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Biologists receive $79,447 USDA grant

Dr. Thomas K. Pauley, associate professor and chairman of Marshall University's Division of Biological Sciences, and co-investigator Dr. Michael L. Little, associate professor of biological sciences, have received a three-year $79,447 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture to study the effects of dimilin on forest salamanders.

Dimilin, an insecticide that affects the exoskeletons of insects, is becoming widely-used to control the spread of gypsy moths.

Although dimilin currently is being used to fight the spread of gypsy moths, there have been very few studies done to date to determine the effects it has on the environment, according to Pauley.

This grant is part of an extensive study being conducted to determine the effects of dimilin on the environment.

The biologists already have done a study to determine the habitat and numbers of salamanders in the test area, a USDA experimental tract at Fernow near Parsons.

"We have done an extensive survey that looked into a number of varients that might affect the salamanders and their habitat," said Pauley. "We have even tried to take into consideration how the weather conditions of the last few years might have affected the number of salamanders. We had to do this to make sure that any changes we discover actually are caused by the dimilin and not by other factors."

The scientists also will study the growth rates of the salamanders through capture and release and other methods to determine if the dimilin has any effect on the growth rate of the animals.

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Attorney general to visit Marshall campus

West Virginia Attorney General Roger Tompkins will be the guest of honor at a reception at Marshall University on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

All Marshall faculty and staff members are invited to attend the reception.

Tompkins also will address the Huntington Kiwanis Club during a luncheon which will be held at noon at the University Area Holiday Inn. Interested persons can attend the luncheon which will cost $6 at door.

To obtain further details about the reception or luncheon contact Dr. Soo Bock Choi at Marshall University, 696-2765.

JOURNALISM SCHOOL FOUNDER MEMORIALIZED

Artist Dorothy Horne Decker of Vienna, W.Va. presents her portrait of Marshall University School of Journalism founder W. Page Pitt to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke, right. The portrait was commissioned by John A. Goodno, left, of Bal Harbour, Fla., a 1928 MU graduate and a strong financial supporter of the Marshall Foundation. Goodno operated the Palace Theatre in Huntington for many years. Nitzschke said the portrait will hang in the main office of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism.

Cleckley reception set

Marshall University's Black Greek Council will sponsor a reception for Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, Marshall's new vice president for multicultural affairs, on Thursday, Dec. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the main ballroom at the Radisson Hotel.

The public is cordially invited to attend the reception. Persons who plan to attend should contact the Marshall University Minority Students Office, 696-6705.

Christmas party scheduled

President and Mrs. Dale F. Nitzschke cordially invite all Marshall University employees, current and retired, and their families to join them for the annual Marshall University Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

A light buffet and entertainment will be provided. Santa Claus will be present and free photographs will be made of children visiting with Santa.
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Pauley said salamanders are important components of the forest community because they constitute a large part of the vetebrate biomass in forests and occupy an intermediate position between larger vertebrate predators and small invertebrate prey. Because of this, if the dimilin causes a reduction in salamander populations many other species will be adversely affected.

"Salamanders are particularly important for studies such as this," Pauley said. "In northeastern forests, the biomass of salamanders equals the biomass of small mammals and is two times the biomass of birds.

"The effects of chemical applications on salamanders as non-target species also are important since salamanders are vitally significant in the ecological scheme of the forest. This importance is based on the fact they provide a key link in the food chain.''

Salamanders, and other animals, could be affected in several ways by the dimilin. The salamanders could be affected by eating insects sprayed with the insecticide or by coming into direct or indirect contact with the dimilin sprayed on the forest.

The next phase of the three-year study will consist of the actual spraying of dimilin on the test area. The final phase will consist of research to determine the effects of the chemical on the salamanders.

Pauley and Little are being assisted by Ronnie Jewell, a Marshall graduate student from Herndon, and Bill Brock, a graduate student from Mt. Hope.

The work being done by the Marshall biologists complements the work of other scientists throughout the state who are studying the effects of dimilin on other animals or aspects of the environment.

"When these studies are completed, we should have the most comprehensive information about the effects of dimilin ever compiled and should be able to safely predict whether dimilin is the best method of controlling gypsy moths or whether there is a better alternative," Pauley said.

"Gypsy moths are spreading to West Virginia from the northeast. Some already are here and it's just a matter of time before large destructive infestations reach the state. Through these USDA grants, perhaps we will be ready for them and will be able to deal with them in the most responsible manner."

Videoconference slated

A videoconference titled "Mainstreaming Adult Learners on College Campuses: Is It Working?" will be presented Tuesday, Dec. 5, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

A panel of higher education leaders will discuss different ways two-year and four-year institutions have accommodated the rising number of adult students on campuses.

Administrators from several institutions will talk about the pros and cons of alternative approaches and organizational structures including: Harvard University's "segregated" approach, the University of Maryland's "mainstream" approach, Georgia State University's "side-kick" approach, and the "unified" response used by many two-year colleges.

To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Provost's Office, 696-5442.
Woodward named assistant director

Martha C. Woodward, a part-time faculty member in Marshall University's Department of English, has been named assistant director of the university's Society of Yeager Scholars, according to MU Provost Dr. Alan B. Gould.

Mrs. Woodward has been a member of the Cabell County Board of Education and served as board president from 1986 to 1988.

She has been involved in numerous educational organizations including the Institute for Educational Leadership of the WVSBA/WVBOE School Boards Assessment Program, the West Virginia School Boards Association Boardmanship Academy and the Huntington Museum of Art Education Committee.

Mrs. Woodward also has been active in community organizations such as the River Cities Cultural Council, the Governor's Advisory Committee on Consumer Affairs, the League of Women Voters and the Junior League.

She is a graduate of the University of Georgia, where she held a Ford Foundation Fellowship while completing work on her master's degree.

"Mrs. Woodward's demonstrated leadership abilities, plus her wide involvement in community and state activities, give her a background that will enhance the Yeager Scholars program," said Gould. "We are delighted to have her assume the position."

Jazz concert scheduled

Marshall University's Jazz Ensemble will perform in concert on Friday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Directed by J.D. Folsom, the ensemble will feature solo vocalist Michelle Cunningham of Huntington.

The concert will include works from the big band era and contemporary works by Woody Herman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Glen Miller and Jimmy and Tommy Dorsey.

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

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

MU Students to be honored at reception

Marshall University students will be inducted into "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" during a reception at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Marshall alumnus and West Virginia House of Delegates member Mike Queen will be the guest speaker.

The reception will be open to the public. To obtain further details contact Melissa J. White, undergraduate intern in the Student Life Office, 696-2354.

Smith receives award for LD contributions

Dr. Terry L. Smith, adjunct professor in Marshall University's Division of Educational Foundations and director of special education for the Regional Education Service Agency II, recently was recognized for his contribution to the field of learning disabilities by the board of directors of the Council for Learning Disabilities, Overland, Kan.

Smith was one of six special educators nationwide who received recognition.

He was honored for his focus on innovative ways to facilitate learning disabled students' success in the regular class with non-handicapped students and in the community at large.

The award was presented during the 11th International Conference on Learning Disabilities held in Denver, Colo.

Smith also presented a paper titled "Strategies to Increase Learning Efficiency: Learning How to Learn" during the conference. The presentation addressed learning strategies (techniques, principles or rules that enable a person to learn) to independently solve problems and complete tasks.

A graduate of Marshall, Smith received his specialist and doctoral degrees from Virginia Tech.

Prize winner announced

The recipient of the vending promotional prize for November was David Cremeans, a Marshall University Graphic Services staff member.

He received a Corningware cookware set, according to Karen E. Kirtley, project assistant in the Auxiliary Services Office.
Committee discusses mission statement

(The following report on the Oct. 12 meeting of the Marshall University Academic Planning Committee was submitted by Glenn Smith.)

The Academic Planning Committee met Thursday, Oct. 12, at 4 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 407 with Shirley Lumpkin, chairwoman, presiding.

Voting members present were: Shirley Lumpkin, Carolyn Karr, Rick Bady, Michael McArtor, W. Blaker Bolling, Glenn E. Smith, Nick Orsini.

Non-voting members present were: Rainey Duke, Larry Froehlich, Josephine Fidler, Lynne Mayer, Steve Lahoda (representing Robert Alexander), Paul Balshaw.

Voting members absent were: Peggy Baden, Samuel Januszewicz, Frank Bongarzone, Debra Bradshaw. Non-voting members absent were: Carolyn Gunning, Johnnie Gallemore, Leonard J. Deutsch, Warren Lutz, Steve Hanrahan, David Wilkin, Stuart Thomas, Bill Belanger, Ann Speer.

Carolyn Hunter was a guest.

Proposed Statewide Mission Statement for Education:
The chair distributed copies of a draft of the proposed statewide mission statement for education and solicited committee recommendations for modification of the section dealing with higher education.

Mission Statement:
Concern was expressed relative to the premise of the state mission for higher education. It was suggested that consideration be given to refining the mission statement in order to focus on the goals specified in the mission and restatement as follows:

West Virginia's education mission is:
1. To provide an educational opportunity to every West Virginian achieve his or her human potential on a lifelong basis;
2. To develop and share knowledge which will improve quality of life and promote economic development;
3. Through a thorough, efficient, effective, accountable and dynamic educational system.

Goals for Higher Education:
Goal 1. Increase access and retention. Objective 2. Discussion centered around whether this objective represents a transfer of responsibility for education in basic skill areas from public elementary and secondary education to higher education, and the impact such a decision might have on the university system.

It was concluded that the stated objective is acceptable since there are institutions in the state higher education system which accept the provision of basic skill training as one of their primary goals.

Goal 2. Improve quality of undergraduate education. Objective 3. It was suggested that resources be enhanced and expanded to improve quality rather than specifying an objective to improve quality through use of existing resources.

Goal 4. Support strong leadership. Objective 2. It was suggested that the word "that" be changed to "to," thus making the objective read -- "to strengthen programs in order to improve the quality of education available to students."

Finally, it was suggested that a fifth goal be added relating to the role of colleges and universities in serving as sources of cultural enrichment.

Mission Statement—University of West Virginia System:
The chair distributed copies of a draft of the mission statement for the University of West Virginia System for informational purposes.

Marshall University Mission Statement:
After some discussion, the committee, by consensus, agreed to remove the last page of the draft Marshall University mission statement.

Blaker Bolling moved to omit specific goals contained in the draft mission statement and submit the commitments contained therein to the University Senate for review and concurrence. The motion was seconded by Michael McArtor, discussed and passed by majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Choral Union will present two concerts

Marshall University's Choral Union, conducted by Marian Dolan and assisted by Deborah Bradley, will present two performances of its fall concert on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 3-4, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The concert will feature Giacomo Puccini's "Gloria" and Daniel Pinkham's "Sinfonia Sacra."

Marshall's Symphony Orchestra, directed by Michael McArtor, will accompany the Choral Union during the performance of "Gloria."

Tickets will be $3 and $5 and may be purchased at the MU Music Department Office or at the door.

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

Group going to Spain

Marshall University's Department of Modern Languages will sponsor a Spanish Language and Culture Program in Spain this June and July, according to Dr. Maria Carmen Riddel, assistant professor of modern languages, who will accompany the study group to the Universitos Nebrisensis in Madrid.

Participants will live in private homes with Spanish families during the program, which will be offered on a four-week and eight-week basis.

Interested persons may enroll in the program for non-credit or for college credit after initial testing. Students must be enrolled at Marshall in order to receive credit for the program.

The cost of the four-week program during June will be $2,000. The eight-week program during June and July will cost $3,000.

"Now is the time to think about studying in Spain next summer," said Dr. Riddel. "There is no better way to learn a language or foreign culture than by total immersion."

To obtain further details contact Dr. Riddel at Marshall University, 696-2742.
Research Committee approves funding

(The following reports on the Nov. 2 and Nov. 8 meetings of the Marshall University Research Committee were submitted by Marjorie Keatley, secretary.)

The Research Committee met Nov. 2 at 4 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W9.

Members present were: Gary Anderson, Kathleen Bledsoe, Gregg Davis, Leonard Deutsch (ex officio), Lee Erickson, John Hubbard, Marjorie Keatley, Giovanna Morton, Tracy Soltesz, Ermel Stepp, Paul Whear.

The minutes of the Oct. 12 meeting were approved. Old business included discussion of Queen and Research Committee Fund application forms and a decision to require an itemized budget statement with each application.

New business included discussion of guidelines for disbursement of committee funds.

The committee agreed that use of Queen funds for purchase of supplies and materials is inappropriate.

Due to the number received, applications for Queen funding were tabled until the Nov. 15 meeting.

Members present at the Nov. 8 meeting held at 4 p.m. were: Gary Anderson, Kathleen Bledsoe, Gregg Davis, Lee Erickson, John Hubbard, Marjorie Keatley, Bryan Larsen, Giovanna Morton, Ermel Stepp, Paul Whear.

The purpose of this special Quinlan meeting was to evaluate the remaining Quinlan applications for funding. The applications were considered according to the original procedures.

All applications that were considered meritorious under the Quinlan guidelines were funded.

The committee met again at 4:45 p.m. Nov. 8 with the same members present.

Minor changes in the Research Committee funding form were discussed.

Research fund requests were considered.

It was decided that a statement should be added to the Research Committee funding form requesting documentation from specific journals on page charge requests.

It was moved and seconded that Queen applications be funded.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Master plan discussed by Library Committee

(The following report on the Nov. 10 meeting of the Marshall University Library Committee was submitted by Sara B. Staats, secretary.)

The Library Committee met Friday, Nov. 10, with James Douglass, chairman, presiding. Ten members were present. Five members were absent.

Dr. Edward Grose, vice president for administration, was invited to discuss overall planning at Marshall, particularly with regard to the library.

He stated that no master plan exists at present, but on a priority list of buildings a new library ranks third.

Grose believes that a master plan should be based on the mission of the organization—its purposes, its goals, its programs. He said a committee has been formed to undertake a master plan for Marshall which will be a viable, usable document for several years.

Josephine Fidler, director of libraries, presented the library budget for the current year, which provides for small increases in each department's allotment.

In response to a question, she said that requests for new journals should be directed to the serials librarian and should go through the chair of the department or the library representative.

The next meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 15.

Recruitment program set

Students from Cabell County high schools will participate in Marshall University's Minority Recruitment Program on Saturday, Dec. 2, according to Dr. James Harless, director of admissions at Marshall.

Participants will receive information about academic opportunities, financial aid, support programs and other topics of interest to students.

Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. when MU President Dale F. Nitzschke welcomes the students to the campus. Parents and high school counselors also are invited to participate in the program.

The event will end with a luncheon and question and answer session in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

To obtain further details about Marshall's Minority Recruitment Program contact the Admissions Office, 696-3160.

Abuse policy discussed

(The following report on the Nov. 10 meeting of the Marshall University Student Conduct and Welfare Committee was submitted by Susan Jackson, recording secretary.)

The Student Conduct and Welfare Committee, chaired by Karen McComas, met Friday, Nov. 10, at 3 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2E11.

The committee further discussed the proposed "Substance Use and Abuse Policy" and voted to ask the Faculty Personnel Committee to consider jointly recommending the policy to the Faculty Senate.

Marshall University's Engineering Society was recognized as a legitimate student organization.

A recommendation from the Student Health Advisory Committee on the ban of cigarette vending machines from campus buildings was referred to a subcommittee for study.

Karen McComas distributed copies of an article from the "Chronicl e" on "Tightened Restrictions on Students Living in Dorms" (Nov. 1).

She requested that the Subcommittee on Codes and Policies review the article and possibly make a recommendation to the committee at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8, at 3:15 p.m. in Memorial Student Center.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.
Marshall faculty/staff achievements

QUEEN E. FOREMAN, director of affirmative action/human resources, has been named chairwoman of the Professional Development and Training Committee of the American Association of Affirmative Action. As chair of the committee, she will be coordinating several training programs regionally and nationally. Ms. FOREMAN presented a workshop titled “The Impact of the Chief Executive Officer on Women’s Issues” at the West Virginia Association of Women in Higher Education Conference held Sept. 29.

Dr. WILLIAM A. MCDOWELL, a licensed psychologist and professor in the Division of Counseling and Rehabilitation, was one of five editors for the new Manual of Psychosocial Nursing Interventions published by the W.B. Saunders Company. Other Marshall University personnel who made contributions to the manual were: JEANNE DEVOS, associate professor of nursing, and GIOVANNA B. MORTON, associate professor of nursing. NANCY D. STEPHENS and DOREEN WARD of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Huntington also contributed to the manual.

Dr. CRAIG MONROE, professor of speech, authored two papers presented to the 75th annual convention of the Speech Communication Association held Nov. 16-21 in San Francisco. The papers were: “Interactive Effects of Gender upon Conflict Between Supervisors and Subordinates: A Log-linear Analysis” and “People-related Communication Problems in Organizational Contexts: An Exploratory Study.”

PAMELA FORD, catalog librarian; KENNETH T. SLACK, Confederate bibliographer, and JOSEPHINE FIDLER, director of libraries, attended a “Funds Raising for Libraries” workshop at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies’ Professional Development Center in Charleston Nov. 8. SARA STAATS, documents librarian; PATRICIA DEL NERO, reference librarian, and MAJED KHADER, reference librarian, attended an “OCLC for Reference Librarians” workshop. Workshops were sponsored by the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center, in which Marshall holds a membership.


KAREN ARMSTED, a graduate student in the Department of Psychology, presented a paper titled “Individual Differences in the Processing of the Conditioned Responses” at the West Virginia Psychological Association meeting held Oct. 26 at Pipestem State Park. SUSAN JONES, a graduate student in psychology, presented a paper titled “A Methodology to Explore the Validity of Children’s Eyewitness Testimony” at the meeting. LUKE SURFACE and NANCY MILLER, psychology graduate students, presented a paper titled Individual Differences in the Processing of the Conditioned Response.”

Dr. RICHARD B. BONNETT, Dr. PROTIP K. GHOSH, and Dr. DEWEY D. SANDERSON of Marshall’s Department of Geology recently completed a report titled “Trace Element Evaluation and Background Element Abundance of Holz Impoundment, South Charleston, West Virginia” for Union Carbide Corporation. The department was awarded a $5,000 grant from Union Carbide for completion of the project.

REG SPENCER, director of placement services, recently presented two seminars on resume writing and interviewing for the West Virginia Parks and Recreation Association at Pipestem State Park. He also has been elected secretary of the newly formed West Virginia College Placement Association. SPENCER will serve as host director for the statewide “Operation Native Talent” recruiting fair which will be held at Marshall Jan. 31.

Chamber Choir to sing

Marshall University’s Chamber Choir will present its fall concert on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Huntington.

Under the direction of Marian Dolan, the program will include unaccompanied works from the 14th Century to the present.

In addition to students, several Marshall University faculty members will sing with the choir.

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

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

Ethics proposals wanted

Marshall University faculty and staff members are invited to submit proposals for presentation at the National Conference on Ethics which will be held Jan. 10-12 aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach Harbor, Calif.

The conference has identified four major areas for the national discussion on ethics: education, business, computers and government.

Preference will be given to proposals that take a critical perspective, identify important issues, and examine them thoughtfully. Panel presentations are welcomed as case studies for discussion and programs involving audience participation.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Faculty Senate Office, 696-4368.

Concert to be Nov. 30

Marshall University’s Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Larry Stickler, will perform in concert Thursday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Vivaldi’s “Gloria” will be featured along with holiday music and an Appalachian carol, “Jesus, Jesu Rest Your Head,” arranged by John Jacob Niles.

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

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