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# News Letter

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## Billups Affirmative Action officer

Marvin E. Billups has been appointed affirmative action officer at Marshall University, effective Oct. 1.

The announcement was made today by Dr. Robert B. Hayes, interim president of Marshall.

Billups, currently associate dean of students, has been a member of the Marshall administration since February, 1971. He is a retired Army colonel.

The new position involves development and implementation of an Affirmative Action program to locate and alleviate discrimination in employment within the university and to help remove barriers which prevent women and minorities from obtaining meaningful employment, Dr. Hayes said.

The affirmative action officer will report directly to the president.

Billups, 50, has been closely identified with the university's program to assist minority members of the student body. In directing the Human Relations Center, he coordinates student services to handicapped students, international students, black students and veterans.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Col. Billups earned his B.S. degree from Tuskegee Institute and his M.A. degree from Marshall. He is a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict and has received the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. His overseas assignments included the Far East, Europe and Vietnam.

During his service career, he completed the advanced infantry officers course at Ft. Benning, Ga., and the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Billups and his wife, the former Deborah Bradford, live in Charleston. They are the parents of four daughters.

"Col. Billups has done an outstanding job for Marshall University and for handicapped students and minority group students over the past few years," Dr. Hayes said. "I believe he will be equally effective in developing and implementing a strong Affirmative Action program for the university."

Dr. Richard G. Fisher, dean of students, said, "It will be difficult to replace a man of Col. Billups' caliber. Consequently, we will begin immediately an intensive effort to locate and recruit an outstanding individual to assume his responsibilities in this office."

## Mrs. Smith, ex-Marshall official dies

Mrs. Veta Lee Smith, a leading figure in the administration of Marshall University for 18 years, died Sept. 13 in Flint, Mich., after a long illness. She had been living at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Vause Carlsen, for the past several months.

Mrs. Smith served as the college secretary at Marshall from 1939 until her resignation in 1957. She also was secretary of the faculty, coordinator of commencement, college historian, and handled public relations for the school.

Funeral services were conducted in Flint.

Dr. Stewart H. Smith, president-emeritus of Marshall, said the family had suggested memorial contributions be made to the Huntington chapter of the American Association of University Women, in lieu of flowers.

Born Jan. 30, 1903, at Cass, W. Va., Mrs. Smith was a daughter of the late Dennis A. and Lula Waugh Williams. Her husband was the late John Griffith Smith of Point Pleasant.

Mrs. Smith earned her A.B. and M.A. degrees at West Virginia University. She taught English at Point Pleasant High School, Morgantown Business College and Welch High School before coming to Marshall.

Following her resignation at Marshall, she served as assistant professor of English at Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

The 1958 edition of the Chief Justice, Marshall yearbook, was dedicated to Mrs. Smith. Among her other achievements, the yearbook cited her as a guiding force in bringing Fagus, senior women's honorary, to the campus and helping it maintain high standards. She also was active in Mortar Board, Delta Kappa Gamma, Pi Delta Phi and Alpha Lambda Delta, all honoraries, and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority and the AAUW.

## School of Medicine gets 2nd staff member

The Marshall University School of Medicine has its second full-time staff member.

John M. Zink of Springfield, Ill., has been appointed executive assistant to Dr. Robert C. Parlett, newly-named vice president for health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine.

Dr. Parlett, who was appointed chief administrator of the Marshall program late last month, announced Zink's appointment. It is effective immediately.

Zink has been Parlett's assistant at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, serving as director of laboratory sciences and assistant to the associate dean of medical sciences since 1971.

Zink, 29, earned his A.B. degree in microbiology from Southern Illinois in 1967. He also holds an M.A. degree in microbiology and an M.B.A. in business administration, both from Southern Illinois.

Zink is married and the father of two sons.

### Order calendars now

Doyle Carter of the Receiving Department reminds all faculty and staff members to send him information concerning needs for 1975 desk calendars refills. Specify size, make and quantity.

This information must be received no later than Oct. 1, 1974.

DR. RAM N. SINGH, associate professor of sociology, chaired the Status Aspirations Section at the annual Rural Sociological Society meeting in Montreal, Canada, Aug. 22-25. Dr. Singh also attended the American Sociological Society meeting held in Montreal Aug. 25-27.

DR. WILLIAM A. McDOWELL, assistant professor of counseling and rehabilitation, was guest lecturer at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church on Aug. 11. His topic was "Group Process - The Key to Growth." On Aug. 13 and 14, Dr. McDowell was a consultant and program contributor on the "Inside-Out Bread and Butterflies" educational television program for the State Department of Guidance Counseling and Testing at Vienna, W. Va.

DR. ROBERT L. DINGMAN, associate professor, and DR. WILLIAM A. McDOWELL, assistant professor of counseling and rehabilitation, presented a program at the West Virginia Personnel and Guidance Association Fall Workshop Aug. 29 at Morris Harvey College, Charleston. Their program topic was "Group Dynamics."

DR. DONALD C. TARTER, professor of Biological Sciences, attended the 5th International Symposium on Plecoptera at Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., Sept. 3-6.

Winners of the 1974 Early Fall Invitational Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Marshall University Faculty Golf Club and held at the Riviera Country Club on Sept. 14 are TOM

BISHOP, BOB BROWN, DICK BURCHETT, ERIC CORE, ROGER HAMOOD, REGGIE SPENCER and C. J. WOOLUM.

IRA F. PLYBON, assistant professor of English, has received a Ph.D. degree in English from the University of Maryland. His dissertation is titled "John Morley: The Victorian Rationalist as Literary Critic."

A retrospective exhibit of prints by MRS. JUNE KILGORE, Art Department chairman, was held Sept. 18 at a new art gallery, One Arts, at 1416 4th Ave. RESOR TARBETT and DARRELL WILMOTH, graduate art students, recently opened the gallery and the exhibit by Mrs. Kilgore was the first for the student enterprise.

DR. MICHAEL J. GALGANO, director of the Oral History project attended the ninth annual Oral History Association Symposium and Colloquium at Jackson Hole, Wyo., Sept. 11-15.

DR. DAVID CUSICK, assistant professor of mathematics, spoke at Park Junior High School, Beckley, W. Va., Sept. 16 on the topics, "Three Guys and a Pile of Shoeboxes--An Intimate Glimpse of the Life of a Digital Computer." and "Math? Who Needs It?"

DR. RICHARD H. ROSSWURM, assistant professor of political science, and DR. TROY M. STEWART JR., assistant professor of political science (on leave), attended the meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, Aug. 29-Sept. 2.

## Campus positions currently open...

**ASSISTANT CATALOG LIBRARIAN**, James E. Morrow Library. Requirements: Masters degree in Library Science from ALA-accredited library school and a thorough knowledge of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules. Duties include original cataloging of monographs, serials and other library forms and assisting in keeping the cataloging done with Library of Congress Copy. Will answer to Head Cataloger. Applications will be accepted through Oct. 10 by Dr. Kenneth T. Slack, director of libraries.

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**RECORDS CLERK**, Marshall University Placement Center. Requirements: Accurate typing at 50-60 w.p.m., office experience, personality to deal effectively and courteously with students, recruiters, faculty and employers. Duties include overseeing the preparation and mailing of weekly Employment Opportunity Bulletin, records maintain, assigned correspondence, handling of credentials requests, handling of office traffic, answering telephone and providing information and

## Carroll is selected MU tennis mentor

Bill Carroll, a successful high school coach and a respected tennis authority, has been named men's head tennis coach at Marshall University, according to Joe McMullen, athletic director.

Carroll is athletic director and head basketball coach at Huntington St. Joseph's High School and will serve simultaneously as head of the Thundering Herd's tennis staff.

He attended Huntington St. Joseph's High and was graduated from Marshall University in 1965. In the 1963-64 seasons, Carroll was the Herd's top singles player and team captain.

The 32-year-old coach, his wife, the former Pamela Leigh Vance, and son, William Thomas, Jr., reside in South Point, Ohio.

other clerical duties as assigned by the coordinator of the Placement Center. Applications will be accepted through Sept. 25 by Reginald A. Spencer, placement coordinator, Prichard Hall.

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**CASHIER**, Office of Finance, Division of Business Affairs. Requirements: High school graduation, mathematics aptitude, ability to qualify for coverage under faithful performance bond. Applicants should be able to operate business machines, cash register, 10-key adding machines, etc. Position involves contact with public. Duties include receipt and custody of monies, filing, some typing, other duties as assigned by the director of the Office of Finance. Applications will be accepted through Sept. 30 by Richard Vass or Pat Garvin in the Office of Finance, Old Main 101.

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**SECRETARY**, Department of Occupational, Adult and Safety Education. Requirements: Accurate typing, knowledge of other secretarial duties such as collating, office machines operation, filing. Duties include secretarial work as assigned by the department chairman. Applications will be accepted by Dr. Charles I. Jones, chairman, Department of Occupational, Adult and Safety Education, Old Main 344.

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Marshall University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

### NEWCOMERS

Newcomers to campus include:

MRS. PRISCILLIA L. KELL, keypunch operator;  
ROBERT PERRY NOWLIN, custodian.

Welcome aboard!

# 'Big sound' band to make debut

Marshall University football fans will have a pleasant surprise this Saturday when the Big Green Marching Band makes its first 1974-75 appearance in Fairfield Stadium.

The band is bigger-much bigger. So is the sound.

The "big sound" will be heard when the band takes to the Fairfield AstroTurf at 7:20 p.m. Saturday, prior to the Marshall-Akron football game, with a show keyed to a patriotic theme. The same theme will be carried through in the band's half-time performance.

Much of the band's new thrust is attributed to Kenneth W. Large. He came to Marshall in August with a major assignment: Build the marching and concert bands to a level of national prominence.

The efforts are beginning to show already.

Dr. Wendell Kumlien, chairman of Marshall's Department of Music, pointed out that Large immediately undertook a major recruiting effort. As a result, the band has grown from last year's 80 members to more than 130 today. An even larger band is envisioned for the future.

"And this band's playing level is far ahead of what I had anticipated," Dr. Kumlien said, adding that he believes Large will build "a first-class, nationally-recognized band."

"I don't really recruit as such," Large said. "I just try to help musicians and try to become more familiar with the area and its people."

The new director has a head start on familiarity with West Virginia and the Tri-State Area.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Large of Daniels (Raleigh County), W. Va., and is a graduate of Concord College in Athens, W. Va. Large received his Master's degree in music from Ohio State University, served as band director at East

Tennessee State University for the past eight years and is a widely-known adjudicator and clinician. He served as adjudicator for several recent West Virginia All-Regional Band Festivals in Bluefield.

When not rehearsing the band or teaching classes, Large can be found visiting high school bands, working with their directors and members. He said he has attended recent band practices and performances of many high school bands in West Virginia and the Tri-State Area.

New for the MU marching band this year is a 12-member Flag Corps. Corps members will be on the march holding high new standards in the university's colors-green and white.

In addition to the new sound and appearance and flag corps, Marshall fans will find all the band's pre-game and half-time shows geared to central themes. While the first home game's activities are to be patriotic themes, Dixieland music and nostalgia will be the keys to shows for the MU-Miami of Ohio game here on Sept. 28, director Large said.

But Large says all the new attractions are merely part of the band's overall theme of excellence.

"The band is working beautifully," he said. I feel a spirit of unity in the band and its members are showing real dedication."

He has set a goal of "160 members minimum" and envisions additional community service by providing music for more local events and meetings of groups.

"But my primary goal is to help good musicians who will come to Marshall to pursue careers in music," Large said. "With enough good musicians, Marshall's bands can be recognized nationally and the students and the community will reap the profits."

## Competition under way for study grants

The 1975-76 competition for grants for graduate study abroad and for professional training in the creative and performing arts is under way, according to an announcement by Dr. John R. Warren, Marshall University professor of biological sciences. Dr. Warren is Fulbright Program adviser at Marshall.

The grants are provided through the Institute of International Education under terms of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Fulbright-Hays Act) and by

### Characterization of Poe Convocation Series opener

Actor and author Jerry Rockwood will present his characterization "Edgar Allen Poe: A Condition of Shadow" Friday, Sept. 27, as the opening event of the season on the Marshall Artists Series, Convocation Series.

The performance will be at 11 a.m. in Old Main Auditorium. Admission is free.

Drawing from Poe's mystery tales, poetry, personal letters, essays and notes, Rockwood creates an in-depth characterization of the famous American writer, revealing the conflicts of his personality, his poverty, insanity and ultimate destruction.

Rockwood is the author of the acting textbook used at Marshall University entitled "The Craftsman of Dionysus: An Approach to Acting" and began a series of articles in The New York Times last October when he authored "Can Colleges Teach Theater?"

Following the morning performance, Rockwood will conduct an informal acting workshop for interested persons which will be held at 2 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

foreign governments, universities and private donors.

Generally, applicants should hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent and in most cases should be proficient in the language of the host country. Except for certain specific awards, candidates may not hold the Ph.D. at the time of application. Creative and performing artists are not required to have a bachelor's degree, but must have four years of professional study or equivalent experience. Social work applicants must have at least two years of professional experience after the Master of Social Work degree; candidates in medicine must have an M.D.

Selection is based on the academic and/or professional record of the applicant, the validity and feasibility of the applicant's proposed study plan, language preparation and personal qualifications. Preference is given candidates between 20 and 35 years of age who have not had prior opportunity for extended study or residence abroad.

Detailed information and application forms may be obtained from Dr. Warren's office in James E. Morrow Library. Application deadline is Oct. 15, 1974, Dr. Warren said.

### UK EXTENSION COURSE

Students are being sought for the formation of a second semester course, "Organization and Administration of Higher Education," to be taught at Ashland Community College.

The graduate level, University of Kentucky extension course, will be held if as many as 12 students can be located by Oct. 1. Persons interested in further information may contact Eleanor Terry, assistant professor, Department of Educational Media.