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## *Vice president applications reviewed*

The search committee for the vice president for academic affairs will have its initial meeting today (Thursday) to review applications, according to Lynne Mayer, assistant to the president.

Dr. Ermel Stepp, associate professor of education, will chair the committee. He is representing the College of Education on the committee.

Ninety-four applications had been received by Monday afternoon, Sept. 16, the deadline for applying.

## *Cheryl Connelly is named acting affirmative action officer*

Cheryl L. Connelly, assistant professor of finance and business law, has been named acting affirmative action officer, according to President Dale F. Nitzschke. She succeeds Robert L. Lawson, who has full-time duties as director of continuing education with the Community College.

Ms. Connelly will continue to teach, spending three-fourths time as affirmative action officer and one-fourth in a teaching capacity.

A member of the Marshall faculty since September 1980, she earned her B.S. degree from the University of Iowa in 1975 and her J.D. degree from Ohio State University in 1980.

## *Journalism professor assigned as director of SCORES*

Janet Dooley, assistant professor of journalism, has been named director of SCORES – Search Committee on Recruiting Excellent Students, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, assistant vice president for academic affairs and dean of the Graduate School.

Ms. Dooley fills a vacancy in the position created with the appointment of the previous director, Carolyn Hunter, as head of the new A-Team which will recruit an academically select group of undergraduates by offering no-cost education.

A native of South Charleston, Ms. Dooley joined the faculty in September 1979. She received her A.B. in journalism/advertising summa cum laude from Marshall in 1973 and earned her M.S. in 1975 from the University of Tennessee.

Prior to joining the faculty she served two years as public relations director for Huntington Galleries and previously worked with WZTQ Radio in Hurricane, the West Virginia Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Roanoke (Va.) Times and World News.

However, all applications postmarked by Sept. 16 will be considered, Ms. Mayer said.

Members of the search committee and the constituencies they represent are: Dr. Cheryl L. Connelly, affirmative action; Dr. Bradford R. DeVos, Graduate School; Dr. James E. Douglass, College of Science; Dr. E.S. Hanrahan, Deans Council; Dr. Chong Kim, College of Business; Mark E. King, Community College; Diane Owens, School of Nursing; Andy Brison, undergraduate students; Kelly Timbrook, graduate students; Josephine Fidler, James E. Morrow Library; Dr. Elaine Baker, College of Liberal Arts, and Ben Miller, College of Fine Arts.

## *15 faculty members honored by MU medical students*

Fifteen faculty members of Marshall's School of Medicine were honored in the school's opening exercises Sept. 11.

The sophomore class named Dr. David Dawson, associate professor of anatomy, its teacher of the year. The class also honored Dr. Mitchell Berk, assistant professor of anatomy; Dr. Michael Moore, associate professor of biochemistry; Dr. Lewis Aulick, associate professor of surgery/physiology, and Dr. William Walker, assistant professor of surgery.

The junior class chose Dr. Carl Gruetter, associate professor of pharmacology, its professor of the year, and also recognized Dr. Ned Moss, associate professor of pathology; Dr. Danny Wedding, associate professor of psychiatry; Dr. Gary Rankin, associate professor of pharmacology; Dr. Terry Fenger, associate professor of microbiology, and Dr. Charles Yarbrough, clinical assistant professor of pediatrics, pathology and medicine.

The senior class voted as the outstanding volunteer team Dr. Lorraine Rubis, clinical associate professor of surgery, and Dr. J.D. Harrah, clinical professor of surgery. The class also named Dr. Nancy Munn, assistant professor of medicine, and Dr. Sammy Bebawy, assistant professor of internal medicine, as outstanding attending physician faculty.

### **Faculty reminder**

A general faculty meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 1, in Old Main Auditorium. Rainey Duke, chair of the University Council, urges all faculty to attend.

# MU faculty and staff achievements, activities. . .

**MARK G. BORZI**, assistant professor of speech, has completed requirements for his Ph.D. from Bowling Green (Ohio) State University. His dissertation was "A Rose by Any Other Name Is Not a Rose: An Examination into the Nature of Shyness and Other Related Constructs."

**Dr. DERYL R. LEAMING**, director of the School of Journalism, is one of five educators selected for a study tour of West Germany. He will visit media and universities during his 10-day tour of about a dozen West German cities.

**Dr. WOOD C. SISARCICK**, professor of mathematics, recently completed the examination requirements to become a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. As such Dr. Sisarcick is the only Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in West Virginia and one of only five persons nationwide to hold a doctorate in mathematics and be a Fellow.

**Dr. PHILIP S. SHORE**, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation, chaired a session on Injury Control and Prevention at the annual State Health Education Conference in Morgantown, W.Va., Aug. 26-27. **DAN MARTIN**, head of the athletic training curriculum, talked on the "Prevention and Rehabilitation of Exercise-Induced Musculoskeletal Injury." Dr. Shore gave a talk on the "Prevention of Cardiac Morbidity and Mortality during Exercise."

**Dr. WILLIAM A. McDOWELL**, chairman of the Department of Counseling and Rehabilitation, is co-author of an article in the fall issue of *The Journal of Gerontological Nursing* (Vol. 11, No. 8). The article, conceived with health care for elderly Appalachians, is entitled "An Unchanging Culture." Dr. McDowell also was one of two West Virginia residents selected by the American College Personnel Association for inclusion in the 1985-86 directory of "Outstanding Speakers in Student Personnel Work."

**KENNETH R. REFFEITT**, library technical assistant II for gifts and exchange, James E. Morrow Library, attended the 104th annual conference of the American Library Association, July 6-11, in Chicago. He also participated in the Association for College and Research Libraries president's program. While in Chicago Reffeitt also did

## Meeting summary of Sept. 10 Faculty Personnel Committee

(Note: The following summary of the Sept. 10 Faculty Personnel Committee meeting was submitted by Bob Sawrey, chair.)

- I. Review of old business:
  - A. Final disposition of a faculty member's grievance.
  - B. Status of *ad hoc* committee to develop uniform promotion and tenure guidelines.
  - C. Loss of retirement benefits due to taking of sabbatical leave.
  - D. Status of report by *ad hoc* committee to address B.O.R. Policy Bulletin 36.11.b.
- II. Initiation of review of preliminary draft of NCA Self-study Report.
- III. Brief report from members of an *ad hoc* committee to draft a new university constitution.
- IV. Discussion of attempts to address faculty salary inequities.
- V. Set next meeting for September 24, at the same time and place.

independent research for a bibliography of Princess Pocahontas at the Center for the History of the American Indian at the Newberry Library.

**Dr. ELAINE A. NOVAK**, professor of theatre/dance, had her book, *Styles of Acting*, published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., during the summer. She spent her spring semester sabbatical completing her second book, *Performing in Musicals*, which is currently under consideration for publication.

## Retired speech professor, Otis Ranson, dies in Florida

A. Otis Ranson, retired professor of speech, died Sunday, Sept. 15, in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Ranson, 75, had been in a nursing home for the past year. Memorial services were to be held Wednesday in Port St. Lucie.

A native of Liberty, W.Va., Ranson joined the faculty in September 1931 and retired following the spring semester of 1972. He had served as chairman of the Speech Department from 1935 to 1959, was director of forensics 1931-46, and technical director of the College Theatre 1931-47.

Ranson earned his A.B. degree from Marshall in 1931 and his M.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1935. His publications included editing a textbook entitled *The Fundamentals of Speech-Communication*. All chapters of the book were written by speech department faculty.

Ranson was preceded in death by his wife, the former Jean Edmondson. They were parents of three daughters.

## Two lunchbag seminars scheduled for Wednesday

Two lunchbag seminars are planned for Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Dr. Alan Gould, acting vice president for academic affairs, will host a bag lunch at noon Wednesday in the Campus Christian Center (Blue Room).

The topic of discussion will be the American Council on Education Fellowship in Academic Administration. Dr. William E. Coffey, a recent ACE Fellow, will provide information and answer questions.

Interested members of the faculty and administrative staff are invited to bring their lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided, Gould said.

The second in a series of 12 fall seminars sponsored by the Women's Center will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in Prichard Hall Room 143.

Linda Holup, project director, Rural Economic Development, Women & Employment, Inc., will discuss "Economic Development and Women."

Coffee and tea will be provided.

### Letter of appreciation

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Stephen wish to thank the Marshall University faculty for the flowers and kind expressions of sympathy on the recent death of their son, Charles Lee Stephen.

# The Chancellor's Column:

## *More on education's economic impact*

By Leon H. Ginsberg  
Chancellor

West Virginia Board of Regents

In a recent column, I described the ways in which higher education contributes to the West Virginia economy—by teaching skills, certifying graduates, and as an important industry, itself. There are other ways in which higher education more directly serves business and industry.

Many industries develop and grow *because* they are located near colleges and universities. Students, faculty, and their families often develop businesses which arise out of their studies. The steady stream of educated graduates and students seeking part-time work help keep businesses going. And many businesses sell their services largely to colleges and universities. Higher education institutions also serve industry through consultation with businesses on their finances and technology. The consultation is done under contracts between the college or university and the business or, in some cases, between the business and faculty experts, themselves. Some industries also contract with colleges and universities to train their employees on specific subjects.

The Board of Regents and Marshall University sponsor the statewide Center for Education and Research in Industry to help arrange those connections.

Research originated and conducted by faculty also plays a role in the state's economy. The Stiller-Smith engine, which is being developed at WVU, may become a significant force for economic growth.

Thus far in these columns, industry has been described as profit-making, private businesses. However, American industries—especially those in West Virginia—are increasingly governmental. In our rural counties, the largest economic factors are public schools, local government, health care, and "transfer payments" which include

social security, food stamps, unemployment compensation, and Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Those are businesses, too. Most of the money that comes from them—and from those employed to run them—go to private businesses such as banks, utilities, food stores, and other retailers.

Public higher education is closely involved in all of these services through preparing teachers, doctors, nurses, and many other groups of employees. Many colleges and universities help those public industries through consultation in some of the same ways they help private businesses.

Higher education is one of the best investments a society can make. Some economists believe that every dollar invested in education pays off in the long-range as well as the short-range; directly and indirectly; and to the advantage of the public and private sectors. Almost everything that happens in West Virginia benefits in some way from its colleges and universities.

### *University Relations editor to join staff Sept. 30*

Victor Hamilton III, director of public information at Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, W.Va., has been appointed news editor for the Office of University Relations. He will join the Marshall staff on Sept. 30, according to C.T. Mitchell, university relations director.

Hamilton assumed the Alderson-Broaddus position in 1981 after serving three years as director of informational services at West Virginia State College. Prior to that he had been editor of the Braxton Democrat and Central in Sutton, W.Va, for three years and was an informational writer for the West Virginia Department of Highways for a year.

A 1970 graduate of Calhoun County High School in Grantsville, he received his B.S. degree in journalism from West Virginia University in 1974. He is a member of the board of directors of Mountaineer Travel Council, a member of the Broaddus Hospital Public Relations Committee, and was named an "Outstanding Young Man of America" the past two years.

### *Symposium set for Saturday*

Current approaches for diagnosing and treating breast cancer will be explored Saturday in a surgical symposium on "Cancer of the Breast" offered to health providers by the Marshall University School of Medicine.

The continuing medical education event is set for 8:25 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Marshall's Memorial Student Center. Topics will include mammography, radiation therapy and chemotherapy, breast conservation, and pain control.

### *Free counseling services available for personnel*

The Department of Counseling and Rehabilitation operates a Counseling Clinic offering services free of charge to Marshall personnel and members of their families, according to Dr. Lawrence W. Barker, associate professor.

Counseling services dealing with a wide range of problems including family, marital, personal and vocational concerns are accepted. Services are provided by advanced graduate students under faculty supervision. All services are confidential.

Interested persons may contact the Counseling and Rehabilitation Department in Harris Hall 357 or call ext. 2383 for an appointment.

### *Community College schedules variety of non-credit courses*

Sixteen non-credit courses are being offered this fall by the Community College, according to Robert L. Lawson, director of continuing education.

Courses include aerobic exercise, astronomy, basic computer usage, basic photography, basketball officiating, Chinese cooking, conversational French, disco/ballroom and country-style dancing, electrical repair, financial management, general meteorology/weather aviation, "going sane," ground school aviation, Hatha yoga, microwave cooking and scuba diving.

Enrollment fees for these courses, offered mostly in the evening, range from \$24 to \$175.

Additional information is available through the Community College, ext. 3646.