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Grant awarded to Deans’ Consortium

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded a $78,000 grant to the newly-formed Southern West Virginia Deans’ Grant Consortium, according to Dr. Arthur S. Maynard, Marshall University assistant professor of education.

Maynard, who will coordinate the group’s activities, said the eight-institution consortium was established this fall to assist members in revising teacher preparation curricula to include experiences in teaching the handicapped in a mainstream (regular classroom) setting.

Members of the consortium are Bluefield State College, Concord College, Glenville State College, Marshall University, University of Charleston, West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, West Virginia State College and West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Five representatives from each member school are currently involved in the project’s first phase: assessing existing courses to determine areas of need and developing recommendations to meet those needs. They also will participate in two workshops—one this fall on awareness of the handicapped students’ needs and one in the spring on adapting the curriculum to resolve these needs.

“Each school’s representatives will return to their home institution and share the information with other faculty members,” Maynard said. Visits to other states to see how problems are handled by other institutions also

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Continuing education goals for nurses outlined by new director

Providing professional development services for nurses not only in the Tri-State Area, but also throughout southern West Virginia, is the goal of Jane Fotos, director of the Marshall University School of Nursing’s Continuing Education Office.

“The school will be developing its own continuing education workshops and conferences, but my office also will be available to work with hospitals, health care agencies and other allied health professionals to aid them in designing programs to meet their own specific needs,” said Mrs. Fotos, who was named to the MU post this fall.

“Continuing education is as important for nurses and other health care professionals as it is in any field where the technology constantly undergoes changes,” she said.

“Marshall led the way in providing nursing education degree programs in the state and is now equally committed to providing continuing education for nurses.”

Mrs. Fotos earned her nursing diploma from St. Mary’s Hospital, a Bachelor of Arts degree (cum laude) in sociology, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and a Master of Arts degree in counseling and rehabilitation from Marshall and completed the University of Cincinnati’s Master of Science in Nursing degree program.

A former staff nurse at St. Mary’s Hospital, Mrs. Fotos taught in the hospital’s School of Nursing from 1968 to 1977, when she joined Marshall’s nursing faculty. In 1978-79, she served as executive director of the West Virginia Nurses Association for a year. Mrs. Fotos also was a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Cincinnati.
Marshall University to host state political science group

The 15th annual meeting of the West Virginia Political Science Association will convene Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23-24, at the Uptowner Inn, with Marshall University as the host institution.

The meeting theme will be "15 Years of Change in West Virginia Government," and will be addressed by Dr. Richard H. Rosswurm, MU professor of political science and association president. The group's annual banquet on Friday evening will mark the 15th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

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