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Rankin gets \$500,000 research grant

Dr. Gary O. Rankin of the Marshall University School of Medicine has received a half-million dollar federal grant to investigate the kidney-damaging effects of a class of industrial chemicals.

Rankin will study chloroanilines, which are used as intermediates in manufacturing medications, dyes,

agricultural chemicals and other products. His research is funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, part of the National Institutes of Health.

"People are exposed to these chemicals in many ways in the industrial setting, at home and in the environment," said Rankin, who is the school's associate dean for research as well as chairman of its Pharmacology Department. "A number of times, derivatives of this class of chemicals have spilled into the environment. They can also be released from drugs and agricultural chemicals when the human body metabolizes them."

The chemicals Rankin will study have come under considerable scrutiny over the years because they can reduce the oxygen-carrying ability of blood.

Rankin and fellow Marshall researchers found that they also can damage the kidneys of rats. Through his project he will try to learn how the chemicals kill kidney cells so that strategies for preventing damage can be developed.

In his research, Rankin will focus first on how the chemical structure of the chloroaniline molecule contributes to its toxicity. Next, he will try to determine whether it is the chloroaniline itself or a chemical derived from it that is the toxic form. Finally, he will look at cellular mechanisms to learn how these chemicals actually kill kidney cells.

The new grant brings Rankin's total federal research funding to more than \$1 million.

Journalism society honors MU professors

Two Marshall University journalism professors have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to journalism education by the Society of Professional Journalists, according to Patricia Clem, a spokeswoman for the society which is headquartered in Chicago.

Dr. Ralph J. Turner and Dr. George T. Arnold of Marshall's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism have been named SPJ Outstanding Campus Advisers for 1990. They will be honored during the organization's national convention in October in Louisville, Ky.

Under the leadership of Turner and Arnold, Marshall's campus chapter of SPJ has earned national recognition and numerous awards.

The university's chapter regularly wins eight or more regional awards in the society's annual Mark of Excellence student competition and the MU chapter has won three national first-place awards in the last six years, according to Sara Mantooth, SPJ vice president for campus chapter affairs.

Marshall's chapter was named best in region four and national outstanding campus chapter in 1987-88 and was named best chapter in region four again in 1988-89.

Turner and Arnold serve as advisers to the group and
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Assessment seminar set

The first of two special faculty development programs, "Critical Components in the Campus Assessment Program," will be held Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Charleston Area Medical Center, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, assistant provost at Marshall.

Dr. Trudy W. Banta, director of the Center for Assessment Research and Development at the University of Tennessee, will be the featured speaker for the program.

Her presentation will focus on the necessary
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'Teacher' nominations due

The selection committee for the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award is accepting nominations from students, faculty and alumni, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, assistant provost.

Eligible faculty members must be engaged in teaching and be on a full-time appointment at or above the rank of assistant professor, with at least three years of service at Marshall.

Nominations for the award, which includes a \$3,000 cash prize, can be made in a short, dated letter stating the nominee's name and department, along with reasons for making the nomination.

The committee cannot accept anonymous nominations, therefore legible signatures should be included on the nomination letters.

Nominations should be sent to: The Reynolds Committee, c/o Rainey Duke, Provost's Office, Old Main Room 110. The deadline for accepting nominations will be Sept. 17.

MU arts facility receives gift, name

The studio theatre being built as part of Marshall University's new Fine and Performing Arts Center will be named the Francis-Booth Theatre, former MU President Dale F. Nitzschke said in announcing the gift Aug. 9.

Nitzschke said the name will honor the parents of Alex and Permele Booth of Huntington, who have made "a most significant gift" to help Marshall meet the construction costs of the Fine and Performing Arts Center, targeted for completion in late 1991. Mrs. Booth is the daughter of the late James D. and Permele Elliott Francis;

Mr. Booth is the son of Mrs. Roxanna Yoho Booth and the late Alex E. Booth Sr., both Marshall graduates.

"We're truly appreciative of this generous contribution by Alex and Permele Booth," Nitzschke said. "The studio theatre, which will be very important to our students, runs the cost of the Fine and Performing Arts Center beyond the \$12 million we had available in public funds for the project. We were counting on such support from our friends in the private sector to get it completed."

John R. Hall, national chairman of Marshall's \$10 million capital campaign--Toward a New Century--said the Booth contribution represents a significant step forward for the campaign workers.

"Additional funding for the Fine and Performing Arts Center is one of the major elements of the Marshall campaign," Hall said. "Mr. and Mrs. Booth have made it possible for us to realize that objective. We're grateful for their outstanding support."

Located on Fifth Avenue, opposite Marshall's Memorial Student Center, the Fine and Performing Arts Center will feature a 600-seat state-of-the-art theatre in addition to the smaller, experimental studio theatre.

The current construction project is the first of several planned phases, expected ultimately to total more than \$40 million.

Smoking cessation class starts Sept. 10

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor "Fresh Start," a smoking cessation class developed by the American Cancer Society, beginning Monday, Sept. 10, at noon in Prichard Hall.

Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays for two weeks, according to Carla Lapelle, coordinator of Student Health Education Programs.

The program will be open to the public free of charge, however enrollment will be limited.

To register or obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs at Marshall University, 696-4800.

SPJ honors professors

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participate in chapter meetings, workshops and seminars and organize trips to regional and national conventions.

"George and Ralph are the real fire behind 17 years of excellence at the Marshall University chapter," said Ms. Mantooth.

Arnold, a former newspaper reporter and editor, is adviser to the Marshall yearbook and assists with the university's student newspaper, The Parthenon.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall and his doctorate from Ohio University in 1980. He has been a member of the MU faculty since 1968.

Turner has taught at the university for 20 years and is the director of the journalism school's internship program.

Also a former journalist, Turner received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall and his doctorate from Ohio University in 1982.

"Both men are dedicated, loyal supporters of what the Society of Professional Journalists stands for," said Dr. Deryl R. Leaming, SPJ board member and dean of Marshall's College of Liberal Arts. "They've worked hard with students to build a solid program for the chapter."

Turner and Arnold were selected to receive the Outstanding Campus Adviser awards from approximately 200 SPJ campus chapters throughout the United States.

Rose joins faculty

Capt. Frank Rose has joined the Marshall University Military Science Department as assistant professor of military science.

His previous assignment was as battery commander of headquarters and headquarters battery, Second Battalion, 20th Field Artillery in Hanau, Germany.

Rose received his bachelor's degree in management from the University of Florida.

He and his wife, Diane, are the parents of two young daughters, Katherine and Briana.

Open house planned

An open house in honor of Marshall University faculty spouses will be held by the MU Faculty Wives Club on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the President's House, 1040 13th Ave.

Dee Brown, club president, said the aim of the open house is to meet and greet as many Marshall University faculty spouses as possible. Tours of the President's House also will be available.

"We are requesting that faculty members encourage all spouses in their department to attend," said Ms. Brown. "We also want to encourage current club members to bring a prospective member to the open house."

Persons who need assistance to attend or persons wanting further details can contact Dee Brown, 525-8255, or Erna Wilkin, 523-5339.

Gannett professor joins MU faculty

One of the top editors with the nation's largest news gathering organization has joined the faculty of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism at Marshall University as the Gannett Professor of Journalism, Interim President Alan B. Gould announced.

Wayne M. Davis, news editor/enterprise editor for The Associated Press in Washington, D.C., the AP's largest news bureau, is a full-time professor, mainly teaching reporting, writing and editing, according to Dr. Harold C. Shaver, director of the School of Journalism.

Schelling will direct sponsored projects area

Ron L. Schelling, a financial officer for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., has been named director of sponsored projects for Marshall University's Office of Research and Economic Development Outreach, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, executive assistant to the president for research and economic development outreach at Marshall.

Schelling was supervisor for restricted funding in the Smithsonian's Office of Accounting and Financial Services where he was responsible for the administration of restricted funds, gifts, grants and contracts awarded to the Smithsonian Institution.

He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Southeastern University, Washington, D.C., and completed postgraduate work at George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.

In his position at Marshall, Schelling will help faculty and staff members initiate and administer grants and contract proposals and will serve as executive director for the Marshall University Research Corporation.

"We are pleased we were able to attract a person of Ron's caliber to come to the university from such a high-level position at the prestigious Smithsonian Institution," said Maddox.

Maddox said Schelling also was attracted to Marshall because of the university's growing national recognition and the quality of life offered in the Huntington area. Schelling and his wife, Patti, are expecting their fifth child in November.



Ron Schelling

Foundation office moved

The Marshall University Foundation Office has moved from the first floor of Old Main to the third floor, according to Sherry Asbury, foundation business manager.

The Foundation's new office is located in Old Main Room 323.

Davis, who is on sabbatical from the AP, was responsible for scheduling coverage, planning and assignments in Washington and directed AP's investigative team.

"West Virginia is a great news state," Davis said. "I'm looking forward to working with Marshall's journalism faculty and students, and renewing my professional acquaintances in the state."

Shaver pointed out that Davis is well known by West Virginia news media professionals. Davis was with the AP state bureau in Charleston from 1980 until he went to Washington in 1987. He was with the AP for two years in Vermont and was a reporter from 1977 to 1978 in New Hampshire. He also taught high school English and social sciences in Buffalo, N.Y.

"Wayne Davis is an excellent choice to fill the Gannett Professorship, not only because he's an experienced and respected newsman, but also because he knows West Virginia as well," Gould said. "The addition of this veteran journalist will further strengthen an established, quality program that is nationally respected for the quality of its graduates and instruction."

Shaver said Davis will be able to make significant contributions to the Marshall journalism program which has more than 400 majors. "I'm delighted Wayne Davis is spending his mid-career break from The Associated Press with the School of Journalism," Shaver said. "It's a sabbatical for him and an opportunity for us to enhance our academic program at the same time."

Dance act canceled

The dance performance by the Axis Dance Company of Espirito Santo, Brazil, scheduled for Friday, Sept. 7, has been canceled, according to Roberta Walters, director of the Marshall University Institute for the Arts and Huntington coordinator of the West Virginia Partners of the Americas.

Ms. Walters said the company's performance and residency may be rescheduled.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall Institute for the Arts, 696-3107.

Choral Union forming

The Marshall University Choral Union, an 80-voice ensemble of community members and students, will begin rehearsals for its fall season on Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m.

Dr. David Castleberry, director, would like to invite any adult who enjoys performing choral works to participate in the ensemble.

Performances this fall will include Charpentier's "Midnight Mass for Christmas" and Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms."

Rehearsals will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays. To obtain further details contact Castleberry, 696-3127.

Two former university employees die

Two former Marshall University employees, Phyllis Hart Cyrus and James A. Martin, died recently.

Dr. Cyrus, 76, died Tuesday, Aug. 21. She served as professor of business law at Marshall from 1960 to 1975 and served on the Huntington city council for two months before being chosen as the city's first female mayor in 1973.

She was born in Huntington in 1914 and graduated magna cum laude from Marshall in 1935. She graduated from the West Virginia University College of Law in 1938 and practiced law in Summersville prior to World War II. During the war she worked for the government in the

Office of Consumer Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Martin, 55, died Thursday, Aug. 16. He joined the Marshall staff in 1965 as director of information and publications and later served as coordinator of student activities and cultural events and coordinator of the Marshall Artists Series.

Prior to accepting a position at Marshall, Martin was a member of the news staff at WSAZ Radio and Television. He left Marshall in 1977 and most recently worked at Gorby's Music in South Charleston.

A native of Uniontown, Pa., Martin was a 1968 graduate of the University of Miami (Fla.).

Music classes offered

A variety of music classes for children and adults will be offered by the Marshall University Department of Music through its Music Preparatory Program.

Classes will include: Music for Moppets I (ages 4-5), Music for Moppets II (ages 4-5 with previous experience), Introduction to Music (grades 1-3), Piano Readiness for Kindergarten and First Grade, Beginning Piano for Grades 1-3, Beginning Piano for Grades 4-6, Beginning Piano for Adults;

Beginning Theory for Junior High and Senior High Musicians, Beginning Theory for Adults, Beginning Voice for High School Students, Beginning Voice for Adults, Beginning Guitar for Junior High and High School Students, Beginning Guitar for Adults.

Based on enrollment, Suzuki string and/or beginning string classes may be offered.

Private instruction in piano, voice, organ, guitar, percussion, strings and brass and woodwind instruments also will be available.

To obtain further details contact Mike McMillen, 696-3168.

Assessment seminar set

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components in a successful institutional assessment program.

Participants will develop models for two-year, four-year and graduate assessment programs during the workshop. Dr. Banta will critique the assessment programs.

Dr. Duke said the workshop, being sponsored by the Higher Education Council on Assessment and the West Virginia Faculty Development Network, is recommended for academic officers, campus assessment committees, department chairs and faculty interested in contributing to efforts to determine institutional effectiveness.

Persons interested in attending the workshop should contact the Marshall University Provost's Office, 696-5442, as soon as possible.

The second program, "Implementing Critical Thinking Strategies in the Classroom," will be held Oct. 31 at Marshall.

Inventories needed

Marshall University departments that have not returned signed equipment inventory listings should return them as soon as possible, according to William J. Shondel, director of purchasing and materials management.

The listings were distributed early in July to allow ample time to check them.

Information on the lists was based on the original purchase orders and physical inventories conducted by the Receiving Office.

Shondel said that over time, discrepancies may have occurred as equipment was moved around or as a result of departmental reorganizations.

"Since the Receiving Office is trying to monitor some 32,000 items of university equipment without any full-time inventory clerk, any effort to correct errors will be greatly appreciated," he said.

Letters of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you for the floral arrangement, cards and other expressions of sympathy received during my family's recent loss.

Your kindness and friendship is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Larry Barnhill

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

The family of Norma Van Faussien acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

My sincerest thanks to the Department of Communication Disorders and the university for your support, the beautiful flowers and cards sent upon my mother's death.

Your thoughts and prayers have meant so much to me during this most difficult time.

Sincerely,
Karen L. McComas