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Ashland Oil increases support to Foundation

Ashland Oil, Inc., has contributed \$45,000 to the Marshall University Foundation's Annual Giving Program for use during the 1980-81 academic year, Foundation Executive Director Bernard Queen announced recently.

The corporation's check was presented to Queen by Ashland President Robert E. Yancey.

The gift is in addition to a \$300,000 pledge announced recently by Ashland Chairman Orin E. Atkins to be used for support of the Marshall School of Medicine, Queen noted.

Queen said the most recent contribution is earmarked for academic and athletic scholarships and for the University's Greatest Needs Fund.

The 1979 corporate gift represents a 13 percent increase over the firm's 1978 allocation to the Marshall Foundation, Queen said.

"Year in and year out, Ashland Oil has been the most faithful and the most generous corporate supporter of Marshall University and its programs," Queen said. "We are truly grateful for the interest Ashland Oil's leaders have shown in Marshall University. They have enabled Marshall to make significant progress which might not have been possible without their commitment."



ASHLAND OIL BOOSTS MARSHALL

Robert E. Yancey, center, president of Ashland Oil, Inc., presents a \$45,000 check to Dr. Bernard Queen, executive director of the Marshall University Foundation. The contribution represents Ashland Oil's 1979 gift to the foundation's Annual Giving Program and is in addition to a \$300,000 Ashland pledge announced earlier for support of the Marshall School of Medicine. At right is an obviously-pleased Marshall President Robert B. Hayes. (Marshall University photo by Rick Hays)

Education outreach program takes 'personalized' approach

Marshall University will offer a new Master of Education degree, beginning this semester, MU Provost Olen E. Jones, has announced.

The new Graduate Outreach (GO) Program is designed for educators working in West Virginia school systems and will feature a "personalized" approach, Jones said. He noted that the State Board of Regents approved the new program at its December meeting.

Dr. Philip J. Rusche, dean of the College of Education, said the GO Program will allow students to individualize their studies, take most of their course work off campus, and make use of a variety of learning experiences available throughout the state.

The proposal approved by the Regents also includes a new graduate outreach option under the existing Certificate of Advanced Study program offered by the College of Education for educators who previously have earned a master's degree, Rusche said.

Basic content of the new programs will be essentially the same as that provided in existing master's and certificate of advanced study programs in the College of Education, but the "delivery system" will be altered, as will the variety of specializations available, Rusche said.

Each student will be assigned an adviser and will work

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Former member of library staff donates rare books collection

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library has received a collection of books valued at more than \$1,100 from a former member of the library staff, according to Dr. Kenneth T. Slack, director of libraries.

Included in the 155 books contributed by Mrs. Kathryn M. Kraybill were several rare books, Slack said. One is an 1860 publication of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, another copy of which recently was sold at auction for \$255.

"All of the volumes in Mrs. Kraybill's collection were added to our holdings," Slack said. "It is unusual for every volume in a gift collection of that size to be usable," he noted. "She was very selective in assembling the collection."

Mrs. Kraybill, who lives in Huntington, was a member of the library staff from 1946 to 1961 and served as head of the cataloguing department.

University Honors to organize faculty research seminar group

An organizational meeting for a Faculty Research Seminar, conducted under the auspices of the University Honors Program, will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, in the Honors Lounge, Northcott Hall Room 209.

The seminars will be held every other Thursday and will last for about one hour, according to Dr. Michael J. Galgano, University Honors Program director.

"We hope that this type of seminar will serve as a forum for faculty from the various disciplines, where they can exchange research ideas and projects and familiarize themselves with the work of their colleagues," said Galgano.

"At subsequent meetings of the seminar group, a faculty member may be asked either to present a formal paper on some aspect of his current research or to discuss it informally with the group," Galgano said. "He then might relate his research to his overall teaching area with regard either to methodology or content, which will perhaps generate broader discussion with other faculty members."

Galgano said the Thursday time slot for the seminars was still tentative. Faculty members interested in the seminar, but who can not attend the organizational meeting, should call Galgano at the University Honors Office, extension 6781.

Dr. William Coffey to teach Coal Industry Studies course

A new course, "Coal Industry Studies: Past and Present," will be offered at Marshall University during the Spring Term.

The special topics course, Social Studies 483/583, will be offered both at the undergraduate level and the graduate level, according to Dr. William E. Coffey, professor of social studies, who will be the instructor. It will be taught each Thursday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 136.

All aspects of the American coal industry—geological, technological, environmental, managerial, labor, social and political—will be covered, Coffey said. The course will consist of lectures, films, discussions and reports. In addition, students will be familiarized with the basic library sources relating to the coal industry, Coffey said.

More off-campus courses seen

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with that adviser on an individual basis, the dean said. With approval of the adviser, the student will be able to earn credit toward the degree through off-campus course work which will be offered, through additional self-study and through some inservice program offered at the county school system level.

"The strength of these new outreach programs is that they will permit students to take advantage of the full range of educational opportunities available in the state while doing so in an organized, supervised and cohesive fashion," Rusche said.

He said additional off-campus courses will be scheduled to meet needs of those enrolling in the GO Program.



DR. HOFFMAN'S CONTRIBUTIONS RECOGNIZED

Dr. Charles A. (Carl) Hoffman, center, Monday was presented a framed photograph of Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library in recognition of his support for the development of a special library at Marshall. The Dr. Charles A. Hoffman Library of the Medical Sciences is housed in the Morrow Library. It is being financed with an endowment fund spearheaded by Dr. Hoffman and proceeds are being used to purchase rare books and other materials dealing with the history of medicine and other health sciences. Dr. Hoffman, former president of the American Medical Association, personally has contributed \$100,000 toward the goal of \$250,000, presenting the last installment of his gift at Monday's meeting of the Huntington Rotary Club. Presenting him with the photograph of the library were Marshall Development Director Bernard Queen, left, and MU President Robert B. Hayes. (Marshall University photo by Rick Hays)

Dr. Busbee named as head of park resources/leisure services

Dr. Raymond L. Busbee, former Parks, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation head at East Carolina University, has been named head of the Park Resources and Leisure Services Division of Marshall University's Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department.

Busbee's appointment is effective immediately, according to Dr. Robert L. Case, MU HPER Department chairman. He will hold the rank of associate professor.

A native of Georgia, Busbee earned his baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Georgia. Prior to assuming the East Carolina post in 1974, he served as Recreation Department chairman at the University of Southern Mississippi and HPER chairman at Abraham Baldwin College in Tifton, Ga.

He has done consulting work for various agencies, including the Pearl River Basin Development District, Jackson, Miss., and has designed and developed several interpretive trails in Mississippi.

A Certified Fisheries Scientist, Busbee is a member of several professional organizations, including the National Recreation and Parks Association and the National Association of Interpretive Naturalists. He has written articles for various professional publications.