McKown named VP/dean of Med School

Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr. has been promoted to vice president and dean of the Marshall University School of Medicine, according to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke.

McKown currently is chairman of the school's Department of Radiology. He will succeed Dean Lester R. Bryant, who begins work at the University of Missouri-Columbia January 1. McKown already had been named interim dean for the period immediately following Bryant's departure.

"From the time the School of Medicine opened its doors -- and even before -- Dr. McKown has been one of its strongest leaders and most ardent supporters," Dr. Nitzschke said. "Certainly his associates at the medical school and in the community have the greatest respect for him.

"There's absolutely no question in my mind that he's the best person for this job," he said. "He'll be taking charge at a time we've got some real forward momentum going, and he'll be able to build on that momentum and take us even higher in serving patients, educating students, and pursuing research."

McKown's strong West Virginia ties make him an especially good choice for the post, according to A. Michael Perry, chairman of Marshall's Institutional Board of Advisors.

"Dr. McKown is a West Virginia native, and he has in a very real way invested his life here," said Perry. "He received much of his education in our state's schools and has spent his professional career here as well. His years as a West Virginia student and a physician have given him great insight into our state's needs; his experience as a leader will enable him to effectively address them."

McKown became professor and chairman of radiology in 1975. In addition to his teaching and medical duties, he has headed several key school of medicine committees including the admissions committee, the search committee for a new dean in 1984, the search committee for a Department of Surgery chairman, and the steering committee for the medical alumni association.

"As anyone who knows me can attest, I have a great love for the school of medicine," McKown said. "We've got a mission that's perhaps even more important today than it was a decade ago -- to improve rural and veteran health care while educating medical students -- and a group of good, dedicated people working to carry out that mission."

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Med School produces family practitioners

A national study shows that the Marshall University School of Medicine was 28 percent above the national average in the number of graduates entering family practice residencies in 1987.

The study published in the journal Family Medicine showed that 15.4 percent of Marshall's 1987 medical graduates, compared to 12 percent nationwide, entered family practice residencies. The study was prepared by Gordon Schmittling of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

"Because we put such a high value on preparing students for careers in primary care, we're especially delighted to see these numbers," said School of Medicine Dean Lester R. Bryant. "Of course, family practice is just one of the primary-care specialties -- overall, about two-thirds of our graduates enter these fields, which include general internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology.

"We've been extremely pleased over the years with the feedback we get from directors of the residency training programs our graduates enter," he added. "Whether they enter these important primary-care fields or highly competitive subspecialties, residency directors have ranked them very high in their training programs."

A review of Schmittling's previous studies shows that the percentage of Marshall medical graduates entering family practice residencies has been above the national average for six consecutive years, and was more than twice the national average in 1985 and 1986.

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Wilkin heads WVCCA

Dr. F. David Wilkin, dean of Marshall University's Community College, has been elected president of the West Virginia Community College Association for 1988-89.

Wilkin was elected during the organization's recent annual conference held at Pipestem State Park. He presided over the conference, which utilized the theme "Assessment: A Foundation of Quality."

Wilkin has been dean of the MU Community College since 1983. He is a West Virginia native and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from West Virginia University. He received his Doctor of Education Administration degree from Harvard University.

Prior to accepting his position at Marshall, Wilkin was dean of administrative services at Thornton Community College, South Holland, Ill., and served as associate (Continued on page 2)
John Walden appointed associate dean

Dr. John B. Walden of the Marshall University School of Medicine has become the school's associate dean for medical school development, Dean Lester R. Bryant has announced.

Dr. Bryant said the position is a new one designed to expand the outreach programs of the school in several ways.

"Dr. Walden will be in charge of developing or expanding outreach programs that have both immediate and long-term effects on health care for West Virginians," Bryant said. "He’ll be working to identify and counsel the high school students who will be our physicians of the future, to give medical students more opportunities to learn in rural settings, and to take more medical specialty services to people in rural areas.

"Because of Dr. Walden’s strong background in providing rural health care, there is no one better qualified to lead these programs," he added.

Walden has been associate chairman of the Department of Family and Community Health since 1987. He will continue many of his responsibilities in that department, such as caring for patients and serving as director of the family practice residency training program and the international health program.

A third-generation family physician from rural Lincoln County, he took his undergraduate degree at the University of Virginia and received his M.D. from the West Virginia University School of Medicine.

Following an internship at the U.S. Public Health Hospital in the Canal Zone, he studied clinical tropical medicine at Gorgas Memorial Laboratory in Panama, the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in England.

Walden was director of the Family Practice Clinic in West Hamlin from 1971 to 1981. He joined the School of Medicine’s volunteer faculty in 1978 and its full-time faculty in 1982.

He has been chairman of the Family Practice Section of Cabell Huntington Hospital, a member of the board of directors of the state chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and a member of Marshall’s Faculty Senate.

He also is the founder and principal officer of Friends of Gentle People, a charitable association of physicians working with jungle-dwelling Indian tribes of South America.

McKown accepts post

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that mission. It’s a real pleasure to be able to step in and help the school move forward."

Current medical school dean Bryant praised Nitzschke’s choice of successor.

"In the three years that I have been dean, I’ve been very impressed with Dr. McKown’s grasp of the ‘big picture’ surrounding our medical school," Bryant said. "He knows the challenges we face, and he’s ready to meet them.

"Perhaps more than anyone else, he recognizes the tremendous contributions this school makes to the people of our state," he added. "I’m confident he will make an excellent dean."

McKown, a Huntington native, graduated from Wayne High School and earned an A.B. degree from West Virginia University and a B.S. degree from the WVU School of Medicine. He received his M.D. degree from the Medical College of Virginia, where he also served his internship. He took additional postgraduate training at McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital, and the National Institutes of Health.

He has served on the state’s Radiologic Technology Licensing Board of Examiners since 1976. He also has been vice president of the West Virginia Radiological Society and president of the Cabell County Medical Society and the West Virginia Division of the American Cancer Society. He has had military service with the U.S. Army Medical Corps and the U.S. Public Health Service.

He is an elected member of the Huntington-Cabell Park and Recreation Board and a member of the Huntington YMCA Board of Directors.

Library schedule set

Marshall University’s James E. Morrow Library will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24-26.

The library will resume normal operating hours on Sunday, Nov. 27, when it will be open from 1 to 10 p.m.
Werthammer named pediatrics chairman

Dr. Joseph W. Werthammer of Huntington is the new chairman of the Department of Pediatrics of the Marshall University School of Medicine, Dean Lester R. Bryant has announced.

Werthammer is the founder of Pediatrics Inc. and director of the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at Cabell Huntington Hospital. He is no stranger to the School of Medicine, having served 10 years on its part-time and volunteer faculties.

"Dr. Werthammer has played a very important role in pediatrics in our community," Dr. Bryant said. "His success in developing the Newborn Intensive Care Unit has proven his ability to recognize a need, put together the resources and people to meet that need, and develop a thriving component of pediatrics in this community."

Grad Committee meets

(The following summary of the Oct. 17 and Oct. 31 meetings of the Marshall University Graduate Committee was submitted by the committee secretary.)

The Graduate Committee has been reviewing, at length, the criteria for graduate faculty membership. Included in the new guidelines will be an attempt to get a reduced teaching load for a certain portion of the graduate faculty each semester.

The Nov. 6, 1988, deadline for recertification of graduate faculty membership was extended until such time as the revised Graduate Faculty Membership Guidelines are in place. The committee expects that to be this semester. The three subcommittees of the Graduate Committee will be represented as follows:
- Credentials Subcommittee—Wayne Taylor, chairman; Will McCumbee, Dayal Singh, Mark Simmons, David Swain, Robert Clark and Robert Olson;
- Curriculum Subcommittee—Robert Johnson, chairman; Dewey Sanderson, N. Bennett East, Allan Stern, Monica Valentic, Martin Amerikaner and Dallas Brozik;

Honors faculty sought

Marshall University faculty members are invited to submit proposals for Interdisciplinary Honors courses to be offered beginning in the 1990 Spring Semester.

Proposals can be informal, but should include a title, statement of theme and a few suggested readings, according to Dr. Donna J. Spindel, director of the Honors Program.

Honors courses normally are taught by a team of two faculty members from different disciplines. Instructors receive release time from one three-hour course and a $100 grant from the Honors Program for the purchase of books or professional materials.

Proposals may be submitted to Dr. Donna Spindel, director of the MU Honors Program. To obtain further details contact Dr. Spindel, 696-2719 or 696-2308.

"He is an enthusiastic, energetic physician who has shown a great commitment to our region," he added. "His knowledge of medicine, his ability to teach students and residents, and his leadership qualities will, I think, remarkably strengthen our educational program in pediatrics."

Werthammer, who is board-certified both in pediatrics and the specialty of newborn medical care, will continue to maintain a part-time role in the private sector.

A native of Huntington, he received his bachelor's degree from Marshall and his M.D. degree from West Virginia University. He served his internship and residency at the University of California-San Diego, where he was chief resident in pediatrics during his final year.

He also spent two years at Harvard Medical School as a research fellow in neonatology, the specialty of newborn medical care.

He has had scientific articles printed in such journals as the Journal of Pediatrics, Pediatric Radiology, and the American Heart Journal. He also is co-author of a chapter in the book "Respiratory Emergencies."

He is president of the West Virginia chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, treasurer of the Cabell County Medical Society, and a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Richard Goode will present Dec. 5 concert

Richard Goode, an acclaimed pianist and Beethoven interpreter, will perform for the Marshall University Artists Series on Monday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Goode recently recorded the complete Beethoven sonatas for Book-of-the-Month-Records and performed the five Beethoven piano concerti with the Baltimore Symphony.

His performance for the MU Artists Series will include two works by Beethoven: "Sonata No. 16 in G Major, Op. 31, No. 1" and "Sonata No. 28 in A Major, Op. 101."


Tickets will be $10 and $15 for the general public. Marshall students with valid identification and activity cards will receive free tickets.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

MU group will perform

The Marshall University Symphonic Band, co-directed by Michael McArtor and Dr. Richard Lemke, will present its fall concert on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The concert will be open to the public free of charge.
Sports medicine conference scheduled

West Virginia family physicians and other health and sports caregivers will gather in Huntington Dec. 2-4 for a sports medicine conference and a meeting focusing on infectious diseases, diabetes and other topics. The three-day event is co-sponsored by the state chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Family Medicine Foundation of West Virginia, and the Marshall University School of Medicine’s Division of Sports Medicine and Department of Family and Community Health.

Dance company will perform for series

"Autobahn," a fast-paced view of our past, present and future through dance, will be presented for the Marshall Artists Series on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Named after the famous German highways, "Autobahn" was created by Tony Brown and Kari Margolis of the Adaptors Movement Theatre in New York City.

The production features original compositions and arrangements by Neil Alexander and Charles Haynes, lighting design by Peter Anderson, videos by Margolis and Brown and costumes by Margolis.

The Adaptors Movement Theatre will combine mime, dance and theatre in the multi-media production. "Autobahn" conjures up associations of everyday life in the United States by using objects such as ironing boards, corn flakes, space shuttles, robots, hair dryers and barbeques to convey a witty, emotionally charged look at life.

Tickets will be $5 for adults and $2.50 for youth 17 and younger. Marshall students with valid identification and activity cards will receive free tickets.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

Mahon named coordinator

Jan Mahon of Madison has been named coordinator of student activities and organizations at Marshall University, according to Dr. Nell C. Bailey, vice president/dean for student affairs at Marshall.

Ms. Mahon received her bachelor’s degree from Marshall and currently is working on her master’s degree.

She previously worked at Marshall as interim coordinator of student activities, residence hall programmer and interim head resident in Holderby Hall. She also served as a graduate assistant to Marshall’s Student Activities and Organizations Office.

In her new position, she will be involved in developing student programming and leadership training programs, advising the university’s Campus Entertainment Unlimited organization and coordinating student organizations.

Former Olympic gold medalist Nancy Hogshead will be one of the meeting’s featured speakers. Hogshead, a swimmer who won three gold medals and a silver medal in 1984, will speak on exercise-induced asthma.

The agenda also includes speakers from Harvard Medical School, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, the Joslin Diabetes Center, and several other institutions. The presentations will address topics ranging from sports medicine of wheelchair athletes to community-acquired pneumonia to managing illnesses in children who attend day-care centers.

The meeting will be at Huntington’s Radisson Hotel. General activities will begin with a luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and will conclude at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

Registration fees are $135 for physicians, $65 for non-physicians attending the entire conference, $30 for non-physicians attending only the Dec. 2 sports medicine conference, and $10 for resident physicians and medical students.

Registration forms and information are available from the Marshall University School of Medicine, 696-7018, or the West Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians at 776-1178.

Library Committee meets

(The following report on the Oct. 28 meeting of the Marshall University Library Committee was submitted by Sara B. Staats, secretary.)

The Library Committee met Friday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m. with 10 members present and five absent.

Josephine Fidler, interim library director, presented the 1988-89 budget for approval. Items of particular interest were carry-over expenses from last year; a special projects item of $12,000, and the escalating prices of serials.

Ms. Fidler stated that monies for supplies and equipment were committed to automation needs—hardware and software.

The crucial need for more public terminals and more memory for the system was not dealt with in this budget. Preliminary findings from the Black Studies inventory were to be presented to the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee by Ms. Fidler on Nov. 11. No recommendations will be made until the library’s holdings have been ascertained.

The budget was approved as presented. The next committee meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 2, at 1 p.m. at the library.

Excused absences...

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

NOV. 3-5—ROTC cadets who attended Army Orientation at Fort Knox, Ky.

NOV. 9-13—Melanie Gapp, James Deakin.
Marshall faculty/staff achievements

Dr. DOROTHY HICKS, professor of health, physical education and recreation, and Dr. BETTY ROBERTS, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, coordinated the fourth annual Hardee's Fun Run for Kids at Ritter Park on Sunday, Nov. 6. They were assisted by the PE 218 classes. Ninety-nine children ages five through 12 participated in the event. Hardee's provided T-shirts and refreshments for the participants.

Dr. WILLIAM E. COFFEY, assistant vice president for academic affairs, presented a paper titled "A Faculty Information and Planning System and Marshall University" at the annual conference of the Professional and Organizational Development Network held Oct. 16 at Keystone, Colo. In January, Dr. COFFEY will resign to accept the position of associate dean, faculty relations, at the Chancellor's Office of The California State University-Long Beach.

JAMSHID HAGHIGHI, assistant professor in the MU Computer and Information Science Department, coordinated an Artificial Intelligence Satellite Symposium at Marshall on Nov. 10. The symposium was sponsored by Texas Instruments and the Marshall Computer and Information Science Department. The main topic for the symposium was "AI and the Knowledge Worker Productivity Challenge: The Payoff and the Potential."

Dr. THOMAS J. MANAKKIL, professor of physics, has been appointed to the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) Nominating Committee by the AAPT Executive Board. He was appointed to the committee during the organization's last meeting in Crystal City, Va. He will serve a three-year term on the committee. MANAKKIL has served as chairman of the Nominating Committee for officers for the AAPT Section Representatives. The AAPT has 45 regional sections across the United States and Canada.

Professors RICHARD J. BAZY, NICOLA ORSINI, THOMAS J. MANAKKIL, and WESLEY L. SHANHOLTZER of the Department of Physics and Physical Sciences attended the annual meetings of the Appalachian Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers held October 14-15 at Davis and Elkins College. MANAKKIL presented a paper titled "Exposure from Radon and its Daughter Nuclides in West Virginia, a Radiological Overview" at the meeting.

Dr. LINDA SPATIG and Dr. ROBERT BICKEL of the Educational Foundations Department co-authored two papers which they presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Studies Association held Nov. 2-4 in Toronto. The papers were: "Teaching Social Foundations to Undergraduates: A Case Study Comparison of Two Approaches" and "Teaching Social Science Concepts with Ethnographic Material." SPATIG also participated in a symposium titled "Teaching the Foundations: Sharing Syllabi."

Dr. MARTIN AMERIKANER, associate professor of psychology, was the senior author of a paper titled "Social Interest as a Predictor of Vocational Satisfaction" published in the fall issue of Individual Psychology. He also has been named to the editorial board of the Journal of Counseling and Development.

MARIA CARMEN RIDDLE, assistant professor of modern languages, presented a paper titled "Lo gallego en 'Tristura' de Elena Quirga" at the Galician Studies Conference held Nov. 10-12 at Brown University, Providence, R.I.

Dr. W. BLAKER BOLLING, associate professor of management, chaired the "Computer Applications in Production and Operations Management" session at the Southern Management Association meeting held Nov. 2-5 in Atlanta.

PAMELA FORD, catalog librarian, participated in an in-service day for the staff of the Western Regions Libraries on Nov. 11 at the Cabell County Public Library. Her presentation was titled "MARC Field Tagging."

JOSEPHINE FIDLER, interim library director, and KAY WILDMAN, music librarian, attended the fall meeting of the Board of Regents Library Resources Advisory Committee held Nov. 11 at West Virginia Northern Community College, Wheeling campus.

Journalism School will hold scholastic program

Fourteen leading high school journalists from West Virginia and surrounding states will be honored next spring by Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism. The students will get an introduction to university life through Marshall's Scholastic Journalism Program, said Professor Dwight Jensen, its director.

"We are now inviting nominations of high school juniors and seniors who have made significant contributions to their school newspapers and yearbooks," Jensen explained. The winners will visit Marshall for three days, attend classes, work on university publications and live in a residence hall. Guiding them will be a "college companion" advanced journalism student.

Invitations have been sent to schools throughout West Virginia and in several adjacent states. Nominations are due by Dec. 2.

"The Student Journalism Program has been highly effective - both for students and Marshall - in recent years," Jensen said. "It has helped many young people make up their minds about career goals, and many have decided on attending our journalism school."

The W. Page Pitt School of Journalism currently serves nearly 500 students. It offers sequences of study in news-editorial, magazine and broadcast journalism, public relations and advertising, and has a graduate program leading to a master's degree.

Adkins gets scholarship

Sharon Kay Adkins, a business management technology major at Marshall University's Community College, has been awarded a $500 scholarship by the Tri-State Purchasing Management Association Inc., according to Dr. F. David Wilkin, Community College dean.

Ms. Adkins, a graduate of Barboursville High School, plans to graduate from the MU Community College in May 1989.
Former Kampuchean prisoner to speak

Marshall University's Center for International Studies will sponsor a presentation by Kassie Neou, a former Cambodian teacher and prisoner of the Kampuchean communists, on Monday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

According to a biography from Amnesty International, Neou was an English teacher in Phnom Penh. In 1975, when the Kampuchean communists defeated forces of the Khmer Republic, the communists entered Phnom Penh, separated the city and forced everyone to leave.

Neou was unable to return home and was separated from his family who had been in a different section of the city.

Since intellectuals and others were being singled out and executed, Neou pretended to be a peasant. After several months of being forced to work long hours under harsh conditions with little food, Neou was overheard speaking English.

He was arrested and charged with membership in the United States Central Intelligence Agency. He was imprisoned for eight months and managed to stay alive because of his ability to tell entertaining stories. The prison guards were usually 14 or 15 years old and liked to hear his stories.

Neou claimed he knew some English because he had been a taxi driver and often picked up Americans at hotels before 1975. He was able to convince his interrogator and was released from prison.

He spent several months attempting to escape to Thailand and eventually made his way to the United States, where he is now a taxi driver and mechanic in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Clair W. Matz, director of the MU Center for International Studies, said Neou's presentation will be open to the public free of charge. There will be a reception prior to the presentation from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Alumni Lounge.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Center for International Studies, 696-2465.

Publication suspended

The Marshall University Newsletter will not be published next week, Nov. 24, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The newsletter will resume publication Thursday, Dec. 1. The deadline for submitting items for the newsletter is 10 a.m. on the Tuesday preceding the publication date. Lengthy items should be submitted as soon as possible prior to the submission deadline.

Items should be submitted to the University Relations Office, 102 Old Main.

Health libraries closing

The Marshall University Health Science libraries will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24-26, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

They will be open Wednesday, Nov. 23, until 4:30 p.m. and resume regular hours on Sunday, Nov. 27, when they will open from 1 to 10 p.m.

Marshall Opera Theatre will present operetta

The Marshall University Opera Theatre, directed by Linda Ekum-Dobbs, will present the operetta "Once Upon a Christmas" on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Johnson Memorial Methodist Church in Huntington.

Based on a story by Leo Tolstoy, the operetta depicts the awaiting of a Christmas miracle in a poor Russian village during the 1800s. The music was written by Owen Hatch.

The MU Opera Theatre will repeat the performance on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. at the St. Mary's Church in Marietta, Ohio.

Both performances will be open to the public free of charge.

Guitar concert slated

The Marshall University Guitar Ensemble, under the direction of Matthias Stegmann, will present its fall concert on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. Featured works will be by Giuliani, Tarrega, Bach, Smith-Brindle, Telemann, Milan and Carcassi.

The concert will be open to the public free of charge.

Trader gets scholarship

David W. Trader of St. Marys, a criminal justice graduate student at Marshall University, has been awarded a $1,000 scholarship for the 1988-89 academic year by the West Virginia Sheriff's Association.

Trader received one of two scholarships presented statewide by the West Virginia Sheriff's Association, an educational organization comprised of sheriffs from throughout the state.

The association awarded the scholarships for the first time this year, but plans to award scholarships on an annual basis to West Virginia college students.