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Dean appoints two as department chairmen

Two new department chairmen have been appointed in the College of Liberal Arts, according to Dean George J. Harbold.

Dr. Paul A. Balshaw, professor of music and MU choirs director, has been named Music Department chairman, and Dr. Charles Ray Mabee, formerly on the Radford (Va.) College faculty, is the new Bible and Religion Department chairman.

Balshaw, a member of the faculty since 1965, succeeds Dr. Wendell Kumlien, professor of music, who resigned the chairmanship to return to teaching, Harbold said.

Mabee, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church of the U.S., will hold the rank of associate professor at Marshall, the dean said. He succeeds Dr. Louis Jennings, who retired last spring after 31 years on the faculty.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Balshaw attended the Eastman School of Music where he earned his Bachelor of Music degree, Master of Music degree and Doctor of Musical Arts degree.

He has taken postdoctoral work at the University of Maryland and the University of North Carolina at Chapel

New conductor named for MU Community Symphony

James R. McWhorter, cellist and former conductor of the Tucson (Ariz.) Civic Ballet, has accepted an appointment as conductor of the Marshall University Community Symphony, and instructor of cello, according to Dr. Paul A. Balshaw, MU Music Department chairman.

McWhorter, who has studied under the noted cellist Gordon Epperson, has played with the Tucson Symphony and the Arizona Opera Company. For five years, he was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Band's "White House Orchestra."

"Jim McWhorter's appointment marks the first time we have been able to employ a cellist as a full-time faculty member. This gives us the opportunity to further develop and build Marshall's orchestral resources," Balshaw said. "This development is visible evidence of the university's commitment to provide a quality program in the musical arts."



JAMES McWHORTER

A doctoral degree candidate at the University of Arizona, McWhorter earned his Bachelor of Music degree from there and his Master of Music degree from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He spent a year studying cello in Tokyo with the head of the Suzuki Cello Department.

"By expanding the existing nucleus of players—students, faculty and community residents—already in the Marshall University Community Symphony, I look forward to building the symphonic program the university and community should have," said McWhorter.

"Just like a newly-appointed coach, my first concern is one of recruitment. I'm looking for musicians—particularly string players," McWhorter said. "We even have scholarships available for students interested in the Symphony," he said.

"Any musician, whether a student, a faculty or staff member at the university, or Tri-State Area resident, who wants to play in the Symphony may call me. I can be reached at my office in Smith Music Hall, 696-3137, or at my home, 736-9534," he said.

McWhorter will hold his first rehearsal for the new Marshall University Community Symphony at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4, in Smith Music Hall.

Hill. A 1978 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Grant recipient, Balshaw has received research awards from the Benedum Foundation and Marshall.

A baritone, Balshaw has performed before various Tri-State Area groups and has worked with the Huntington Musical Arts Guild, the West Virginia Opera Theater, Inc., and the Charleston Symphony.

Currently he is active in the Huntington Chamber Orchestra, the Boy Scouts of America and St. John's Episcopal Church.

Balshaw and his wife, the former Faith Spehr, are the parents of three children.

Mabee earned his Ph.D. degree in Old Testament and an M.A. degree in Old Testament from the Claremont (Cal.) Graduate School. He also served as a research associate with the Institute for Antiquity and Christianity at Claremont.

He received a Master of Divinity degree magna cum laude from Dubuque Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Northeast Missouri State University.

An assistant professor of philosophy and religion at Radford since 1977, Mabee also taught at the California State University at Long Beach, Bloy Episcopal School of Theology at Claremont and several community colleges in California.

Mabee has been pastor of the Roanoke Valley Presbyterian Church, Blacksburg, Va., and was chairman of the Presbytery Subcommittee on Higher Education.

His professional publications include contributions to the 1977 revised edition of the "International Standard Bible Encyclopedia." Mabee is a member of several learned societies, including the American Academy of Religion, American Studies Association and the Society of Biblical Literature.

A native of Florida, Mabee is married to the former Barbara Kiaus. They are the parents of two children.

KEY CHECK

Have you checked your copier key lately? During the summer, several offices reported missing copier keys, according to Georgia Childers, graphics services supervisor.

"I'd appreciate it if everyone would see if they have an extra key or another department's key and return it to Graphic Services, so we can restore it to its correct owner," Mrs. Childers said.

Old parking permits to become invalid today

Faculty and staff members are reminded that their parking permits must be renewed for the 1979-80 academic year, according to Bonnie Lytle, MU Security administrative assistant and coordinator traffic/parking.

"Last year's permits expire today," she said. Permits will be available in Old Main 7-B from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 4-6. At least half of the parking fee must be paid at the time the permit is issued.

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MU honors program strengthened, expanded

Marshall University's Honors Program will be strengthened and expanded under plans announced this summer by MU Provost Olen E. Jones Jr. and Dr. Michael J. Galgano, Honors Program director.

"Our Honors Program, which in its current form goes back nearly two decades, has undergone a major revamping to enhance intellectual stimulation of both the academically-gifted student and the participating faculty," Jones said.

An Interdisciplinary Honors major and a Scholar-in-Residence program are just two of the new directions the Honors Program will begin taking effective with the Spring 1980 semester, according to Galgano.

A series of three new undergraduate honors seminars, which will be a permanent part of the Honors Program, have

been developed. The first of these—the relationship between science and the humanities—will be offered this spring.

The other seminar themes include: a cultural and sociological look at contemporary America, focusing on a particular issue, and, the work and achievements of a contemporary writer, philosopher or artist as viewed from the vantage points of other disciplines. "As perhaps a psychologist would perceive the work, as a sociologist might interpret its significance, and as a scientist might relate to it," said Galgano, who also is an associate professor of history.

"Administrative approval has been given for released time for faculty members working with these programs. In the past, faculty members have supervised this in addition to teaching

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Michael F. Thomas named financial VP

Michael F. Thomas, currently director of financial affairs at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies in Institute, has been appointed vice president for financial affairs at Marshall University.

The appointment is effective Sept. 1, Marshall President Robert B. Hayes said in making the announcement.

"We are pleased that a person with Mike Thomas' extensive background in financial operations has agreed to join our Marshall University staff," Hayes said. "The role he is assuming is of critical importance. His experience in the state system of higher education, particularly that with a medical school, will be of great value in his new position."

Thomas has been responsible for financial operations at the College of Graduate Studies since January, 1976. Prior to assuming that post, he had been hospital reports manager at the West Virginia University Medical Center since 1973.

Thomas served as supervisor of posting and billing at the WVU Medical Center from 1967 to 1968, managing a business office with 25 employees. He was contract administrator for the WVU Office of International Programs from 1968 to 1973.

Prior to joining the WVU staff, Thomas was employed by Sterling Faucet Co. in Morgantown from 1961 to 1967 in several accounting and management positions.

A 1959 graduate of St. Francis Desales High School in Morgantown, he received his Master's Degree in Public Administration from WVU in 1977, having earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration there in 1973. He also received a Certificate in Cost Accounting from the International Accountants Society in 1964, completing a 14-month correspondence course in five months.

Thomas was selected for listing in "Who's Who in America, 1978" and as an "Outstanding Young American" in 1977. He is a member of the American Management Association, the National Association of College and University Business Officers, and several other professional organizations. He recently was named to a three-person committee to develop a new system of accounting to serve institutions in West Virginia's system of public higher education.

He is married to the former Linda M. Friend and they are the parents of two children, Traci and Michael Jr. They live in Hurricane.

Dr. Fisher Minnesota-bound; Ken Blue named interim head

Kenneth E. Blue, associate dean for student development at Marshall University, has been appointed interim vice president/dean for student affairs, Marshall Provost Olen E. Jones Jr. announced.

Blue will serve in the position until a permanent successor is named for Richard G. Fisher, who announced his resignation effective in early October. Fisher will leave the Marshall post to become vice president for student affairs at Mankato State University in Minnesota.

Fisher said he had decided to take the Minnesota position because of family considerations. "I am a native Iowan and own a lakeside cabin in Wisconsin," he said. "In moving back to the Midwest I will be closer to my parents and the other members of my family. The decision to leave Marshall was very difficult, however. I have enjoyed working with the MU administration and have been very pleased with the great progress the Student Affairs Division has been able to make."

Jones expressed regret at Fisher's decision to take the Mankato position. "Dick Fisher has done an excellent job for Marshall University and we are sorry to see him go," Jones said.

A search committee will be named and the position will be advertised soon.

"We hope to be able to find a successor by January," Jones said. "In the meantime, I am pleased that Ken Blue has agreed to take over the responsibilities of heading the Student Affairs Division on an interim basis. Under his leadership, and with the help of the other members of the very

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INVITATION

President and Mrs. Robert B. Hayes cordially invite all current and former faculty and staff members and their guests to the Annual Faculty-Staff Party for an evening of visiting with friends, a light buffet and music by The Gentleman III on Friday, Sept. 14, from 8 to 11 p.m. in Memorial Student Center's Multi-Purpose Room.

VA, Medical School plan groundbreaking

U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph will be the speaker at the groundbreaking for a new teaching facility planned by the Huntington Veterans Administration Medical Center and the Marshall University School of Medicine.

The event will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, on the VA Medical Center grounds in Spring Valley and will be followed by an open reception in the Recreation Building.

Marshall to assist with CoGS program

More than 50 Marshall University educators have received adjunct faculty status at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies (CoGS), MU Provost Olen E. Jones Jr. and CoGS Executive Assistant to the President Howard Tuck announced.

The MU faculty members will assist with a new Master of Arts in Humanistic Studies degree program at CoGS which was developed in conjunction with Marshall. In addition, one of the core courses will be taught on the Marshall campus this fall.

The program, a noncareer oriented degree and the first graduate degree offered by CoGS in the liberal arts, provides advanced work in the humanities through an interdisciplinary approach adapted to the individual student's needs.

The faculty will be drawn from CoGS, Marshall and other southern West Virginia schools, according to Dr. Roland A. Wobbe, professor of humanities at CoGS, who has been appointed as the degree program director.

Serving as the Marshall campus liaison representative is Dr. Alan Gould, MU professor of history and department chairman. Gould has served on the program's Steering Committee since 1977 when it was established by CoGS President James W. Rowley to develop a humanities graduate program.

Two Marshall University teachers, Dr. Dolores Jacome, associate professor of Spanish, and Dr. William P. Sullivan, professor of English, have been given joint appointments this fall to work with the program. Both are members of the current Steering Committee for the program. Sullivan also has been appointed chairman of the Subcommittee on Program and Curriculum Development.

Four other MU faculty members will be participating in the program this fall in addition to their regular campus teaching duties, on an "overload" basis. They are: Gould, Dr. Robert F. Maddox, professor of history; Dr. Bruce Ardinger, associate professor of English, and Dr. Joan F. Adkins, professor of English.

Dr. Adkins will be teaching a core course seminar, "History and Theory of Arts," a course requirement for the new degree, on Marshall's campus this fall.

"The adjunct faculty not only will teach specific courses, but will supervise special topic projects and direct thesis work," said Gould. "They also will serve as student counselors and advisors."

"The M.A. degree in humanities is designed to accommodate students who wish to pursue a course of advanced study in literature, history, philosophy and the arts for purpose of either personal enrichment or professional development," Wobbe said.

"The program, which emphasizes the interdisciplinary study of an issue or topic with minors in language and literature, history or history and theory of the arts, is unique," said Gould. "There is none other quite like it in the country."

Other members of the 13-member Steering Committee and the institutions they represent are: Dr. Arline Thorn, West Virginia State College, and Dr. Suzanne Sorrells, Dr. Noel Bowling, Dr. Donald L. Bubbenzer, Dr. William Crockett, Dr. James Garnett, Dr. Stephen O'Keefe and Dr. Dean Young, all of CoGS.

Randolph, the ranking member of the U.S. Senate's Veterans Affairs Committee, will be one of many prominent national, state and regional leaders representing government, civic and veterans service organizations and the medical community, who are expected to attend the ceremonies.

West Virginia Governor John D. Rockefeller IV also has agreed to participate in the program. Representing the Veterans Administration Central Office in Washington, D.C., will be Martha Phillips, acting assistant chief medical director for academic affairs.

"Friday will be a very exciting day for both the VA and the MU medical school as we take another step forward together to insure quality health care for the region—and, in particular, its veterans," VA Medical Center Director James C. DeNiro and MU School of Medicine Dean Robert W. Coon said in a joint statement issued today.

The new Basic Sciences/Medical Education Building, which is projected to cost approximately \$9.1 million, will be a three-story addition to the east side of the VA Medical Center's Administration Building and will be leased to the medical school.

"The new building will augment our current facilities at Doctors' Memorial and will provide us with much needed additional teaching and support space," said Coon.

"The proximity of the medical school faculty to the VA Medical Center will mean an increase in skilled medical manpower readily available to care for our region's veterans," added DeNiro.

The new building will contain more than 75,600 square feet of space for the school's basic sciences classrooms and offices, one-third of the clinical departments and support functions such as supplies and learning resources.

A California firm, Santa Fe Engineers, Inc., is the apparent low bidder on the project with a bid of \$9,123,000. Construction contracts are expected to be awarded early next month. The architectural planning firm is C.E. Silling Associates, Inc., of Charleston.

Birke Gallery displays state artists' crafts

"Handmade in West Virginia," an exhibit featuring work by four West Virginia craft artists, is currently on view in the Birke Art Gallery at Marshall University, according to Gallery Curator Beverly Twitchell.

The gallery, located in Smith Hall, is open from noon to 4 p.m. weekdays.

The exhibit includes work by an artist who received a White House Commission and by another whose work is on display at the Smithsonian Institution. The exhibit will continue through Thursday, Sept. 13.

Participating artists are:

—David Barrett of Barrett's Bottoms, a Morgantown furniture firm, whose work is on exhibit at the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery.

—Elaine Burrell of Morgantown, a member of the Greater Cincinnati Weavers Guild and other regional textile guilds, who will display articles of clothing made from material she has woven.

—Richard Miecznikowski of Seven Pines Pottery, a Mannington firm, who was commissioned by First Lady Rosalyn Carter to design a place setting for a White House luncheon.

—Clara Schlegel of Huntington, an art teacher at West Junior High School and former Cabell County Teacher of the Year, whose handcrafted jewelry has been exhibited widely.

Celebration '79 launches cultural season

The Tri-State Area's 1979-80 cultural season will be launched with Celebration of the Arts '79, Saturday, Sept. 8, and Sunday, Sept. 9.

Announcement of Celebration '79 was made by Dr. Michael E. Cerveris, director of the Marshall University Institute for the Arts and coordinator of the event. Eighteen area cultural organizations have indicated they plan to participate, Cerveris said.

Expansion to include scholar-in-residence

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a full load. Now faculty members will be free to give much more direction to the honor students working with them," Galgano said.

The individual departmental reading for honors programs in which the student works within a tutorial framework with a faculty member also are being strengthened.

"While many of our graduate programs offer the one-on-one relationship between faculty member and student, the newly-structured undergraduate honors program will allow our faculty to become involved in intellectual interchange with excellent students at the lower level," Galgano noted.

"I expect the introduction of the Interdisciplinary Honors major—a 'contract major'—may be the most exciting development from the superior student's viewpoint," he added.

Under the new program, a student, who—after taking the three introductory seminars and English 201 Honors—has a 3.5 or better grade point average, may sit down with two or more faculty members from different departments and draw up a program of study using existing courses as well as designing new courses.

"Basically, those last two years of study would be primarily tutorial with the program tailored to the student's own interests," Galgano said.

"For example, a student interested in a journalism career might want to work with a faculty committee from the Political Science and Journalism departments to develop a specialized program in political journalism," he continued.

"The Interdisciplinary Honors major will provide the excellent student an opportunity to develop his interest in more than one discipline and to see the relationship between various disciplines," the program director said.

In addition to the introductory honors seminars, a Scholar-in-Residence program, an upper level seminar, will be offered for the first time in the Spring of 1981. The seminar will focus on a contemporary man of letters whose work cuts across disciplines. Students would read his work, study what others have said about it and then hear what the author himself has to say in day-to-day contact with the author during his residency on Marshall's campus.

"We also hope to schedule periodic colloquiums through which honor students, faculty members and townspeople can explore issues of common interest," Galgano added.

"The Honors Program and the new major are university-wide programs, utilizing faculty from all academic divisions," he stressed, adding that "there is a real administrative and faculty commitment to the program."

"As Marshall attracts more of the academically-gifted students, the need to challenge these young people intellectually becomes more and more important. The Honors Program will provide that challenge to excel," the provost commented.

"The Honors Program through its multi-disciplinary approach and small class setting offers the excellent student the chance to escape the rigid confines of a single discipline and to develop his critical faculties from the moment he enters the program—not later on in his academic career," Galgano said.

Highlight of the two-day event will be a performance by the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra in the Ritter Park Amphitheatre. The highly-respected orchestra will present "A Tribute to Arthur Fiedler" during its performance in the park, scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, according to Mrs. Nancy P. Hindsley, Marshall coordinator of cultural events and director of the Marshall Artists Series. Fiedler, who died recently, was the famed conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra.

The Wheeling orchestra's visit is being sponsored by the Artists Series, the Institute for the Arts and the Marshall Foundation with financial assistance from individual donors and the Arts and Humanities Division of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History, Mrs. Hindsley said.

The two-day celebration will open Saturday at noon with dedication of the sculpture "Continuous Ascent" on Huntington Center Plaza in front of the new Cabell County Library. The final event will be a festival of drama, music and the visual arts to be presented Sunday at 2 p.m. at the 10th Street entrance to Ritter Park by several area cultural organizations.

"Continuous Ascent", designed by John Rietta, was funded by the city government, the Cabell County Commission and the Huntington Urban Renewal Authority with contributions of labor and material by Neighborgall Construction Co., Criss and Shaver, Inc., and Huntington Alloys, Inc.

Providing "live" entertainment and art displays in the park Sunday will be representatives of Community Players, Huntington Endowment for the Arts, Huntington Galleries, Huntington Chamber Orchestra, the Marshall Music Department, Marshall Theatre, the Musical Arts Guild, the Performing Arts Guild of Ashland, Ky. and the Tri-State Arts Association.

All activities of Celebration of the Arts '79 will be free and open to the public.

Provost praises staff

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competent staff in Student Affairs, I believe we can maintain a high level of service to Marshall University's students," Jones added.

Blue has served in his current position since August, 1977. Prior to that, he was director of counseling and group resources in the Student Affairs Division. A member of the Marshall staff since 1970, he also had been a staff counselor in the division.

Blue, 42, is a native of Morgantown, W.Va., and earned his Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Arts degree in rehabilitation and counseling from West Virginia University. He has taken additional graduate work in counseling and psychology at Marshall.

Survey forms sought

Staff members who have not returned the Staff Personnel Opinions and Suggestions Survey forms to the Personnel Office are requested to do so by Friday, Sept. 7, according to Ray Nissen, MU personnel director.

"Many meaningful suggestions already have been received," Nissen said. "The more forms we receive, the better idea we will be able to have of staff concerns," he added.

The forms were distributed in mid-August to all staff members. If you did not receive one and would like to fill out the survey form, contact the Personnel Office, 6455.