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Ted Massey named interim financial affairs head

Ted W. Massey, Marshall University's director of accounting, has been appointed interim vice president for financial affairs, MU President Dale F. Nitzschke announced.

Massey will serve as the university's chief financial officer and as treasurer of the MU Foundation while a search is conducted for a successor to the previous vice president, Michael F. Thomas, Dr. Nitzschke said.

Thomas, who had served in the vice president's post for the past five years, resigned last month to accept the

position of vice president for business affairs for the West Virginia University Foundation.

A search committee will be appointed to solicit and screen applications and to recommend a permanent successor to Thomas, according to Nitzschke.

The member of Marshall's financial affairs staff since 1979, Massey came to the university from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies where he held various fiscal posts, including acting director of financial affairs. He formerly had been employed as assistant treasurer of the University of Charleston and a financial research assistant for the West Virginia Board of Regents.

Massey earned his B.S. degree in Business Administration from West Virginia State College and his M.B.A. degree from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.

He and his wife, the former Barbara Martin, reside in Scott Depot.

Ray Welty to direct MU auxiliary services

Raymond F. Welty, Conference and Facilities manager at Marshall University, has been named Director of Auxiliary Services, MU Vice President for Support Services Olen E. Jones Jr. announced.

Welty, who joined the MU Housing Office staff in 1979 as assistant director, succeeds Warren S. "Zeke" Myers in the post, Dr. Jones said. Myers resigned in the fall to accept a position at Auburn University.

As director of this university division, Welty will be responsible for the Student Center management as well as overseeing the following areas: Housing, Conference and Facilities, MU Bookstore, Food Service and Vending.

"In his various roles with the Housing Office, Mr. Welty has brought a number of new student services to the campus, including long term lease agreements and flexible meal packages," Dr. Jones said. "We've seen usage of the campus facilities as conference sites grow from 3,000 participants in 1979 to 5,500 this past summer. Mr. Welty is an excellent manager and we expect he will be just as innovative in this new post," Dr. Jones added.

"This is a most welcome challenge for me," Welty said. "It provides me with almost unlimited opportunities to serve the students. My main goal right now is to learn as much as I can about what services are currently in place and then do everything I can to make the Student Center even more of a campus focal point for students," he added.

"I'm looking forward to working with the Student Center Governing Board and the center's staff members in developing services tailored to the changing needs of a changing student population," Welty said.

SHARE LIFE. . . SHARE BLOOD

Giving blood is giving the most precious gift of all—the gift of life to someone else. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on campus Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 30-31, for a campus-wide blood drive. Donors may give blood either day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Morris Room, Memorial Student Center.

Council to address faculty development

(NOTE: The following report from the BOR Advisory Council of Faculty was submitted by Dr. Virginia Plumley, MU representative)

The ACF met in Charleston, Dec. 10th and 11th. The following represents the action of the Council.

1. The ACF approved the BOR proposal permitting the president of WVU to include the word "extension" when making faculty appointments to extension agents and specialists associated with CECU. We did not approve their being placed on the faculty salary schedule nor did we approve their being considered full time faculty entitling them to receive "Faculty Improvement Fee" money. P.B. 36 will have to be altered to reflect their inclusion.
2. The ACF is refining a working document that addresses faculty development to be used in develop-

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Dr. Nitzschke AAUP speaker

Dr. Dale F. Nitzschke, president of Marshall University, will be the keynote speaker at the annual legislative dinner sponsored by the American Association of University Professors on Feb. 15 at the University of Charleston, Riggelman Rotunda.

A social hour at 5 p.m. will be followed by a filet mignon dinner at 6 p.m. with key legislators, Board of Regents members and staff, university and college presidents and faculty. For reservations contact Bill Sullivan, Corbly Hall 444, or call extension 6619, before Jan. 20.

The Chancellor's Column: The budget process

BY LEON H. GINSBERG
Chancellor, W.Va. Board of Regents

Because most of the decisions about West Virginia state government are ultimately reflected in the annual state budget, there are few better ways of understanding the state than watching the development of the budget.

The first and most important step in the budget process occurs on Feb. 13 when Governor Moore presents the executive budget for 1985-86 to the Legislature. That document, which will include an estimate of the revenues the state expects to collect from taxes as well as the recommended expenditures, is the fundamental source of information on all of the state's activities, including public higher education. Members of the Marshall University community who want to follow state government in 1985 may wisely choose to begin their study with the budget.

West Virginia budget-making has several special characteristics:

* West Virginia's budgets must always be "balanced." At no time may the state borrow money to pay its bills. The revenues must at least match the expenditures and the state must end each fiscal year in the black.

* Budget making is a shared process—the executive and legislative branches are both heavily involved. For example, only the Governor can estimate the revenues the state is expected to receive. The budget passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor cannot exceed those estimated revenues.

* In the budget that passes, the Legislature can rearrange the Governor's proposals, but any money it adds to the Governor's budget can be vetoed. The Legislature can reduce budget items and the

Governor cannot restore them. But he can veto the whole budget.

* If the budget estimates are too high, as they were in three recent fiscal years, expenditures must be curtailed so the budget stays in balance. If revenues exceed expenditures after the end of the fiscal year, a "surplus" is created, which the Governor and Legislature can appropriate just as they do any other monies.

The Board of Regents' part in all this is the same as that of all the other executive branch agencies. Last summer and fall all of the state's 15 colleges and universities developed budgets and proposed them to the Board in writing and informal hearings. Then the Board submitted a consolidated budget to the Department of Finance and Administration which included a salary increase for all its employees of 7 1/2% or \$1,000, whichever is greater, full funding of the faculty salary scale, and the creation and funding of a salary scale for classified staff. In addition, it requested additional funds for doctoral research at WVU, full funding of the student grant program, and will later request permission to carry out several capital improvement projects.

At some time before July 1, 1985, after the budget is passed and signed by the Governor, the Board will allocate the funds it receives to the institutions. Its allocations will be based upon the individual budget requests and upon its own judgments about the needs of higher education in the state. The Board does not operate under a "formula" for allocating funds. For the current year, the allocations varied significantly among the institutions. For example, WVU and Marshall University received increases in their budgets of 18%, which were the highest in the system, all the four year and community colleges as well as the School of Osteopathic Medicine received increases of 7-14%.

What will happen in 1985? The issue is open. Much will depend upon the state's economic health, which will directly affect state revenues. But whatever the case, following the budget is probably the best way of following state government in all its dimensions. Nothing else provides such a comprehensive guide to all that happens in West Virginia's public ventures.

Dr. LeVene Olson appointed interim OAS Dept. chairman

Dr. LeVene A. Olson has been named interim chairman of Marshall University's Occupational, Adult and Safety Education Department, according to MU College of Education Dean Allen A. Mori.

Olson, a member of the MU faculty since 1971, succeeds Dr. Charles I. Jones, who resigned to devote his full attention to classroom teaching, according to Dr. Mori. Jones had been head of the department since joining the faculty in 1969.

Olson, professor of vocational-technical education, earned his B.S., M.S. and Ed.D. degrees from the University of Georgia, and has taken postgraduate work at the University of Minnesota, Colorado State University and Marshall.

He is active in various professional organizations on the national and state level and is the author of several articles published in professional publications.

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Cabannis earns doctorate

George E. Cabannis, Marshall University assistant professor of chemistry, has received the Ph.D. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, MU Vice President for Academic Affairs Alan B. Gould announced.

Dr. Cabannis' dissertation was entitled "Photoacoustic and Photoelectron Spectroscopy of Adsorbed Species on Solid Surfaces: Environmental and Electrochemical Applications."

Cabannis joined the MU Chemistry Department faculty in 1983. He earned his B.S. degree cum laude from the College of Charleston in South Carolina.

Piano classes for adults

The Music Preparatory Program will offer an adult piano class for Marshall University faculty and staff to be conducted on Mondays at 7 p.m., beginning Jan. 28. For additional information, call the Music Department, extension 3117.