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Proposed fund, committee to aid faculty



By Sarabeth Plymale

The formation of a special faculty committee to study the economic feasibility of higher education at Marshall was met with great interest in Tuesday's University Council meeting, according to Philip W. Carter Jr., assistant professor of social work, sociology and anthropology.

Carter proposed the resolution to form a committee consisting of volunteer faculty members to study a research and education fund. The fund is intended to expand, protect and define the economic interest of the faculty.

"It's (the committee) an indication of interest in mobilizing and organizing faculty in higher education," Carter said. "Interest appears to be strong because faculty in attendance responded to sentiments of the presentation and the major proposals passed unanimously."

The committee will also consider if it is possible to raise contributions for the fund by taking \$20 from the paycheck of each faculty member.

"Contributions will be from an automatic payroll deduction," Carter said. "Or we will gather funds like the United Way because everyone is familiar with it."

Carter said he will not be leading the committee. He said his only job was to act as a host to make the proposal.

"I expressed the need and possibly put them on the right track," he said.

The faculty has not worked through campus teacher unions. Carter said he did not think this meeting with University Council was an indication of another union being formed.

"Some unions exist and this is not the beginning of another union because they have been around for a long time, he said."

Carter said he thought the most significant proposal at Tuesday's meeting was a proposal presented by Dr. Simon D. Perry, chairman of the department

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Senate opposes drinking change

By Maria D. Jones

Student Senate approved four resolutions Tuesday dealing with the legal drinking age and trespassing bills now before the Legislature, the campus check-cashing service and commending student attorney Andrea Pfeiffer.

Joint resolution No. 3 concerned raising the legal drinking age to 21 and thereby eliminating the present beer policies of the residence halls and the Coffeehouse. It would also hinder the activities of some campus social organizations.

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Dr. Bruce J. Ardinger, associate professor of English, speaks on the issue of not giving students full credit for the semester during the faculty meeting Tuesday in Old Main Auditorium. The meeting was the result of a peti-

tion signed by 76 faculty members concerned about Marshall's budget cutback proposals. Photo by Sue Winnell.

Not giving full credit unfair --Fain

By Maria D. Jones

Allowing faculty members to decide whether or not students will receive full credit for classes this semester would have been venting anger toward the wrong people, according to James Fain, student government vice president.

A proposal, made in Tuesday's faculty meeting by Dr. James L. Taggart, professor of music, would have given the faculty the prerogative of giving students less than full credit or incompletes for the spring semester. However, the proposal was defeated 116-70.

Fain, St. Albans junior, said by voting down the proposal, teachers were showing sympathy for the students.

"I think we (students) are getting respect from the faculty," Fain said. "The students are standing behind the

faculty, and I am glad the faculty is standing behind the students."

He said he did not think it would be fair for students to suffer from receiving incompletes and less than full credit for something that is not their fault, he said.

Fain also said he thinks the faculty is standing behind students, even if the state of West Virginia is not.

Fain had plans to meet Wednesday with other student government officers and faculty members.

He said he hopes the proposal to give less than full credit will not come up again, but if it did, it would probably be during that meeting.

"I plan to voice my strong opinion against this because it's just not fair," he said.

Incompletes would be chaotic -- Felty

By James B. Wade Jr.

Some students could not graduate, others would not receive teaching credit, and the extent of chaos would be terrible if the faculty was permitted to withhold full credit from students, according to Dr. Walter C. Felty, chairman of the Department of Educational Media.

Felty said he feels strongly that the proposal made by Dr. James L. Taggart, professor of music, was inappropriate and would have been bad public relations for Marshall University.

The proposal, which was defeated in a vote by faculty members during the meeting, would have given the faculty

the prerogative of giving students less than full credit or incompletes for classes this semester.

"It was inappropriate to bring it (the proposal) up at a faculty meeting," Felty said.

Dr. Bruce J. Ardinger, chairman of the Academic Planning and Standards Committee, has previously brought resolutions before that committee that were nearly-identical to Dr. Taggart's, and these were tabled by the majority of the committee, Felty said.

Felty said he thinks the same issue will not come up again.

"I don't think that the faculty wants to hurt the students...the faculty is just angry and frustrated at this time," he said.

Opinion

—On to Charleston— Let your voices be heard in state capital

"We're mad as hell, and we're not going to take it anymore."

That is what students, faculty and staff should now be saying to Gov. John D. Rockefeller IV and the West Virginia Legislature.

It is time for everyone who is concerned about the future of higher education in this state to start letting people know how they feel, especially the decision-makers in Charleston.

We feel faculty, staff and students at Marshall, West Virginia University and all other state colleges should get organized and put aside one day as a "Holiday of Protest."

On this day, faculty, staff and students throughout the state should band together and march on Charleston.

Such a march not only would let the governor and state legislators know how people feel about the issue, it also would draw media attention that would inform everyone about the plight of higher education.

Of course, the march would need to be organized and coordinated with WVU and the other state colleges. Marshall's University Council may be the group that could start the ball rolling. Council members should contact similar organizations at other institutions.

Also, Marshall's Student Government leaders should get involved in trying to get student support at Marshall and the other institutions for a march on Charleston. The leaders then

should work with faculty members in organizing the march.

Other steps also should be taken. We urge students, faculty and staff to write letters to newspaper editors across the state telling how they feel about the plight of higher education. Students also should contact their parents and ask them to do the same. Letters also should be written to the governor and state legislators.

Everyone should band together now before higher education is irreparably damaged. Faculty, staff and students can no longer sit idly by or else the situation will get worse before it gets better.

Everyone is angry, confused and discouraged, and it is time something is done.

Faculty resolutions steps in the right direction

In Tuesday's special faculty meeting, the two resolutions that were approved unanimously by faculty are steps in the right direction in letting the governor and state legislators know how people feel about the plight of higher education in West Virginia.

The first resolution urged the Legislature and governor to enact a surcharge on the personal income tax for the remainder of the fiscal year sufficient to compensate for expected revenue deficiencies in the current appropriation for higher education in the state.

We wholeheartedly support this proposal. The surcharge would restore integrity to the educational system in West Virginia, and as Dr. Simon D. Perry, chairman of the Department of Political Science, said, "provide the students with the type of education they deserve."

No one wants to pay additional charges on their personal income tax, but that seems to be the only fair thing to do considering the magnitude of the problems and future consequences.

Also, those citizens who would oppose the surcharge should remember that faculty, staff,

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some students, and the parents of most students also would be paying the surcharge. After all, the state's financial crisis should be of concern to everyone, and higher education employees should not have to bear the brunt of the cuts.

Dr. Daniel P. Babb, associate professor of chemistry, suggested a delegation of Marshall students and faculty should go to Charleston to present the surcharge resolution to the governor and the Legislature. We support Babb's suggestion.

A second proposal that also passed unanimously at the meeting is another positive step. The proposal is to establish a committee to

study the feasibility of a research and education fund for higher education.

The purpose of the fund would be to conduct research on higher education economic issues unique to this state and Marshall University, to disseminate the information, to produce a ledger of the voting records of each legislator as it pertains to higher education and to hire educational activists to organize and mobilize approximately 10,278 faculty and other staff members.

Interested faculty members would contribute \$20 per person. Marshall's contribution would be approximately \$10,000 and the state fund would total \$200,000 if all state college faculty members contributed.

The establishment of this fund would enable all state higher education employees to have a stronger voice in Charleston, and we urge all faculty members to consider contributing.

Each of these resolutions is a positive step. Whether they will help alleviate problems during this fiscal year is anyone's guess. Yet they certainly will make Rockefeller, legislators and the public stand up and take notice of the trouble higher education is in.

Write to governor, legislators

As mentioned above, it is important for everyone to write to the governor and state legislators to voice their opinions and offer suggestions concerning higher education in West Virginia.

Not only should everyone write to legislators from Cabell County, they also should write to those from their home senatorial and delegate districts.

Letters should be addressed to the governor, individual senators and delegates and mailed to:

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Capitol Building
Charleston, WV 25305

State Senate
Capitol Building
Charleston, WV 25305

State House of Delegates
Capitol Building
Charleston, WV 25305

The following is a list of West Virginia legislators from Cabell County:

Members of the House of Delegates:

Robert "Chuck" Chambers
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Charles M. Polan, Jr.
Forest Underwood

Members of the Senate:

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Faculty should support liaison committee

Editor's note: The following is a guest column by Dr. Warren W. Wooden, professor of English.

I should like to urge Marshall faculty members to support the Faculty Defense Liaison Committee set up to explore legal avenues of redress; to coordinate a Marshall effort with similar actions by other faculties across the state; and to keep the Marshall faculty informed of legal action to bar implementation and ultimately to void the Regents' edict mandating reductions in faculty salaries and benefits.

As announced at the general faculty meeting of January 25, this ad hoc committee is being coordinated by Prof. Leonard Deutsch of the Department of English and Prof. William Coffey of the Department of Social Studies.

On Feb. 5 these professors will join with representatives of WVU and various state colleges at a meeting at West Virginia State College to consider the best avenue of joint legal action to stay the Regents' order. They would welcome any suggestions or assistance from faculty members interested in bringing a legal test of the Regents' authority to reduce faculty salaries during a contractual period.

A court test of the Regents' proposal seems imperative to resolve two central questions: 1.) Do faculty have a legal contractual relationship with the BOR? 2.) Do they have legal avenues of appeal when the actions of a state body appear to violate their constitutional rights?

There seems a distinct possibility that faculty letters of appointment are both *de facto* and *de jure* contracts, fixing both the duties and remuneration of faculty members for the time period specified in them. And, although I lack the legal expertise to go into detailed specifics, I believe there are well-defined avenues of appeal and redress when an agency of the

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state seeks to exceed its constitutional authority or to violate the rights of its employees as guaranteed by law.

Traditionally and historically, a contract cannot be unilaterally abrogated without the intervention of the courts, and then only upon a showing of compelling reasons. No such showing has, in fact, been made in this case; indeed, there has not even been a formal declaration of either a state of fiscal emergency or financial exigency in West Virginia. Instead, the governor has simply declared an anticipated revenue shortfall and arbitrarily selected one rather than any of several other methods of balancing the budget.

The question then is, can the state, on such grounds, terminate contracts of suppliers, consultants, teachers, or others whose time, energies and resources have been committed upon the state's contractual guarantee to make payment? And if so, must this abrogation be uniform, affecting all state contracts and suppliers, or may it be selective, as in the singling out of one group of employees and one set of contracts, those of BOR employees, to reduce unilaterally? These are questions that should be, and we believe will be, settled in the courts.

The chief objections I have heard to supporting a court test of the salary and benefits reduction scheme is that by so doing the faculty risks irritating the Regents and the Legislature. However, we should consider the consequences of a failure to mount a strong challenge to the Regents' proposal. It would suggest that we assent to the propositions implied by

their proposal: that we do not have a legally enforceable contract, that we concede that we work under an informal agreement of some kind which may be unilaterally reduced at the pleasure of one of the parties to the agreement, the BOR.

If this position is once ceded, I think it safe to predict such reductions will become a regular feature for higher education employees just as the state spending freeze, originally announced several years ago as an extraordinary, once-in-a-decade measure, has become an annual occurrence. And the arbitrary reduction of contracts by the state will make the retention of faculty very difficult and the recruitment of new faculty a practical impossibility. After all, how can you ask an applicant to accept a position without the assurance that a promise in the form of a contract will be honored?

As to the suggestion that the assertion of the faculty's rights in court may irritate the Legislature, indeed I imagine some legislators will not like a court challenge of the BOR proposal. On the other hand, it has been my observation that neither the Legislature nor anyone else has much respect for persons and groups who will not stand up for themselves when they believe they have been unfairly and unjustly treated.

Thus, while some legislators may be temporarily grateful and relieved should there be no court test of the Regents' mandate, I expect just as many or more legislators would see such inaction as conclusive proof of faculty members' willingness to accept this latest, most outrageous blow to higher education in submissive silence.

I cannot see that there is anything to be gained by such a course of inaction; on the contrary, there is everything to lose. Thus, I urge the Marshall faculty to assist and support the efforts of the Faculty Defense Liaison Committee.

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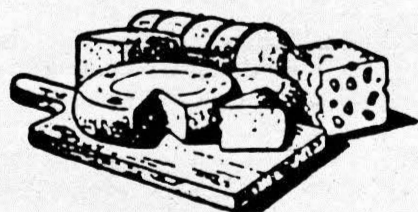
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Cabell delegates say jobs over raises

By Edgar Simpson

The outlook is bleak for a state employee pay raise despite the apparently favorable attitude shown by the Legislature toward such a proposal, according to representatives from Cabell County.

Most said they would be in favor of increasing state employees' salaries if the money could be found from increased tax revenues or other areas.

Del. Robert Chambers said although he is personally in favor of raising salaries, passage through the Legislature is doubtful.

"I think it is unlikely we will pass that legislation with the current economic situation," he said.

Del. Charles Underwood had a slightly more optimistic opinion, but placed employment ahead of wage increases.

"I am in favor of raising pay," he said. "I am also in favor of keeping

jobs. I believe to keep people from layoffs and furloughs some sacrifice must be made."

However an increase is not impossible, he said.

"I have the feeling for a very small pay raise, but I can't say there will be or how much," he said.

The fact that state employees did not receive a raise last year is in their favor, Underwood said.

Chambers agreed.

"I have to weigh those things," he said. "Right now it is very difficult to tell."

When West Virginia employees failed to receive a wage increase last year, it made them the lowest paid in the nation, Sen. Homer Heck, D-Wayne, said.

He said the proposed "nuisance" taxes will not generate enough money to cure the state's economic ills or increase wages for people on the state payroll.

Heck said he is introducing a new tax plan to the Legislature that would reinstate the consumer sales tax. "The state needs the big money that only the tax can produce," he said.

Del. Patricia O. Hartman also said she is also in favor of a pay raise, but said too much pressure applied by protesting employees could have an adverse effect on the legislation's chances.

"It would depend on the taxes and revenues for the next year," she said. "Any taxes passed would have to become effective by April 1 to guarantee money for this fiscal year."

It appears unlikely a wage increase will be passed in light of the fact that \$123 million is needed to keep state programs at their current level, Del. Sue A. Davis, said.

"When you consider the governor's cuts, it is obvious the state is in dire straits," she said.

MU enrollment for spring term down 1 percent

By Sharon I. Mitchell

Marshall's total enrollment is down one percent from 10,311 in spring 1982 to 10,159 for spring 1983, according to Dr. William S. Deel, associate provost.

The figures were compiled on census day, 10 days after registration, include most of the figures for evening and off-campus classes.

With few changes, these are the figures which will be reported to the Board of Regents in February, Deel said.

There is no significant difference between the enrollment figures of this spring and last, Deel said.

"We don't get a lot of new students in the spring and we offer more off-campus courses in the fall," Deel said. "It is a natural phenomenon of our society that students start school in the fall and not in the spring. I think it's very normal. There's no big difference. There isn't anything happening this year that hasn't happened in the past."

It is difficult to predict what makes high and low times, Deel said. "The recession wasn't considered as a factor."

Pre-registration and registration this semester went very smoothly, Deel said. "It's probably one of the best registrations we've ever had," he said. "Students responded to the schedule much better than in the past."

A statement in the schedule which said that students could register at those dates and times designated or any time thereafter, previously produced a lot of 'thereafters' and long lines, according to Deel.

"People who were scheduled to register at 8 a.m. showing up at 6 p.m. with students who were supposed to register at 6 p.m. causes pile ups," Deel said. "Students realized if they stuck to the schedule they wouldn't have the long lines."

The computer center has also rearranged some files enabling the process to go through the computer faster, Deel said.

New students this year were admitted through the new computer terminal hook-up in admissions so when they arrived at registration, their records were already in the computer, he said.

"The computer didn't have to take the extra time to 'create' a record for the student. All the student had to do was register," Deel said.

Alternatives to cuts proposed by students

By Rose Hutchinson and Maria D. Jones

Students for Higher Education in West Virginia plan to send letters to state senators offering alternatives to budget cuts in higher education, Student Body President Jennifer K. Fraley said at the Tuesday night meeting.

Four alternatives were discussed among the 40 students who attended the lobby meeting.

Fraley said the first alternate plan would be to increase personal income taxes in West Virginia with a percentage being used exclusively for higher education funding.

"Only one tax is now used solely for higher education purposes. That's the soft-drink tax with one cent given to the West Virginia University Medical School," Fraley said.

A secondary proposal is regional summer school programs which would guarantee specific schools in different areas of the state a summer school program, Fraley said.

The third proposal suggested is a raise in tuition and fees for state colleges and universities. Students need to show that they are willing to do their part in dealing with the cuts, Fraley said.

If students want higher quality education, they should be willing to pay for it, she said.

Also discussed was a re-instatement of a 3 percent sales tax on food, with a certain percentage of the funding used for higher education.

The group also plans to include in the letters a statement endorsing the faculty in its efforts concerning the budget cuts.

The students are also planning a car caravan to Charleston to talk with legislators. They are considering going once with the faculty and once with other area schools.

Sue E. Hubbs, Moundsville junior and member of the group, said she has contacted several other universities and colleges about a caravan to Charleston.

Hubbs said she has contacted West Virginia University, West Liberty State College, Shepard State College, Fairmont State College, West Virginia Northern Community College and Glenville State College, all of which were interested in a car caravan.

Lobbying by faculty, students productive

By Kevin Thompson and Richard Sullivan

A faculty and student trip to Charleston to lobby the Legislature would have a positive effect on the chances of pro-Marshall legislation being passed, according to several faculty members.

Dr. Daniel P. Babb, associate professor of chemistry, said, "At the very least a large delegation of faculty and students would generate a great deal of publicity on the plight of higher education."

Dr. Simon D. Perry, chairman of the political science department, said, "I think the whole faculty should go and I hope as many students as possible go."

Dr. Ronald J. Oakerson, associate professor of political science, said that most people are under the false impression that the governor is in a "legal straitjacket" and has no alternative routes of action to take.

"The governor doesn't have to take these actions," Oakerson said. "He is making a choice."

"Most people are laboring under a misunderstanding that the state cannot go into debt," he said. "Actually, the Constitution states that the Legislature cannot enact a deficit budget, but if a revenue shortfall leads to a deficit, the next legislative session

must raise the necessary money to correct the deficit."

Oakerson said that the governor does not have a constitutional mandate to make the cuts.

"The actual wording of the statute is that the governor 'may' take action," Oakerson said. "If it said 'shall' it would be a mandate, but as it is, the actions that Rockefeller has taken are policy decisions."

"The mandate is on the Legislature to correct the problem in the next session," he said. "The governor doesn't have to take these actions."

Oakerson said that if the faculty file a lawsuit against the Board of Regents or the governor, the decision will be whether the "notices of appointment" that faculty are hired under are legal contracts that were broken by the proposed furloughs.

"It's obvious that the furloughs dishonor the agreement," he said. "They are clearly unethical." Perry said he supports the income tax surcharge to fund higher education for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Perry said, "I don't think they (the Legislature) understand the problem and all of its ramifications."

Babb said, "I think they don't give a damn in that Legislature about higher education."

Hayes handled budget cuts fairly

By Rose Hutchinson

President Robert B. Hayes handled the state budget cuts in a fair manner, according to Student Body President Jennifer K. Fraley, Moorefield senior and Vice President James F. Fain, St. Albans senior.

However, Fraley and Fain differed in opinion about how Hayes informed students of changes in the semester schedule.

"I felt he approached the problem from the right direction. He went the fairest way. I think he did the best he could," Fain said.

"He didn't create the problems but he has to face them. I do think he could have communicated better. There was far too much confusion," Fain said. "Hayes could have issued a statement."

Students mentioned withdrawing from classes because they did not know if there would be any benefit from shor-

tened classes, Fain said.

Fraley differed in her opinion stating that policies dealing with incompletes and cutting credits were listed in Marshall University's student handbooks.

"Why would he (Hayes) have to issue a directive when it was already stated?" Fraley asked.

Fraley did agree with Fain that Hayes had dealt with issues facing him in the best possible way under the circumstances.

"I'm not pleased," Fraley said, "but I understand why it had to be done. The choices were the best he could make."

Fain and Fraley also agreed that the budget cuts would be detrimental to higher education at MU as well as other state schools.

"The cuts are a slap in the face to higher education," Fain said. "They are a fact we have to face, but it disgusts me."

"The state is blind to higher educa-

tion, letting it suffer and stagnate, Fain said. "I see it becoming an annual thing."

As for Marshall, Fain said, "It has to hurt. There is no way with a shortened semester that the professors can cover necessary information."

He said that attending a state-funded university has become a self-sacrifice. "You never think about this (budget cuts) happening," he said.

Fraley said, "I'm afraid we'll lose quality students and quality faculty. People are going to go places where higher education is not being as affected."

Fain agreed, saying that students who may have been uncertain about school choices may go out of state.

Grants and other student aid also will be adversely affected by the cuts, Fraley said.

Options given for public employee fund

By Jim Hooker

Cost containment measures are being discussed in the state's capitol as an option to help eliminate an expected \$9 million deficit in the Public Employee Insurance fund for fiscal year 1983-84.

Gretchen Lewis, Public Employee Insurance Board member and commissioner of workmen's compensation, made the Board's budget presentation for next fiscal year to the House Finance Committee Tuesday evening and defended the Governor's request of \$79.5 million for the fund.

Lewis said she expects the Board to carry \$9 million of the current \$10.7 million deficit into the next fiscal year.

he shortfall may exceed \$9 million, she said, because the Legislature may not appropriate the full \$79.5 million recommended for 1983-84 by Gov. John D. Rockefeller IV.

"The recommended \$79.5 million will keep us fiscally sound where outgo will equal income," Lewis said, "but the \$9 million (deficit) we will be bringing into the new (fiscal) year with us unless cost containment measures improve."

Lewis said the Board is looking at several options to eliminate the deficit.

Increased premium payments by policy-holders is "certainly an option," Lewis said.

The Board administers a health-life

insurance program available exclusively to state employees.

Most state employees at Marshall are on the plan, Ray A. Nissen, director of personnel, said. He said the plan is considered a fringe benefit for those who carry it.

Under the plan, state-insured employees pay 30 percent of the premium in their first year of working for West Virginia and are then insured for the duration of their state service and do not pay further into the policy.

Requiring state-insured employees to pay into the policy beyond the first year of state service in order to keep the plan solvent is another option available to the Board Lewis said.

Other options, Lewis said, include

increasing the deductible payments of policy-holders or to increase participation in the percentage paid in co-insurance portions of the plan.

Lewis called the possibility of Legislative appropriations of additional funds to cover the deficit "very unlikely. I don't think it's realistic at all."

The Board was budgeted at \$56 million for the current fiscal year. The 10 percent cuts in state agencies requested by the governor cost the Board \$5.6 million. Past state freezes, layoffs and inflationary medical costs have also had an effect on the Board's deficit.

IFC hopes to increase Greek population

By Teresa S. White

Increasing the Greek population at Marshall University is a target the Interfraternity Council aims for each semester, Gale Hammett, interfraternity council president and Parkersburg senior, said.

IFC goals for the spring semester include: participating in the upcoming blood drive, planning Greek Week, involvement in the spring "Super Dance", and achieving greater minority involvement in the council.

"The Greek population has risen from 3.8 percent to 5.8 percent in the past year," Hammett said. "We (IFC)

would like to see that figure rise to 7 or 10 percent by the end of next fall semester."

To encourage rushees to join Greeks, the IFC emphasizes a "Go Greek" theme during fraternity rush rather than singling out individual chapters, he said.

Hammett said he thinks there is greater Greek unity this semester but would like to see fraternities more involved in student government and university affairs.

Participating in the Feb. 23-24 Red Cross Blood Drive, to be in the W. Don Morris room of the Memorial Student Center, is another goal of the IFC, Hammett said.

Hammett said plans are now being made for Greek Week, scheduled for April 10-16.

Sororities and fraternities will be rewarded with Greek Week points for participating in the spring "Super Dance" for Muscular Dystrophy. The dance will be sponsored by the Student Government Association and Student Alumni Association, Hammett said.

"It hasn't been decided whether the points will be based on time spent or percentage of members participating in the dance," he said.

Hammett said IFC also wants to establish greater involvement with minority fraternities.

Two forms of participation Hammett

said he would like to see increased are attendance at IFC meetings and joint-rush projects.

"We (IFC) expect minority fraternities to be represented at the meetings," Hammett said. "The council wants to hear what every fraternity has to say because it contributes to the success of the meetings."

The All Greek Dance which is an annual spring event sponsored by IFC and Panhellenic Council has been canceled for this semester, Hammett said.

The IFC members decided to channel the money into a large fall rush because shortening of the semester had caused several parties to be scheduled at that time, he said.

Income loss may qualify students for aid

By Edgar Simpson

A Special Conditions form may allow students previously ineligible for financial aid to successfully apply for assistance, according to Edgar W. Miller, director of financial aid.

Miller said the federally-funded Special Conditions application is designed to assist families experiencing unexpected income loss. He said students already receiving aid may also apply for additional funds using the same system.

The conditions which may qualify a

student for funds under the Special Conditions application are: death of a spouse or parent, separation or divorce, loss of income or benefits.

Miller explained that financial aid is awarded on the base year, which means students applying for aid next year would list earnings for the 1982 calendar year instead of projected earnings.

"Incomes typically rise every year so students have traditionally received a break when it comes to figuring earnings," he said.

The MU financial aid office eliminated the need for many Special Condi-

tions applicants by examining their forms, Miller said.

"Our office looked at the applicants' forms to see if the income was adjusted more than \$2,000 on the down side. If it was we contacted the family and looked for more documentation. We then computed what the family could contribute with the reduced income," he said.

He said his office will continue the procedure this year.

Despite the option of the Special Conditions form Miller said the best way to insure the proper application for assistance is to fill out the regular financial

aid form completely and communicate any loss or expected loss of income to the financial aid office.

Miller used an example of a "typical" family of four in West Virginia earning \$25,000 a year to illustrate the Special Conditions application.

"If the bread winner was laid-off and the year's income reduced to \$10,000 through unemployment insurance and welfare, a high school senior planning to attend college would now be eligible for a significant amount of grants and the National Direct Student Loan," he said.

Mail service improves

The campus mail service seems to have survived the criticism and changes of last semester, Yvonne Keeter, mail service supervisor, said.


"The problems of last year have been ironed out and things are going much more smoothly now that we have adjusted to our new location," Keeter said.

Keeter attributed the problems experienced last semester to the mail service's change in location from the basement of Old Main to the Public Safety Building on Fifth Avenue across from Twin Towers.

Much of the criticism aimed at the mail service last semester was due to the lack of understanding for the problems the move presented to the mail-room staff, Keeter said.

Slow mail delivery and the mail room's distance from campus were some of the complaints that caused a specially organized task force to investigate the mail service system.

The task force completed recommendations in a report submitted to President Robert B. Hayes Nov. 1.



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Herd, Mocs to battle for conference lead

By Leskie Pinson

When a team loses two starters to the NBA draft you might expect the following year to be a rebuilding process. This was not expected to be the case with University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, however. And the expectations have held true.

The Mocassins come into the Henderson Center tonight sporting a 5-0 conference record, one-half game ahead of 4-0 Marshall in the Southern Conference standings. But Coach Murray Arnold thinks his team has "quite a task" before it.

"Going on the road to play the hottest team on the conference is never easy," he said. "It going to be a great basketball game."

Arnold is in his fifth year at Chattanooga and has rolled up 73 victories in that period, including 12 this season. A fundamental force in that success has been 6-foot-3 junior Willie White.

"He's a fine basketball player," Arnold said. "We need a good performance from him and he usually

gives it to us."

White leads the SC with a 17.9 scoring average, hitting on 53.9 percent of his shots. But White is not the top marksman on the Mocs as 6-foot-1 guard Chris McCray logs a 58.9 percent accuracy along with his six points a game.

"They are a very good shooting team," Marshall Coach Bob Zuffelato said. "We will just have to pay special attention to the shooters from whatever of our multiple defenses we are in."

MU's 6-foot-4 wing Barry Kincaid agreed. "White will be hard to stop, he can really shoot," he said. "It's been a long time since we've beaten these guys, it should be a pretty good one."

Murray said he has been pleased with the performance of transfer Gerald Wilkins, who is averaging 14.4 points. The 6-foot-6 Wilkins is joined in the forecourt by the team's leading rebounder 6-foot-6 Stanford Strickland. He has been clearing the boards at a 6.3 clip, in addition to his 11.9 points a game.

The Mocs are anchored in the middle by 6-foot-8

senior Stanley Lawrence with 5.5 points and 5.1 rebounds a game.

Like Marshall, UT-C tried to prime for conference play with a difficult pre-conference schedule. "We have played some good teams: North Carolina, Tennessee, a tough Mississippi State team and Navy," Arnold said. "We like to play teams like this because we know the teams we play in the Southern Conference will be good teams."

Marshall has had different starting line ups in its last two games and early Wednesday Zuffelato was not certain as to who he will start tonight.

"We have started 10 different players this season," he said. "I probably won't decide until after we see what happens in (Wednesday's) practice."

Marshall will be without the services of 6-foot-8 sophomore Don Turney, who has been unable to practice with the Herd.

"The doctor said I have a partially slipped disc," he said. "I go back to the doctor Thursday but he said I can't do anything until then."

MU, UT game today sells 7,500 tickets

About 7,500 tickets have already been sold for the tonight's contest between undefeated Southern Conference basketball leaders, Marshall and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, according to Joe W. Northam, athletic ticket manager.

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Henderson Center.

As of Wednesday, there were about 2,900 general admission tickets and 100 student reserved seat tickets left to be sold, Wortham said. He said there will be approximately 3100 unreserved student seats available for those students presenting their Marshall ID and student activity card at the southeast gate.

"Students couldn't ask for a better game," Wortham said. He said he expects a large student turnout and since the new seating policy works on a first come, first serve basis, students wanting good seats should get there early.

Gates will open at 5 p.m. before the women's game with West Virginia Wesleyan at 5:30 p.m., Wortham said.

Women's team loses seventh, but plays 'good'

The Marshall University women's basketball team has lost seven games in a row but everyone is playing too well to lose confidence, Coach Judy Southard said.

"It's a group effort all around," she said. "We are very close to one another. We're not going to roll over and play dead because we have a losing streak."

Southard identified the team's problems as inexperience and lack of support from students and faculty at home games.

"Many fans just don't have the time or attention to sit through three hours or more of basketball," she said.

S.C. home basketball attendance

	1981-82 average attendance	1982-83 average attendance
Marshall	7,847	5,503
University of Tennessee/Chattanooga	3,931	7,376
Appalachian State	3,913	3,040
Western Carolina	3,131	2,063
Furman	2,703	2,428
East Tennessee State	2,672	5,978
Davidson College	2,536	2,704
Virginia Military Institute	1,920	733
The Citadel	1,474	1,303
Average conference attendance	3,327	3,459

'Z' hopes for 10,000 Herd fans

In Peter Shaffer's play, "Five Finger Exercise," the character, Clive, said, "I want you to go...for your sake. Only for your sake, believe me."

This same quote can be attributed to Marshall Coach Bob Zuffelato in reference to the student attendance for tonight's game. Coach "Z" is hoping the students will put the turnout through a "five figure exercise" in excess of 10,000.

"I would love that," he said. "I think our team deserves it."

The Herd has played before some sparse home crowds this season. Three consecutive all-time lows during December saw the Herd pace through sometimes uninspired play. Zuffelato thinks the crowd's fervor is reflected in the team's play.

"There's no question that the team gets a boost from the fans," he said. "The students are the best kind to have in the stands as they are generally more fiery than the adult fans."

Through 14 games, UT-C's Willie White has hit 10 three-point goals. But he has missed 17. However, from the two-point range, he is hitting with more than 50 percent accuracy.



Leskie Pinson

Zuffelato keeps numbers like that in mind. "Through the middle part of the game you don't concern yourself with the three-point goal as much," he said. "If they are forced to take three-pointers in the middle of the game then our defense is doing what we want."

What do old basketball players do? Some, like Gary Hines win intramural free-throw contests. Hines buried 19 of 20 to take the independent division of the IM competition recently.

"I got off to a slow start," Hines said. "I missed my first one but then got it together."

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Standards now made tougher

By Christopher Swindell

Tougher academic standards for athletes starting in the 1986 term will have no effect on recruiting, according to Dr. Lynn Snyder, athletic director.

The people will not be different, but they will be better-prepared when we recruit them, he said.

At their January convention, the National Collegiate Athletic Association passed a proposal requiring a composite score of 700 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or 15 on the American College Test (ACT), he said.

The new regulation also mandates a 12-course core curriculum in high school for potential recruits.

Snyder said he wanted athletes to have a solid academic background in high school because it would mean greater emphasis on learning in college.

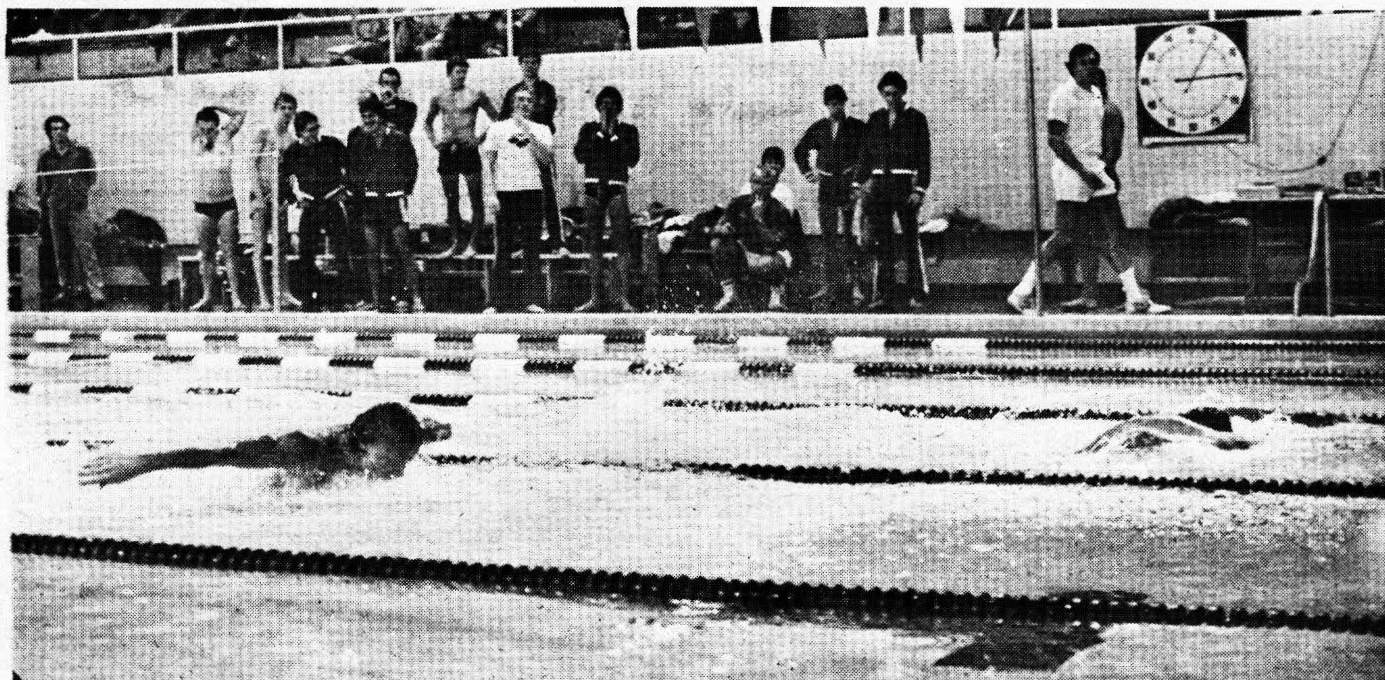
"We want to give them that lead time so they can get that background now and score 700 or 15," he said.

Snyder also said the new standards will not have an effect on black recruiting.

"Raw test scores do show whites score better than blacks, but this is mostly due to the lack of background in the core curriculum; that lack is reflected in the test scores," Snyder said. "Too many were not taking the right courses."

He said since requirements have been tightened, the scores will be stronger.

"If we force them into college prep courses, we can insure success at the college level," Snyder said.



A Marshall swimmer lunges forward in an attempt to catch up while teammates and coaches cheer him on. The action came earlier this month in a meet with West Virginia University at Henderson Center. Photo by Jeff Seager.

Swimmer establishes record

By Wei-shing Yang

A Marshall swimmer established a new pool record at Virginia Military Institute last Friday, swim Coach Robert C. Saunders said.

Bruce Kowalski, Huntington freshman, broke the 1,000-yard free style at 10:04.71, which has been kept for five years, Saunders said.

The final score against VMI was 71-42. Saunders said it was nice because VMI is a Southern Conference team.

However, Saturday James Madison University defeated the Herd by 59-54.

Saunders said James Madison is an excellent team. "It was one of the best meets we have engaged in away from home. All the guys really did a super job."

He said the swimming team is having a two week break. "I really welcome the break from the meets for we can really devote a lot of time to the hard training, and not have to interrupt it with swimming meets."

"The last two years we were very strong in the free style sprints and everything," Saunders said. "Because of the fact we lost two of our young swimmers due to transferring, it's

thrown the team off balance."

"But I think the rest of the fellows are pulling together beautifully," he said. "We're doing very well at this stage this season, and I think the next two weeks time we will be an excellent team and come through very nicely at the end of the season."

Saunders said that he does not schedule the two weeks break normally like this. "Because some schools we have gone against have dropped swimming, so we have to pick up new schools."

"Sometimes when you pick up new teams, you have to work them in when you can," he said.

Ex-MU hoopster White clears own name, recruiters

By Leskie Pinson

Greg White said he was "shocked" by remarks attributed to him in an article that appeared in the Jan. 9 edition of The Sunday Gazette-Mail in Charleston.

"The reporter came down to interview me concerning a number of things but all that was brought out was what I said about recruiting," the former Marshall point guard said. "And I feel those statements were misrepresented."

The article was distributed on the Associated Press wire and printed in several newspapers including the The Herald-Dispatch in Huntington.

White said he felt the article might lead one to believe there were illegali-

ties in his recruitment.

"I just made some generalized statements that were put into individualized focus," he said. "In no way did I intend to accuse any of the schools I had been recruited by."

After graduating from Mullens High School in the Spring of 1977, White was recruited by several schools other than Marshall, including West Virginia University, Tennessee and Virginia Tech.

"I was recruited by Coach (Stu) Aberdeen and (Assistant Coach) C.J. Woollum," he said. "Marshall was totally honest in its recruiting of me."

"I said that I took the best offer and ran; but what I meant by offer was the offer of playing time that Coach Aberdeen gave me," White said. "He said I

could play 40 minutes a game and be a four-year starter. WVU had Lowes Moore and couldn't make this offer."

"Coach Aberdeen was the most honorable and sincere man I have ever met," he said. "He recruited me on totally honest terms."

White said he felt the mention in the article about a watch he received was misrepresented.

"It was not when I was being recruited but during my freshman year," he said. "I was approached by a man and his little boy in front of the dorm. We talked a while and then he said 'Here's a gift I have for you.'"

"It was around Christmas so I took it to my room and didn't think anything of it; my family never opens its gifts

until Christmas Day," he said. "When I opened it I was surprised to see it was a digital watch. What could I have done with it then? I couldn't very well have thrown it away."

White said he did not know the man and has not seen him since. "I don't even know if it were a Marshall alumnus," he said.

White contacted The Sunday Gazette-Mail and has written a letter to The Herald-Dispatch in hopes of rectifying the situation.

"I was afraid that the people I know might read it and think, even for one split-second, that I meant to hurt Marshall," he said. "Hey, I bleed green. I would never do anything to hurt Marshall. If I had it to do over, I would choose Marshall over and over again."

Soaring high jumper an MU asset

By Kennie Bass

Although "Up, up, and away," is primarily Superman's line, Marshall high jumper Rick Reddecliff probably could get away with saying it also.

Reddecliff, Buckhannon senior, isn't quite leaping over buildings in a single bound, but he is Marshall's first high jumper to jump over 7 feet.

He came to MU in January, 1981, after transferring from West Virginia Wesleyan College.

The highlight of his career came while he was at Wesleyan and he won the high jump event at the Penn Relays with a jump of 7' 1/4".

Reddecliff's transfer paid off for Mar-

shall last year when he captured second place at the Southern Conference Indoor Championship with a jump of 7 feet.

Men's track coach Rod O'Donnell said he thinks Reddecliff can do even better than that. "I think Rick has a lot of potential, and that he can go much higher than 7 feet. He will certainly be a contender for the conference championship this year," O'Donnell said.

The barrier that stands between himself and breaking his once-tied personal best of 7' 1/4" is a mental one, Reddecliff said. It has been three years since he jumped that height. "I'm thinking to myself at all times to attack the bar. It's not a physical problem, it's

all in my head," Reddecliff said.

To get into condition for high jumping, Reddecliff runs road races in the off-season. He said that he starts his off-season conditioning in September, and that it includes weight lifting as well as running.

Reddecliff said that he thinks he can clear the National Collegiate Athletic Association's qualifying heights for its high jump championship. The heights are 7' 2 3/4" indoor competition, and 7' 3" for outdoor competition.

"I can tie my personal record and I hope to break it," Reddecliff said, "and once I do, I can start thinking about going higher still."

"It's just a matter of confidence."

Sportsline

Thursday - Men's basketball - Marshall vs. UT-Chattanooga, 7:30 p.m. in Henderson Center. Women's basketball - Her...d vs. West Virginia Wesleyan, 5:30 p.m. in Henderson Center.

Saturday - Men's basketball - Marshall vs. Western Carolina, 7:30 p.m. in Henderson Center. Women's basketball - Her...d vs. Western Carolina, 5:30 p.m. in Henderson Center.

Spring concert canceled due to changes

By Pammie Chandler

Marshall's annual spring concert, originally scheduled for April 23, has been canceled, according to concert committee chairman Russ Bowers, Parkersburg senior.

"Because of budget cuts and schedule adjustments we have been forced to cancel the contracted groups," Bowers said.

The committee had contracted the group Pure Prairie League as the headline group, he said.

"This band was the biggest name band we could get at the most reasonable price," he said.

Bowers said the financial agreement, made via a mailgram, guaranteed Pure Prairie League \$5,000 for the performance.

Bowers said because no actual contract had been signed, he did not anticipate any trouble with the cancellation.

Changes in Marshall's final testing schedule caused the April 23 date to be after the testing had begun. Bowers said he asked if Pure Prairie League could perform on April 8, but the band will not be available.

According to Bowers, April 8 is the only other possible date for a concert because, "there is no available, suitable area facility at any other time."

"I hate to have to say this now, but we have exhausted all possibilities," she said.

The Flamin' Oh's were also scheduled to perform. The band, a two-time winner of the "Connie" award for best live rock band, has also been canceled.

The Flamin' Oh's was canceled because one of its members is injured.

Bowers said at the time of this year's cancellation the committee was still looking for both a local and a

regional band to perform at the annual concert.

The concert was scheduled for Ritter Park Amphitheater from noon to 6 p.m.

"We had a lot of plans for this years concert," he said.

The committee had been planning to have buses going from the dorms to Ritter Park, and had been discussing the possibility of selling beer at the concert, he said.

Bowers said the committee had not given up the idea of another band but said, "It's going to be a great deal of trouble."

"The committee guarantees some activity in April," he said. "We have explored the possibility of a dance. We are open for suggestions."

The MU concert committee has plans for a dance in February to be in the Coffeehouse. According to Bowers, a small admission will be charged.

Senate

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The senate stands "in opposition to the legislation co-sponsored by Delegate Sue Davis which will raise the legal drinking age from 18 to 21," the resolution states.

The second senate resolution states support for the legislation creating as an offense trespassing in all state-owned residence halls. A person may be asked to leave a residence hall and refusal to cooperate would be a misdemeanor offense.

Michael L. Queen, Clarksburg

sophomore and sponsor of the resolution, said this is a legal way to deal with uninvited guests on campus.

Another resolution deals with the check-cashing service located in Memorial Student Center. Under present plans, the service will be discontinued March 6.

The resolution petitions President Robert B. Hayes, Warren S. Myers, director of auxiliary services, and the MSC Governing Board to consider not cancelling the service which has proven to be beneficial to a large number of Marshall students.

According to Mary Ann Thomas, associate dean of student life and student affairs, the check-cashing service has a large cash flow, and has kept administrators busy when they had other things to do. She also said they received many bad checks.

The Owl service was put in the Student Center to take care of check cashing services, Thomas said.

The problem with the Owl is that many students do not bank where the Owl is used and many students do not want to change banks.

Student Government President Jen-

nifer Fraley, Moorefield senior, said one alternative would be to add a stipulation to the check cashing service of only cashing checks for out-of-city banks or from banks where the Owl is not used. Another alternative would be to limit the hours of the service, she added.

The fourth resolution was to commend Mrs. Andrea Pfeiffer for her work on the Student Legal Aid Program. Pfeiffer, student attorney, has created programs and seminars which give students a better understanding of the laws facing them.

Carter

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of political science. Perry suggested to enact a surcharge on personal income tax for the remainder of the fiscal year to compensate for expected revenue losses.

"I think it was the most significant proposal because of the dynamic presentation Dr. Perry gave," Carter said. "He electrified the audience. He informed and gave them a concrete direction."

However, Carter said unless

numbers and money are behind the movement nothing will happen with the state legislature.

"It is a solid strategy and we are protecting our interest as faculty members," he said.

The possibility of Marshall faculty working with other universities and colleges in the state would depend on attitude, Carter said.

"The Marshall faculty has echoed feelings that reflect those of others around the state," he said.

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