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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 former publisher of The Herald-Dispatch and former chairman of the board of the Huntington Publishing Co.

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 Jerusa Samu will be artists-in-residence here, conducting free 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 studios in Smith Hall.

Two sessions devoted to painting, print-making 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 Vitoria, 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, Col. Land had 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.

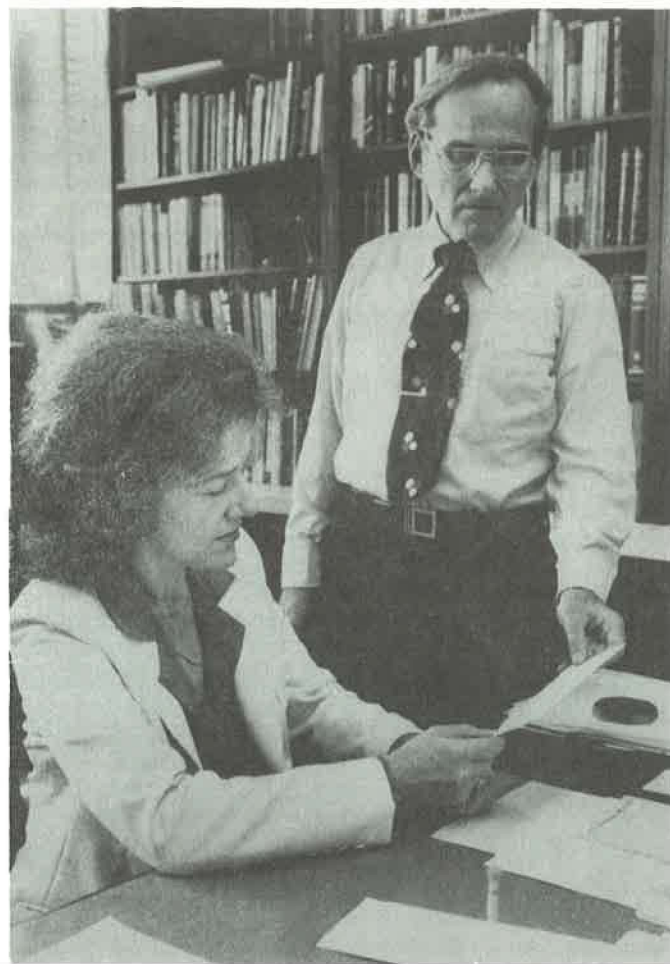
Graveside services were conducted at Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery.

Among his survivors are his wife, Ann R. Kidder Land; a son, Holwell Land of Cherry Hill, N.J.; a daughter, Mrs. W. C. (Barbara) Goad 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 Wesleyan 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? Is there something you'd like to share with your colleagues? The News Letter's "Personnel Personals" is another channel open to you. Send your information to Judith Casto, University Relations, Old Main 112.



RESEARCH PROGRAM FUNDED

Betty Hunt, college relations coordinator for Huntington Alloys, Inc., presents a \$1,250 check to Dr. James E. Douglass, 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. Douglass said the program is designed to encourage promising students to pursue science careers. (Marshall University Photo by Rick Hays)

NEWCOMERS

New to our campus are:

PENNY A. CISCO, mail clerk, Communications; MARGARET (PEGGY) THEIS, secretary, Obstetrics/Gynecology Department; SHERRI NOBLE, secretary, Academic Affairs; THOMAS L. NICKELS, patrolman, Security; GLORIA RICKMAN, accounting clerk, Accounts Payable; EDNA M. MCGINNIS, secretary, Development, and MARGARET ROGERS, building service worker, Med. School; LONDEL G. ADKINS, maintenance laborer, Plant Operations; DANNY L. MILLER, and BOBBY L. CREMEANS, grounds laborers, Plant Operations; CHARLES WILLIAMS, maintenance laborer, Plant Operations; RICHARD J. WILLIS, painter, Plant Operations, and JAMES L. HUGHES, building service worker, Med. School.

Welcome to Marshall!

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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 earned 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.

Stu Aberdeen 1935-1979

Memorial services for Coach Stu Aberdeen will be conducted Saturday, June 16, at 2 p.m. at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, Fifth Avenue and Tenth Street.

Aberdeen, 43, who became head basketball coach here on March 17, 1977, died Monday in Fish Memorial Hospital at New Smyrna Beach, Fla., following an apparent heart attack.

He and his family had arrived Sunday at the resort town near Daytona Beach for a two-week vacation after the coach and his assistants had completed what many believe is one of the best recruiting years in Marshall basketball history.

A native of Niagara Falls, N.Y., Aberdeen had a history of heart problems which side-lined him during the 1969-70 season when he was associate coach at the University of Tennessee.

Coach Aberdeen suffered chest pains and shortness of breath while jogging on the beach about 6:30 p.m. Monday, according to the attending physician, Dr. Russell Perry. The coach later developed severe heart failure and lapsed into unconsciousness, dying about 8:30 p.m.

Among his survivors are his wife Lynn, and three children, Susan, 21, Michael, 19, and Lindy, 18. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. today (Friday) at the Aberdeen home, 131 Wood Lomonde Way, West Pea Ridge.

A previous memorial service was held Thursday in the Church of Ascension in Knoxville.

The family has asked that flowers be omitted. Those who wish may make donations to the Big Green Scholarship Foundation or the American Heart Association.



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 Hays)

BOR approves new program for home economics dept.

The West Virginia Board of Regents has approved a program in occupational home economics teacher 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.



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, 9 for pre-

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 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 1978.



Snyder began his career at the University of Illinois in 1966 as systems and procedures analyst in the Office of Admissions and Records and served as assistant dean in the College

of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 1969 to 1972.

As associate athletic director at Illinois, he was responsible for assuming the duties of the director in his absence, direct supervision and budgeting for maintenance of facilities, including Memorial Stadium, and operation of various support areas such as ticket office, training table and equipment. He also was responsible for staging all events and for football and basketball travel.

Snyder and his wife, Louesa, 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 \$4,000 effective with the 1979-80 awards, according to Dr. Marvin O. Mitchell, chairman of the English Department.

William J. Maier Jr., chairman of the Sarah and Pauline Maier Scholarship Foundation, Inc., of Charleston, said in a letter to Dr. Mitchell, that the increase was due to 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.

Maier first offered the prize money to recognize excellence in writing at Marshall after reading Teel's article, "Freshman 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 bi-weekly during summer.

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

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

engineering program 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" B.A. program and a "Middle Childhood Teacher Education Program" were approved for COED, and an "Administrative Specialist" M.A. option offered through the Educational Administration program was approved for the Graduate School.

--Professors **Giovanna Morton** and **Bruce Ardinger** were reelected to serve 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.

Awards listed

The College of Liberal Arts has a copy of a booklet listing Fulbright awards for 1980-81. The majority of the grants are for the academic year of the host institution or country. All announced grants are subject to the availability of funds and changes in program priorities. The booklet is available in the college's office, Smith Hall Lobby 165, for anyone interested in looking at it.

The college also has received from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Washington, D.C., a brochure giving information on 1980-81 Fulbright Lectureships to the U.S.S.R. Approximately 20 awards will be administered through cooperating Soviet agencies.

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.

The vote on an amendment barring members of the University Council or any standing committee from membership on other committees, except in the case of faculty members serving in ex officio capacity, passed with 86 votes, or 72.8 per cent, for, and 32 votes against. However, any member may serve on or with any special or sub-committee that may be created.

Provisions for membership on the Athletic Committee were approved by 93 voters, 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 at large, the chairman of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department, the faculty representative to the NCAA, the faculty representative to the AIAW, two students appointed by the Student Government and one alumnus appointed by 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.

Faculty and staff achievements, activities...

DR. RAM N. SINGH, associate professor of sociology, has been invited to participate in a symposium on "Research Concerning Child Development in Southern Appalachia and Rural South" to be held at Morehead State University on June 14-15. The tasks of the symposium will be 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 attended the West Virginia Educational Media Conference at Morgantown on May 3-4. They were: DR. WALTER FELTY, professor and department chairman; DR. VIRGINIA PLUMLEY, HENRIETTA FOARD and ELEANOR TERRY, assistant professors. Dr. Plumley is president of the association and Dr. Felty serves as its news letter editor. Ms. Terry is the organization's committeeperson for the next two years.

DR. STEVEN H. HATFIELD, associate professor of mathematics and acting department chairman, is the author of an article, "Ninety-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 to science classes at Parkersburg High School on May 10. The topic was "Optical Physics 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 ABWA's "Top Ten Business Women."

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

DR. VIRGINIA PLUMLEY, associate professor of educational media and director of Learning Resources Center, was installed as president of the Pilot Club of Huntington, Monday, May 20. The Pilot Club is a community service organization that participates in several community projects annually. Their most recent donation was for \$7,000 to the Cabell County Library. The money will be used to furnish a complete room for the blind and handicapped that otherwise would not have been possible through federal funds.

Music professors DR. PAUL A. BALSHAW, baritone, and DR. JAMES L. TAGGART, pianist, will perform Schubert's well-known song cycle, "Die Schone Mullerin," at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 21, in Smith Recital Hall.

DR. JEFFREY T. YOUNG, assistant professor of economics, presented a paper entitled "Classical, Marxian, and Neoclassical Theories of Value: A Study in the Roots of Economic Theory" at the Conference on Philosophy and Economics on May 19 at Michigan State University. The conference was sponsored by the Department of Philosophy at Michigan State.

DR. KENNETH P. AMBROSE, assistant professor of sociology/anthropology, who has studied serpent handling in the area for 11 years, was the subject of a feature story in the *Roanoke Times & World-News* on May 6. The article preceded his seminar "Snake Handling in the Appalachian Religion" at the Appalachian Awareness Week held at New River Community College, Dublin, Va., on May 15. As a result of the story, he was asked to present a second seminar. Dr. Ambrose also had participated as Humanities Scholar in the presentation and discussion of the film, "Jolo Serpent Handlers," at Bradshaw and Welch, W. Va., May 7-8. The program was presented by the West Virginia Humanities Foundation and the McDowell Public Library.

DR. WILLIAM M. SCHMITT, assistant professor of family practice, was elected to the Board of Directors of the West

Virginia Heart Association at the annual meeting at Oglebay Park in Wheeling on May 4.

DR. WARREN W. WOODEN, associate professor of English, and Jane Johnson and Gregory Norris, graduate teaching assistants in English attended the Fourteenth International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, May 3-6. Dr. Wooden chaired sections of papers on Thomas More and Early English Children's Literature at the conference.

DR. RICHARD B. BONNETT, chairman of the geology department and an associate professor, and DR. DEWEY D. SANDERSON, assistant professor, recently completed a correspondence study course from Dresser-Atlas on "Fundamentals of Well Log Interpretation" and were awarded certificates of completion. The two also attended the recent Southeastern Sectional meeting of the Geological Society of America and participated in a two-day field trip studying "Depositional Environments of Late Paleozoic Coal-bearing Strata" in southeastern Kentucky.

DR. JOHN L. HUBBARD, assistant 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 Tollens' Test as a Qualitative Means for Distinguishing Between Aldehydes and Ketones." Co-author of the paper was John Mark Lanham, graduating senior and recipient of a Union Carbide Undergraduate Research Scholarship for the 1978-79 academic year.

ELIZABETH BARKER and RUTH PEARSON, both assistant professors of nursing, spoke on postpartum depression at a meeting of the West Virginia Nurses Association of American Colleges of Obstetrics and Gynecology held May 29 in the Holiday Inn, Downtown, Huntington.

DR. JAMES E. DOUGLASS, chairman, department of chemistry, attended the annual meeting of the Industrial Research Institute on May 20-23 at White Sulphur Springs. He was one of ten academic scientists from the Northeastern United States invited to participate in the conference devoted to stimulation of technological innovation.

DR. C. ROBERT BARNETT, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation, presented a paper "The 1904 Olympic Marathon" at the North American Society for Sport History Convention. The convention was held at the University of Texas - Austin from May 30 through June 2. Barnett was selected to be moderator for the session on the History of Football in North America at the 1980 convention to be held at the University of Calgary, Canada.

DR. RONALD J. OAKERSON, assistant professor of political science, was awarded the Katharine Greenough 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 Eastern Kentucky Coal-Haul Problem," also has been nominated for the Leonard D. White Award, which is given by the American Political Science Association for the best dissertation nationally in the area of public administration.

DR. LEE OLSON, associate professor of distributive education, is one of nine national team leaders in a legislative study plan for vocational education. Dr. Olson is responsible for the study of programs for youths and adults. Findings of the study teams will be used in preparing policy statements to aid in formulating vocational education legislation for the 1980s.

DR. WENDELL KUMLIEN, professor and music department chairman, and PAUL M. JENNINGS, director of the Marshall Jazz Ensemble and staff arranger, will coordinate two summer workshops, June 18-23, for high school and college students and school music directors. Dr. Kumlien is in charge of the Swing Choir Workshop and Jennings, the Jazz Workshop.