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Awards to be presented at convocation

Three native West Virginians who have served the state in diverse roles will be recognized for their contributions to higher education during Marshall University's annual Honors Convocation Monday, April 24, according to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke. The Honors Convocation, which will be open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall on the Marshall campus.

Dr. James W. Rowley, president of the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, will receive the Distinguished Leadership in West Virginia Higher Education award.

Huntington attorney Thomas L. Craig Jr. will receive the Outstanding Service to Higher Education award based on his leadership within the West Virginia Board of Regents and his successful advocacy of Marshall University programs.

Robert "Chuck" Chambers, speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates and also a Huntington attorney, will be recognized for his legislative leadership and for his work in behalf of higher education with the Distinguished Leadership in Public Service award.

Another highlight of the Honors Convocation will be the announcement of the winner of the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Award for Excellence in Teaching, presented to an outstanding Marshall faculty member. Robert Atwell, president of the American Council on Education, will be the featured speaker at the convocation. His topic will be "Excellence and Equity in Higher Education."

AT&T makes $250,000 contribution to COB

AT&T has contributed computer equipment valued at $250,000 to Marshall University's College of Business. The gift includes an AT&T 3B15 departmental size computer, which can support up to 60 users, along with 610 terminals, 10 printers, six AT&T Computer Plus personal computers and Unix V computer software.

"AT&T continues to have a sincere interest in improving the quality of higher education in West Virginia," AT&T Vice President Gregory Allen said. "We believe the computers and related equipment we are donating to Marshall University will go a long way to enriching its computer sciences, business education and foreign language programs."

The gift was announced during a news conference and open house in the College of Business with the new equipment displayed in space provided on the third floor of Corbly Hall.

"AT&T once again has demonstrated it is one of Marshall University's strongest corporate supporters," MU President Dale F. Nitzschke said. "This is the third significant gift of equipment from AT&T in three years with a total value of about $750,000 at this point. That, indeed, is a significant level of support and we're very pleased AT&T has that sort of confidence in Marshall University."

The previous AT&T gifts were in support of the College of Science and the Society of Yeager Scholars.

Dr. Robert P. Alexander, dean of the College of Science.

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Wedding vows will be renewed on campus

For their first date, they met at a Marshall University landmark, the Old Beech Tree. Later, they left notes in a hiding place among the tree's exposed root system. In 1970, they were wed beneath the tree's sheltering branches.

On April 22, Jule and Ramonda Bellegia of Cincinnati, Ohio, will renew their wedding vows during a ceremony for the planting of a seedling from the nearly 400-year-old tree. The Old Beech, which stood at the northwest corner of Old Main, Marshall's administration building, was felled by a storm on April 27, 1987.

Tradition has it that a number of engagements and weddings took place under the boughs of the Old Beech. The Bellegias were married there on July 4, 1970.


When the Bellegias were introduced in Marshall's cafeteria in the spring of 1969, it was "magic," Ramonda recalls. For their first date, they met under the Old Beech, Jule's favorite spot to think and dream.

They both had busy schedules and, as she was an education major and he a business major, they didn't see one another as often as they would have liked. They resorted to leaving love notes at the base of the tree. The large exposed root system made a perfect hiding place. As they hurried to classes, they'd stop each day to see if the "mail was in." It usually was.

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Couple will renew vows on MU campus

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A visit to the tree was a highlight of many evening walks, Ramonda said. In March 1970, while on their way to church one Sunday morning, Jule gave her a diamond under the tree.

When Jule was named director of Marshall's Twin Towers residence hall, wedding plans became a reality.

Host families being sought for visitor

The Marshall University School of Medicine is seeking up to four host families for a health professional from Zimbabwe who will visit the school May 12-July 31.

The visitor is Ginah Madelea, a nurse-midwife with a master's degree in public health, according to Dr. Dan Peterson of Marshall, who is coordinating the visit locally.

"She wants exposure to health education in the United States, and she is particularly interested in maternal-infant care," said Peterson, part of Marshall's Department of Family and Community Health. "She probably will help us develop the Ebenezer Medical Outreach Program and further develop prenatal health education at the Lincoln Primary Care Center."

He said Ms. Madelea received her midwifery and tropical medicine training at Dundee University in Scotland, is the mother of two teenagers (who will not be accompanying her), and is a member of the AME Church.

Ms. Madelea's visit was arranged through the Council of International Programs.

Peterson said he hopes to find families who will play host to Ms. Madelea for periods of two weeks or longer, providing her with meals and a private room.

More information is available from Peterson at his office, 696-7047, or his home, 733-2253.

Graduate exhibit planned

An exhibition of works by Lynn Murray, a candidate for the Master of Arts degree in painting at Marshall University, will be held April 11-24 in Birke Art Gallery.

Faculty meeting set

The last general Marshall University faculty meeting will be held Thursday, April 20, at 4 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, president of the MU Faculty Senate.

The agenda will include a recognition of retiring faculty members; end of the year remarks by President Dale F. Nitzschke; constitutional amendments; a report from Fran Hensley; nominations for the faculty representative to the MU Board of Advisors, and the election of the MU faculty representative to the Board of Regents Advisory Council.

A reception honoring retiring faculty members will be held in Marco's following the meeting.

The two were married by Ramonda's father, the Rev. Rankin Roach, a Baptist minister, and the Rev. Steve McWhorter, the Campus Ministries Episcopal priest. Ramonda's sisters, Marlene Goodrum and Pelma Wolfe, also Marshall graduates, were members of the wedding party.

Ramonda's father will perform the ceremony for the renewal of the wedding vows. Their children, Heather, 14, and Shawn, 11, also will participate.

Jule is a vice president of Queensgate Press/Arno Printing in Cincinnati. Ramonda currently is a homemaker. They were co-owners of Surrey Square Quickprint in Norwood, Ohio, which merged with Queensgate Press in June 1988.

For the next two years while Jule was director of Twin Towers, the couple had a private picnic under the tree each July.

The Old Beech has remained special to the Bellegias. When a storm in 1970 knocked branches from the tree, the couple gathered a few small branches. Those branches still have a special place in the corner of the couple's family room, Ramonda said.

The planting of the seedling is part of Alumni Weekend activities. The ceremony will begin at noon, Saturday, April 22, on the west side of Old Main near the site of the original tree.

The new beech holds a promise of becoming a landmark to future generations of Marshall students. Perhaps it too will become a popular meeting place and a site for engagements and weddings.

AT&T gives computers

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Business, said the new computer equipment will be of value in many ways, including a boost to the college's plans to seek national accreditation.

"This gift by AT&T enables all departments in the College of Business to take a quantum step in computer instruction," Alexander said. "Such instruction will enhance educational opportunities for all segments of the university, providing better career opportunities for graduates, aiding in the recruitment of faculty, improving the college's quest for accreditation and providing economic development in the region."

Attending the press briefing were AT&T Marketing Branch Manager Pete Roedersheimer; Marc Kramer, AT&T account executive for Marshall; Lynn Petry, AT&T account executive for computer products; and Lowell Connor, AT&T public relations director for West Virginia and Virginia.

Vending winner announced

Janis Winkfield, a senior from Huntington, was the recipient of the vending promotional prize for April.

She received a Black and Decker toaster oven, according to Karen E. Kirtley, project assistant for the Auxiliary Services Office.
Choral Union will present ‘Creation’

The Marshall University Choral Union will perform Haydn’s “The Creation” at 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, and Monday, May 1, in Smith Recital Hall.

With the exception of Handel’s “Messiah,” “The Creation” probably is the most famous oratorio ever written, according to Dr. Joseph Line, associate professor of music, who will conduct the performances.

Haydn was given the libretto used in “The Creation” on a trip to England in 1794. The author of the libretto is unknown, although it is obvious much of the text was adopted from the Bible and Milton’s “Paradise Lost.”

Haydn took the text back to Austria where he translated it into German and composed the music.

It premiered April 30, 1798, and quickly became one of the most popular works performed in Europe. The Choral Union’s opening performance will mark the 191st anniversary of the work’s premiere.

Soloists for the performances will include Linda Eikum-Dobbs, assistant professor of music; Jeffrey Price, assistant professor of vocal music; Paul Balshaw, dean of the College of Fine Arts; Allen Saunders, a senior from Gal­lipolis, Ohio, and Leslie McVey, a junior from Culloden.

Tickets will be $6 for adults and $4 for students and senior citizens and will be available at the door. Tickets also may be purchased at the MU Music Department Office, Smith Music Hall Room 154-A. Marshall students will admitted free with valid identification and activity cards.

To obtain further details contact the Department of Music, 696-3117.

Percussion Ensemble to give unique concert

Last time, it was four members of the Marshall University football team helping the school’s Percussion Ensemble stage a concert. This time, it’ll be the whole audience.

That’s the word from Dr. Ben Miller, conductor of the Percussion Ensemble, who captured headlines and television time throughout the nation last fall when he used football players, their pads and helmets as “instruments” for the ensemble’s fall concert.

The group’s spring concert – scheduled Thursday, April 20, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall – will involve the entire audience and something called “percuss-aerobics.”

Miller, who has taken off 20 pounds since the last concert, said he was going to share his “secrets of good health and weight reduction through percuss-aerobics.”

The ensemble will perform several concert pieces to give the audience some physical breaks between exercise sessions, Miller said.

As with most Miller-directed concerts, however, the emphasis will be on fun for the audience – and for Miller.

Open house scheduled

Why do hot water pipes freeze first? Where shouldn’t you build a house? Can you make a hammer out of mercury? Should you open Pandora’s box? What is nuclear magnetic resonance?

These and other interesting questions will be answered when Marshall University’s College of Science holds an open house on Friday, April 28, from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Science Building Annex, according to Dr. E.S. Hanrahan, dean of the college.

Various other topics such as laser holography, superconductivity, computer modeling, oil wells in our back yards, and fiber optics will be discussed and explained through experiments and displays.

Hanrahan said there should be something of interest for people of all ages, including a chemical magic show.

The activities, held in conjunction with National Science and Technology Week, will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University College of Science, 696-2372.

Comedy to be presented

“Social Security,” a new two-act comedy by Andrew Bergman, will be presented by the Marshall University Theatre at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, April 26-29, in Old Main Auditorium.

Directed by Dr. Maureen Milicia, professor of theatre, the play revolves around Sophie Greengrass, a 70-year-old woman who suddenly finds new love and consequently a new reason to live.

“Social Security” opened on Broadway in 1986 with Marlo Thomas and Olympia Dukakis and ran for two years before going on tour.

Tickets will be $4 for the general public and will be available at the MU Theatre Box Office, Old Main B-23.

To order tickets or obtain further details call 696-2787.

ITIC cards available

Discount airfares to Europe and Africa have been added to the benefits available to holders of International Teacher Identity Cards (ITIC), according to Dr. Clair W. Matz, director of Marshall’s Center for International Studies.

In addition to qualifying for various flight discounts, ITIC holders receive travel insurance, discounts on accommodations and an emergency hotline.

The cards are offered through the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE).

Interested faculty members must submit a passport-size photograph, proof of full-time teacher status and a $10 cashiers check or money order to obtain cards from the CIEE Campus Service Department, 205 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017.
Council discusses sick leave policy

(The following report on the March 16 meeting of the Marshall University Staff Council was submitted by Zanna Crager, secretary.)

Members present were: Mike Adkins, Panda Benford, Thelma Blake, Jill Chapman, Roberta Chenoweth, Zanna Crager, Charles Edwards, Sharon France, Barbara James, Edna Justice, Donna Mohr, Sheila Myers, Rowena Napier, Elizabeth Nickell, Sherri Noble, Christine Qualls, Mark Rhodes, Debbie Whitt, Ruth Workman, Jackie Hersman, Martha Deel.

Members absent were: Linda Bondurant, Belinda Callicoe, Edna Cole, Gina Kates, Bill Lewis, Nora Hensley, Jane Vickers.

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. Council President Barbara James explained to members the reason for the absence of the minutes of the February meeting was because President Nitzschke was in the process of studying three proposals.

Concerning the proposal that Staff Council be allowed to input into matters that impact the classified staff, Ms. James said she had a communication from Dr. Rainey Duke, Faculty Senate president, which in essence stated there was no way the faculty would consider having classified staff be a part of the formulative discussions of any matters that might impact the staff. This matter will be followed through as soon as the official action of the president is received.

According to the report from President Nitzschke, the two proposals concerning reduction in probationary period and the unused sick leave incentive have been turned over to Herb Karlet for further study.

Election Committee:
Mike Adkins proposed the following to serve on the Election Committee: Panda Benford, Medical School; Linda Bondurant, Student Affairs; Edna Justice, Institutional Advancement; Donna Mohr, Athletics; Martha Deel, Financial Affairs, and Betty Beard, Academic Affairs.
Mark Rhodes seconded the motion which passed by voice vote.

The election for the Institutional Advisory Board representative and the representative to the Classified Staff Advisory Council will be held April 19 at 3 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium. An announcement asking for nominations was distributed to all classified staff via campus mail. Absentee voting will be allowed.

Membership Committee:
Debbie Whitt reported that the committee desires to recommend that membership in the various categories be determined strictly on the basis of the EEO categories which the Personnel Office uses for completing reports to the federal government.

Opposition was expressed to this plan as too many clerical-office workers are thrown into the "professional category" based solely on their job title.

Since it is too late to make any changes for this election year, Ms. James asked if more study could be done in this area and also, since there is the possibility that Marshall and West Virginia University will have the same classified staff system after July 1, that we hold off until we see what happens with this.

It was also brought up that the function and purpose of the Membership Committee should be clarified.

Constitution Committee:
Sherri Noble reported the committee had met with the Membership Committee and recommendations will be forthcoming.

Legislative Affairs Committee:
Jill Chapman reported that plans were being formulated to visit the Legislature.

There were many issues being discussed in Charleston which could impact the classified staff. One was a proposal to create a central system to handle all state personnel (H.B. 2170).

If the separate Board of Trustees is created to handle Marshall, WVU and the College of Graduate Studies, the current Board of Regents policies will not apply. The Board of Trustees will be free to develop new policies, which could jeopardize what classified staff has gained under the BOR. The remaining state colleges will remain under the BOR which will be known as the Board of Supervisors.

In the Advisory Council, Ms. Chapman stated that Clifton Neal, chairman, sent a letter to Governor Caperton expressing the concerns of the Classified Staff Council relative to the Carnegie Report.

This group wants a unified, statewide classification system for all state institutions of higher education to ensure that equity will be maintained.

The creation of the two-board governance system will hinder a uniform classification system and uniform salary schedule, as well as uniform personnel policies and procedures for all classified staff in higher education.

Personnel Committee:
Mark Rhodes reported his committee is re-working the proposal for maternity leave for adoptive parents and that the age of the child was not an issue, as there needs to be a time for adjustment regardless of the age of the child.

The committee also is looking into a bonus system, if and when unspecified monies should become available. The committee is working on uniformity of the enforcement of the sick leave policy. Some supervisors require a doctor's excuse for every absence, others make employees use annual leave rather than sick leave, others allow employees to excessively use sick leave a day at a time.

Committee members feel that it is the supervisors' lack of knowledge regarding the sick leave policy, and their lack of enforcement of the policy, that is contributing to the abuse of the policy.

For this reason, the committee would like to see it be made mandatory that supervisors attend the upcoming training session. Most of the complaints the committee has received deal with supervisor problems.

The committee feels it should be involved in the search committee for the selection of a new director of personnel and human resources. Ms. James will convey this information to President Nitzschke and request that at least some of the committee members be placed on the search committee.

Regarding the parking problem on campus when attending a meeting concerning Staff Council business, Ms. James said to call Mary Wilson in the Parking Office and tell her the time and place of the meeting. If a ticket should be written, call her and it will be taken care of. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.
Employee achievements

FREDERICK R. REENSTJERNA, head of public services at James E. Morrow Library, has been invited to present a paper at the ninth Cincinnati Conference on Romance Languages and Literatures. His paper is titled “Paradise or Purgatory: Images of the City in French and British Children’s Literature.”

Dr. ROBERT BICKEL of the Educational Foundations Department presented a paper titled “Comparing Public and Private High Schools” at the “Restructuring Our Nation’s Schools” conference held at Florida State University March 16-18. The paper was a discussant’s response to an address by James Coleman of the University of Chicago.

Dr. LEONARD J. DEUTSCH, dean of the Graduate School, has had an essay titled “Invisible Man’ and the European Tradition” published in “Approaches to Teaching Ellison’s ‘Invisible Man,’” pages 96-101. The book, edited by Susan Resneck Parr and Pancho Savery, was published by the Modern Language Association of America. DEUTSCH also is cited on pages 4, 9, 142 and 143 of the book.

Dr. JOHN N. VIELKIND, associate professor and chairman of philosophy, addressed the West Virginia Lutheran Student Conference held April 1 at Jackson’s Mill. His topic was “The Primary Obligation: Education and Self-Knowledge.” VIELKIND also has a review article titled “A Defense of Philosophical Conversation,” a review of “System and History in Philosophy” by Adrian Theodoor Peperzak, published in the journal Research in Phenomenology, Vol. XVIII, 1989.

Dr. RONALD MARTINO, associate professor of geology, presented a paper titled “Sedimentology and Depositional History of the Wenosah and Mt. Laurel Formations (Upper Cretaceous), New Jersey” at the north-eastern regional meeting of Geological Society of America held March 24 in New Brunswick, N.J. The paper was included in the symposium on “Depositional Sequences on the Middle Atlantic Margin.”

Dr. CRAIG MONROE, professor of speech, directed training programs on “Superior-subordinate Communication” and “Communication and Conflict” for the Human Resources Development Division of the University of Hartford (Conn.) March 17-23.

JAN I. FOX, assistant professor and director of academic computing at the School of Medicine, conducted Medicine Medical Grand Rounds at West Virginia University on March 31. The topic was “Networking for the Future.”

Dr. MICHAEL R. MOORE of the Department of Biochemistry has been notified that his paper titled “Growth Stimulation of T47D Human Breast Cancer Cells by the Anti-progestin RU486” has been accepted for publication in the May 1989 issue of Endocrinology. Biomedical sciences graduate students R. THOMAS BOWDEN and JUDITH R. HISSOM co-authored the paper.

Dr. DAVID A. CUSICK, professor of mathematics, attended the spring meeting of the Ohio section of the Mathematical Association of America held April 7 in Columbus, Ohio. With Russell Smucker of Muskingum College, he moderated a swap session on “Teaching Calculus.”

The 1989 pledge class of Marshall University’s chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa recently raised $500 during a Rock-a-Thon for improvements and furnishings in Marshall’s Career Planning and Placement Center. Omicron Delta Kappa members pictured above presenting the donation to Reg Spencer, director of the Career Planning and Placement Center, are (left to right): Kim Eby, chairperson of the project; Richard Mcintyre, president of the pledge class; Shelly Wallace, Spencer, Lisa Williams, Stephanie Parker, Tina Ehret, and Sherry Shumaker.

Senate establishes special committee

(The following report on the April 13 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Senate was submitted by Elma Chapman, secretary.)

The Faculty Senate met in special session at 4 p.m. April 13 in Corbly Hall Room 105. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss cultural, racial, and sexual diversity on the Marshall campus. Dr. Rainey Duke presided.

Bob Sawrey spoke for the group that asked that the meeting be called. He made the following motion which was seconded by Chris Dolmetsch and passed as amended (the amendment is in italics):

“Recognizing the significant problems concerning racism, sexism, and other manifestations of intolerance that exist on the Marshall University campus, the Faculty Senate hereby creates a blue-ribbon special committee, composed of seven full-time faculty appointed by the President of the Senate to examine the extent of the problems and to make specific recommendations directly to the Senate by the regular May meeting of the Faculty Senate, or by the first regular Senate meeting in the fall.

The committee members shall represent the cultural, racial, and sexual diversity of the faculty. Representatives of minority groups, one of whom shall be elected chair by the committee, shall comprise the majority of the committee.”

Phil Carter will represent Marshall at Georgia’s second National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education May 4-6.

Elaine Baker asked whether affirmative action guidelines are being followed in the search for a new basketball coach since the search seems to be progressing rapidly. President Nitzschke replied that it was his understanding that affirmative action principles are being followed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.
Social Studies Fair to be held here

The West Virginia State Social Studies Fair will be held at Marshall University Friday and Saturday May 19-20, in Henderson Center, according to Dr. Mahlon Brown, professor of social studies at Marshall and fair coordinator.

Elementary and secondary school students from throughout the state are expected to enter approximately 1,200 social studies projects in the fair this year.

"Students usually enter projects in local competitions from which the winners go to a county-wide competition," said Brown. "The county winners then compete in the statewide fair. We estimate that 20,000 West Virginia students do projects each year."

Brown said as many as 1,800 students could come to Huntington for the competition, with approximately 5,000 people visiting the fair.

The fair was established in 1978 to stimulate teaching in the field of social studies, to make social studies more interesting to students, to give students an opportunity to practice skills of writing, organization, research and expression, to involve families and communities in the teaching process and to increase the visibility of social studies throughout the state.

A County Coordinator Advisory Board oversees the fair and prepares guidelines for teachers, county coordinators and students.

Trophies and certificates of merit are presented to the top three projects in each category, along with honorable mention awards. Various groups and organizations also present monetary awards to the students who enter the best projects.

The fair is being sponsored by Marshall University, the West Virginia Department of Education and the West Virginia Council for the Social Studies.

Brown said the National History Day competition will be held in conjunction with the Social Studies Fair this year. The winners in the history competition will go on to compete in national competition at the University of Maryland.

Projects in the fair will be judged by teams of volunteers from the community. Brown is seeking approximately 250 people to serve as judges this year.

To obtain further details about the West Virginia Social Studies Fair or volunteer to serve as a judge contact Dr. Mahlon Brown at Marshall University, 696-2961 or 696-6610.

Art exhibit planned

Nine Marshall University senior art majors will present "Senior Expo '89" in partial fulfillment of their degree requirements April 26-May 6 in Birke Art Gallery.

Students exhibiting works will include Lisa C. Smith of Ona; Celia Williamson, James C. Crickard and Brenda May Weekley of Huntington; Jeff McKenna of Barboursville; Webb Blevins Jr. and Stuart Davidson of Louisville, Ky.; Camille M. Ciccolella of Follansbee, and Julie S. Brown of Ironton, Ohio.

A reception for the artists will be held Saturday, April 29, at 7 p.m. in Birke Art Gallery.

WVU waivers available

Application forms for West Virginia University fall term tuition waivers are available in the Marshall University Graduate School Office, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

Full-time employees and students are eligible for the graduate level waivers, with a maximum of six hours per semester.

The application deadline will be June 30.

Waiver applications and WVU course listings are available at the MU Graduate School Office, Old Main 113.

Excused absences . . .

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

APRIL 5—Eric W. Drake, Kenneth P. Green.
APRIL 7-8—Women's Track Team.
APRIL 13—Andrew Lockwood, Beverly Mairs, Charles Montgomery, Alan Snyder, Gordon White, Carolyn Baird, David Junker.
APRIL 13-18—Golf Team.

Library Committee meets

(The following summary of the March 31 meeting of the Marshall University Library Committee was submitted by Sara B. Staats, secretary.)

The Library Committee met Friday, March 31, with 12 members present and five members absent.

James Douglass, chairman, urged attendance at the Library Association Charter Night on March 31.

Josephine Fidler, director of libraries, reported on the progress in filling staff vacancies. Five of the six vacancies in the Circulation Department have been filled.

The Budget Request for Special Needs was reviewed and the Library Needs Report requested by President Nitzsche was discussed. It was divided into staffing, physical facilities and financial needs.

Ed Dzlerzak, director of the Health Sciences Library, reported on the LCME visit. Its recommendation is expected within the next two months.

Susan Ferrell brought to the committee's attention the fact that journal subscription rates are two to three times higher for libraries than for individuals.

Fred Reensjerna reported concerns about copyright infringement and the revision of the Reserve Desk Policy.

The next meeting will be Friday, April 28, at 1 p.m.