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MU faculty members receive promotions

Thirty-one Marshall University faculty members have been approved for promotions effective with the beginning of the fall term, according to Provost Alan B. Gould. Twenty-eight have qualified for tenure, effective July 1, he added.

Promoted to professor were Roger L. Adkins, economics; Chong Kim, management; William J. Radig, accounting; Raymond Busbee, health, physical education and recreation; Christopher Dolmetsch, modern languages; Bertram Gross, speech; Charles Mabee, religious studies; Dean Adkins, biological sciences; Harold Wayne Elmore, biological sciences; Protip K. Ghosh, geology; Michael Little, biological sciences; Gerald E. Rubin, mathematics; Bryan Larsen, obstetrics and gynecology; Peter J. Kasvinsky, biochemistry, and Stephen A. Wolf, surgery.

Promoted to associate professor were Gretchen Oley, medicine, Marc A. Subik, medicine; Monica Valentovic, pharmacology; Sasha Zill, anatomy; Marjorie Mcinerney, management; Clyde A. Roberts, accounting; Larry G. Froehlich, specialized allied studies; Robert J. Evans, teacher education; Samuel Dameron, criminal justice; Lee Erickson, English; James D. Reimer, English; Richard J. Bady, physics and physical science; Marcus C. Waldron, biological sciences; Nedra K. Lowe, developmental and general education, and Pamela W. Ford, librarian.

Promoted to assistant professor was Susan Jackson, art.

Receiving tenure were Mcinerney; Roberts; Donald L. Hall, specialized allied studies; Froehlich; Evans; Linda Eikum Dobbs, music; Donald Williams, music; Subik; Oley; Valentovic; Andrew J. Burger, medicine; Jody Gottlieb, psychiatry; Patricia J. Kelly, pediatrics; Thomas W. Erickson, English; James D. Reimer, English; Reimer; Bady; Thomas K. Pauley, biological sciences; Waldron, and Randall Jones, allied science technology.

Copy can be sent by VAX

Campus offices now can transmit computer-generated copy to the Marshall University Publications Office for typesetting and design, according to John McKinney, director of printing services.

In a joint announcement, Computer Center and Publications officials said that anyone with access to VAX should be able to transmit acceptable copy.

"This is one more way technology is improving services to the university community," said McKinney.

He recommended contacting the Publications Office, 696-6481, before attempting to transmit copy.

Acting Senate leader named

Virginia Plumley will be acting Marshall University Faculty Senate president until the beginning of the fall semester when president-elect Kathryn Chezik assumes the position.
Miller named interim advancement VP

Joe E. Miller, associate vice president for institutional advancement at Marshall University, has been appointed interim vice president for institutional advancement, effective July 1, according to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke.

Miller will serve in that capacity until a permanent vice president is selected, Nitzschke said.

The position has been advertised nationally and a search committee has been appointed to seek a successor to Dr. Keith L. Scott as vice president for institutional advancement. Scott, who joined the Marshall administration four years ago, will become executive director of development at Northern Arizona University July 1.

COE gets $66,000 from alumna’s estate

Students in Marshall University’s College of Education will benefit from a $66,000 gift from the estate of a 1938 Marshall alumna to the Marshall University Foundation, Inc.

Joe E. Miller, MU associate vice president for institutional advancement, said the contribution from the estate of Mrs. Virginia H. Keys, a retired teacher, was earmarked for use by the College of Education.

“The college has decided that annual proceeds from investment of the $66,000 will be used to provide $1,500 scholarships to students majoring in teacher education,” Miller said. “I’m sure Mrs. Keys would be pleased that her gift will be used in such an appropriate manner.”

A native of Huntington, Mrs. Keys lived in Myrtle Beach, S.C., at the time of her death on July 6, 1987. She was a teacher in the Cabell County school system and also taught at Salem College and at Socastee High School in Myrtle Beach.

She and her husband, C.P. “Kip” Keys, owned and operated the Four Gables Motel in Myrtle Beach.

Miller said Huntington attorney E. Henry Broh represented Mrs. Keys’ estate in establishing the College of Education endowment.

Mystery will be held

“Dial ‘M’ For Murder,” a classic mystery by Frederick Knott, will be presented by the Marshall University Summer Theatre June 22-24 at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

The play had successful runs in London and on Broadway and was directed on film by Alfred Hitchcock, according to Elaine Adams Novak, director of the presentation.

Tickets will be $4 at the MU Box Office, Old Main B23, or at the door the day of the play.

To obtain further details contact the MU Theatre/Dance Department, 696-6442.

GA stipends increased

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will be paid a minimum of $750.

“We will not sign off on a PAR that is rated at less than $1,500 per semester for a full-time graduate assistant,” said Deutsch. “Of course any unit may pay more than that if they want to, and some do pay more.”

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 696-6606.
University staff honored at luncheon

Marshall University staff members were honored for their dedicated service to the university by MU President Dale F. Nitzschke and the Marshall University Staff Council during a luncheon June 7. Special awards were presented to persons with 35, 30, 25, 20 and 15 years of service to Marshall and retirees. Nitzschke said the awards represented 871 years of service. Persons who received awards at the luncheon included:

Thirty-five years of service: Edna Ball.

Thirty years of service: Richard Vass.

Retirees, left to right: Rosa Johnson, Rosetta Layne, Geraldine Pope, Beverley Ball, Kitty Allen, Mary Berry, Phyllis Caldwell, Dorman Sargent.

Twenty-five years of service, left to right: Opal Ellis, James Harless, Lola Stratton.

Twenty years of service, left to right: Annie Smith, Joyce Wright, Stephen Naymick, William Beard.

Fifteen years of service, left to right: Delbert Harless, Rowena Napier, Donald Salyers, Patricia Gebhart, Thelma Blake, Betty Beard, Cynthia Warren, Freda Sommerville, Charlene Hawkins, Christine Qualls, David Scites, Yvonne Keeter, Lynn Mayfield, Newatha Perry, Phyllis York, Al Horan.
Med School receives $185,000 grant

The Marshall University School of Medicine has received a three-year, $185,000 grant from the Public Health Service to create an innovative program designed to encourage new doctors to work in rural communities.

The project will put Marshall's family practice residents out in a rural community for two months, treating patients and learning more about rural communities.

"We already have our residents seeing patients in rural communities, but this program opens up a completely new dimension," said Dr. Robert B. Walker. "In a sense, it breaks down the clinic walls and plugs these doctors into the community at several different levels.

"We're going to have them going to local schools, the county health department and water company, and workplaces like coal mines, farms and sawmills," he said.

Walker, who is the project director and chairman of Marshall's Department of Family and Community Health, said the program is designed to accomplish two things.

"First, we think these residents will be better doctors if they understand their patients' life styles and workplaces, and if they see the 'big picture' in terms of the health problems in the community as a whole," he said.

"Second, we want these doctors to become bonded to a rural community so they'll want to practice in one, and we want to give them the skills which make them confident that they can."

Six residents a year will participate in the program, which will be based at the Lincoln Primary Care Center, a Marshall affiliated clinic in Hamlin. Residents will spend half of their time at the clinic treating patients and the other half participating in the community program.

Gerry Stover, executive director of the Lincoln Primary Care Center, will be the program coordinator and Dr. Dan Peterson of the Marshall medical faculty will be the physician director.

Walker said the program, though smaller in scale, should provide some of the same benefits provided by Marshall's unique Combined Residency/Practice Program, which last year was named the Outstanding Rural Health Program of 1988 by the National Rural Health Association.

"In both programs, the key is making the doctor a part of the community," he said. "Then, in that framework, we can help them understand the economics of rural health, the social influences that come into play, and the most effective ways of helping the community become healthier."

Music festival planned

Marshall University's Music Department will sponsor its second annual Wind and Percussion Festival June 19-23, according to Wendell Dobbs and Ben Miller, directors of the festival.

The festival will feature several concerts and clinics for music educators, band directors and conductors.

A free concert by a 20-piece Gazebo Band will be held June 19 in the "showmobile" on 9th Street Plaza adjacent to the Cabell County Library.

The West Virginia Symphony Brass Quintet will perform June 19 at 8 p.m. at Harris Riverfront Park. Tickets will be $3 for individuals and $5 for families.

A concert by the Festival Wind Ensemble will be held June 22 at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. The Festival Symphonic Band will perform June 23 at 8 p.m. at Harris Riverfront Park. Tickets for these concerts will be $3 for individuals and $5 for families and will be available at the door.

Guest conductor and teacher Lissa Fleming, recently appointed to the faculty at Purdue University, will return to Huntington to lead daily clinics on conducting and rehearsal techniques with Michael McArtor and Joseph Line of Marshall.

Clinics have been developed to address the daily problems faced by junior high and high school music teachers, conductors and band directors.

Participants may receive two hours of academic credit at the undergraduate or graduate levels for completion of the various clinics. The university's normal tuition rates will be in effect for programs taken for credit.

Other guest instructors and performers will include: Lorraine Dorsey, principal oboist with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra; Bruce Kenney, clarinetist, and Robert Beeson, saxophonist, both from the U.S. Army Band; Gary Barton, tuba, and an authority in beginning band instruction; Marsha Palmer of the West Virginia Symphony; Kliff Hodgkin, David Porter, Harry Rich and Terry Roush, musicians from Charleston, and members of the MU Music Department.

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

Fitness camp scheduled

Marshall University faculty and staff members will be able to send children to the Marshall Sports-Fitness Camp at reduced rates, according to Sharon Stanton, assistant director of recreational sports.

The three-week camp for youngsters five through 12 years old will be held July 10-28. Instruction on the fundamentals of various sports and activities ranging from swimming and basketball to tennis and soccer will be provided.

Campers will be divided into two groups according to age. Both groups will meet from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

The cost for children of Marshall employees will be $100. Prorating will be available, with a daily rate of $8. The Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department also will sponsor a Sports-Fitness Camp for youth 12 to 15 a years old. This camp will be held July 17-28 from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The fee for this camp will be $50.

To enroll a child or obtain further details contact Sharon Stanton, 696-2943 or 696-6477.
Academic/athletic camp will be held

Marshall University’s Community College and College of Education will sponsor the fourth annual Academic/Athletic Summer Enrichment Program for primary, elementary, junior high and senior high school students during June and July.

The purpose of the program is to provide area students with the opportunity to improve both academic and athletic skills in a relaxed and informal atmosphere, according to Robert L. Lawson, director of continuing education for MU’s Community College.

Five individual programs will be offered for students in different age groups. All of the programs will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., with students meeting in the lobby of Corby Hall at 8:45 a.m.

The program for students in kindergarten through first grade will be held June 19-23 and will feature courses titled “Fun With Computers,” “T-Ball” and “Fun With Reading.”

Second- and third-graders will meet June 26-30 and take courses in “Fun With Computers,” “T-Ball” and “Fun With Reading.”

Students in grades four, five and six will meet July 24-28 and take courses in “Study Skills,” “Softball” and “Writing With Math.”

Students in grades seven, eight and nine will meet July 17-21 and take “Study Skills,” “Tennis” and “Writing With Math.”

Sophomores, juniors and seniors will meet July 10-14 and take courses in “Introduction to Computers,” “Study Skills” and “Writing With Math.”

Each group will be limited to 25 students and there will be a tuition charge of $55 per student.

To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Continuing Education, 696-3113.

Sasser in ‘Who’s Who’

Dr. John E. Sasser, assistant professor of mathematics and computer education at Marshall University, has been selected for inclusion in the 1989-90 edition of “Who’s Who in American Education.”

Kathryn Runde, managing editor of the prestigious publication, said Sasser will be honored in the next edition which will recognize less than two percent of the professional educators in the United States.

Sasser received his bachelor’s degree in mathematics summa cum laude from the University of Maryland, his master’s degree from Columbus (Ga.) College and his doctorate from the University of Southern California.

Prior to accepting a position at Marshall in 1988, he taught at the University of Hartford, the European Division of the University of Maryland and the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Germany.

Sasser has written numerous articles for professional publications and journals and has written two software programs. He recently completed a software program for the Kentucky Governor’s Advisory Committee for Chapter 2, Public Law 100-297, which will assist the state in allocating federal funds to local educational agencies.

Officials of C&P Telephone and Marshall University have announced an increase to $4,500 in C&P’s regular scholarship contribution to Marshall. Initiallly the agreement are C&P Public Relations Director Ben Garland, left, and MU Vice President for Institutional Advancement Keith L. Scott.

Four Marshall students are assisted by the C&P gift each year.

C&P Telephone Company increases contribution

C&P Telephone has increased its regular scholarship contribution to Marshall University to $4,500, MU Vice President for Institutional Advancement Keith L. Scott announced today.

The funds will be split among four scholarship winners, students in the College of Education or majoring in broadcasting, journalism, oral communications education or speech communications in the College of Liberal Arts.

In addition, C&P has made its final $25,000 contribution to complete a $100,000 pledge in support of Marshall’s Society of Yeager Scholars this spring, Scott said.

Ben Garland, director of public relations for C&P, said the company gives at least two scholarships to every state college and university in the state, as well as contributing to the West Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges. The annual scholarships were established in 1985 as part of C&P’s commitment to higher education in the state, and this year, C&P has increased the scholarship contributions to each school.

“We increased our support because of the importance of education to West Virginia,” Garland said. “Education is directly tied to economic development and quality of life. We want young people in the state to have the best possible future in West Virginia, and education is a key to that future.”

In addition to the requirements for fields of study, scholarship winners must be in the upper one-fourth of their class, demonstrate leadership abilities, be a United States citizen and have been a West Virginia resident for at least two years prior to enrollment at the school.

Biweekly newsletter planned

The Marshall University Newsletter will be published biweekly during the first and second summer terms. Items for the newsletter should be sent to the University Relations Office, 102 Old Main.
SEE helps students decide on future

Twenty recent West Virginia high school graduates will participate in Marshall University’s Summer Evaluation Experience (SEE) program this June and July to see if they have what it takes to successfully attend college and try to decide if they want to pursue a higher education. The program, which will run through July 14, has been designed to give the students a realistic view of college life and provide assistance which will help them successfully compete in the college academic and social atmosphere, according to Joseph R. Dragovich, director of student support services at Marshall.

“We provide academic assistance to the students, plus personal and career counseling, and an excellent follow-up program for those who decide to continue their college educations in the fall,” Dragovich said.

“We try to provide students with whatever assistance they need to attend and succeed in college,” he said. “Students who need the services receive tutoring, counseling, and assistance in areas such as reading and study skills. If the students don’t need the help, they don’t have to participate in all of the various sessions.”

Each student will be enrolled in seven credit hours of university classes, including a new student seminar. Students will meet once a week, or more often, with an assigned counselor who will help the individuals with any adjustment problems or other concerns.

The social aspect of the program will include a weekend at Jenny Wiley State Park in Kentucky and activities such as trips to the Huntington Mall, swimming, boating and trips to local points of interest.

“We planned the weekend at Jenny Wiley after the first full week of classes to give the students the first two weeks with us in order to help overcome any homesickness and to help the students get to know each other and our staff members better,” said Dragovich.

Dragovich conducted a study which showed that during the previous four SEE programs 83 percent of the participants completed at least one year of study at Marshall. Forty-seven percent currently are enrolled at Marshall and six percent graduated.

“The study speaks well for the viability of the SEE program,” he said. “Sixty-two percent of the SEE students from the last four programs are still attending Marshall or another institution or graduated. These statistics amplify the type of support and encouragement students receive from the program.”

Students who return to Marshall after completing the program are automatically enrolled in the Student Support Services Program—a federalally funded program that provides tutoring, academic support and counseling to 175 students who qualify as first generation college students or financially disadvantaged students.

“We have SEE students who have scored as high as 26 or 27 on the ACT examination and others who have made low scores in the program, but most of them are not sure about college. The majority of the students are just kind of seeing what they want to do and what is possible for them to do,” explained Dragovich.

“This program is proving to be very successful and really helps those students who need it. I am sure many of our SEE students over the past 16 years would not have received a college education if it had not been for this program,” he said. “As one former student put it, 'Marshall’s Student Support Services Program helped me to become a more responsible person— in spite of myself.'”

The students were selected by their high school guidance counselors and Marshall University officials and have met all eligibility requirements of the university.

To obtain further details about the program contact Joseph R. Dragovich or the MU Student Support Services Office, 696-3164.

Employee achievements

DAVID A. CUSICK, professor of mathematics, recently was acknowledged for his review contribution to “Discrete Mathematics with Applications” by William Barnier and Jean B. Chan of Sonoma State University.

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, dean of the College of Business, recently conducted seminars on House Bill 104, The Government Ethics Bill. He made presentations for 40 members of the West Virginia Municipal League Financial Association on May 11 and 75 members of the West Virginia Municipal League on May 21 in Charleston. The program was approved for continuing education by the West Virginia Lawyers.

Dr. WILLIAM J. RADIG, professor of accounting, co-authored an auditing article titled “Mum’s the Word—Or Is It?” which appeared in the April issue of The Woman CPA. He also presented a session titled “Regulations, Taxes and Insurance” at a pre-business workshop on May 18 sponsored by the Service Corps of Retired Executives and the Small Business Administration.

RAY WELTY, associate vice president for administration, has been elected to the board of directors of the Eastern Association of College Auxiliary Services for a three-year term. The Eastern Region is the largest of four regions which comprise the National Association of College Auxiliary Services. The region has 488 member institutions.

DWIGHT JENSEN, acting director of the School of Journalism, has had a paper titled “An Analysis of Magazine Coverage of Nuclear War Issues” accepted for presentation at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Aug. 10-13 in Washington, D.C. The paper suggests that as far as the American public is concerned, the cold war ended years ago and the concern today is for peace and arms reduction—if editors can accurately gauge the mood of the public and select material accordingly. JENSEN also has been informed that more than two dozen biographical sketches he authored will be included in the “Biographical Dictionary of American Journalism,” edited by Joseph P. McKerns of Ohio State University. The dictionary will be published July 30 by Greenwood Press. Among the people he wrote about are Bill Nye, Erwin Canham, Raymond Gram Swing, Margaret Bourke-White, the Alsop brothers, Jimmy Cannon, Adele Rogers St. John, William L. Shirer, Hugh Baillie and Hoyt Palmer.