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## General faculty meeting is Oct. 1

A general faculty meeting has been called for 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, in Old Main Auditorium, according to Rainey Duke, chair of the University Council.

The agenda will be comprised of an identification of new faculty members by their chairs; presidential remarks by Dr. Nitzschke; informational background to and an update on the special committee looking at the Faculty Senate concept; a brief report on the

North Central accreditation visitation; nominations for the vacancy on the Athletic Committee, and a few brief announcements, Dr. Duke said.

A list of those faculty members already serving on the various standing committees during the 1985-86 academic year will be provided in a special notice next week, she added.

## Artists Series manager is appointed

James E. Bryan of Madison, Wis., has been appointed manager of the Marshall University Artists Series, President Dale F. Nitzschke has announced.

Bryan has been general manager of The Opera at the University of Wisconsin at Madison for the past year and previously was administrative assistant to the general manager of the Madison Civic Music Association.

He recently completed the master's degree in business administration at the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a major in arts administration.

The new director succeeds Mrs. Nancy P. Hindsley, who retired July 1 after serving 13 years at Marshall.

Bryan will be responsible for all administrative and

programming operations of the four elements of the Artists Series: Baxter, Forum, Student and Summer.

Dr. Paul A. Balshaw, dean of the College of Fine Arts, said Bryan also will play an important role in planning the Artists Series Gala, scheduled in the 1986-87 school year in observance of the 50th anniversary of the Artists Series.

A native of Fort Wayne, Ind., Bryan has extensive experience in arts management. In addition to the responsibilities in Madison, he served in several managerial positions from 1980 to 1983 with the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville, and worked from 1979-80 with Harrah's Hotels and Casinos in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

## Coffey to play dual role with Marshall and Regents

Dr. William E. Coffey, professor of social studies, has been assigned a dual role with the West Virginia Board of Regents and the Academic Affairs office, according to Dr. Alan B. Gould, acting vice president for academic affairs.

Coffey is serving as assistant to the vice president for academic affairs and as associate director of research with the BOR.

In his role with the Board of Regents, Coffey said he is working with David R. Powers, vice chancellor for academic affairs, on a number of projects including faculty development, initiatives for academic excellence, and resource allocation. He also is the vice chancellor's liaison to the Teacher Education Advisory Council and the Chancellor's official liaison to the West Virginia Board of Education.

A Marshall faculty member since 1969, Dr. Coffey also is chairman of Marshall's Legislative Affairs Committee.

## Huntington attorney is named to W.Va. Board of Regents

Huntington attorney Thomas L. Craig Jr. was one of four people recently named to the West Virginia Board of Regents by Gov. Arch A. Moore Jr.

Others appointed to the BOR were William T. McLaughlin II of Fairmont, John Shott of Bluefield and Sister Mary Jude Yochum of Wheeling.

Craig resumed his law practice last month after resigning as the governor's executive assistant. Prior to that he was manager for Moore's 1984 gubernatorial campaign.

## Commencement committee seeking recommendations

The Commencement and Honorary Degrees Committee is now accepting recommendations from faculty, staff and students for persons to be considered as possible recipients of honorary degrees at the May 1986 Commencement, according to Dr. Frank S. Riddel, committee chairman.

Names of recommended individuals should be submitted to Dr. Riddel in care of the Department of Social Studies no later than Friday, Nov. 1.

Persons submitting names should include for each individual a brief statement as to why the individual should receive the honor. The person submitting the name of a candidate for an honorary degree should also include his or her own name, address and phone number so the Committee can secure additional information as needed.

### Special notice to faculty

Faculty members desiring to serve as hearing officers under the revised "Marshall University Academic Procedures" which has been approved in relation to Board of Regents Policy Bulletin #60 should contact Glenn E. Smith, chairperson of the Academic Planning and Standards Committee (ext. 3646) by Friday, Sept. 20. Refer to Par VI, B.3, page 14 of the revised procedures.

# Summary of University Council meeting

(The following report on the Aug. 28 University Council meeting was submitted by Robert H. Eddins, secretary.)

## Faculty Meeting

The first faculty meeting will be Tuesday, October 1 at 4 p.m. in the Old Main Auditorium. Agenda items at this time are:

1. President Nitzschke will speak to the faculty with a question and answer period to follow.
2. The sub-committee of the University Council working on the faculty-senate proposal will make a report to the faculty.
3. Nominations will be received for standing committee vacancies.
4. Dr. Deel will discuss the new long-distance telephone system recently installed.

Any other agenda items may be added by contacting Rainey Duke, Chair of the University Council.

A regular meeting time was set by University Council, the last Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the President's Conference Room. Standing committees will know of Council meeting times in advance so matters of concern can be put on Council's agenda to allow adequate time for preparation and discussion. In line with this, Council will also ask the chairman of the referring

committee to be at the Council meeting when the issue is to be discussed.

## Proxy Voting

In response to a request relative to proxy voting, Council Chair Rainey Duke investigated the Sturgess Book of Order, which is used by the Marshall University Faculty Constitution, and found that proxy voting is acceptable under the following conditions. "The proxy voter must be identified in writing to the chairperson of the committee, preferably prior to but no later than the beginning of the meeting to which proxy votes are to be exercised." It was the consensus of the Council that proxy voting is now appropriate and acceptable on all University standing committees.

A request for a revision in the Greenbook brought to light the fact that there are no present provisions for making revisions in the Greenbook. Council will develop guidelines in the near future.

The Director of Institutional Research will be invited to address Council on the subject of salary inequities and controlling of same prior to the convening of a general faculty meeting for the same purpose.

The next University Council meeting will be Wednesday, September 25 at 3 p.m.

## MU faculty and staff achievements, activities. . .

Dr. JAMES E. DOUGLASS, professor of chemistry, attended the 10th International Congress of Heterocyclic Chemistry at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, on Aug. 12-15.

Dr. JOHN W. FOSTER, associate professor of microbiology, will have an article published in the November issue of the *Journal of General Microbiology*. The article is entitled "Regulation of NAD biosynthesis in *Salmonella typhimurium*: expression of *nad-lac* operon fusions and identification of a *nad* regulatory locus." Co-authors are Elizabeth Holley and Michael Spector, both doctoral students in the Department of Microbiology.

Dr. DONALD HALL, assistant professor of counseling and rehabilitation, addressed about 200 Wayne County teachers in a pre-service on Aug. 28 in Kenova. He presented information and materials emphasizing "The Fundamentals of Stress Management for Educators."

Dr. KENNETH T. SLACK, director of university libraries, was selected along with 50 other academic and public librarians and humanist scholars to participate in a workshop co-sponsored by the Association of College and Research Libraries and the Public Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The workshop was held Aug. 28-30 at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, dean of the College of Business, was elected to the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Municipal League, at its annual meeting at Lakeview Inn in Morgantown, W.Va., in late August.

Dr. JOAN F. GILLILAND, associate professor of English, has published an article, "Paradise Lost and the Youthful Reader," in the Spring 1985 issue of *Children's Literature Association Quarterly*. The article is part of a special section on "The Canon of Historical Children's Literature" which was proposed and planned by the late Dr. Warren W. Wooden, professor of English. The special section was edited after Wooden's death by Dr. Jeanie

Watson, formerly of Marshall and now chair of the Department of English at Rhodes College, and is dedicated to Wooden. Work on Dr. Gilliland's article was assisted by a grant for released-time from the Marshall University Foundation.

Dr. GARY O. RANKIN, interim chairman of pharmacology, and Dr. MONICA A. VALENTOVIC, associate professor of pharmacology, presented abstracts at the August 18-22 meeting of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. Dr. Rankin's abstracts were: "Acute N-(3,4,5-Trichlorophenyl)succinimide-induced nephrotoxicity in Sprague-Dawley and Fischer 344 rats," "Effect of succinimide ring modification on N-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)succinimide-induced nephrotoxicity in Sprague-Dawley and Fischer 344 rats" and "Effects of glutathione depletion on acute N-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)succinimide-induced nephrotoxicity in the Fischer 344 rat." Dr. Valentovic's abstract was "The direct effect of nifedipine on aortic PGI<sub>2</sub> and platelet TXA<sub>2</sub> formation in diabetic rats." The abstracts also were published in *The Pharmacologist*.

## Parking regulations reminder

The Office of Public Safety, Traffic and Parking Division, has issued the following reminder to parking permit holders. In accordance with the Marshall University Traffic and Parking Rules and Regulations:

"Faculty and staff members owning two vehicles may request two decals upon payment of one parking fee providing adequate verification of vehicle data is presented. However, *only one vehicle may be parked on campus at any given time.*"

The simultaneous parking of two vehicles issued permits under one fee will result in a \$10 civil penalty and/or towing/immobilization of one of the vehicles.

# The Chancellor's Column:

## *Economic impact of higher education*

by Leon H. Ginsberg  
Chancellor

West Virginia Board of Regents

Each time a newspaper or legislator proclaims higher education the hope of West Virginia's economy, I squirm. Not that I disagree. I think education is one of the best economic development expenditures the state makes. But I sometimes think my reasons differ from others'. In this and a subsequent column, I will explain the immediate and longer term ways in which higher education benefits the West Virginia economy.

Foremost, higher education makes the obvious contribution of teaching skills. West Virginia students may learn almost any occupation at one of the state's colleges or universities.

Less often understood is the attraction quality education has for business and industry. Employers consistently say they prefer locations where they are able to find educated workers and where their own children and employees can become well-educated. Good schools and colleges are as important to many businesses as low taxes and low-cost energy.

Higher education plays a second part in preparing people for employment. It certifies completion of one's studies. Obtaining licenses, meeting job requirements, and being promoted often require college degrees. A

college or university's verification that one of its graduates has completed some required studies helps an employer screen applicants for jobs. That certification often saves employers the costs of testing and evaluating job applicants.

Colleges and universities also provide graduates with skills they can use in developing their own businesses. Each year, hundreds of West Virginia graduates start businesses which ultimately employ many other people.

But we often overlook higher education's role as an industry, itself. In West Virginia, our fifteen public colleges and universities employ some 10,000 people. Tens of millions of dollars in federal and private grants pay for student aid, research, and publications. Students from within and outside the state spend hundreds of millions on food, books, clothing, and housing. In most college communities, the school is the largest local business. And intercollegiate athletics—especially those at West Virginia University—are a major factor in the state's economy.

In West Virginia, higher education not only prepares people to begin their own businesses or work in others, it is also a major economic factor, itself.

## Briefs

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### Staff Council meets Sept. 19

The Staff Council will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, September 19, in Room 2W37 of the Memorial Student Center.

#### AGENDA

1. Legislative Affairs - Alert Committee
2. Update on Committees:
  - A. Education - Charlene Hawkins
  - B. CPR & First Aid - Rowena Napier
  - C. Reclassification - Nina Barrett
  - D. Discount - Phyllis Caldwell
3. Report on Advisory Council to the Board of Regents - Ken Reffeitt
4. Report on Institutional Board of Advisors - Gene Crawford
5. Other Business

### Typewriter stands available

Approximately 20 typewriter stands are sitting in the fourth-floor hallway of Corbly Hall awaiting owners, according to Elma S. Chapman, associate professor and director of Office Technology. Anyone interested in a stand should call the Office of Technology, ext. 5432.

### Music lecture set for Tuesday

"Zen and the Art of Music Teaching" is the topic for Dr. Donald A. Williams, chairman of the Music Department, on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. The lecture, sponsored by Delta Omicron, international music fraternity, is free and open to the public.

### CPR, first aid classes set

The Marshall University Staff Council is in the process of distributing questionnaires to all classified staff employees to aid the Council in setting up CPR and first aid classes for the staff, according to Gloria Rickman, Council president. The classes will be given through the Athletic Department.

"It has been brought to Staff Council's attention of the need for such classes to better the campus community. Upon receipt of the questionnaire, a prompt response would be appreciated," Ms. Rickman said.

### Quick phone reference list

Having problems reaching the university's procurement officers? Here's a list of the most convenient phone numbers to use:

Dorothy Smith, ext. 3600  
Ron Wilkinson, ext. 3601  
William J. Shondel, ext. 3602

### Lunchbag seminar scheduled

"Job Interviewing" is the topic for the first fall Lunchbag Seminar sponsored by the Women's Center. The seminar will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, in Prichard Hall Room 143. Linda Olesen, assistant director, Career Planning and Placement, will discuss the importance of a job interview and how to prepare for it.

The Women's Center has planned 12 seminars to be held on Wednesdays through December, according to Patricia Matters, coordinator of women's programs. The seminars are free and open to everyone. Coffee and tea will be provided.