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President comments on salaries issue

The salary increases we did *not* receive for the 1982-83 fiscal year are—justifiably—one of the principal topics of conversation on campus this summer. Along with this, there seem to be a lot of rumors floating around. For that reason, I want to offer the following comments on the salaries situation.

First, Marshall University's budget for personal services (salaries) is the same as it was last year. There was no increase in the funds with which we pay salaries. This is true of most state agencies.

While, obviously, there could be no general raises under that circumstance, we were authorized to grant raises on a selective basis—if we could find the money in our budget. There isn't any money in our budget for that purpose. Some state agencies or schools have been able

to grant raises to a small percentage of their employees.

The only raises granted at Marshall University have been for several individuals who have changed positions and taken on greater responsibilities and for a few people employed on a calendar year basis. The latter received the same increases in January that the rest of us received in July, 1981, but their raise is reflected in the 1982 budget.

The "no raises" situation applies to all elements of the university, including the School of Medicine.

It is natural that we are greatly disappointed by the fact we did not receive pay raises this year. The great majority of Marshall University's employees are dedicated, hard-working individuals and there is no ques-

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Marshall Science Hall Addition Going Up

Workmen have begun assembling the steelwork for a four-story addition to the Marshall University Science Hall. The \$6,856,000 project will add 65,000 square feet to the existing structure, which will be renovated follow-

(Marshall University photo by Rick Hays)

ing completion of the new construction. John R. Hess, Inc., of Pittsburgh is general contractor for the addition and TAG-VVKR of Charleston is architect. The contract calls for completion of the addition late next year.

Congressman Ken Hechler rejoins faculty

Former U.S. Congressman Ken Hechler, who served nine terms as the representative from West Virginia's Fourth District, will rejoin the Marshall University faculty this fall, according to MU College of Liberal Arts Dean Alan B. Gould.

Hechler, who taught political science at Marshall in 1957, will teach Political Science 400/500, "The Politics of the Truman Era," as an adjunct professor of political science, Dr. Gould said.

The class, offered on the undergraduate and graduate levels, will be taught in Corbly Hall at 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Hechler, who served as a special assistant to President Harry S. Truman from 1949 to 1953, describes the course thusly: "A study of American political institutions and practices through the career of President Harry S. Truman, including presidential leadership, public opinion and pressure groups, Congressional relations, White House staffing, foreign policy, controlling bureaucracy, political parties and campaigns and constitutional issues."

The former congressman earned his Ph.D. degree from Columbia University, teaching there and at Barnard College. He also taught at Princeton University.

Marshall U faculty, staff achievements and activities

DR. RUTH T. WELLMAN, professor of education, recently conducted two workshops as a consultant for New York City School System Science Supervisors and Department Chairmen, Grades 9-12. The workshops dealt with the use of a handbook Dr. Wellman had written, "Enmeshment of Science and Reading Skills," which now is part of a "Leadership Manual for High School Science Supervisors," published by the NYC schools. She also has worked with New Jersey science and reading teachers in this same area and has been invited to appear at an upcoming meeting of the International Reading Association.

DR. JOSEPH S. LA CASCIA, Economics Department chairman, spoke on "Reaganomics" at the July 20 dinner meeting of the American Business Women's Association, held at the UpTowner Inn.

DAN O'HANLON, Criminal Justice Department acting chairman, spoke July 6 to the Huntington Kiwanis Club on "Corruption in City Government;" on July 9 to Huntington Alloys, Inc., retirees on "Legal Topics of Interest to Senior Citizens;" July 15 to the Huntington Lions Club on "The Municipal Court Work Program: Year One," and Aug. 9 to the Huntington Rotary Club on "Crime Prevention." He also conducted an in-service training program for corrections officers at the Cabell County Jail on "Public Intoxicants and Mentally Ill Defendants."

Retired professor of nursing, Mary Catherine S. Asher dies

Word has been received here of the death of Mary Catherine S. Asher, 70, of Parsons, a retired Marshall University School of Nursing faculty member.

Mrs. Asher died of cancer April 3 at Cortland Acres Home in Tucker County. A memorial service was held at the Parsons Presbyterian Church followed by a private family burial service. Survivors include two brothers and two sisters.

Mrs. Asher earned a master's degree in nursing from Case-Western Reserve University and also a master's degree in counseling from Marshall. A member of Kappa Delta Pi education honorary, she retired from Marshall in 1977.

University Relations to handle rumors, questions on salaries

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tion that their service should be rewarded with an increase in pay. However, the economic condition of our state just did not permit this for 1982-83.

We cannot predict the course of the state's economy during the next year, but we are hopeful that our situation will be better in 1983-84 than it is at present.

In the meantime, if you have questions or hear rumors regarding the salaries situation, please contact the University Relations Office for answers. If the facts are not immediately available, that office will obtain them for you.

Thanks for your continued work and cooperation as we put forth our best efforts in behalf of Marshall University.

Sincerely,
Robert B. Hayes
President

Requisition deadline

The deadline for submitting requisitions for the next scheduled purchase of calculators is Sept. 10, in accordance with Standard Specification #7420-030-13.

LAST SUMMER ISSUE

This will be the final issue of the summer University News Letter. Publication will resume with the start of the fall semester. The News Letter will appear weekly on Thursdays with a copy deadline of 10 a.m. on the Tuesday preceding publication.