Cline appointed to MU advisory board

The University of West Virginia Board of Trustees, meeting Wednesday (Sept. 12) in Charleston, appointed Huntington businessman Philip E. Cline to serve as a member of the Marshall University Board of Advisors.

Cline succeeds David G. Todd of Huntington who resigned from the advisory board to accept a gubernatorial appointment to the University of West Virginia Board of Trustees.

"We're very pleased that the Board of Trustees accepted our recommendation to appoint Phil Cline as the successor to David Todd on the Institutional Board of Advisors," MU Interim President Alan B. Gould said. "Mr. Cline has demonstrated repeatedly his value and his devotion to Marshall University. I'm confident he will continue to serve us well in this new role."

A graduate of Oceana (W.Va.) High School, Cline earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall, where he also served as president of the student body.

Cline is vice president for finance and treasurer of J.H. Fletcher Mining Equipment Co. in Huntington and currently serves as president of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc. He also has been president of the Marshall Alumni Association.

Cline is a former president of the Huntington Area Chamber of Commerce and the Huntington Industrial Corporation. Among other organizations in which he has had leadership roles are the YMCA, Cabell Huntington Hospital, Rotary Club, United Way, Huntington Museum of Art, Marshall Artists Series, Red Cross, West Virginia Humanities Foundation, Southwestern Community Action Council, Huntington Pediatric Clinic and Ohio Valley Accountants Association.

Senate meeting planned

The Marshall University Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, Sept. 27, at 4 p.m. in the lounge on the eighth floor of Smith Hall.


School of Medicine rated high by faculty

The Marshall University School of Medicine is one of only 13 medical schools rated by its faculty members as "highly positive" in both academic atmosphere and family life, according to a nationwide survey conducted by a State University of New York faculty member.

The findings are contained in the 1990 book "Academic Environment: A Handbook for Evaluating Faculty Employment Opportunities" by Karl W. Lanks, Ph.D.

The dean of the Marshall School of Medicine, Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., said he is pleased but not surprised by the findings.

"We've always considered the high quality of life in the Huntington area to be one of our greatest assets in attracting people to Marshall," he said.

"I'm particularly pleased with the strong rating our faculty gave the academic environment here," he added.

"Faculty members have often commented that our school's smaller size and flexible atmosphere improve their teaching and research opportunities, and I'm glad that message is getting out to potential faculty members nationally."

In his survey, Lanks asked faculty members to rate the academic environment of their institutions based on such

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Specialty care available to children

The Marshall University School of Medicine has begun offering specialty care for children who have cancer and blood diseases, digestive tract disorders or neurological problems.

The services are made possible by the addition of three faculty members in the Department of Pediatrics, according to Dr. Joseph Werthammer, chairman.

Support groups being formed for fall term

The Marshall University Women’s Center and Office of Returning Students’ Programs will sponsor support groups during the fall semester for divorced people, sexual assault victims, adult survivors of child sexual abuse and adults making personal and professional changes in their lives.

Donnalee Cockrille, coordinator of Women’s and Returning Students’ Programs, said the groups will be open to anyone interested in attending the sessions.

A mentoring program for female students 25 years of age and older also will be offered for those interested in participating in a mentoring program with a faculty member or administrator.

There will be a reception for persons interested in the mentoring program on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 12:15 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

To register or obtain further details about the support groups or the mentoring program contact Ms. Cockrille at Marshall University or the Office of Returning Students’ Programs, 696-3112 or 696-3338.

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factors as the value placed on grant support, publications and teaching; recognition of hard work and productivity; the constructiveness of competition, and ability to develop productive collaborations and “do good science.’’

The family life category covered topics such as low crime rate, favorable commuting times, availability of above-average child care and schools, and availability of good housing.

The other dozen schools which received the highest possible rankings in both categories were University of Alabama, Loma Linda University, Chicago Medical School, University of Iowa, University of Kentucky, Michigan State University, University of Minnesota (Duluth), University of Mississippi, University of Rochester, University of North Carolina, Oregon Health Sciences University and University of Virginia.

Dr. Cynthia Gonzales, a pediatric hematologist/oncologist, recently completed a three-year fellowship in her field at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center of New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center. She completed her pediatric residency at Cook County Children’s Hospital in Chicago.

Dr. Yoram Elitsur, West Virginia’s only pediatric gastroenterologist, completed a five-year pediatric residency in Israel, a fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology at the International Institute of Gastroenterology and Infant Nutrition at the Children’s Hospital of Buffalo in New York, and a gastroenterology research fellowship at Wayne State University School of Medicine. For the last three years he has been on the faculty of the Children’s University School of Medicine in Detroit.

Dr. Kenny Yu, a pediatric neurologist, completed his pediatric residency at the State University of New York, his pediatric neurology residency at the Medical College of Georgia, and a fellowship at the National Institutes of Health.

The Marshall School of Medicine continues to offer general services for infants and children as well as pediatric subspecialty services in cardiology, critical care, neonatology, allergies, emergency medicine, chronic diseases of childhood, and adolescent medicine.

Development to be topic

Several professional development opportunities are available to Marshall University faculty members and administrators, according to Lynne S. Mayer, special assistant to the president.

These opportunities include the American Council of Education (ACE) Fellows Program, the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management in the Bryn Mawr Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration.

Dr. Betty Cleckley, vice president for multicultural affairs, and Dr. Paul Balshaw, dean of the College of Fine Arts, have attended the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management and Dr. Carolyn Hunter, assistant vice president for institutional advancement, was an ACE Fellow.

They will discuss their experiences with these programs at a brown bag lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at noon in Smith Hall 810.

Ms. Mayer would like to encourage anyone interested in learning about these programs to attend the program.

Office needs envelopes

The Marshall University Comptroller’s Office needs large campus envelopes.

Offices and departments that have a surplus of large campus envelopes can contact Flo Harshbarger in the Comptroller’s Office, Old Main Room 203, 696-2211.
Marshall University’s Center for Regional Progress is conducting a survey to determine the interest and need for a cooperative bachelor’s degree program between Marshall University and Southern West Virginia Community College.

The cooperative “2 + 2” bachelor’s degree program would allow individuals in southern West Virginia to receive a four-year degree from Marshall University while attending classes at one of the two SWVCC campuses, according to Will Edwards, director of the Center for Regional Progress.

Surveys will determine the local interest in the program, the most convenient locations for classes, preferred courses of study, class times and other relevant information pertaining to the possible establishment of the “2 + 2” program.

Edwards said four groups are being targeted for the survey: current SWVCC students, persons who have graduated from SWVCC within the last five years, high school students and employees of major businesses in the area.

“We need comments and input from the targeted groups and others interested in such a program to determine the feasibility of the project,” said Edwards.

The survey, which is being sponsored by the Matewan National Bank and Rawls Sales, will be distributed on the SWVCC campus and in local high schools and businesses in the SWVCC vicinity.

Anyone interested in the establishment of a cooperative bachelor’s degree program can obtain a survey form from the SWVCC President’s Office on the Logan campus, the Office of the Dean of Instruction on the Williamson campus or any branch of the Matewan National Bank.

Surveys and further details also are available from Marshall University’s Center for Regional Progress, 1050 Fourth Ave., Huntington, 696-6797.

Clements named coordinator

Sandra Clements, formerly administrative assistant in Marshall University’s Multicultural Affairs Office, has been named coordinator of educational support and disabled student services at Marshall, according to Stephen W. Hensley, assistant dean for student affairs.

Prior to accepting a position at Marshall, Ms. Clements worked in several community organizations that provide support to families and children, including the Save the Children Federation and the Child and Family Development Program.

In her new position, Ms. Clements will serve as the primary contact person for services to disabled students and will work with campus groups and individuals seeking to improve academic performances.

Pianist to perform

Jerry Crank, winner of the 1990 Belle and Lynum Jackson Music Award at Marshall, will perform in concert Friday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The Jackson award, which includes a cash prize, is annually presented to a music major who has demonstrated a potential contribution to the field of music and society in general.


Karen Curran, a graduate student at Marshall and the 1988 Belle and Lynum Jackson Award winner, will join Crank to perform works by American composers.

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

Research book available

A booklet titled “The Division of Research Programs,” produced by the National Endowment for the Humanities, is available in the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.

The booklet outlines areas in which federal funding is available and provides information on the application procedures and review processes.

Library tours slated

The staff of Marshall University’s James E. Morrow Library will hold a reception and conduct guided tours of the library for new faculty and staff members and other interested persons on Thursday, Oct. 4, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries.

The reception will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Hoffman Room in the Special Collections Department. Tours will start at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Each tour will last 50 minutes and cover all major library departments.

Activities are being organized by a committee chaired by Dan Glavasic and Bahiyih Faeiyoone-Nezhad and Meena Wadhwa of the library’s Public Relations Committee.

Ms. Fidler said that although advising the library in advance is not essential, persons who plan to attend are asked to contact the library at 696-3095 or 696-2318 by Sept. 28.

Art exhibit scheduled

Drawings by Indianapolis artist Charlie Largent will be on exhibit in Birke Art Gallery Sept. 22 through Nov. 8.

Largent, who integrates his art with film and video production, currently is producer/director of video, multimedia and graphics for OMNI Communications.

He received an art degree from the Herron School of Art in Indianapolis and a master’s degree from the University of Saskatchewan.

The exhibit will feature a number of humorous themes Largent described as “a humorous tangle of black and white thorns, taken from my side and presented to the audience for their amusement.”