Medical School receives $310,500 for study

A $310,500 research grant from one of the nation's largest drug companies has been received by the Marshall University School of Medicine, according to Dr. Robert W. Coon, dean of the school.

The funds from Merck, Sharp & Dohme, a division of Merck & Co., Inc., were awarded to the MU medical school's Department of Medicine for a two-year efficacy study of the pharmaceutical firm's respiratory syncytial (RS) virus vaccine, Coon said.

"This is one of the most significant research grants currently held by the Marshall School of Medicine," Coon said. "We are pleased that the Merck Company has recognized our commitment to primary care medicine in this manner."

The study may result in the elimination by immunization of one of the major childhood respiratory viruses.

"The RS virus, a distant relative of the measles and mumps virus, is the single most important virus causing upper and lower respiratory infections in infants and young children," Coon said.

Dedication scheduled by School of Nursing

A formal dedication program to commemorate the establishment of the Marshall University School of Nursing will be held Monday, Sept. 25, at 1:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall, Dr. Virginia O. Allen, school dean, announced today.

The event is open to the public and will be followed by a reception in the Alumni Lounge of Memorial Student Center. Invitations have been sent to the area's nursing schools, hospitals and other health-related agencies.

Marshall's nursing education program dates back to 1960 when the university initiated the first two-year Associate in Science in Nursing degree in West Virginia. Again in 1975, Marshall led the state with the development of an upper division Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program for registered nurses.

In November, 1977, the state Board of Regents, recognizing the program's growth, approved reorganization of the two departments into a School of Nursing, effective July 1.

"Often when a new school is developed, there is a special ceremony to mark its opening," Dr. Allen said. "The dedication of a school serves as a rededication of its personnel to its goals, while at the same time creating an awareness within the community of this new entity."

The guest speaker for the dedication will be Dr. Patricia Haase, director of the nursing curriculum project of the Southern Regional Education Board. She will be introduced by Mrs. Bonnie Douglas, director of Marshall's Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program.

Challenges to the school will be issued by Jane Fotos, executive director of the West Virginia Nurses Association, and Jane Alderman of the West Virginia League for Nursing. Mrs. Fotos is a former MU nursing faculty member.

Also taking part in the program will be MU President Robert B. Hayes; Dr. Robert W. Coon, MU medical school dean; Mrs. Jeanne DeVos, director of the MU Associate in Science in Nursing degree program, and Mrs. Jane Shepherd, MU professor of music. Dr. Allen, who joined the Marshall administrative staff as dean of the new school in July, will preside.

57 are appointed to full-time teaching staff

Fifty-seven new faculty members have joined Marshall University's full-time instructional staff, according to Dr. Noel Richards, MU vice president for academic affairs.

Included in that total, Richards pointed out, is a visiting professor of speech, David K. Peacock, from The Polytechnic, Yorkshire, England.

The new faculty members include: Dr. Jimmie L. Adkins, assistant professor of education; Dr. Virginia O. Allen, professor of nursing and dean, School of Nursing; Elizabeth M. Beech, assistant professor of sociology/anthropology; Dr. Robert B. Belsha, associate professor of medicine; Dr. Robert E. Burch, professor of medicine; Dr. James A. Coil, associate professor of surgery; Dr. Jon Cooksey, professor of medicine; Dr. Lloyd E. Croy associate professor of education; Dr. Richard L. Curry, assistant professor of pediatrics; Elizabeth B. Devereaux, assistant professor of psychiatry; Dr. William W. Doyle, assistant professor of bible and religion; Susan K. Fabry, instructor in nursing; Dr. Bertram W. Gross, assistant professor of speech; Dr. Hilary Q. Harper Jr., associate professor of criminal justice; Dr. David K. Heyding, associate dean for clinical/academic affairs and professor of community medicine;

U.S. Army Major Frank E. Hopkins Jr., assistant professor of military science; Dr. John L. Hubbard, assistant professor (Continued on Page 4)

REMEMBER

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED IN STADIUM. The state law which prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages at Fairfield Stadium will be strictly enforced by university police officers. Spectators will not be permitted to carry containers of any type into the stadium.
Rhodes Fellowships for Women are available to graduates interested in undertaking advanced graduate studies at Oxford University.

Interested applicants may obtain applications and further details by contacting Dr. E. S. Hanrahan, College of Science, Old Main 115, Telephone 696-2372.

EMERITUS CLUB

The Marshall Emeritus Club will have a luncheon meeting Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 12:15 at the UpTowner Inn. Mrs. Ruth Derbyshire and her son, Charles, will discuss their recent visit with the president of the Philippines.

CC COORDINATOR

Marjorie Keatley of Huntington has been appointed coordinator of the Clerical Studies Program in the Marshall University Community College.

Miss Keatley, 26, has been secretary to the dean of the College of Business since 1974 and has held various clerical positions in Summers County. She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in business education at Marshall.

First Huntington National contributes to MU Foundation

The First Huntington National Bank has made a "significant" contribution to the Marshall University Foundation's Annual Giving Program, designated for the university's greatest needs, according to Dr. Bernard Queen, executive director of the foundation.

"We are very pleased with this gesture of support from the leading financial institution in our area," Queen said. "It is an important demonstration of the recognition by the banking and business communities of the need for shared responsibilities toward the continuing development of Marshall University and the larger community."

The gift was presented by Robert J. Delaney, Jr., president of the bank.

1,800 marching musicians featured in half-time show

More than 1,800 marching musicians will present the half-time show at the Marshall University-Appalachian State football game Saturday, Sept. 16, in Fairfield Stadium.

Marshall's 150-member Thundering Herd Marching Band will be joined by approximately 1,700 musicians from 21 high school bands in the "Band Day" production, according to W. Richard Lemke, director of Marshall bands.

Their half-time show will be a massive salute to Walt Disney. The Marshall band will lead the event with the "Mickey Mouse March" and the high school bands will join to play a "Mary Poppins" medley, "When You Wish Upon A Star," and a special arrangement, "Disco While You Work."

"Some of the bands are marching in the WOWK-TV Community Day Parade Saturday morning," Lemke said. The huge group will rehearse the half-time show at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fairfield Stadium.

Band Day was a cooperative idea between the Marshall Music and Athletic departments, Lemke said. "The Marshall band welcomes the opportunity to introduce high school bands to the flavor of a university band and campus life," he commented.

SUMMER STIPENDS

Marshall University again will have the opportunity to nominate three faculty members for the 1979 Summer Stipends of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The $2,500 stipend provides two months of study and research. Faculty members interested should contact Dr. Paul D. Stewart, Graduate School dean, by Sept. 27.

FELLOWSHIPS

The Indo-United States Subcommission of Education and Culture has announced its Indo-American Fellowship Program for advanced research in India during 1979-80. Approximately 12 long-term and nine short-term fellowships will be awarded. Application deadline is Nov. 1. Applicants must be U.S. citizens at the post-doctoral or equivalent level. Additional information is available in the College of Liberal Arts.

DOCTORATE EARNED

Virginia D. Plumley, a Marshall University assistant professor of educational media, received the Ph.D. degree from Kent State University on Aug. 26, according to Dr. Noel J. Richards, MU vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Plumley's dissertation is entitled "Relationship Between Faculty Concerns and Their Attitudes Toward Collective Bargaining at Marshall University."

Campus job openings...

The Personnel Office has announced the following campus employment opportunities:

Assistant Director, Development, closes Oct. 9;
Registered Nurse, Psychiatric Department, closes Sept. 18;
Research Assistant, Pharmacology Department, closes Sept. 18;
Clerk Typist II, Financial Aid, closes Sept. 18;
Secretary I, School of Nursing, closes Sept. 18;
Library Clerk II, School of Medicine, closes Sept. 18;
Keypunch Operator I, Computer Center, closes Sept. 18;
Laboratory Assistant II, Microbiology Department, closes Sept. 18.

For additional information, or to apply, contact the MU Personnel Office, Old Main 207.

Methodists name

Dr. Deel 'layman of year'

A Marshall University administrator has been named 1978 Layman of the Year by the West Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. William S. Deel, assistant vice president for academic affairs and assistant professor of education at Marshall, was honored at a banquet of the United Methodist Men's Fellowship in Buckhannon.

The award recipient attends Milton United Methodist Church where he has been a lay leader, a member of the administrative board and a delegate to the annual state conference.

He currently is chairman of the Huntington District Council on Ministries of the United Methodist Church and was named Layman of the Year from the district in 1974-75.

Deel also is a member of the Board of Higher Education of the Council on Ministries for the West Virginia Conference.
Elinore Taylor adapts book for stage

The book, “They’ll Cut Off Your Project,” by Huey Perry, has been fictionalized and adapted for the stage by Elinore Taylor, assistant professor of English.

The play will be presented at Marshall in Old Main Auditorium Dec. 7-8 under the direction of Dr. William Denman, associate professor of speech.

(Perry is the brother of Dr. Simon Perry, professor of political science and departmental chairman.) Following the production, and using the dramatization as catalyst, there will be an exchange of views between a three member panel and the audience on the issue, “Involving the Poor in Public Policy Decisions,” a concern central to the play’s theme.

Panel members will include: Dr. Ancella Bickley, vice president for administration and personnel at West Virginia State College; Dr. Troy Stewart, assistant professor of political science, and Jerry Hildebrand, owner of the Lock, Stock and Barrel Restaurant in Williamson.

This dramatization and discussion is sponsored by the Marshall University Foundation and was made possible by a $5,773 grant from the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia, the state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, according to Ms. Taylor, project director.

New faculty members...

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of chemistry; Dr. John A. Hunt, associate professor of surgery; Dr. Roger F. Leonard, assistant professor of pharmacology and medicine; Dr. William C. Lowe, assistant professor of history; Dr. Roland L. Madison, associate professor of accounting; Dr. Pamela R. McGuire, assistant professor of speech; Dr. James T. McQueeney, assistant professor of modern languages;

Dr. Donald E. Melnick, assistant professor of pharmacology; Dr. M. Paul Millet, associate professor of anatomy; Dr. Albert G. Moat, professor of microbiology; Dr. Michael R. Moore, assistant professor of biochemistry; Dr. Wayne Morges, assistant professor of microbiology; Dr. Alexander Nies, professor of psychiatry; Diana R. Owens, instructor in nursing; Dr. Gary O. Rankin, assistant professor of pharmacology; Dr. Donald S. Robinson, professor of pharmacology and medicine;

Dr. Philip J. Rusche, professor of education and dean, College of Education; Dr. Kenneth S. Scher, assistant professor of surgery; Dr. Nancy S. Scher, assistant professor of medicine; Dr. William M. Schmitt, assistant professor of family practice; Dr. Herbert N. Spencer, professor of medicine; Richard D. Stone, assistant professor of marketing; Shirley Tabatabai, instructor in management; Kathy R. Tygart, assistant professor of nursing;

Dr. Lee P. Van Voris, assistant professor of medicine; Dr. Leonard B. Victor, professor of pathology; Dencil K. Backus, instructor in speech; Dr. Ronald Smith, assistant professor of surgery; Dr. George F. Englemann, assistant professor of geology; Patricia W. Jones, instructor in nursing; Patty G. Jones, instructor in education; Kathleen J. Lennon, instructor in nursing; Lawrence R. Nowery, assistant professor of criminal justice; William C. Rogers, instructor in journalism;

Brenda M. Sowry, instructor in psychology, and Allen R. Taylor, instructor in computer and information science.

Appointed to full-time positions with the Community College were: Daniel Patrick O’Hanlon, Legal Assistant Program coordinator; Mrs. Nedra S. Bradley, Paramedic Training Program coordinator; Marjorie Keatley, Clerical Studies Program coordinator, and Mrs. Teresa Ann Jarrell, business and technical mathematics instructor.

Personnel personals

Julie A. Sullivan, daughter of Dr. William P. Sullivan, professor of English, has been employed as an assistant copy editor with the “Saturday Review.”

Proud of an accomplishment of a family member? Want to share some news with your colleagues? The News Letter will be happy to publish such items. Send information through the campus mail to Judith Casto, University Relations Office, Old Main 112, or just stop in and tell her about it.

Death claims

Dr. Robert L. Brown

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 14, in Kingwood for Dr. Robert L. Brown, 60, professor of finance, who died Monday, Sept. 11, at his home. Burial followed in the Mason Town Cemetery.

A native of Reedsville, Brown joined the Marshall faculty in 1974 and currently was serving as acting chairman of the Finance and Business Law Department, College of Business.

He received his undergraduate and master’s degrees from West Virginia University and the Ph.D. degree from University of Florida. He had taught also at Appalachian State University, the University of Florida and WVU.

He was a member of Pea Ridge United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Erma Teets Brown; a son, Robert Lynn Brown of Washington, D.C., one sister and three brothers.

Rifkin to discuss

DNA research implications

Jeremy Rifkin, executive director of the Peoples Business Commission, will speak at Marshall University on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 8 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of Memorial Student Center.

Rifkin’s lecture, entitled “Who Should Play God?,” is described as a discussion of the social, moral and ethical implications of recombinant DNA research and genetic engineering.

(DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, is the active substance of the genes of all living things and thus governs the heredity of all life.)

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the MU Student Activities Lecture and Contemporary Issues Committees.

Rifkin, the founder and director of the Peoples Bicentennial Commission from 1971 to 1976, testified before a House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment in March, 1977. In his testimony as the Peoples Business Commission head, Rifkin called for a four-year moratorium on recombinant DNA research, followed by a National Referendum on the issue.

A graduate of both the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Rifkin is the author of “Common Sense II: The Case Against Corporate Tyranny,” and “Own Your Own Job: Economic Democracy for Working Americans.”
Dr. Wallin S. McCardell, assistant professor of journalism, attended the national convention of the Association for Education in Journalism at the University of Washington in Seattle on Aug. 14-16.

Dr. Howard A. Slaatte, Philosophy Department chairman, represented the humanities on a panel program, "What's Mental Health: Who's To Say," sponsored by the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia, Aug. 17-18 at the West Virginia University Medical Arts Center, Charleston. Slaatte also has served several times as a lecturer on existentialism's relevance to psychiatry at the Traverse City (Mich.) State Hospital.

Dr. Allan Stern, assistant professor of safety, was one of 500 driver education teachers attending the 22nd annual conference of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Association, held in Seattle, Wash., Aug. 13-17. The conference theme was "Doing Things Together."

Dr. Ralph Oberly, associate professor of physics and physical science, held an in-service institute on "Lasers and Holography" on Aug. 31 at John Adams Junior High School. The institute was attended by Kanawha County secondary science teachers.

Volunteers sought...

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infections. The RS virus vaccine is believed to work much the same as the measles and mumps vaccine.

"Of all the children vaccinated with this virus, the only side effects have been a few children with a slight temperature elevation and a mild redness at the site of the injection," Van Voris added.

Several avenues are open to parents interested in having their children enroll in the immunization study program, according to Belshe.

The vaccine will be available through the General Pediatrics Clinic at Family Care Outpatient Clinic (FCOC), located on the first floor of Doctors' Memorial Building at 18th Street and 6th Avenue. Beginning Sept. 18, parents may bring their youngsters into FCOC for the vaccine shots on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Parents may request their child's pediatrician to make arrangements for participation in the study or contact the Department of Medicine directly by calling (304) 696-3617.

"All we ask is that for the next two years if a child, who has been given the vaccine, gets sick with a cold or pneumonia or bronchitis-like infection, the parent contact us immediately," Belshe said. "We will send a nurse to the home to examine the child," he explained.

"Although follow-up care is involved, the medical school physicians will not be supplanting your own family physician," Mufson emphasized.

WANTED: Voices

The Marshall University Choral Union is seeking people who enjoy singing good music, according to Dr. Paul Balshaw, professor of music and director of the mixed chorals group. The Choral Union is open to all members of the campus community—administrators, faculty, staff and students—and Huntington area residents, Balshaw said. "No auditions are necessary," he added.

The first Choral Union session is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Music Hall Room 105. Rehearsals will be held on the following Monday evenings.

The Choral Union will be working on two compositions for this season—Bach's Cantata 140 (Sleepers 'wake) and the Saint Nicholas Cantata by Benjamin Britten.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Balshaw, 3127.