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NEWS RELEASE

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Frank Byrne, a former assistant sports information director at Southern Methodist University, has been named interim sports information director at Marshall University.

The appointment, effective immediately, was announced today by Athletic Director Joseph H. McMullen.

Byrne, 23, succeeds John Evenson, who resigned to accept a position with an advertising, marketing and public relations firm in San Diego, Calif.

McMullen said Byrne will serve in the sports information post at least through March 30.

"We will begin the search for a permanent sports information director immediately," McMullen said, "and we hope to be able to fill the position on a permanent basis by early spring. I am pleased that Frank Byrne has agreed to work with us through the basketball season and I am sure that he will do an excellent job for Marshall and for the news media."

McMullen said Frank Giardina will continue to serve as assistant sports information director with primary responsibilities for operation of the Marshall Sports Network and work with the electronic media.

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Byrne has been working as a graduate assistant in the Office of University Relations at Marshall. A native of Connellsville, Pa., he received his bachelor's degree in marketing at Southern Methodist University in June, 1977. He also minored in journalism and history.

He served as assistant sports information director at Southern Methodist from July 1976 to July 1977. He also was a member of the sports staff of the SMU student newspaper from 1973 to 1976 and was sports editor for two years.

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Hypnotist/psychic James J. Mapes will present "PSI--Power of the Mind" Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. in the Marshall University Memorial Student Center Multi-Purpose Room.

The program is open to the public without charge, according to Don E. Robertson, MU student activities and organizations coordinator.

Mapes, who holds a Master's in Theater Arts degree, is head of the New York Center for Hypnosis and Mind Control, which he founded, and is the author of "PSI--Power of the Mind."

Mapes first became interested in hypnosis as a student at California State University, where a hypnotist helped him lose 100 pounds and quit smoking three packs of cigarettes a day. In 1969, he went to Europe to study hypnosis.

Mapes is a former actor, who appeared on such TV shows as "Star Trek" and "Gunsmoke," and in such films as "Taxi Driver," "Three Days of the Condor" and "The Taking of Pelham 1-2-3."

In 1970, he decided to combine his skill in hypnotism with his theatrical experience into a show called "PSI--The Power of the Mind." Besides the entertainment value, Mapes hopes the show will create an awareness of the limitless potential of the mind and destroy the myths about hypnosis.

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"We're all born with Intra Sensory Perception (ISP)," he said, "but lose it unless its existence is acknowledge and developed." He added that anyone can tap the resources of the mind with training and persistence. "I want to remove the fear and introduce hypnosis to people as a vehicle for the creation of a more rewarding life."

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Dr. Paul F. Lutz of Logan has been appointed assistant director of development at Marshall University, effective Dec. 18. He will succeed Edwin N. Vinson, who resigned earlier to enter private business.

Announcement of the appointment was made today by Dr. Bernard Queen, director of development and executive director of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc.

Holder of two degrees from Marshall, Lutz presently is an assistant professor of history and geography at Southern West Virginia Community College in Logan.

A native of Ironton, Ohio, Lutz graduated from Huntington High School in 1961 and received his A.B. degree from Marshall in 1966. He earned his M.A. degree in history from Marshall in 1970 and his Ph.D. in history from West Virginia University in 1977.

He began his college teaching career in 1970 as an instructor in the Marshall branches at Logan and Williamson. The branches later became the independent Southern West Virginia Community College. Lutz also was a part-time instructor at West Virginia University while working toward his doctoral degree.

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He has served three years as the Southern West Virginia Community College faculty's elected representative to the West Virginia Board of Regents' Faculty Advisory Council and also served as chairman of the Faculty Senate's Salary Committee. He has been active in community programs in Logan and is a member of a number of professional and civic organizations.

In his new role at Marshall, Lutz will be involved in the raising and management of private funds to enhance the university's programs.

"I am very pleased that Paul Lutz has agreed to accept this challenging new assignment," Queen said. "His knowledge of Marshall and its objectives, his outgoing personality and his positive approach will be real assets to the Office of Development and to the Marshall Foundation."

Lutz is married to the former Mary Seaman and they are the parents of two children.

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--The founder and conductor of the West Virginia Chorale, a professional 24-voice touring chorus, will be the guest soloist for Marshall University Choral Union's winter concerts, scheduled at 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Dec. 10-11, in Smith Recital Hall.

Dr. Larry R. Parsons will make his Huntington debut singing the title role in Benjamin Britten's "Saint Nicholas," one of two works to be presented by the Marshall group in the free, public concert.

Parsons is associate professor of music and choral activities director at West Virginia Wesleyan College. He earned his doctorate in musical arts from the University of Illinois. He has studied under William Warfield, Eric Dalheim, Klara Barlow, and others.

A tenor, Parsons is appearing with the Choral Union under the auspices of the Marshall Institute for the Arts.

Also featured in the Britten work will be three boy sopranos from Huntington: John Carey, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Carey; Christopher Ey, son of Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Ey, and Dwayne Perdue, son of Patty Perdue.

"St. Nicholas" is a set of musical tales depicting events in the life of the Bishop of Myrna, one of the early fathers of the church, who in the Fourth Century was known to children as Santa Claus.

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The Choral Union, accompanied by the Marshall Community Orchestra, will also present Bach's "Cantata No. 140, which is based on the well known chorale, "Sleepers 'wake," long associated with Advent season, according to Dr. Paul Balshaw, MU professor of music, who will direct both ensembles.

Soloists for the Bach work will be Bill Glover, tenor, Patricia Prunty, soprano, and Rick Woods, baritone, all of Huntington.

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--A legislative subcommittee's recommendation that the first two years of all medical education programs in the state be consolidated at West Virginia University has dealt a "severe blow" to the Marshall University School of Medicine, MU Dean Robert W. Coon said today.

Implementation of the recommendation could kill the fledgling Marshall medical school, he added.

The subcommittee, made up of both legislators and private citizens, adopted a resolution Monday calling for the basic science programs at the state's three medical schools to be taught at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

However, the Joint Committee on Government and Finance, to which the resolution was submitted, then deferred consideration of the resolution for a month.

But some damage already has been done, Coon said. "The impact of the resolution is immediate," he said. "It affects recruitment of faculty members and students as well as we prepare to admit our third class." He noted that the first group of letters of acceptance had been mailed last Friday to students selected for the third class. They are scheduled to begin their studies next September.

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"Also, we have just been visited by a team from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), which will make its report to the full accrediting committee shortly," Coon said. "Any change in our current pattern would jeopardize accreditation of this school."

The Marshall medical school which opened its doors in January, 1978, currently has provisional accreditation from the LCME. Full accreditation for the program will be considered when the first class graduates in 1981.

"The LCME does not accredit two-year schools of medicine. Acceptance of the subcommittee's resolution would, in effect, close our doors," the dean warned. "The most we could hope for would be to have a branch of WVU here, similar to the Charleston program."

Members of the subcommittee met last month with LCME officials in Washington, D.C. According to published accounts, they were told that if consolidation of the medical schools took place the LCME "may feel that Marshall would then be only half a medical school and this alone could rescind accreditation."

Coon noted that the subcommittee's study was initiated to see if costs of the state's medical education programs could be reduced by consolidation. The group's resolution, however, would increase costs, he said.

"A capital outlay of nearly \$9 million has been projected to gear up West Virginia University's facilities to handle the additional load," Coon said. "At the same time, WVU estimated it would need another \$1.8 million annually for its basic sciences programs--\$400,000 more than the total cost of the basic science programs at Marshall and at the West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

"This means the state would be spending more money, not less," Coon added. "Perhaps the subcommittee should take another look."

Monday's resolution may have other negative effects, Coon said, including damaging the Marshall school's fund-raising efforts among private foundations.

The action also could jeopardize nearly \$15 million in Veterans Administration funds still earmarked for the school over the next four years, the dean said.

"It is my understanding that the subcommittee received an unofficial opinion from the Veterans Administration that this action could jeopardize the funding," Coon said. "In accepting the VA funding at the outset, the state of West Virginia made a commitment to support this medical school."

The primary goal of the Marshall medical school is to improve the quality of health care available to rural southern West Virginia through educating primary care physicians who will practice in those underserved areas.

"If we are to accomplish our goal, then we must remain a four-year program," the dean said.

"We designed the curriculum on a four-year basis, inculcating the primary care philosophy from the very first day a student arrives on campus. If half of our program were cut out, there would be no way for us to accomplish our goals," he warned.

The Marshall school already has a strong basic sciences faculty, numbering 19, who are teaching the 47 students currently enrolled. Several of them also are working in a consulting capacity with the region's medical community. "Eliminating them would mean a loss to the medical community," the dean said.

Recruitment of a top-notch clinical faculty is linked with the quality of a program's basic sciences faculty, according to Coon. "The two groups work closely together and complement one another."

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Expressing his appreciation to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance for delaying action on the resolution, Coon said he would be eager to see a detailed, formal report of the subcommittee's study, so that he could respond to it.

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Eight former and current students, who teamed up to write "Vulcan--A Novel Approach," will share the \$200 first place prize in the 1978 Jesse Stuart Writing Awards competition.

The awards, sponsored by the Second National Bank of Ashland, Ky., and named for the distinguished regional author from eastern Kentucky, are presented annually at Marshall to encourage writing excellence on Appalachian themes, according to Dr. M.O. Mitchell, MU professor of English and department chairman.

The awards were presented by G.B. Johnson, president of the bank, during a special program held at the university recently. David Peyton, staff writer for the Huntington Herald-Dispatch, was the guest speaker.

Sharing first place honors, are Sandy Hatten, Terry Curtis and Pia Cummings, all of Huntington; Rick Ramell, St. Albans; Jane Johnson, Milton; Henry Williams, Plainfield, N.J.; David White, Hamlin, and Nancy Nelson, Charleston.

The first place effort was a class project for a political novel course taught by Elinore Taylor, MU assistant professor of English. The students visited the Mingo County community of Vulcan, which leaped into national prominence when residents approached Russia for foreign aid to rebuild the only bridge into their community. Each student wrote a chapter, Ms. Taylor said.

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Second prize, \$100, was awarded to Beverly Childers, Pedro, Ohio, for a group of poems and a short story "Flatlander." Honorable mention awards of Jesse Stuart volumes, contributed by Stationers, Inc., were presented for short story work to Thomas Hughes, Hamlin, for "Dreaming" and "New Neighbors;" Lenore Savage, Flatwoods, Ky., for "First Time," and Kirk Judd, Kenova, for "Dark Night."

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--John E. Dolin, Marshall University assistant professor of art, has earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Comparative Arts from Ohio University, according to the MU Academic Affairs Office.

The degree was conferred by OU on Nov. 22. Dr. Dolin's dissertation was entitled "The Relationship of the Arcological Architecture of Paolo Soleri to the Evolutionary Thought of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin."

A native of Oklahoma City, Dolin joined Marshall's faculty in 1969. He earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Art Education degrees from the University of Oklahoma, where he held graduate teaching assistantships.

Dolin is a member of the College Art Association of America.

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Dr. Ruth T. Wellman, associate professor of education at Marshall University, has been invited to deliver the keynote address for the 13th Curriculum Conference of the New Jersey Science Teacher's Association.

The conference will be held March 2 at the College of St. Elizabeth, near Madison, N.J., according to Rex T. Morrison, association president.

Dr. Wellman will open the one-day meeting with a discussion of "Science and Reading: Basic Partners," and will conduct an afternoon workshop for conference participants.

A science consultant for Harper and Rowe Publishers, Dr. Wellman has been a long-time advocate of curriculums which combine science and language/reading programs. She was one of six educators chosen last year by the National Science Teachers Association and the Educational Resources Information Center for a special research project.

Dr. Wellman is a former Wayne County Schools science supervisor and a science/media supervisor for the Huntington PACE Center. She began teaching part-time at Marshall in 1961 and joined the full-time faculty in 1970.

A native of Prichard, she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall and her Ph.D. from Ohio University.



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HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University will offer graduate courses in a variety of teaching fields in a number of West Virginia communities during the spring semester, according to Dr. David E. Koontz, MU off-campus programs director.

The courses offer three hours of credit and registration will be conducted at the first class session. Each course carries a \$41.70 fee for West Virginia residents who enroll. The fee for non-residents of the state is \$211.80.

In addition to the courses to be taught at specific locations, Marshall will offer five additional courses statewide on a seminar or independent study basis.

The statewide offerings include: Philosophy of Vocational Education (VTE 500), Practicum in Pre-Vocational Exploration (VTE 579), Practicum in Sex Equity (VTE 579), Special Topics: Vocational Administration Externship (VTE 582), and Literature of Adult Education (AE 641).

All offer three credit hours, except for the Sex Equity Practicum which carries two hours of credit. Persons wishing to register for any of the statewide courses may do so by contacting Marshall's Department of Occupational, Adult and Safety Education. The registration period ends Jan. 19.

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Other courses to be offered and their locations include:

CHARLESTON

VTE 662, Occupational Education and the Community, Tuesdays at 5 p.m., beginning Jan. 9 at the Ben Franklin Career Center.

AE 665, Adult Education and the Community, Tuesdays at 5 p.m., beginning Jan. 9, at the Ben Franklin Career Center.

VTE 530, Occupational Education for Disadvantaged, Mondays at 4 p.m., beginning Jan. 8, at the Ben Franklin Career Center.

VTE 660, Vocational Education and Manpower Needs, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 10, at Carver Career Center.

VTE 606, Developing a Local Plan for Vocational Education, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 9, at the Ben Franklin Career Center.

SED 647, Industrial Hygiene, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 11, at George Washington High School.

SED 610, Philosophical and Psychological Concepts, Mondays at 6:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 8, at George Washington High School.

CLARKSBURG

VTE 600, Supervision of Vocational Education Programs, Wednesdays at 6 p.m., beginning Jan. 10, at United Career Center.

VTE 660, Vocational Education and Manpower Needs, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 9, at United Career Center.

GRAFTON

AE 671, Research in Adult Education, Thursdays at 4 p.m., beginning Jan 11, at Grafton High School.

VTE 670, Research Application in Occupational Education, Thursdays at 4 p.m., beginning Jan. 11, at Grafton High School.

HAMLIN

CI 670, Teaching Social Studies in Elementary Schools, Tuesdays at 5 p.m., beginning Jan. 16, at Hamlin Elementary School.

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VTE 530, Occupational Education for the Disadvantaged, Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 9, Vocational Rehabilitation Center.

LOGAN

VTE 660, Vocational Education and Manpower Needs, Mondays at 3:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 8, at Southern West Virginia Community College.

(Additional courses are being offered in Logan and Lenore, but were filled during advance registration.)

PARKERSBURG

VTE 506, Vocational Education Legislation, Wednesdays at 4 p.m., beginning Jan. 10, at the Wood County Vocational School.

POINT PLEASANT

CI 657, Advanced Techniques in Teaching Elementary Mathematics, Tuesdays at 5 p.m., beginning Jan. 16, at the Mason County Vocational School.

PRINCETON

AE 665, Adult Education and the Community, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 10, at the Mercer County Vocational School.

VTE 662, Occupational Education and the Community, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 10, at the Mercer County Vocational School.

SED 589, Occupational Hazard Control, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 9, at the Mercer County Vocational School.

SED 610, Philosophical and Psychological Concepts, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 11, at the Mercer County Vocational School.

WAYNE

CI 528, Junior High School/Middle School Curriculum, Mondays at 4 p.m., beginning Jan. 15, at Wayne High School.

Persons desiring additional information about Marshall's off-campus courses may call Dr. Koontz at 696-6430 or visit his office, Jenkins Hall 217, Marshall University.



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HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Marshall University will conduct a special advance registration for the spring semester Tuesday through Saturday, Jan. 2-6, MU Registrar Robert H. Eddins announced today.

"This computerized registration will be in addition to the regular registration scheduled for Jan. 11-12," the registrar said.

Anyone who has been admitted to Marshall may participate in the special registration which will be conducted in the basement of Old Main in Room 1B.

Registration hours will be: 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

"We will also process schedule adjustments for students who pre-registered in November during this period," the registrar said.

All fees must be paid at the time of registration.

Marshall's first efforts in registration by computer earlier this year proved to be exceedingly popular with students. "Registration by computer is quick and efficient. Students receive instant confirmation of their schedules. It has benefits for both the students and the university," the registrar added.

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PLEASE RELEASE DEC. 31, 1978

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--The award winning musical "Cabaret" will be presented by Marshall University Theater and the Music Department as their annual spring production, Dr. Elaine A. Novak, professor of speech and University Theater director, announced today.

"Cabaret" won eight Tony Awards, including one for Best Musical, when it opened on Broadway in 1966. Based on the 1951 Broadway hit play "I Am a Camera," which starred Julie Harris, "Cabaret" is set in Berlin around 1929-30, just as Hitler was rising to power. It deals with the Berliners' reactions to the growing threat of Nazism.

Auditions for the musical, which has a cast of 17 men and 19 women, will be held in Old Main Auditorium at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, and at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27. All Marshall students, whether full-time or part-time, may audition for singing, dancing or acting roles.

"Students auditioning for singing roles should be prepared to sing a one-minute solo of their choice. They will need to bring their own music; however, an accompanist will be provided," Dr. Novak said.

"Those auditioning as dancers should wear or bring suitable clothing," she added.

Directing the University Theater production, which opens a five-day run on April 25, will be Dr. Novak, general director, and J.D. Folsom, MU assistant professor of music, musical director. Bruce Greenwood, Marshall's technical director, will be in charge of set design and technical effects.

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