

NEWS

OFFICE OF
UNIVERSITY
RELATIONS



HUNTINGTON
WEST VIRGINIA 25701
304/696-6453

October 22, 1986

For Immediate Release

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.--Terming education the key to America's future, Congressman Nick Joe Rahall II today announced he was establishing an advisory committee to help him pursue educational funding and opportunities for the people of Southern West Virginia.

Rahall also announced that Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke had agreed to serve as chairman of the advisory committee and would assist him in appointing the other members.

"Dr. Nitzschke is a top notch educator, and I feel very fortunate to be able to count on his advice and assistance in seeking educational opportunities," Rahall said. He added, "The committee will be comprised of educational people at all levels--faculty, administrators, students and parents. Community leaders, as well as governmental people, will be included so all avenues can be explored."

Rahall's announcement came during a luncheon with community leaders and Marshall officials on the MU campus. His visit was the first in a scheduled series which will bring each member of the state's congressional delegation to the MU campus this fall. The program is similar to a highly-successful project last year which attracted executive and legislative leaders of state government to the campus.

MORE

2-2-2

"I am very pleased that Congressman Rahall places education at the top of his list of legislative priorities," Nitzschke said. "I am looking forward to working with him and the other members of the advisory council in seeking ways to improve funding for the education system and the students and to provide greater opportunities for the people of our region."

Rahall began his Marshall visit by meeting with the MU President's Cabinet. He then addressed a group of invited community leaders and Marshall officials at the luncheon, which was followed by a news conference with representatives of the area's news media.

Discussing the advisory committee, Rahall said, "We need to be more aggressive and innovative in seeking out funding sources for education. We have to come up with a way to finely tie together the financial interplay between public and private sources. I am very optimistic about the prospects for my advisory council."

Rahall also expressed optimism about Marshall's future. "In the last few years, Marshall University has made remarkable progress, and a lion's share of the credit must go to the leadership of Dr. Nitzschke and his cabinet," Rahall said. "I feel that we are on the brink of a new era here at Marshall--an era in which Marshall can rise to the prominent stature of the great institutions of higher education in this nation.

"Just a few weeks ago," he added, "I saw where the enrollment here at Marshall is on the rise. People all over the state, indeed all over the country, are discovering the benefits, advantages and quality of a Marshall education."