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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 dean 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.

Originally, 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, none of the money was transferred before the state cutbacks. Dr. Deutsch will try to see if these people can be reimbursed through other means.

Forty-five 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-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-Succinimide-Induced Nephrotoxicity" were Dr. GARY O. RANKIN, chairman of pharmacology, graduate student H.H. "Stony" Lo, lab/med tech V.J. TEETS, and acting chairman of anatomy PATRICK I. BROWN. Presenting a poster on "Alteration of Prostaglandin Formation by the Direct Addition of Doxorubicin" were Dr. MONICA VALENTOVIC, assistant professor of pharmacology, and CYNTHIA ELLIOTT, lab/med tech. Graduate student LO and RANKIN also presented a poster on "Role of Methemoglobinemia in the Nephrotoxic Effects of Chemicals."

At the 1987 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 rounds. At the same meeting, Dr. ELIO MADAN, assistant professor of pathology, presented a poster session titled "A Rapid Test for the Detection of Clostridium Difficile." Fourth-year resident LARKIN E. WALKER, M.D., presented a poster on "Small Intestine Stenosis and Performance Secondary to Muscularis Externa Agenesis."

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

Pharmacology graduate student H.H. LO, lab/med tech VONDA J. 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.H. LO and postdoctoral fellow HSIEN-CHENG SHIH. Pharmacology and Anatomy Department faculty, students and staff also presented two abstracts on nephrotoxicity at the April FASEB meeting. In addition to RANKIN, LO, and SHIH, authors were lab/med tech VONDA J. 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 Social Sciences, and 12 from Science.

Using proportions to determine the number of grants for each college, Arts and Humanities received five grants, Social Sciences received five grants, Education received five, Business received three, and Science received six.

The following professors received summer research grants of \$2,000 each: Barbara Brown, James Riemer, Joan Mead, Charles Mabee, Lee Erickson, Richard Eisenbeis, Pavlos Michaels, Marjorie McInerney, Sandra McKee, Robert Evans, David Koontz, Ed Necco, William Wallace, Protip Ghosh, Ernest Kahle, James Douglass, Don Tarter, John Hubbard, Tom Manakkil, Allen Arbogast, William Palmer, Clair Matz, Tom Shevory and Javier Campos.

The following students received grants of \$350 each: Jeffrey Harmon, Amy Kokesh, 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 faculty members 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 student grants at \$350 each. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bruce Larson moved that the committees from each college indicate which proposals were to be funded and that the remaining ones be ranked. Dean Deutsch could then seek additional money so 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 opportunities, will be presented at Marshall University May 11-15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The program, which is open to the public free of charge, has been specifically designed for individuals who are single heads of households, persons who lack job skills, part-time workers seeking full-time employment and those who need employment because of divorce, separation or the death of a spouse, according to Janice McNearney, 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 for 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," McNearney said, "and they also will get an orientation to the college environment."

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

Daugherty elected alumni president

Huntington attorney David H. Daugherty has been elected president of the Marshall University Alumni Association Board of Directors for 1987-88.

A 1951 honor graduate of Marshall and former student body president, he is a partner in the law firm of Rife and Daugherty. He was elected to the Alumni Board in 1985 and previously had served on the board from 1958 to 1961. He is married to the former Patricia Ann Neff, a 1955 Marshall graduate.

Other new officers are: Alan R. Simmons of Huntington, first vice president; Beatrice Nelson Orr of Logan, W.Va., second vice president; Ronna G. McClure of

Logan, secretary, and Leon K. Oxley of Huntington, treasurer.

Simmons, a 1971 Marshall graduate, is a senior trust officer with The First Huntington National Bank. He has served on the Alumni Board since 1982 and had been treasurer for the past three years. His wife, the former Jean A. Ramsey, received her M.B.A. degree from Marshall in 1985.

Mrs. Orr is supervisor of physical education, health education and girls' athletics with the Logan County Board of Education. She received her B.A. degree in 1952 and her M.A. degree in 1970 and was recipient of the Alumni Association's Alumnus Community Achievement award in 1978. She was elected to the Alumni Board in 1985. Her husband, Thomas B. Orr, graduated from Marshall in 1952.

Ms. McClure, a 1982 Marshall graduate, is marketing director with The National Bank of Logan. She is president of the Logan Chapter of the Alumni Association and was appointed to the Alumni Board in 1986 to fill an unexpired term.

Oxley is an attorney with the Frazier and Oxley Legal

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Spears appointed interim CRP director

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 Regional Progress.

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 technical, scientific and management areas to enhance economic and community development in the region, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, 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;

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Staff to be honored

Marshall University classified staff employees will be honored during an awards luncheon, sponsored by President Dale F. Nitzschke, on Wednesday, May 13, at noon in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Employees who have completed 15, 20, 25 or 30 years of service at Marshall will receive special recognition during the luncheon.

The Staff Council election will be held in conjunction with the luncheon. Balloting for positions on the council will take place at the luncheon and other polling places.

All classified staff employees are encouraged to attend the luncheon. Release time will be granted.

Faculty buffet set

A buffet honoring the Marshall faculty will be held at President Nitzschke's home following the university's 150th Commencement on Saturday, May 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Individual invitations will be mailed to all faculty members, according to Mrs. Grace Haeberle of the President's Office.



'PROPER ATTIRE' FOR THE CHANCELLOR
West Virginia Board of Regents Chancellor Thomas W. Cole, Jr. receives a "Marshall green" jacket from MU President Dale F. Nitzschke during a recent visit to the Marshall campus. The surprise presentation came during a Phi Delta Kappa banquet in Memorial Student Center. The education honorary presented Nitzschke its "Kappan of the Year" award during the banquet.

Alumni Association officers elected

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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 10 members are elected to three-year terms.

At-large directors elected for 1987-90 and their class years are: John M. Ballengee (B.B.A. 1972) of Charleston,

Spears appointed

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counseling and referral services; continuing education seminars, workshops and lectures, and research and cooperative education programs.

"We are very happy Dr. Spears has agreed to serve as interim director, replacing Byron Carpenter who died unexpectedly earlier this year," said Maddox. "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, Spears 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.

Spears 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 American Federation of Teachers.

"Dr. Spears has been involved in a variety of activities that will be of benefit to the Center for Regional Progress," Maddox said. "He established the AFL-CIO research department in Washington, D.C., and administered its \$2,000,000 budget, and has negotiated more than \$30,000,000 in government contracts for education, training and job development programs. He has a number of proven skills that will help the center establish programs to help West Virginia."

Next News Letter June 18

The next issue of the Marshall University News Letter will be published June 18. During the summer terms, the News Letter will be published every other week, resuming regular weekly publication with the fall semester. The deadline for submitting material will remain 10 a.m. on the Tuesday preceding Thursday publication.

W.Va., senior vice president, Charleston National Bank; Becky L. Domokos-Bays (B.S. 1976) of Blacksburg, Va., instructor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Pat J. White (A.B. 1972, M.A. 1974) of Man, W. Va., reading supervisor, kindergarten-sixth grade, Logan County Board of Education. He formerly was the Logan Chapter's representative to the Alumni Board.

Diane L. Slaughter (B.A. 1979) of Charleston, W. Va., administrative assistant, West Virginia Society of CPAs, was re-elected.

Cabell-Wayne Area directors elected are: Richard D. Blenko (B.B.A. 1976), vice president, Blenko Glass, Inc.; Philip E. Cline (B.S. 1955, M.A. 1962), vice president, finance and treasurer, J.H. Fletcher & Co.; Dr. Robert A. Hess (B.S. 1980, M.D. 1984) a physician who will be joining the Huntington Internal Medicine Group, Inc., in June, after completing his residency; Gary A. Pommerenck (B.B.A. 1971), president, C.M. Love & Co. Hardware, and John Jay White (B.A. 1976), president, RJR Drilling Co., Inc. Pommerenck and John Jay White were presidential appointees to the Alumni Board last year. 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.

Brendan Leary, new Student Government Association president, brought a resolution from the Student Government Association to the committee. The resolution requested an amendment to the new Faculty Senate Constitution to add more students to the Student Conduct and Welfare Committee. The resolution was unanimously passed.

Marcia Lewis, coordinator of judicial affairs, presented several 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 Holderby residence halls. All of the statements 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 Institutional Advancement Keith L. Scott to organize a committee which will decide how best to make mementos from the tree available to Marshall alumni and friends.

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

Nitzschke said the committee will include representatives of students, staff, faculty, alumni and the community. He 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 administration building, Old Main, is somewhere between 378 and 398 years old. A study conducted in 1975 by Dr. Stanley W. Ash, professor of biological sciences at Marshall indicated the tree at that time was 376 years old, "give or take 10 years."

The tree's trunk is marked with initials carved by students over many decades. Engagements have taken place under its limbs, as well as wedding ceremonies.

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.

"Although we are saddened by the loss of the Old Beech, it somehow seems appropriate that its long-postponed demise came during this special year of our Sesquicentennial observance," Nitzschke said. "As with 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 Tuesday, May 26, at 6:30 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Non-students and students are eligible to audition for 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 Lionhearted; Geoffrey, Henry'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 Theatre/Dance Department, Old Main Room B-23, 696-6442.



Alan Paller, left, one of the nation's top computer graphics experts, presented a workshop titled "Applications of Computer Graphics and Technical Presentations" at Marshall University April 24. The workshop was attended by approximately 30 participants from area businesses and organizations. Paller is pictured above discussing the workshop with Robert L. Lawson, center, director of continuing education at Marshall's Community College, and Huntington Mayor Robert Nelson.

Faculty/staff achievements

Dr. ROBERT F. MADDOX, associate vice president for academic affairs, participated in a panel discussion on "Distressed Communities" during a seminar titled "The Higher Education-Economic Development Connection: 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 SRI International. It was held April 30-May 1 in Philadelphia.

Dr. W. JOSEPH WYATT, assistant professor of psychology, has had an article titled "Behaviorism: Are Reports of its Death Exaggerated?" published in The Behavior Analyst. The article was co-authored by Robert Hawkins of West Virginia University and graduate 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 article also, which is a companion piece to the first article.

Dr. WYATT also presented a paper titled "Staying Slim: A Survey of Clients Losing Eighty Pounds" at the 1986 spring meeting of the West Virginia Psychological Association. Lynn Pauley, a professional employed by Weight Watchers, co-authored the paper. He is scheduled to present a paper titled "Attention Deficit Disorder: Validity of Children's Self-Reports" at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis later this month. Graduate student Kristina R. Blount co-authored the paper.

Dr. LEONARD J. DEUTSCH, acting dean of the Graduate School, has had an essay published in "The New Consciousness, 1941-1968," a Brucoli Clark Layman Book, Gale Research Company, 1987. The volume is part of the Concise Dictionary of American Literary Biography series.

Dr. 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.