Research Board awards faculty grants

(The following report on the April 28 meeting of the Marshall University Research Board was sub­mitted by Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, acting chair of the Graduate School.)

Dr. Deutsch called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and the minutes of the March 31 meeting were approved. Dr. Deutsch gave brief reports on the External Grants and the University Press committees. He also reported that some of the individuals whose proposals had been approved for funding by the Research Board may not be funded.

Consequently, some of the $25,000 budgeted for the Research Board was going to be transferred to cover these expenses for travel to present papers at profes­sional meetings. However, this $25,000 was trans­ferred before the state cutbacks. Dr. Deutsch will try to see if these people can be reimbursed through other means.

Fifty-four summer research proposals were received

Faculty/staff achievements

School of Medicine faculty, staff and students presented three posters at the annual meeting of the Society of Toxicology. Presenting a poster on "Acetone Effects on N-(3,4-Dichlorophenoxy) Succinate-Induced Nephrotoxicity" were Dr. GARY O. RANKIN, chairman of pharmacology, graduate student H.J. "Stony" LO, lab techlne tech VI V.T. TETS, and acting chairman of anatomy PATRICK I. BROWN. Presenting a poster on "Alteration of Postganglignant Tumor Antigenic Response by Direct Addition of Dexamethasone Treatment" were Dr. MONICA VALENTINO, assistant professor of pharmacology, and CYNNTHIA ELIOTT, lab techlne tech. Graduate student LINDA RANKIN also presented a poster on "Role of Methemoglobinemia in the Nephrotoxic Effect of Acetone." At the 1980 spring meeting of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the American College of Pathologists, Dr. STEBBINS CHANDOR, chairman of pathology, was co-director of two workshops and a speaker for immunopathology workshops. Dr. DELO MADAN, assistant professor of pathology, presented a poster session titled "A Rapid Test for the Detection of Western Distemper Virus in Canines." JASON R. E. WALKER, M.D., presented a poster on "Small Intestine Stimulation and Peristomal Function Secondary to Muscularis Externa Agenesis."

Dr. DANNY WENDING, associate professor of psych­iatry, is co-author of the recently published book "Screening for Brain Impairment: A Manual for Mental Health Practice." He was also chief editor of "The Neuropsychology Handbook: Clinical, Behavioral and Clinical Perspectives" published last year.

Pharmacology graduate student H.J. LO, lab techlne tech VONDA L. TEETS, Acting Chairman of Anatomy PATRICK I. BROWN, and Chairman of Pharmacology GARY O. RANKIN recently had a paper on succinimide nephrotoxicity published in the Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health.

Dr. GARY O. RANKIN has presented three abstracts at the spring West Virginia Academy of Science meeting. Co-authors of the abstracts were graduate student H.J. LO and postdoctoral fellow HSUEN-CHENG SHIH. Pharma­cology and Anatomy faculty, students and staff also presented two abstracts on nephrotoxicity at the April ASHES meeting. In addition to RANKIN, LO, and SHIH, other authors were published tech VONDA L. TEETS and Acting Chairman of Anatomy PATRICK I. BROWN.

for possible funding this year, with 10 from Arts and Humanities, five from Business, nine from Education, nine from Engineering, and five from five, Education received five, Business received three, and Science received two.

The following professors received summer research grants of $2,000 each: Barbara Brown, James Riemer, Joan Marsh, Virginia Mahere, Richard Elinson, Pavlos Michaels, Marjorie McInerney, Sandra McKeel, Robert Evans, David Koontz, Ed Necco, William Wallace, Pratap Desai, and Barbara Brown. Dr. John Hubbard, Tom Manakkil, Allen Arbogast, William Palmer, Clair Matz, Tom Shemy, and Javier Campos. The following students received grants of $350 each: Jeffrey Harmon, Amy Kokesch, Doug Pittman, and Mark Watson.

Dr. Bryan Larsen moved that the board return the two proposals that had been received since the last meeting with the suggestion that the committee be empowered to seek funding elsewhere. The proposal unanimously passed.

Dr. Carl S. Johnson moved that proportions be used to determine the approximate number of grants to be awarded to each college. The motion passed by 10-1 vote.

Dr. Danny Fulks moved that the board award 24 faculty summer research grants at $2,000 each and four summer grants at $350 each. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Prestvagland moved that the college indicate which proposals were to be funded and that the remaining ones be ranked. Dean Deutsch could then allocate the money. The board agreed that they might be funded using proportions as funds become available. The motions unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

"Workshop designed for adults in transition"

"Adults in Transition," a workshop designed for adults who want to enter college to acquire new job skills and career orientations, will be presented at Marshall University May 11-15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The program, which is open to the public free of charge, is specifically designed for adults who are single heads of households, persons who lack job skills, part-time workers seeking full-time employment, and those who need foreign language, divorce, separation or the death of a spouse, according to Janice McNeary, program coordinator.

Participants of the workshop will not be under any obligation to enroll in college. A high school diploma or equivalent will be required at registration.

Topics to be covered will include career planning, aca­demic and personal assessment, computer literacy and study skills, and financial aid.

"Participants will receive individual instruction and aca­demic counseling throughout the five-day program," McNeary said. "The meeting and the classes also will get an orientation to the college environment."

To register for the workshop or obtain further information contact Janice McNeary, Marshall University Communi­ty College, 696-3646.

Dr. David H. Daugherty has been elected president of the Marshall University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

A 1951 honor graduate of Marshall and former student body president, he is a partner in the law firm of Riffe and Daugherty. He was elected to the Alumni Board in 1985 and previously had served on the board from 1959 to 1961. He is married to the former Patricia Ann Neff, a 1953 Marshall graduate.

Other new officers are: Alan R. Simmons of Huntington, first vice president; Dr. Jeffrey M. Poe of Logan, W.Va., second vice president; Donna G. McClure of Saint Marys, treasurer; and Patrick A. Decker, secretary.

Dr. John R. Spears, formerly staff director for the West Virginia Legislature's Commission on Employment Opportunities and Economic Development, has been named interim director of Marshall University's Center for Economic Opportunity.

The Center for Regional Progress was established in 1984 to assist organizations and individuals in the busi­ness, public and private sectors and utilize faculty and staff expertise in scientific, technological and management areas to enhance economic and community development. The board appointed to D. Robert E. Maddox as associate vice president for academic affairs at Marshall.

"The center is designed to serve as a bridge between Marshall and southern West Virginia communities, ena­bling the university to offer its resources to meet eco­nomic and community development needs," said Maddox.

To serve this approach, four types of assistance are offered by the center: technical and research assistance; education and development services; promotional and program development; and writing and planning.

"Proper Attire for the Chancellor"

A buffet honoring the Marshall faculty will be held President Nitzschke's home following the university's 1987 commencement ceremony at 10 a.m., May 9, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Individual invitations will be mailed to all faculty members, according to Mrs. Grace Habeeler of the President's Office.
Alumni Association officers elected (Continued from page 1)

Corp. A 1971 graduate, he was appointed to the Alumni Board in 1985 and was elected to the Board in 1986.

Officers are elected by and from the Association’s Board of Directors. Members of the Board are elected through balloting of active members of the Alumni Association. Each year two members are elected to three-year terms.

Alumni officers elected for 1987-90 and their class years are: John M. Ballenger (B.B.A. 1972) of Charleston,

Sparks appointed (Continued from page 1)
counseling and referral services; continuing education seminars, workshops and lectures, and research and cooperative education programs.

“We are very happy Dr. Sparks has agreed to serve as interim director, replacing Byron Carpenter who died unexpectedly earlier this year,” said Madoo. “He has a wealth of experience in economic development and working with governmental agencies and organizations, as well as individuals in the private business sector. He will be able to step right in and take charge of our existing programs, while at the same time explore new cooperative programs and partnerships.”

A native of Morgantown, Sparks received his bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from West Virginia University.

Prior to accepting the position at Marshall, he served as adjunct associate professor of industrial relations at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies and served in various administrative capacities at Salem College and Glenville State College.

He served as president of the West Virginia Safety Council and chairman of the Governor’s Conference on Safety and Health.

Sparks is a member of the State Health Coordinating Council, the Advisory Legislative Affairs Committee of the Mine Safety and Health Administration, the Bureau of Labor Statistics Labor Research Council, and the U.S. Employment Service.

“Dr. Sparks has been involved in a variety of activities that will be of benefit in Regional Progress,” Madoo said. “He established the AFL-CIO research department in Washington, D.C., and was its first director, and has negotiated more than $30,000,000 in government contracts for education, training and job development programs. He has a number of private sector interests which will enable him to help West Virginia.”

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The next issue of the Marshall University News Letter will be published June 18. During the summer months, the News Letter will be published every other week, remaining published at the fall semester. The deadline for submitting material will remain the Tuesday preceding Thursday publication.


Diane L. Stamper (B.S. 1987) of Charleston, W.Va., administrative assistant, West Virginia Society of CPAs, was re-elected.


All are Huntington residents.

Dr. Sam E. Clagg, retired professor and chairman of Marshall’s Geography Department and acting MU president 1983-85, was re-elected. He received his A.B. degree from Marshall in 1942 and his M.A. degree in 1947.

Two groups approved

(The following report on the April 24 meeting of the Marshall University Student Conduct and Welfare Committee was submitted by Dr. Nell C. Bailey, vice president for student affairs, secretary.)

The Student Conduct and Welfare Committee met April 24 for the last meeting of the academic year.

Board of Trustees, new Student Conduct and Welfare committee president, brought a resolution from the Student Government Association to the committee. The resolution requested an amendment to the Student Board of Directors, that is, to add two new members to the Student Conduct and Welfare Committee. The resolution was “tabled.”

Marcia Lewis, coordinator of judicial affairs, presented seven recommendations from the subcommittee to review the Student Code of Conduct and Procedures Manual and the Greek Code of Conduct and Procedures Manual. All suggestions were approved.

Ms. Lewis also presented three brief new policy statements regarding alcohol, visitation and a beer policy for Buskirk and Holdrege residence halls. All of the recommenda- tions were approved.

Nell Bailey presented suggestions from the subcommittee to update the University Records Policy. The recommendations were approved.

Joe Stone read a letter from Rainey Duke, chairwoman of the University Council, requesting the committee to study the feasibility of a Code of Ethics for Faculty regarding their relationships with students. The request was tabled. It will be transferred to the new committee.

Two new student organizations were approved: the Ministry of Records and the Model League of Arab States Club.

Historic Beech toppled by storm

Down-but not completely out.

That’s the situation of Marshall University’s historic “Old Beech,” victim of a fierce thunderstorm Monday night, April 27.

MU President Dale F. Nitzschke has directed that the fallen tree be stored to permit the wood to dry. At the same time, he asked Vice President for Administration Keith L. Scott to organize a committee which will decide how best to make mementos from the tree and to honor the Old Beech alumni and friends.

That tree literally has sheltered Marshall Academy, Marshall College and nearly Marshall University for 150 years,” Nitzschke said. “It has been a treasured landmark for generations of people who have made Marshall a sig- nificant part of their lives. What we want to do now is to make sure it—and all its parts—to us—is remembered appropriately.

Nitzschke said the committee will include representa- tives of students, staff, faculty and the community, and said suggestions from the public will be welcomed.

About 10 feet of the tree’s trunk was left standing. Nitzschke said the committee also will be asked to recommend whether it should be left in place or removed.

The tree, located at the west end of Marshall’s adminis- tration building, Old Main, is somewhere between 378 and 400 years old. In 1971, Dr. Stanley W. Ash, professor of biological sciences at Marshall indicated the tree at that time was 376 years old, “give or take a year or two.”

The tree’s trunk is marked with initials carved by stu- dents over many decades. Engagements have taken place under the Old Beech, and the community will miss it.

The university staff has struggled to keep the tree alive for the last two decades. Huge holes in its trunk have been “plugged” with concrete and some of its massive limbs were held in place by steel cables.

“With the loss of the Old Beech, it somehow seems appropriate that its long- postponed demise came during this special year of our Sesquicentennial,” Nitzschke said.

Add to that the fact that the tree, this university is recognizing and honoring its proud past while at the same time we are looking toward building an even more significant future.”

Auditions scheduled

The Marshall University Theatre will hold auditions for “The Lion in Winter” on Thursday, May 26, at 6:30 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Non-students and students eligible for audition to the play which will be presented June 25-27.

Two women will be cast for the roles of Eleanor of Aquitaine, King Henry II’s wife, and Alais Capet, a French princess.

Five male roles will be cast: Henry II; Richard the Lion- hearted; Edmund, Eleanor’s second son; John, Henry’s youngest son, and Philip Capet, the King of France.

To obtain further details contact Dr. Elaine A. Novak of Marshall University’s Department of Dance/Dance, Old Main Room B-23, 696-6442.

Faculty/staff achievements

Dr. ROBERT F. MADOX, associate vice president for academic affairs, participated in a panel discussion on “Distressed Communities” during a seminar titled “The Higher Education-Economic Development Con- nection: Making the Partnership Work.” The workshop was sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the National Association of Management and Technical Assistance Centers and SII International. It was held April 30-May 1 in Philadelphia.

Dr. W. JOSEPH WYATT, assistant professor of psychol- ogy, has had an article titled to the humor: “Any- thing of its Death Exaggerated?” published in The Behavior Analyst. The article was co-authored by Robert Hawkins of the Marshall University Psychology Department and student Pamela Davis. WYATT had an article titled “A Survey of Editors of Behavioral Journals” published in the ABA Newsletter. Hawkins and Ms. Davis were co-authors of this arti- cle, which is also a companion piece to the first article.

WYATT also presented a paper, “Saying Silent: A Survey of Clients Losing Eighty Pounds” at the 1986 spring meeting of the West Virginia Psychological Associ- ation. The paper Wyoming was published by Wyoming Watchers, co-authored the paper. He is scheduled to present paper at the Society for Attention Deficit Disorder: Valua- tion of Children’s Self-Reports” at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis later this month.

Georgia student Kristina R. Blount co-authored the paper.


KATHRYN WRIGHT, professor of education, attended the National Invitational Conference on Recruitment and Retention of Minority Students in Teacher Education sponsored by the University of Kentucky at Lexington March 29-April 1.