VP for multicultural affairs appointed

Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, executive assistant to the president and coordinator of Centers for Excellence at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., has been appointed vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall University.

Appointment of the former Huntington resident to the newly-established Marshall vice presidency was announced by MU President Dale F. Nitzschke.

"We have created the position of vice president for multicultural affairs to meet some very specific needs on the Marshall University campus — needs which extend into the community and, indeed, across the nation," Nitzschke said. "I believe we're very fortunate to be able to attract an individual with Dr. Cleckley's impressive credentials and strong, outgoing personality to provide leadership in addressing those needs."

The vice president for multicultural affairs will be responsible for strengthening the role of minorities at Marshall and for providing leadership in recruitment of minorities, Nitzschke said.

Dr. Cleckley, a graduate of the former Douglass High School in Huntington, is the daughter of the late Rev. Ellen D. Cleckley and Dan Cleckley. Her mother was founder of the Eighth Avenue Church of God in Huntington and served as its pastor until her death.

Prior to assuming her current position at Meharry Medical College this year, she served two years as the school's interim vice president for institutional advancement and five years as assistant vice president for academic affairs.

She received her B.S. degree in sociology from Marquette University in 1958, her M.S.S. degree from Smith College in 1960 and her Ph.D. from the Florence Heller

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Fidler will direct university libraries

Josephine Fidler, who has been associated with Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library for 27 years, has been named director of libraries at Marshall, according to MU Provost Alan B. Gould.

Fidler had served as interim director of libraries at the university since September 1988.

She served in a variety of positions at Marshall since joining the faculty in 1962 as an instructor in library science, including assistant cataloger, bibliographer and acquisitions librarian.

Ms. Fidler received her bachelor's degree in English and library science from Glenville State College and her master's degree in library science from Indiana University.

Prior to accepting a position at Marshall, she served as librarian at Tygarts Valley High School, assistant librarian at Glenville State College and head librarian at Alderson-Broaddus College.

She has been involved in numerous community and professional organizations including the American Library Association, the American Association of University Professors, the American Association of University Women, Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's honorary, Alpha Phi State, Beta Phi Mu and the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center board of trustees.

Her community activities have included serving on the board of directors of Cabell County Friends of the Library, the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Huntington Focus 2000, the Pilot Club of Huntington, the Huntington Museum of Art, the West Virginia Writers Association, WPBY public television station and public radio.

In 1976 she was presented an award for outstanding

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Positions combined for one-year trial

Responsibilities of two major university positions—executive assistant to the president for affirmative action and director of human resources and personnel—are being combined into a single position, according to Marshall President Dale F. Nitzschke.

Queen E. Foreman, executive assistant to the president for affirmative action, will become director of affirmative action and human resources, Nitzschke said. The position will report directly to the president.

"We believe the affirmative action process and reporting can be enhanced by combining the two positions," Nitzschke said. "We have decided to try it that way for a year, then evaluate the results. If it turns out that we can better serve the needs of the people of this university in that way, we'll make it a permanent situation. On
Trio/soloist to team up for concert

The Leonardo Trio, one of the country's most important young ensembles, will be joined by Jean Kopperud, a noted chamber musician, for a concert at Marshall University on Monday, Sept. 18, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Cosponsored by the Institute for the Arts and the MU Music Department, the concert will feature Olivier Messiaen's "Quartet for the End of Time," written by France's most celebrated living composer when he was imprisoned in a German work camp in 1940.

Dr. Donald A. Williams, chairman of the Music Department, will discuss the work preceding the concert at 7:30 p.m.

Messiaen encountered three musicians of note who also were imprisoned in the same camp and wrote the Intermezzo of the "Quartet" for them. They performed in captivity on damaged instruments in the freezing cold.

The Leonardo Trio has received critical acclaim for the beauty and virtuosity of their performances.

Cameron Grant, pianist, Erica Kiesewetter, violinist, and Jonathan Spitz, cellist, were 1989 finalists in the Walter W. Naumburg Foundation International Chamber Music Competition. They also were prize winners in the 1989 Concert Artists Guild Competition, and received a Reader's Digest/Meet the Composer Commissioning Grant.

Clarinetist Jean Kopperud is a graduate of the Juilliard School and has toured the United States, Canada, Europe and Japan as soloist and chamber musician.

Tickets will be $5 for general admission and $3 for students. Tickets will be available at the Institute for the Arts, Old Main 112, and at the door.

Students selling cards

Custom-designed note cards featuring pen-and-ink drawings of Huntington landmarks are being sold by the Marshall University Medical Student Auxiliary, according to Maxine Baur, the group's adviser.

Drawn by Grantsville artist Larry McAllister, the cards depict Marshall's Morrow Library, the C&O Depot, Heritage Station, the East Huntington Bridge, and the Memorial Arch.

The cards are sold in sets of six for $10 and are available through the auxiliary's president, Lisa Roth (525-5887), or Mrs. Baur (736-5557).

Fidler named director

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service to libraries and the library profession by the West Virginia Library Association.

Ms. Fidler has been listed in "Who's Who in Library and Information Services," "Who's Who of American Women" and the "Biographical Directory of Librarians in the United States."

She has attended and participated in numerous workshops and seminars pertaining to libraries in West Virginia and has written several articles on related subjects.

As director of libraries, she will coordinate all library services in the university's main library, as well as the music and health sciences libraries.

"Ms. Fidler should be an excellent director of libraries," said Gould. "She has proven her abilities as interim director and throughout her career in the library system. She knows what it takes to have a successful library program and is willing to take the time to ensure Marshall University provides the best possible library services to the students, faculty, staff and community."

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Campus duties combined

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the other hand, if the results do not meet our expectations, we may want to separate the positions again.”

He said a committee will be selected, in cooperation with Classified Staff Council, to work with Ms. Foreman and to review and evaluate the program following the one-year trial period.

Nitzschke said committees already in place to consider affirmative action and staff grievance appeals will receive formalized training under the new setup in order to enhance their effectiveness.

Also, Nitzschke said, Ms. Foreman immediately will put into place a process to begin more efficient processing of employee job reclassification requests.

Nitzschke said an assistant director will be employed to help with the affirmative action/equal employment opportunities program.
Black History Conference scheduled

"Honoring Our Past," the second annual conference on West Virginia's black history, will be held Sept. 21-23 at Marshall University's Memorial Student Center.

The conference will focus on the systematic approach to the study of black history in West Virginia and include presentations by scholars and historians who have demonstrated interest in research and/or retaining the state's black history, according to Kenneth E. Blue, associate dean for student development at Marshall and program director.

DeWayne Wickham, a columnist for USA Today and the Gannett News Service, will be the conference keynote speaker. He will make a presentation Friday, Sept. 22, during a banquet at 7 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

Blue said several nationally known black scholars will take part in the program because although the intent of the conference is to recapture and examine West Virginia's black history, it is important to place the state's history within a national context.

The conference will open Thursday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. with a lecture on "Black Women Artists" by Della Taylor Hardman, artist and professor emerita at West Virginia State College. The lecture will be held in Birke Art Gallery, where the works of former Huntington artist Martha Toler Spencer will be exhibited.

Friday's schedule includes:

- "Setting the Scene for Historical Research about Black People" by Edgar Toppin, professor of history and dean of the Virginia State University Graduate School, at 9:15 a.m.
- Three presentations beginning at 1:15 p.m.: "Approaching History through Genealogy" with Huntington attorney Herbert Henderson serving as moderator; "The McGhee Family of McDowell County" by Acie McGhee, a teacher from Winston Salem, N.C., and "The Lawson-Gore Family of Boone County" by Joe Williams, president of Basic Supply Inc. in Huntington.
- "The Black Press in West Virginia" by Betty Powell Hart, assistant professor of English at Fairmont State College, at 3 p.m. Steven Starks editor and publisher of the West Virginia Beacon Digest, will serve as moderator of the session.
- "Nine Ex-Slaves and the Huntington Experience" by Ancella R. Bickley, educator and former vice president at West Virginia State College, at 3:45 p.m.

Saturday's schedule includes:

- "The West Virginia Baptist State Convention" by Rev. Paul Gilmer of Institute, former member of the West Virginia Board of Regents, at 9 a.m.
- "Henry Dorton: Black Revolutionary War Veteran from Monongalia County" by Joy Berkeley, former assistant professor of English at West Virginia University, at 9:45 a.m. Retired Army Brig. Gen. Dallas Brown, a history professor at West Virginia State College, will serve as moderator of the session.
- "The Black Miner in West Virginia" by Ronald Lewis, associate professor of history at West Virginia University, at 10:45 a.m.

The conference will end with a luncheon at noon on Saturday. The guest speaker for the luncheon will be Joe W. Trotter, associate professor of history at Carnegie Mellon University.

All conference workshops and presentations will be open to the public free of charge. There will be a $10 charge for the dinner on Friday and a $7 charge for the luncheon on Saturday.

The program is being sponsored by Marshall University, the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia and the Gannett Foundation.

To obtain further details contact Kenneth E. Blue at Marshall University, 696-5430.

Group being rechartered

The Marshall University chapter of Phi Eta Sigma national freshman honorary is being rechartered on campus, according to Dr. Don Robertson, assistant dean for student life.

He would like any interested Marshall administrators, faculty and staff members who are members of Phi Eta Sigma to contact Linda Rowe in the Student Life Office, 696-6208.
Peace in Middle East to be discussed

A daylong symposium on "The Role of American Religious Leaders in the Middle East Peace Process" will be held in Charleston Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the Charleston House Holiday Inn.

The morning session will begin at 9:30 and focus on theological issues in the Middle East peace process. The afternoon session will explore the politics of religion in the Middle East peace process, according to Dr. Clair W. Matz, director of Marshall University's Center for International Studies.

A luncheon and keynote address by Rev. Michael P. Hamilton, canon of the Washington (D.C.) Cathedral, will be held at 12:30 p.m. Also featured during the luncheon will be Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke, West Virginia Congressman Nick J. Rahall II and George A. Naifeh, president of the American-Arab Affairs Council.

Symposium participants will include Dr. Yvonne Y. Haddad, professor of Islamic studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Rev. Harold A. LaParl, interim executive director of the West Virginia Council of Churches; Dr. Rosemary R. Ruther, professor of applied theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary; Dr. Marc H. Ellis, professor of religion and director of the Justice and Peace Program at Maryknoll School of Theology; Dr. Gamal Badr, legal adviser to the Mission of Qatar at the United Nations; Dr. John A. Maxwell, co-director of the West Virginia Consortium for Faculty and Course Development in International Studies (PACDIS); Hillel Schenker, editor of New Outlook magazine; Dr. James Will, head of the Justice and Peace Center at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and Dr. John L. Esposito, director of international studies at the College of Holy Cross.

The program is being sponsored by Marshall University, the West Virginia Committee of the American-Arab Affairs Council and the West Virginia Consortium for Faculty and Course Development in International Studies.

There will be a $15 registration fee for the symposium. To obtain further details contact Dr. Clair W. Matz, Marshall University Center for International Studies, 696-2465.

Memorial funds needed

Ed Miller, associate dean and director of financial aid, would like to remind those who want to make a contribution to the Christie Montrella Memorial Scholarship Fund to do so by Sept. 18.

The Willoughby, Ohio, police force established the fund in memory of Ms. Montrella, daughter of former Marshall financial aid director Dennis Montrella, who was murdered last October while a junior at Willoughby South High School.

Checks made payable to the Christie Montrella Scholarship Fund should be sent to Miller, Office of Student Financial Assistance, Old Main 122.

Personnel personal...

Marshall University Faculty and Staff:

Elaine and I want to express our sincere appreciation to you for having made our stay at Marshall a pleasant experience.

We were touched by the thoughts and good wishes of all of you who attended the farewell receptions given by the School of Medicine and the faculty in the Biomedical Sciences Program.

We send you our best wishes and luck for the future.

With warmest regards,
Peter and Elaine Kasvinsky
Page retiring, but studio will continue

Mrs. Helen Page, founder of the Studio of Speech Arts in Huntington and instructor in the program for many years, is retiring. However, her studio will continue as the new Theatre Arts Studio at Marshall University, College of Fine Arts Dean Paul A. Balshaw announced today.

The new Marshall program will provide theatre arts instruction for children in grades 1 through 8, Balshaw said. An organizational meeting, including registration and orientation of students, is scheduled Monday, Sept. 18, at 3:45 p.m. in Marshall’s Old Main Room 211.

Dr. Balshaw said Mrs. Cathy Jones Forsythe will be the Theatre Arts Studio instructor. Holder of bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education from Marshall, she is a certified K-8 teacher and is herself a graduate of Mrs. Page’s Studio of Speech Arts.

“Over the years, Helen Page has made a tremendous contribution to the young people of her region through her Studio of Speech Arts,” Balshaw said. “I’m very pleased Marshall University’s College of Fine Arts could work with her to continue her outstanding program while she enjoys her well-earned retirement.”

The fall semester of the Theatre Arts Studio will run from the organizational meeting, Sept. 18, through Dec. 4. Three levels of instruction will be provided: Class 1 for students in grades 1-3; Class 2 for those in grades 4-5, and Class 3 for middle school students in grades 6-8. Cost is $45 per student, payable at the beginning of the term.

The Theatre Arts Studio will join existing programs serving young people through the Art Op and Music Preparatory divisions, Balshaw said.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Forsythe at 697-4519 after 1 p.m. daily or by attending the Sept. 18 organizational meeting, Balshaw said.

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Marshall faculty/staff achievements

JAMES MOLONEY of the Marshall Mathematics Department had a 64-page paper, "Residue Class Domains of the Ring of Convergent Sequences and of C^0 ([0,1], R)," accepted for publication by the Pacific Journal of Mathematics.

The Ohio Historical Society has commissioned Dr. DANNY FULKS, professor of education, to research and write the story of Bevo Francis, famed basketball star at Rio Grande College in the 1950s. FULKS' essay, "Moonshine Reflections," based on the moonshine whiskey production, consumption and related incidents in southern West Virginia and Lawrence County, Ohio, has been accepted by Timeline for publication in the spring of 1990.

Dr. BETTY ROBERTS, associate professor in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, made a presentation titled "Creating a Supportive Environment in Elementary Physical Education" for Cabell County teachers at in-service meetings held Aug. 31 at Spring Hill Elementary School.

Dr. BEN F. MILLER, associate professor of music, recently presented a marching band percussion clinic at the annual convention of the Arkansas Bandmasters Association in Ft. Smith, Ark. His clinic for 250 junior and senior high school band directors was sponsored by the Pearl Drum Company of Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. JOAN ADKINS, professor of English, attended the fourth International Conference on Thinking, Education, and Social Development, Aug. 17-20 at the University of Puerto Rico, San Juan. She presented a paper titled "A Visionary World: Classical Myth in Literature and the Other Arts." The study was supported by a Faculty Development Grant.

Dr. FREDERICK J. LOTSPEICH, chairman of the Department of Biochemistry at the MU School of Medicine, recently attended the International Association for Vitamin and Nutritional Oncology meeting held at Charleston, S.C., where he presented a paper titled "The Effect of beta-Carotene on Mammary Carcinogenesis." Co-investigators on the project were Dr. ELIO MADAN of the Pathology Department and MARGARET PUTT of the Biochemistry Department.

Dr. CRAIG MONROE, professor, and Ms. CAM BRAMMER, assistant professor of speech, directed a training seminar on "Communicating with Difficult People in Conflict Situations" for ARMCO Steel Corporation in Ashland, Ky., Aug. 18. LISA CALHAN, an undergraduate speech communication major from Flatwoods, Ky., served as a facilitator for the program.

ROBERT KRIEBEL, assistant professor in the Special Allied Studies Division, has been elected as the Southern Regional representative to the International Business Education Association (ISBA). Last summer he led eight graduate students to the ISBA International convention in Scotland. The Southern Region, comprising 10 states, will hold a regional conference in Charleston Oct. 26-28. KRIEBEL will be in charge of arrangements for the regional meeting. He also expects to lead a student tour to the next international conference in Barcelona, Spain, July 22-28, 1990.


Grant deadlines set

Faculty members interested in doing research on Canada should be aware of two approaching deadlines, according to Dr. Clair W. Matz, director of Marshall University's Center for International Studies.

Sept. 30 will be the date Faculty Research and Institutional Research applications must be postmarked.

Oct. 31 will be the deadline for those seeking a Canadian Studies Faculty Enrichment Grant.

To obtain further details about these programs contact the MU Center for International Studies, Old Main 227, 696-2465.

Improved communication will be conference topic

A videoconference titled "Written Skills for Improved Communication" will be presented at Marshall University on Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22.

The program has been primarily designed for business and industry representatives who want to learn how to write letters that get results and memorandums that spark action, according to Robert L. Lawson, director of continuing education at Marshall.

Sections of the program will deal with the growing importance of communication skills, trends in business writing, common problems, the typical reader, the typical writer, improving clarity, and improving persuasiveness.

There will be a $25 registration fee per person, a $20 fee per person for three to five participants from the same firm, or a $15 fee per person for six or more people from the same firm.

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

Honors faculty sought

Marshall University faculty members are invited to submit proposals for Interdisciplinary Honors courses as listed on pages 295-296 of the new undergraduate catalog.

Proposals can be informal, according to Dr. Donna J. Spindel, director of the Honors Program, but should include a title, statement of theme and a few suggested readings.

Honors courses normally are taught by a team of two faculty members from different disciplines. Instructors receive release time from one three hour course and a $100 grant from the Honors Program for the purchase of books or professional material.

Proposals should be sent to Dr. Donna J. Spindel, University Honors Program. To obtain further details call 696-2779 or 696-2308.