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# News Letter

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## Vice president search extended

Marshall University's search for a vice president for academic affairs is being extended, President Robert B. Hayes announced today.

The position is being re-advertised to attract additional applicants, Hayes said, with a new applications deadline of April 5.

"The search committee, headed by Dr. Robert P. Alexander, has done an excellent job of screening the nearly 150 applications we have received," Hayes said. "We are being highly selective, however, because of the extreme importance of this

position and we have decided we want to look at some additional people."

Hayes also announced that Dr. Olen E. Jones, executive vice president, will assume direct responsibility for operation of the Office of Academic Affairs during the interim. Dr. Paul D. Stewart, dean of the Graduate School who also has been serving as interim vice president for academic affairs, will resume his full-time responsibility with the Graduate School. He also will continue to serve as associate vice president for academic affairs.

"Dr. Stewart has done a very fine job as interim vice president during the past few months, but asking him to continue to handle those responsibilities along with his full-time duties as graduate dean for several additional months would not be fair to him," Hayes said. "Therefore, Dr. Jones has agreed to assume additional responsibilities until such time as the new vice president for academic affairs is employed."

Hayes said he hopes to fill the position on a permanent basis no later than July 1. Dr. Noel J. Richards resigned the post last Nov. 1 to become vice chancellor of the West Virginia Board of Regents.

### NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Members of the Marshall University faculty are encouraged to submit nominations for the position of vice president for academic affairs, according to Dr. Robert P. Alexander, chairman of the search committee.

Nominations may be sent directly to Dr. Alexander, who is chairman of the Department of Management in the College of Business, Prichard Hall Room 419.

## Bill to have impact on tenure

H.B. 817, a bill that originated in the House and received only slight modification in the Senate, was signed by the Governor on February 24.

While portions of the bill must of necessity under go interpretation in the months ahead, it is safe to say that it will profoundly alter traditional assumptions and procedures related to tenure.

H.B. 817, which becomes effective ninety days after passage, is quoted in its entirety below:

*"The president of each state college, university or community college shall give written notice to probationary faculty members concerning their retention or nonretention for the ensuing academic year, not later than the first day of March for those probationary faculty members who are in their first academic year of service; not later than the fifteenth day of December for those probationary faculty members who are in their second academic year of service; and at least one year before the expiration of an appointment for those probationary faculty members who have been employed two or more years with the institution. Such notice to those probationary faculty members who will not be retained shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested. Upon request of the probationary faculty member not retained, the president of the state college, university or community college shall within ten days and, by certified mail, inform the probationary faculty member of the reason for nonretention. Any probationary faculty member who desires to appeal the decision may request a hearing from the board of regents within ten days after receiving the statement of reasons. The board of regents shall publish appropriate rules to govern the conduct of the appeal herein allowed. The board of regents shall, by such rules, prescribe either an unbiased committee of the board or appoint a hearing examiner to hear such appeals. Such hearing shall be held at the employing*

*institution and within thirty days of the request. The rules of evidence shall not strictly apply. The faculty member shall be accorded substantive and procedural due process, including the right to produce evidence and witnesses and to cross-examine witnesses, and to be represented by counsel or other representative of his or her choice. If the committee of the board or the hearing examiner shall conclude that the reasons for nonretention are arbitrary or capricious or without a factual basis, the faculty member shall be retained for the ensuing academic year. The decision shall be rendered within thirty days after conclusion of the hearing. The term "probationary faculty members," shall be defined according to regulations promulgated by the board of regents.*

*"The rights herein provided to probationary faculty members are in addition to, and not in lieu of, other rights afforded them by other rules and regulations of the board of regents."*

Your questions will be welcomed. However, until such time as the Attorney General establishes legislative intent on a number of points (e.g., "the rules of evidence shall not strictly apply"), my answers are likely to be guesses.

Frank Aldred

### EARLY PUBLICATION

This week's edition of the Marshall University News Letter is being published Thursday, March 1, rather than Friday in order that faculty members may receive it prior to leaving campus for Spring Break. Because of the break, the News Letter will not be published next week. The next edition is scheduled for Friday, March 16. Material for the next News Letter should be submitted no later than 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 14.



### REGIONAL WINNER

Defeating 14 schools from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C., Marshall University's College Bowl team captured the Regional College Bowl Championship last weekend at Morris Harvey College in Charleston. The MU team, which earlier won the state championship, won an all-expense paid trip to the National College Bowl Tournament in Miami, Fla., June 3-9; a silver bowl, and a scholarship of at least \$500 for Marshall. Team members with their state competition trophies are, from left, Michele Hoffman, Robert Mutchnik, assistant professor of criminal justice and team advisor/coach; David Nunley; Kurt Taube; Ken Wright; Nick Maddox, team captain, and Dr. George Englemann, assistant professor of geology, assistant coach. (Marshall University photo by Rick Haye)

## Humanities foundation offers fellowship awards

The Humanities Foundation of West Virginia, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is making funds available for annual competition for fellowship awards. The fellowships are intended to give West Virginia humanities scholars the opportunity to undertake original research in the humanities and to present the results to the out-of-school public.

Individual fellowships of up to \$1,500 are available with a nine month tenure (May-February). Annual competition will be held with a deadline of March 15 for receipt of 1979 applications. Detailed information and application forms are available by contacting the Foundation's Executive Director, Dr. Charles H. Daugherty, P. O. Box 204, Institute, WV 25112. (304) 768-8869.

## Seminar for accountants brings businessmen to campus

The fifth annual Marshall University-Ohio Valley Accountants Association (MU-OVAAA) Accountants Seminar, was hosted by the College of Business and Accounting Department, Thursday, Feb. 22, at Memorial Student Center.

Approximately 100 businessmen and accountants from the area attended the session and were welcomed by Dr. Sara E. Anderson, dean of the College of Business.

Speakers for the seminar included Dr. W. Eugene Seago, professor of accounting at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, who discussed "Dollar Value LIFO: Folk Medicine for Inflation," and Dr. Robert H. Raymond, professor of accounting at the University of Nebraska, who discussed "Inflation Accounting—Lessons from Around the World."

Dr. Roland L. Madison, MU associate professor of accounting, moderated the meeting and spoke on "Financial Reporting and Changing Prices" in conjunction with Raymond's topic.

Other accounting faculty members attending were Dr. Robert Godfrey, Neal Adkins, Kyle G. McMullen and Charles D. Webb, associate professors; William J. Radig, assistant professor, and C. Edman Pauley, instructor.

## Research competition deadline is March 15

Marshall University announces a research award competition which will be held in April, 1979. All faculty researchers who have published their works are encouraged to participate. Awards will be available in the areas of: Business, Education, Humanities, Creative Arts, Medicine and Allied Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. Each divisional award will receive \$350 and a silver plaque. If warranted, a grand award winner will be chosen from the divisional winners. The awards will be presented at a special dinner ceremony with an appropriate guest speaker. The Marshall Foundation is funding this competition.

### PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

**NOMINATIONS:** Anyone may suggest the name of a current faculty member (including oneself) for consideration in the competition. The suggestions, signed or anonymous, should be placed in the box prepared for this purpose in the Graduate School Office, on or before March 15 and no later than 4:00 p.m.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All research works published in 1976, 1977, and 1978 are eligible. Publications submitted to the competition in 1976 will not be considered.

**SELECTION:** All persons nominated will receive an invitation to submit a statement and a bibliography, along with books and articles. In the Creative Arts-music, art, fiction, theatre, etc... appropriate materials may be presented.

A special committee composed of Research Board and other faculty, members will choose the awardees.

**GUIDELINE FORMS:** Faculty members who desire to be considered as candidates to the competition will receive a guideline form.

## Faculty tournament

The Marshall University Chess Club invites faculty members to participate in the 1979 faculty championship tournament. The date and format of the tournament will be determined by the number registering, according to Dr. Neil Gibbins, Educational Administration Department chairman.

Registration closes March 15. Winner of the faculty tournament will play the student championship for the all-campus title, Gibbins said.

# Faculty and staff achievements, activities...

DR. WILLIAM N. DENMAN, associate professor of speech, represented Marshall University at the Founder's Day Convocation held Sunday, Feb. 18, at Ohio University celebrating that institution's 175th anniversary.

DR. ROLAND L. MADISON, associate professor of accounting, is the author of a feature article, "Responsibility Accounting and Transfer Pricing: Approach With Caution," which appeared in the January, 1979, issue of Management Accounting, published by the National Association of Accountants.

DR. DONALD CHEZIK, associate professor of psychology and Psychology Clinic director, has been notified that his article, "Breads Kids Can Bake," will appear in the April issue of Organic Gardening.

DR. WILLIAM A. McDOWELL, associate professor of counseling and rehabilitation, was moderator and speaker for a seminar in medical ethics entitled "Death and Dying: An Update," sponsored by the MU School of Medicine on Feb. 17. McDowell also spoke on "Clean Sheets and Ice Water—A View of Suffering and Death" to students at South Hall on Feb. 20.

DR. WILLIAM SCHMITT, assistant professor of family practice, and DR. WILLIAM A. McDOWELL, associate professor of counseling and rehabilitation, were interviewed on the WSAZ-TV noon news show on Feb. 16, on the topic of death and dying.

DR. DAVID CUSICK, assistant professor of mathematics, spoke at Fairview High School, Ashland, Ky., on Feb. 20. His topic was "Pocket Calculators and Careers in Computing."

DR. THURMON WHITLEY, associate professor of mathematics, spoke to the Mu Alpha Theta Club of Winfield

## Cap, gown orders for commencement

The Marshall Bookstore mailed order cards for rental cap and gowns to university faculty and staff on Feb. 23. If any individual plans to participate in the May commencement and did not receive a cap and gown order card, please call the bookstore to place a rental order.

### The order deadline is March 9.

It is not necessary to send payment with your order. The rental fee is to be paid when the gown is received. We encourage individuals to order by the requested date to assure regalia will be reserved for them in May. If at a later date, circumstances prevent an individual from attending, the order may be cancelled by notifying the bookstore prior to May 1.

## Spring break schedule

The James E. Morrow Library has announced the following schedule for the spring break:

Saturday, March 3	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, March 4	CLOSED
Monday-Friday, March 5 - 9	8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 10	CLOSED
<b>Resume regular schedule - Sunday, March 11</b>	
Monday through Thursday	7:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

## Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

FEB. 22-24—Varsity track team and varsity wrestling team.

High School on Feb. 22. His topic was "Some Puzzling Mathematics."

DR. WARREN W. WOODEN, associate professor of English, delivered a scholarly paper entitled "Thomas More and the Painter's Eye: Visual Patterning and Perspective in More's 'Utopia'" at the 1979 meeting of the Tennessee Philological Association at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., Feb. 23-24.

DAN O'HANLON, assistant professor and coordinator of the Community College legal assistant program, has had a book translation accepted for publication by Hemkunt Press Publishers in New Delhi, India. He translated "Macer's Eloquent Book on the Virtue of Herbs" from Middle English into modern English.

BEN F. MILLER, assistant professor of music, served as a clinician and adjudicator at the Great Plains Jazz Festival, sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Omaha, on Feb. 21-24. In addition to adjudicating 25 high school jazz bands, he presented three seminars on percussion education and was featured soloist with the university's Jazz Ensemble.

Seven members of the Music Department faculty served as adjudicators for the West Virginia State High School Solo and Ensemble festivals on Feb. 10. Serving at Parkersburg were DR. JOHN H. MEAD, associate professor, JOEL D. FOLSOM and BEN F. MILLER, assistant professors and TANA ROQUEMORE, instructor. Participating in Huntington were DR. ROBERT R. CLARK, associate professor, and THEODORE HEGER and RICHARD LEMKE, assistant professors.

## Researchers complete vegetation study project

A vegetation study of navigation pools at sites along the Ohio River has been completed by researchers at Marshall University.

The \$8,000 study, undertaken through a contract with the Huntington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is part of a replacement study for the locks and dam at Gallipolis, Ohio, according to Allan Elberfeld, chief of the Corps' navigation and economics branch.

Dr. Sam Clagg, professor and chairman of Marshall's Geography Department, and Dr. Howard L. Mills, MU professor of biological sciences, directed the six-month project.

The endeavor included and analysis of the kinds and distribution of vegetation at the five sites, Clagg explained. Clagg and Mills have been engaged in vegetation mapping for nearly 20 years, including work in the Florida Everglades and in Costa Rica.

Clagg mapped the areas, studied the vegetation and soil, and produced color photography for the report. Mills, a botanist, analyzed the relationships between the plants and other environmental factors.

Dr. Dan K. Evans, assistant professor of biological sciences at Marshall, analyzed specific plant types and wrote a section about endangered and rare species listed by the federal government, West Virginia and Ohio, Clagg said.

Jimmy D. Rogers, MU assistant professor of geography, supervised students during field work.

Marshall students who participated in the study were Doug Bunch, Madison, graduate student; John Furry, Falling Rock graduate student; Ray Rappold, Alloy graduate student, who produced the black and white photography for the report, and Darrell Samples, Elkview senior.