete--more specific information was needed.
 - E. Graduates--graduate follow-up was missing.
 - F. Resources--narrative statement was missing; specifics such as salaries were missing and a statement of what would occur if the program was terminated was omitted.
3. Assessment--no specific criteria was mentioned.
4. Strengths/Weaknesses--specifics such as low faculty/student ratio was missing.
5. Viability--incomplete.
6. Enrollment--data elements were missing.
7. Enrollment Projections--projections were not made.
8. Costs--no explanation of why cost per SCH is higher. Additionally, a statement should be included as to the role of mathematics in liberal arts/general education.

Robert Saunders moved that the mathematics program review be accepted and approved with the reservations and additions suggested by the Ad Hoc Committee and that the review be referred to the assistant vice president for academic affairs and the appropriate dean for subsequent changes prior to submission to the Board of Trustees.

Denman discussed problems, processes and schedules for program reviews.

The chair appointed Elwyn Bellis and Protip Ghosh to assist the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs in a review of chemistry and physics program reviews to facilitate their transmittal to the Board of Trustees in relation to scheduled submission dates.

Proposed Policies on Review of Programs--Chairman Bolling discussed the need to develop more specific guidelines and schedules for program reviews required by the Board of Trustees and appointed a subcommittee to establish procedures and guidelines for the Planning Committee role in relation to program reviews.

Strategic Initiatives Survey--Bolling reported that he had reviewed responses to the "Strategic Initiatives Survey" which had been conducted and it appeared that proposed initiatives had been universally accepted. Lynne Mayer will tabulate and share the results with the committee.

Announcements--Bolling announced that Martin Faigel had accepted employment at another institution in the northeast and acknowledged his many contributions to the committee. Kay Wildman will replace Faigel on the committee.

Bolling was elected to represent the committee on the task force to study the university budget and reorganization.

Jan. 16

The following changes in the Dec. 5 meeting minutes were made: Elwyn Bellis and Protip Ghosh are assisting the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs in a review of chemistry, not physics.

The committee heard progress reports on the proposed Policy on Review of Programs and the Strategic Initiatives Survey.

Waivers available for summer terms

Applications for a limited number of graduate student tuition waivers for Marshall University's summer terms will be accepted through Friday, April 10, in the MU Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

In line with West Virginia Board of Trustees Policy Bulletin 49, priority will be given to faculty and staff of the state's colleges and universities and to West Virginia residents. A small number of waivers will be awarded

Clinic offers services

Marshall University's Psychology Clinic will offer a variety of psychological services to community residents and university students and personnel during the spring semester, according to Dr. Jeff Boggess, director of the clinic.

Services are available for psychological and interpersonal problems, including depression, anxiety, stress, marital and family problems, relationship concerns and difficulties with children's behavior and learning.

Psychological evaluations will be available and group programs on various subjects will be periodically offered.

Clinicians are advanced graduate students who work under the close supervision of Psychology Department faculty members.

Boggess said the clinic is committed to providing quality services to the university and community.

He said the clinic's fees are quite low and will not block access to desired or needed services. Marshall students and personnel will receive a 50 percent discount on services.

The clinic is located in Harris Hall Room 449 on the Marshall campus.

To make an appointment or obtain further details contact Boggess, 696-2770, or the Marshall University Department of Psychology, 696-6446.

Presentation to open exhibit

A lecture on the art program at Hampton (Va.) University will be presented by Sharon Beachum, chairwoman of the Hampton Art Department, on Friday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Birke Art Gallery.

Beachum's presentation will open an exhibition of art by Hampton students and faculty. The exhibit will continue through March 19.

The program will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Art Department, 696-6760.

AIME meeting planned

The Association of Involved Marshall Employees, a chapter of the West Virginia State Employees Union, will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. in Old Main Room 307, according to Marsha Napier, AIME president.

to nonresident students.

Deutsch said academic merit will be the major consideration in awarding waivers, which cover tuition, registration and Higher Education and Faculty Improvement fees. Student Activity fees must be paid by the recipient.

Academic merit will be determined by grade point average and Graduate Record Examination scores. Students must list their GRE scores in order to be eligible for consideration.

Up to three hours of waivers for graduate course work will be awarded to qualified applicants.

Students interested in being considered for a Board of Trustees tuition waiver based on financial need criteria should contact the Graduate School to obtain the proper application procedure.

Students who previously held waivers must reapply to be considered for summer term waivers.

Approved waivers can be picked up beginning Tuesday, April 21. Waivers not claimed by Thursday, April 30, will be assigned to other qualified applicants.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 696-6606.

Personnel personal

(The following item was submitted by Laura Leveridge.)

As many of you may be aware, I have been off on leave since August 1991 and on catastrophic leave since January 1992. As it stands now, I anticipate needing leave for several more months. I have been contacted by personnel with the news that the Catastrophic Leave Bank is depleted.

If you are able to donate one or more days to me, please call Katherine Coffey, 696-2595. Please specify that you would like the days donated to me.

I look forward to returning and working with all of you again and want to thank all of the people who have helped me and offered support these past months.

Sincerely,
Laura Leveridge
Computer Center

Recitals scheduled

A free faculty recital by Dr. Reed Smith, violinist, and Dr. Leslie Petteys, pianist, of Marshall University's Department of Music will be held Thursday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. The program will include works by Beethoven, Bach, Turina and Lili Boulanger.

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Michael D. McMillen of Huntington, a candidate for a master of arts degree in music at Marshall, will present a recital of sacred music on Friday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. The program will be open to the public free of charge.

Grievances discussed by MU committee

(The following report on the Jan. 27 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Personnel Committee was submitted by Lisle G. Brown, secretary.)

The committee discussed the following items:

Policy Bulletin 65--The FPC briefly discussed this bulletin and took no action.

Sabbatical Leave--Dr. Radig reported on a letter from Sarah Denman concerning deadlines for sabbatical leave requests. The letter indicated that the deadlines were distributed to deans, usually early in the fall semester. The requests were submitted for approval by the president, whose decision is final.

College of Education Grievance--Dr. Radig followed up on the COE grievance last semester. He reported that the

Foreign study program now enrolling students

Now is the time for interested persons to enroll in study abroad programs for this summer, according to Dr. Clair W. Matz, director of Marshall University's Center for International Studies.

Matz, who is recruiting students and interested persons for Marshall's summer study program in Madrid, Spain, said many of the foreign study programs have February deadlines.

Marshall's Spanish Language and Culture Program in Madrid has a March 1 deadline.

Dr. Douglas Robertson, assistant professor of modern languages at Marshall, currently is enrolling students in the university's Spanish language program.

He said participants will live with Spanish families and attend classes taught by professors at the Universitas Nebrisensis. Dr. Maria Carmen Riddel of Marshall's Modern Languages Department will be the resident on-site director for the program.

To obtain details about summer study programs contact Matz at Marshall's Center for International Studies in Old Main Room 227, 696-5421.

Employee achievements

Dr. JANE FOTOS, associate professor in the School of Nursing, was recently re-elected chair of the board of directors of the Cabell Huntington Health Department. She has served as chair of the board for the past eight years.

Dr. TERRY L. SMITH, adjunct professor in the College of Education, Division of Educational Foundations, recently presented a paper titled "Curriculum That Teaches Critical Thinking" at the National Conference on Governor's Schools held at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs. The paper was selected due to the innovative approach toward teaching thinking through various problem-solving techniques, such as analytical reasoning, inferential reasoning, scientific reasoning and cooperative learning in areas of English, social studies, math and science.

president had supported the grievant, but that the adjustment in salary would not be made because of the current budgetary exigency.

College of Liberal Arts Grievances--Professors R. Brown and L. Brown were assigned to investigate a salary grievance submitted jointly by nine members of COLA.

College of Education Grievances--Dr. Hensley and Professor Dooley were assigned to investigate seven combined grievances from COE.

Policy Bulletin 43--Dr. Lloyd reported that the senate passed a resolution supporting the latest revision of this bulletin on ethics, but the vote was not unanimous. After some discussion, the FPC took no action on this matter.

Conflict of Interest Statement--Dr. Radig reported that the senate had approved the CIS form submitted by the FPC, but that President Gilley had not approved it.

Faculty Overloads and Work Week--Dr. Radig reported that an ad hoc committee, made up of himself, Dr. Robert Sawrey, Dr. Sarah Denman and Dr. Alan Gould, has begun meeting on this subject.

Off-Campus Teaching--Dr. Radig indicated that this will be a future agenda item and asked members to begin thinking about a policy defining and governing off-campus teaching.

Reassigned Time for Faculty Development Form--Dr. Radig distributed a copy of this form. The FPC did not approve of the form and asked the chair to write a letter to President Gilley expressing its disapproval.

Community College Grievances--The FPC discussed two grievances from this college. The FPC supported the position of one grievant and postponed action on the other. Radig will draft a letter concerning the committee's action on the first grievance.

MU Planning Committee meets

(The following report on the Jan. 30 meeting of the Marshall University Physical Facilities and Planning Committee was submitted by Neil Gibbins, secretary.)

The committee took the following action:

1. Recommended that the MU running track be named the "Lefty" Rollins Running Track.
2. Recommended that Northcott Hall Room 125 be designated as a general purpose classroom.
3. The committee asked that they participate in the suggested loading dock for Smith Music Hall.
4. The meeting Feb. 20 will concern parking.

Computer series continuing

Marshall University's Computer Center, the Computer Store of Huntington and Apple Computer Corporation is sponsoring a series of videoconferences dealing with the use of computers in education.

The next program in the "Imagine" series, "How Computers Are Changing the Way We Learn," will be presented Thursday, Feb. 20, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

It will be open to all interested Marshall University faculty and staff members.