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Physics professor announces retirement

Dr. Warren L. Dumke, professor of physics, announced his retirement from Marshall University effective Aug. 31, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs.

"Dr. Dumke has been an invaluable resource for the Physics Department and Marshall University since he joined the faculty 30 years ago," Denman said. "He has been an outstanding professor in a subject that students sometimes find difficult. I am sure his teaching style and good nature have helped many students over the years. He will be missed."

Before coming to Marshall in 1967, Dumke served as a NASA research associate and temporary assistant professor at Kent State University.

He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, a master's degree from Iowa State University of Science and Technology and a doctorate from the University of Nebraska. He also did graduate work at the University of Utah.



Dumke

Dumke previously served as a graduate teaching and research assistant at the University of Nebraska, instructor of science at Mankato State College, graduate research assistant at Ames Laboratory at Iowa State University of Science and Technology and graduate research fellow at the Office of Naval Research at the University of Utah.

While at Marshall, Dumke belonged to various committees including University Computer Usage, College of Science Computer Resources, University Radiation Safety, Environmental Science Planning, College of Science Curriculum, College of Business Curriculum and Physical Plant Study.

He also was a member of the Graduate Council and coordinated a television course, "Cosmos," in 1980-81.

Within the Physics Department, Dumke made a survey of computer needs, developed astronomy curriculum and equipment, developed a department 10-year plan, wrote program objectives for accreditation reviews and planned the acquisition of equipment.

He had several papers published in professional journals and magazines and made presentations at a number of professional meetings.

Dumke has been a member of the American Physical Society, the American Crystallographic Society, the American Chemical Society, the American Association of Physics Teachers, the West Virginia Academy of Sciences, the Ohio Academy of Science and Sigma Xi scientific research society.

He served as president of the Appalachian Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, the MU Sigma Xi Club and president and member of the board of directors for the Engineers Club of Huntington.

Dumke also has been involved in various community activities and helped organize and coordinate a local amateur astronomy society.

Memorial service set for Vic Hamilton III

A memorial service for Victor Hamilton III, director of News Services in Marshall's Office of University Relations, will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, in the MU Campus Christian Center chapel.

Hamilton, who had edited this publication, the Marshall News Letter, since joining the MU staff Sept. 30, 1985, was killed June 15 when a car collided with his Harley-Davidson motorcycle on U.S. 52 near Haverhill, Ohio.

The service will be conducted by Rev. Harry T. Rowe, former director of church services at Alderson-Broaddus College, and Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, MU vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs.

Hamilton was the husband of Pamela Casto Hamilton, an employee of Marshall's Research and Economic Development Center.

Heck joins Community and Technical College

A new assistant dean will join the Marshall University Community and Technical College faculty August 1, according to Dr. Betty Kyger, provost of the college.

"Dr. Charles Heck, Jr. is the new assistant dean of applied science technology for the Community and Technology College," Kyger said.

"In this position he will supervise all associate of applied science programs in the college," she said.

Heck has been chair of the Department of Business at Alderson-Broaddus College, in Philippi, since 1993. He has also held teaching positions at Floyd College in Rome, Ga., Enterprise Junior College in Enterprise, Ala., and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla.

I look for Dr. Heck to provide leadership for the associate programs," Kyger said. "In addition to working with students and faculty at Marshall, he will also cooperate with organizations outside of the university. This will help to improve the Community and Technical College and its programs."

Before becoming a professor, Heck was a department head for the Department of Defense. He served as an academic and flight instructor for the department, where he designed aviation programs and supervised government research and developmental projects.



Heck

Ceremony held for new Jomie Jazz Center

A groundbreaking ceremony was held July 30 for Marshall's new Jomie Jazz Center.

Those participating in the groundbreaking were, from left to right: Renay Conlin, commissioner of the W.Va. Department of Culture and History; Donald Van Horn, dean of Marshall's College of Fine Arts; Joan C. Edwards, who donated \$1.5 million to the project; Huntington Mayor Jean Dean; MU President J. Wade Gilley, and David Todd, chairman of the University System Board of Trustees.

The state-of-the-art structure will include educational and training facilities to serve as a resource for scholars and musicians.

It will be added to the east side of Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center on Fifth Avenue, and will cost approximately \$2 million.



Military Science welcomes new assistant professor

Captain John W. Block has joined the MU Department of Military Science as an assistant professor, replacing Major Denise R. Giles who departed last summer.

Block was commissioned at Arkansas State University in 1987 with a degree in Business Administration. His assignments include commander of a basic training company and a headquarters company in the 91st Division in California and headquarters company with the 75th Division at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. Block was an operations officer as well as an observer/controller for a lanes training battalion at Ft. Leavenworth, Ks.

He has attended Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Transportation Officer Advanced Course, Airborne School, Civil Affairs Course Phase I, Multifunctional Logistics Course Phase I, and Combined Arms Services and Staff School.

Block will be joined at Marshall by his wife, Patricia.

Fulbright programs available

Fulbright program applications are available for faculty and staff members, according to Barbara Beegle, administrative assistant in the Office of Academic Affairs.

These programs include the Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence program, the Fulbright International Education Administrators Programs: 1998, and the 1998-99 NATO Advanced Research Fellowships and Institutional Grants.

For more information, contact the Office of Academic Affairs, 696-6690.

Library hours changed

The James E. Morrow library has announced new hours in August in order for the staff to prepare for the upcoming move into the John Deaver Drinko Library and Information Center, according to Josephine Fidler, Director of University Libraries.

"Library users need to know that these preparations are resulting in a lot of changes now," Fidler said.

The Morrow library will be closed Saturday, Aug. 16 and Sunday, Aug. 17.

On Monday, Aug. 18 and Tuesday, Aug. 19, the library will observe administrative hours from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The library will again close on Wednesday, August 20, and Thursday, August 21.

Administrative hours will be in effect on Friday, August 22.

After closing on Saturday, Aug. 23 and Sunday, Aug. 24, the library will resume its regular fall hours on Monday, Aug. 25.

Employee achievements

Dr. LAWRENCE R. SCHMITZ, associate professor of chemistry, attended a conference sponsored by The World Association of Theoretically Oriented Chemists, Structural and Mechanistic Organic Chemistry, An International Conference in Honor of Professor Norman L. Allinger, held June 3-7 in Athens, Ga. While at the conference SCHMITZ chaired a session and presented a poster entitled "Heats of Formation Calculated from *Ab Initio* MO Theory and an Empirical Group Increment Scheme." Co-authors of the presentation were former MU students RICKY ADKINS (M.S., 1995), SHARON WHITE, (B.S., 1996), and HEATHER LLOYD (B.S., 1997).