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Faculty & staff achievements, activities. . .

DR. NANCY STUMP, assistant professor of French, was awarded one of the 35 scholarships given to the American Association of the Teachers of French by the French government. Dr. Stump will spend the month of July in Avignon studying French culture.

JANE F. WELLS, assistant professor of English, with students Andy Evans and Larry Hart, conducted a poetry workshop on April 23 for a 5th-grade class from Buffalo (Wayne) Elementary School.

Ten faculty and students from the Department of Biological Sciences attended the annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists April 10-13 at Middle Tennessee State University. Both students and faculty presented papers; faculty presenters were Drs. DAN EVANS, JIM JOY and DONALD TARTAR.

DR. DONALD L. HALL, assistant professor of counseling and rehabilitation, presented two seminars at the April 16-18 State Headstart Conference at Cedar Lakes.

Honorary degrees

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Regents in 1976 to assume leadership of the fledgling Marshall School of Medicine. Under his guidance, the school earned the necessary accreditation approvals of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education to receive federal assistance through the Veterans Administration. He then organized the faculty and staff, arranged for facilities and equipment and developed working agreements with Huntington hospitals and physicians.

The school has progressed from a "paper organization" to a fully-accredited school which will graduate its fifth class this spring.

Coon announced his plans to retire a year ago in order to give the university adequate time to select his successor as vice president for health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine. With the arrival of Dr. Lester R. Bryant July 1, Coon will officially close his Marshall career.

A native of Billings, Montana, Coon received his B.S. degree from North Dakota State College in 1942 and his M.D. degree from the University of Rochester in 1944.

He has held faculty appointments at Columbia University, the University of Vermont and the University of Maine. He served 18 years at the University of Vermont, including five years as the director of the School of Allied Health Sciences and associate dean of the Division of Health Sciences.

Before coming to West Virginia in 1976, he was dean of the proposed School of Medicine at the University of Maine.

Coon, a pathologist, has served as president of the American Board of Pathology, and of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and as chairman of the National Committee for Careers in Medical Technology. He received the 1984 Distinguished Service Award of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the College of American Pathologists. He was awarded honorary degrees by the University of Vermont in 1981 and North Dakota State University in 1982. He also received the 1974 Distinguished Service Award from the Vermont State Medical Society.

Coon and his wife, Judy, are the parents of three children.

The seminars were "Developing Assertive Behavior" and "Raising Children to Like Themselves."

DR. THOMAS MANAKKIL, professor of physics, has been appointed to the Committee on International Education of the American Association of Physics Teachers. He also has been asked to serve as chairman of the committee to nominate officers for the Association of AAPT Section Representatives from the United States and Canada.

DR. BRADFORD R. DeVOS, professor of music, was elected vice chairman of the Allegheny Chapter of the American Musicological Society at its spring meeting April 20 in Pittsburgh.

DR. BEN H. DICKENS, Research Coordinating Unit, presented a talk to the annual meeting of the West Virginia Vocational Guidance Association on "No Lemons Needed - Software Evaluation." The meeting was held April 18 in Charleston. Dickens also was recently elected president of the Marshall chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

PROFESSORS JOHN VIELKIND, FRANK MININNI, HOWARD SLAATTE and MARY JONES of the Philosophy Department participated in the spring meeting of the West Virginia Philosophical Society here on the Marshall campus April 12-13. Three of them presented papers: Slaatte, on "The Neo-Classical Thesis of Charles Hartshorne's Process Theism," Jones on "The Philosophical and Poetic Ideas of the Gods in Plato's Republic," and Vielkind on "Socratic Impiety." Vielkind was elected the society's president for the coming year.

DR. JOHN W. FOSTER, associate professor of microbiology, co-authored with doctoral student Michael P. Spector a paper which won Spector a second-place award of the National Student Research Forum held April 10-12 in Galveston, Texas. The paper was "Starvation-regulated genetic loci in *Salmonella typhimurium*."

HARRIET TUCKER, part-time instructor in music, was the adjudicator for competitive piano auditions for District I of the West Virginia Music Teachers Association. Auditions were held in Morgantown.

JANE F. WELLS, assistant professor of English, and student Leona Wood attended the James Wright Poetry Festival at Martin's Ferry, Ohio, April 20.

C. ROBERT BARNETT, professor in the Department of HPER, and Karl Hill, WPBY-TV producer, presented two programs featuring the documentary "Pro Football: Once a Small-Time Sport." The April 19 presentation to the West Virginia Historical Association was titled "From Myth to History to Big Time TV" and the April 20 presentation to the Ohio Academy of History was "Small Town Ohio Pro Football."

Memorial Day holiday extended

President Dale F. Nitzschke has approved the Staff Council recommendation for a long Memorial Day weekend. The University will be closed Friday, May 24; Monday, May 27, and Tuesday, May 28. The university will resume normal operations at 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 29.

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

News Letter

May 2, 1985

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Two to receive honorary degrees

Marshall University will award honorary degrees to the man who led the MU School of Medicine through its formative years and to a Huntington native who earned international prestige as a singer and musician, Marshall President Dale F. Nitzschke has announced.

Revella E. Hughes of New York City and Dr. Robert W. Coon, retiring dean of the Marshall School of Medicine, will receive honorary doctorates at Marshall's 1985 Commencement, scheduled Saturday, May 11, at 11 a.m. in the Huntington Civic Center.

Dr. Coon will be awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree and Ms. Hughes will receive the honorary Doctor of Music degree.

"I am particularly pleased with those selected for honorary degrees from Marshall University this spring," Nitzschke said. "In Bob Coon, we have a man who took on what many thought to be an impossible task and made it happen. In Revella Hughes, we have an extremely talented woman who overcame the barriers of being black and being a woman in the early years of this century and achieved outstanding success.

"We can be extremely proud of our 1985 honorary degree recipients."

Ms. Hughes' career as a musician spans 84 years. The daughter of a Huntington music teacher, she was playing the piano by the age of 5. She began formal musical training at Hartshorn College in Richmond and transferred to Oberlin Conservatory in the eighth grade. She earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Howard University, majoring in piano with minors in voice and violin, received a Master of Music degree from Northwestern University and also studied at Columbia University.

In 1922, Ms. Hughes was choral director for the Broadway production of "Shuffle Along" and was leading lady in the George White production, "Runnin' Wild," a pair of musicals featuring all-black casts. Earning recognition



Robert W. Coon



Revella E. Hughes

as "The World's Finest Soprano," "The Colored Nightingale" and "Sophisticated Lady of the Organ," she appeared as a single and with groups in musicals, concerts and clubs. She was billed with such other stars as Eubie Blake, Cab Callaway, Duke Ellington, Fats Waller and Rubinoff.

In the late 1930s and early 1940s, Ms. Hughes was a music teacher at Huntington's Douglass High School, where she organized the school's first band.

Later, she resumed her performing career and toured Europe and the Middle East for the U.S. State Department. She retired in 1955 but resumed her musical career 25 years later after being honored in New York at the "Salute to Women in Jazz." Since then, she has appeared at the Marble Collegiate Church of Norman Vincent Peale, Radio Center Music Hall and the Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade, Fla.

Dr. Coon left his position as Vice Chancellor for Health Education with the West Virginia Board of (Continued on page 4)

Last Lecture, Investiture are scheduled

The Marshall University School of Medicine will hold its annual Last Lecture Thursday, May 9, and its Doctoral Investiture Ceremony Friday, May 10.

According to senior class President James Viglianco of South Point, the Last Lecture will be held at the Huntington Galleries and will be delivered by Josef Fischer, M.D., chairman of surgery at the University of Cincinnati. The Investiture, to be held at the Huntington Civic Center, will feature remarks by Kathryn McGoldrick, M.D., editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American Medical Women's Association. Both events are set for 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

McGoldrick serves as associate anesthesiologist at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston in addition to her JAMWA duties. She is a fellow of the American College of Anesthesiologists and has served as

an assistant clinical professor of anesthesia at Harvard Medical School.

Fischer received the M.D. degree from Harvard in 1961, and performed his internship and residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. Before moving to the University of Cincinnati in 1978, he served as an associate professor at Harvard.

Invitation

All members of the Marshall University faculty are invited to attend a reception honoring the faculty Saturday, May 11, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the home of President and Mrs. Dale Nitzschke, 1040 Thirteenth Avenue. Spouses or guests also are invited.

Drs. Nitzschke, Gould on arts board

Marshall President Dale F. Nitzschke and Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs Alan Gould have accepted leadership positions on the board of the new River Cities Cultural Council.

Dr. Nitzschke will serve as the vice chairman representing West Virginia, and Dr. Gould will be the council's president.

Also named to the board was Martha Woodward, part-time English Department faculty member and Board of Education member (and wife of David Woodward, professor of history).

The council's goal is to nurture the arts in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton area. It expects a budget next year of about \$250,000.

Choral Union presents sacred music

A program of great sacred choruses, arias and famous pieces from oratorios will be presented by the Choral Union under the direction of Marshall associate pro-

Preregistration discount offered by sports camp

A discount for registering early from the Sports-Fitness Camp, sponsored by MU's Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department, will be given to staff and faculty again this year, according to Dr. Dorothy Hicks, coordinator for the camp program.

The three-week MU Sports-Fitness Camp for youngsters ages 5-12 is scheduled from July 15 through Aug. 2. Instruction on the fundamentals of various sports and activities ranging from swimming and gymnastics to tennis and soccer will be provided.

Campers will be divided into two groups: Camp I for those ages 5 to 7 and Camp II for those ages 8-12. Dr. Robert Saunders, swimming coach, will be camp director.

The cost for campers enrolled in advance will be \$70 for Camp I and \$89 for Camp II, rather than \$80 and \$99 respectively. To take advantage of the special discount program, registrations accompanied by a \$40 nonrefundable reservation fee must be received by May 15.

For additional information or to enroll a child, call the HPER Department, extension 3186.

Campus job openings. . .

The Personnel Office has announced the following campus job opportunities:

Instructor/Assistant Professor, Medical Record Technology; Community College; salary range \$14,720-\$25,650; deadline July 15.

Chair, Family and Community Health, School of Medicine; salary negotiable; application review begins June 15.

Director, Residence Life; Student Affairs; pay grade 12; deadline changed to May 3.

Building Service Worker I, Auxiliary Services; four positions; pay grade 2, deadline May 3.

Administrative Aide, Housing and Conference; pay grade 7, deadline May 23.

Manager - Marshall Artists Series; pay grade 13, deadline May 23.

For additional information, stop by the Personnel Office, Old Main 207, or call extension 6455.

fessor of music Dr. Joseph E. Line at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in Smith Recital Hall.

Works from oratorios include "The Heavens Are Telling" from **Creation** by Haydn; "He Watching Over Israel" from Mendelssohn's **Elijah**; "Sanctus" from the **St. Cecilia Mass** by Gounod featuring tenor Allen Webner of Ashland; and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's **Messiah**.

Soprano to give recital

Soprano Renay Conlin will sing in recital on Tuesday, May 7, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Miss Conlin, part-time voice instructor at Marshall, will be accompanied by Melanie Foster Taylor of Charleston, who is completing graduate study in piano with Kenneth Marchant, assistant professor in the MU Music Department.

Concord Trio returns May 13

The Concord Trio of the University of Kentucky will return to the Marshall University campus Monday, May 13, to perform a varied program in Smith Recital Hall at 8 p.m.

Daniel Mason, violin, Suzanne McIntosh, cello, and Lucien Stark, piano, will play Walter Piston's "Trio No. 1" written in 1935, "Pezzo Eligiaco" by Tchaikovsky, "Trio for Violin, Cello and Piano" written by Leon Kirchner in 1954, and Brahms "Trio in C Minor, Op. 101." All three concerts are open free to the public.

Casto accepts Morehead post

Judith O. Casto, former assistant director of university relations, has become director of public information at Morehead State University, effective April 22.

She had served at Marshall since 1976.

"We are pleased to appoint a person with such an outstanding background of training and experience to this important position," said Keith Kappes, assistant to the president for university relations at Morehead. "She is a communications professional who is well qualified to supervise our media relations and publications programs."

AGENDA STAFF COUNCIL MEETING

May 9, 1985 - 1:30 p.m. - 2W37

1. Luncheon Update - Jill Chapman
2. Election Committee Report - Sherri Noble
3. Nepotism - Ray Welty
4. New Business -
Pay Equity Task Force - Edie Wippel
Petition for re-election of Institutional Board of Advisors

Correction. . .

Missing from last week's story on faculty elections were associate professor members of the Institutional Hearing Committee: Charles Bias, Kathryn Chezik and David Cusick.

24 Receive Maier Awards for writing

Awards totaling \$5,900 were presented to 24 Marshall University students and three Huntington high-school students who were winners of the William J. Maier Writing and Latin Cup competitions. The competitions are sponsored by Marshall's departments of English and Classical Studies.

The awards, established to recognize and encourage excellence in writing and Latin scholarship, were presented April 24 by Edward H. Maier, president of the Sarah and Pauline Maier Scholarship Foundation Inc. of Charleston.

The writing competition winners were:

-Freshman essay: First place (\$500), Cheryl Metz of Letart; second place (\$400), Herb Hively of Dunbar; third place (\$300), Mike Karr of Huntington; honorable mentions (\$100 each), Stephanie Young of Hamlin, Karen L. Wilmoth of Huntington and Michael Brotzge of Huntington.

-Upper-division research, analysis or criticism: First place (\$200), Cheryl Koch of Havertown, Pa.; second place (\$150), William J. Bunting of Huntington; third place (\$100), Jane Frideczky of Charleston.

-Upper-division personal essay: (\$150), Rachel C. Smith of St. Albans.

-Fiction: First place (\$250), Glenn Lowe of Huntington; second place (\$200), Tom Bailey of Huntington; third place (\$150), Drema Redd of Charleston; fourth place (\$100), Richard Sullivan of Huntington.

Poetry: First place (\$200), Mary Sansom of Wayne; second place (\$150), Lee Wood of Fayetteville; third place (\$100), John Harvey of Wheeling.

-Special award: Drama (\$150), Kimberly Harbour of Kenova.

-Graduate English papers: First place (\$350), Sally Stull of Russell, Ky.; second place (\$250), Glenn Lowe of Huntington; third place (\$200), Robert Cox of Jenkins, Ky.

Invitation

A reception honoring Dr. Robert W. Coon, retiring vice president for health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine, and Mrs. Coon, will be held Thursday, May 9, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of Memorial Student Center.

All members of the Marshall University community are cordially invited to attend.

-Dale F. Nitzschke, President
-Patrick I. Brown, Chairman

Excused absences. . .

April 17 - Women's Track Team members.
April 22-24 - Marshall Golf Team members.
April 25-27 - Marshall Golf Team members.

-University Honors, lower division: First place (\$250), Melissa Dawn Prichard of Branchland, W.Va.; second place (\$150), David E. Day of Kearneysville, W.Va.

-University Honors, upper division: First place (\$250), Teresa Deppner of Huntington; second place (\$150), Jennifer A. Sullivan of Milton.

The Latin Cup winners were Charles D. Webb Jr. of Huntington East High School, first place; Nancy M. Bedel of St. Joseph Central High School, second place, and Erika L. Billups of Huntington East High School, third place.



CPA SOCIETY AIDS MU STUDENTS

Marshall University accounting majors graduating this year will be able to prepare for their "Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination" by reviewing copies of the November 1984 test and the unofficial answers. The West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, through its Accounting Education Foundation, presented Marshall's College of Business 125 copies of the examination, valued at more than \$400. Making the presentation to Dr. Robert Godfrey, right, MU Accounting Department chairman, was Herbert G. Diamond Jr. of Huntington, a partner in the firm of Diamond, Sunderland and Company, CPAs. (Photo by Rick Hays)

Karen Simpkins to visit USSR

Dr. Karen Li Simpkins, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology at Marshall University, has accepted an invitation to be part of a scientific delegation selected to study rehabilitative medical practices in the Soviet Union.

Dr. Simpkins said the three-week visit, scheduled for next October, is being co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the Soviet Ministry of Health. The group will visit major medical centers, universities, research centers and clinical facilities in cities and rural areas throughout the country, Dr. Simpkins said.

She said the project will enable the American team to get to know members of the Soviet rehabilitation medicine community and to compare rehabilitative approaches and problems.