Art gallery renamed

The Student Art Gallery has been renamed Birke Art Gallery in honor of the family of Mrs. William D. Birke of Huntington. Marshall President Robert B. Hayes said the gallery was renamed because "Mrs. Birke has made significant contributions to the cultural life of West Virginia, Huntington and Marshall University through her strong interest in and dedication to the arts."

Mrs. Birke is a director of the Huntington Galleries and a member of the West Virginia Arts and Humanities Council and the Marshall Foundation Board of Directors. She is a former publisher of The Herald-Dispatch and former chairperson of the board of the Huntington Galleries.

In 1975 the Birke family initiated the establishment of the Birke Fine Arts Symposium at Marshall which has made possible a number of special projects in the fields of art, music, dance and theater.

Artists to conduct workshops

Brazilian artists Raphael and Jerus Samu will be artists-in-residence here, conducting live classes and workshops from June 16 to July 6, according to Dr. Michael E. Cerveris, Institute for the Arts director.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the husband and wife team will conduct a ceramic mural workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Art Department's ceramic studio in Smith Hall.

Two sessions devoted to painting, printmaking and critiquing will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Samus, members of the faculty of the Federal University in Victoria, are here as part of a cultural exchange program, Partners of the Alliance, between West Virginia's Cultural and History Department and the Federal University.

During their final week on campus, an exhibit of their print-work is planned for Birke Art Gallery.

Col. Rufus Land dies

Col. Rufus Leonidas Land, an associate professor of economics from 1946 to 1965, died May 27. He lived at 3372 8th St. Road, Huntington, and was 76 years old.

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Land served in the U.S. Army from 1920 to 1946 when he retired as Colonel, General Staff. He earned his B.S. Degree from Clarke College in 1919 and a B.S. from the U.S. Military Academy in 1926.

He began teaching at Marshall prior to earning his M.A. here in 1948. He did postgraduate work at Ohio State University from 1949 to 1952.

Graveside services were conducted at Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery.

Among his survivors are his wife, Ann R. Kidder Land; a son, Hollew Land of Cherry Hill, N.J., a daughter, Mrs. W. C. (Barbara) Goud of Huntington, and nine grandchildren.

Personnel personals...

David Staats, son of Sara B. Staats, assistant reference librarian, recently received the Bachelor of Arts degree, summa cum laude, in economics, from Westleyan University, Middletown, Conn. He also was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa during commencement week. In the fall he will enter Harvard Law School.

Proud of a family member's accomplishment? Is there a new baby at your house? Kim of something you'd like to share with your colleagues? The News Letter's "Personnel Personal" is another channel open to you. Send your information to Judith Casto, University Relations, Old Main Ill.

RESEARCH PROGRAM FUNDED

Bettie Blanz, college relations coordinator for Huntington Alloys, Inc., presents a $1,250 check to Dr. James E. Douglas, professor of chemistry and department chairman, for use in a chemistry department summer research participation program for Tri-State Area high schools. Four students who have completed a high school chemistry course will take part in a 10-week research project under the supervision of Marshall faculty members. Dr. Douglas said the program is designed to encourage promising young people to pursue science careers (Marshall University Photo by Rick Haye).

Gillmore named CCTV manager

David N. Gillmore of Russell, Ky., has been appointed manager of Closed Circuit Television, effective July 1, according to Dr. Paul D. Stewart, associate vice president for academic affairs.

In his new position, Gillmore will be responsible for operation of the CCTV department, working with academic departments to determine their instructional television support needs and providing programming to meet those needs, Dr. Stewart said.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Gillmore served five years as director of professional training services for the National Association of Educational Broadcasters in Washington, D.C.

He moved to Eastern Kentucky last year and has been serving as a public telecommunications management consultant as well as an adjunct instructor in radio and television at Morehead State University.

Gillmore holds a bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Toledo and has had doctoral-level studies at Michigan State University.

During his career, Gillmore has produced more than 500 news, public affairs, dramatic and musical programs for broadcast and has produced and directed more than 1,000 instructional programs.

RETIREE HONORED

Howard K. Sorrell, right, who retired from Marshall in 1974 as a service engineer after 35 years of service, was honored recently when the Howard Kenneth Sorrell Maintenance Building was dedicated.

President Emeritus Stewart H. Smith, who headed Marshall during 22 years of Sorrell's career, took part in the ceremonies. Re-naming of the building was approved by the West Virginia Board of Regents upon a recommendation by President Robert B. Hayes. (Marshall University Photo by Rick Haye)

BOR approves new program for home economics dept.

The West Virginia Board of Regents has approved a program in occupational home economics education to begin next January.

Marshall's program is the first of its type in the state and is designed to prepare teachers for home economics-related occupations, Dr. Grace Bennett, professor and home economics department chairman, said.

Students completing the program will receive an A.B. degree with a specialization in occupational home economics including one of four services options: child care, fabric care, food, and home and community services.
Snyder is new AD

Dr. Lynn J. Snyder, associate athletic director at the University of Illinois, takes the reins as athletic director here on July 1.

A native of Mt. Vernon, Ill., Snyder, 37, was assistant athletic director at Illinois from 1972 until being named associate athletic director last year.

He received his B.S. degree in personnel management from the University of Illinois in 1964. After spending two years as an operations and supply officer in the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps, he returned to Illinois where he earned his M.Ed. degree in educational psychology in 1969 and his Ph.D. in 1970.

Snyder began his career at the University of Illinois in 1966 as systems and procedures analyst in the Office of Administration. He was named assistant dean in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1969 and assistant director of the Physical Education Foundation in 1972.

As associate athletic director at Illinois, he was responsible for assessing the duties of the director in his absence, direct supervision and budgeting for maintenance of facilities, including Memorial Stadium, and operation of various support services, including membership in the University Council and any standing committee from membership in the University Council or any standing committee from membership in the University Council or any standing committee from membership in the University Council.

Snyder and his wife, Louise, are the parents of three daughters.

Writing awards money increased $3,000

Prize money for the John W. Teel Writing Competition has been increased from $1,000 to $3,000 for the 1979-80 competition, according to Edmond E. Sicard, assistant professor of English.

“The University will continue to sponsor this competition,” Sicard said, “because of the excellence of the prose and poetry in the 1978-79 competition.”

The awards, named in honor of Teel, an assistant professor of English, began in 1973 with $500.

Teel first offered a contest to encourage excellence in writing at Marshall after reading Teel’s article, “Freenman English in the Age of Revolution,” which appeared in the May, 1972, issue of The National Review.

News Letter schedule

The News Letter will be published biweekly during summer.

Material must be submitted by 10 a.m. on the Wednesday preceding publication date to Judith Castro, University Relations or delivered to Old Main 112.

Lengthy material or material requiring special treatment should be submitted as early as possible.

APS Committee approves course changes

The Academic Planning and Standards Committee met on May 3 to discuss a number of year-end proposals. Major items covered were:

- Twenty-four course changes were approved for the Community College, 13 for the School of Nursing, for pre-professional engineering programs in the college of Science, 12 for the College of Education, 3 for the Medical School, and 9 for the Graduate School.

- Two courses from COED were tabled pending further information as was the one-half hour credit proposal from the Graduate Council.

- Three student appeals were acted on.

- A new B.A. program was approved for the School of Nursing; a “Comprehensive-Interdisciplinary Options in Physical Education” program was approved; and a “Whole School Teacher Education Program” was approved for COED, and an “Administrative Specialist” M.A. option offered through the graduate administration program was approved for the Graduate School.

- Professors Giovanna Morton and Bruce Ardinger were reelected as chairman and secretary, respectively, for the 1979-80 academic year.

- Because of the large numbers of courses and programs, details have been eliminated from this summary but are available upon request from either Morton or Ardinger.

The committee will meet again on July 12.

Faculty and staff achievements, activities...

DR. RAM N. SINGH, associate professor of sociology, has been elected to a part-time position on the Research Committee of the International Congress Concerning Child Development in Southern Appalachia and Rural South” to be held at Morehead State University on June 2-6. Singh will attend the Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference to review the current state of the literature, to identify priorities for research, and to make plans for exchange of information and research.

Four members of the Education Media Department faculty were honored at the Southeastern Psychological Association convention held at Morgantown on May 3-4. They were: DR. WALTER FELTY, professor of education; DR. HENRIETTA PLUMLEY, DR. ELIZABETH FOARD, and DR. JAMON TERRY, assistant professors. Dr. Plumley is president of the association and Dr. Terry is the organization’s committeeperson for the next two years.

DR. STEVEN H. HATFIELD, associate professor of music, has been appointed to the faculty of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute for the year "Nine-nine," which appeared in the March, 1979, issue of Mathematics in Michigan.

DR. RALPH OBERLY, associate professor of physics and physical science, presented a series of lecture-demonstrations titled "The Science of Sports" at High School on May 10. The topic was "Optics and Lasers."

EVELYN BISHOP, Physical Plant Operations office supervisor, has been selected as the Huntington Chapter, American Business Women’s Association, “Woman of the Year.” As her chapter’s “Woman of the Year,” she will be recognized next fall at the Association’s National Convention and will be considered for AWB’s “Ten Business Women.”

CHARLES V. BIAS, assistant professor of history, has been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree from West Virginia University.

DR. VIRGINIA PLUMLEY, associate professor of education, has been appointed as the resident director for the 1979-80 program in the University’s Center for Educational Innovation and Improvement at the University of Kentucky.

The College of Liberal Arts has a copy of a booklet listing Fulbright scholarships for 1980-81. The majority of the grants are for the academic year of the host institution or country. All information about Fulbright grants and the application process is available upon request from either Morton or Ardinger.

Application deadline is July 1. Further information is available in the College of Liberal Arts office.

Faculty amendments approved

Two constitutional amendments relating to committee memberships were approved in the recent faculty vote, according to Registrar Robert H. Eddins, secretary to the faculty.

Voting on an amendment barring members of the University Council or any standing committee from membership in other committees, except in the case of faculty members serving in ex officio capacity, passed with 86 yes, 72.8 per cent, for, and 52 votes against. However, no member whose name was on the ballot or who was in the audience was affected.

Provisions for membership on the Athletic Committee were approved by 93 votes, or 78.8 per cent. Twenty-five faculty members voted against the amendment.

The amendment reads that “the board shall consist of five members elected by the faculty, with the chairman of the department of Physical Education, and Recreation Department, the faculty representative to the NCAA, the faculty representative to the AIAW, two students appointed by the Student Government Association, and one faculty member from the Alumni Association.”

The vice president for business affairs, the vice president for student affairs, and the athletic director will be non-voting members.

Constitutional amendments require approval of two-thirds of those voting to gain passage.

Virginia Heart Association at the annual meeting at Oglebay Park on Friday, May 29, 1979.

DR. W. RENNER, WOODEN, associate professor of English, and Jane Johnson and Gregory Norris, graduate teaching assistants, attended the Fourteenth Meeting of the International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, May 3-6. Dr. Wooden chaired sessions on More and Fable, English in Children’s literature at the conference.

WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, chairman of the pharmacology department and associate professor, and DR. DEWEY D. SANDERSON, associate professor, recently completed a correspondence course in reference courses on "Pathology of Well Log Interpretation" and were awarded certificates of completion.

The 30th International Congress of the Geological Society of America and participated in a two-day field trip studying "Depositional Environments of the Paleozoic Kalahari Basins" in southeastern Kentucky.

DR. JOHN E. HUBBARD, associate professor of chemistry, attended the 11th Central Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Columbus, Ohio. May 8-9. He presented a paper, “Re-evaluation of Tolens’ Test as a Qualitative Means for Determining Br2 in the presence of Cl2”

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ELIZABETH BARKER and RUTH PEARSON, both assistant professors of mathematics, presented a paper on postage stamp depression at a meeting of the West Virginia Nurses Association of which Dr. Barker is a member. The conference held May 29 in the Holiday Inn, Huntington.

DR. JAMES E. DOUGLASS, chairman, department of chemistry, attended the annual meeting of the Industrial Research Institute, Inc. in keynote address of which was given by Dr. David K. Phillips, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He was one of ten academic scientists from the Northeastern United States U.S. who attended the conference devoted to stimulation of technological innovation.

DR. C. ROBERT BARTEN, assistant professor of health, physical education, recreation and research, presented a paper on the 1904 Olympic Marathon, at the North American Society for the Study of Sport and Physical Education held May 7-10.

The University of Texas - Austin from May 30 through June 2. Barten was selected to be moderator for the session on the historical aspects of the Olympic Movement in the 1980s and to be held at the University of California, San Diego.

DR. RONALD J. OBDON, associate professor of political science, was awarded the Katharine Greenhouse prize of $1,000 for the best doctoral dissertation of 1978 in the Indiana University Political Science Department.

His dissertation, “The Erosion of Public Highways: A Policy Analysis of the Kentucky Turnpike,” also has been nominated for the Leonard D. White Award, given by the American Political Science Association for the best dissertation in public administration.

DR. LEE OLSON, associate professor of distributive education, attended the annual meeting of the National Congress of Vocational Education, held at San Francisco, Calif., and represented the Pennsylvania delegation in the election for the next Congress president.

The two summer workshops, June 18-23, for high school and college students and school music directors. Dr. Kunish is in charge of the Swing Choir Workshop and Jennings, the Jazz Workshop.