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Storch selected College of Science dean

A scientist with a long record of service related to environmental concerns has been named dean of Marshall University's College of Science.

Dr. Thomas A. Storch, dean of the Huxley College of Environmental Studies at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, will join the Marshall administration in late August, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

Storch is a former chairman of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Committee (ORSANCO) and currently is director of Western Washington University's Institute for Watershed Studies. He also is a former member of the Chautauqua County (N.Y.) Environmental Management Council and the Scientific Advisory Board of the New York State Federation of Lake Associations.

"We were fortunate to have applications from an impressive number of highly qualified individuals interested in the College of Science dean position," Gilley said. "Dr. Storch stood out, however, in terms of his demonstrated emphasis on undergraduate teaching, his extensive research and writing and his involvement with programs related to the environment. I am extremely pleased he has accepted our offer to join the Marshall University team."

Gilley said he also believed it was significant that Storch had developed a good working relationship with Georgia Pacific Corp. in Washington and had done environmental impact studies related to a Georgia Pacific paper mill there.

"Since there appears to be a strong possibility a paper mill is going to be developed a few miles upstream from Huntington, Dr. Storch's familiarity with such operations and their environmental impact will be an asset not only to the university, but to the people of our region," Gilley said.

In addition to serving as dean, Storch will have some teaching responsibilities as the college's N. B. Green Professor, Gilley said.

Storch earned his bachelor's degree in pre-medicine from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1966 and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in zoology from the University of Michigan, completing his studies there in 1971.

From 1971 to 1973 Storch was a research scientist at Landes­telle fuer Gewaesserkunde und Wasserwirtschaftliche Planung in Karlsruhe, West Germany. He then joined the State University of New York, College at Fredonia, serving in a variety of positions.

Adkins receives award

Donald F. Adkins, landscape gardener in the Plant Operations Division, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for July, according to Bill Bur­dette, chairman of the selection committee.

Adkins has worked for the university for 20 years.

He was nominated for the award by Martha C. Woodward, executive director of the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence. Burdette said Adkins also was nominated by Cathy Rideout and Linda Eli­liott of the Bursar's Office. He said this was the first time an Employee of the Month had been nominated by people in two separate offices.

In making her nomination, Woodward said, "How many times during the awful weather did you walk across campus or look out your window and see the figure in brown coveralls blowing away the snow or chipping away the ice? That hard-working guy is Don Adkins."

"He is the one who makes it possible for us to walk from one place to the other when the weather is bad. Don is always working. He is out there when the temperature drops off the bottom of the charts and he is out there when it shoots up in the other direction. When I think of clear walks in winter or a neat and pretty campus in spring, I think of Don."

"Don is an example of our staff who are dedicated to making Marshall the top university in the state."

Adkins will receive a plaque and $100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Health care is big business in Tri-State

Health care is big business—very big business—in the Tri-State area around Huntington, a new Marshall University study indicates.

The report, released Tuesday by Marshall President J. Wade Gilley, shows health care's economic impact on the area amounts to more than $1.1 billion annually while creating more than 27,000 jobs—and the figures are conservative, Gilley said.

The study, headed by Marshall Distinguished Professor of Management Robert P. Alexander and funded by the MU Research and Economic Development Center, covers Cabell and Wayne counties in West Virginia, Lawrence County in Ohio and Boyd, Greenup and Lawrence counties in Kentucky.

It includes data from hospitals, nursing homes, home health care and physicians' offices such as net payrolls expenditures, local operating expenses and other local expenses.

Direct expenditures by the health care industry amounted to $642,247,600. Applying the standard multiplier effect resulting from spending of those dollars, the total economic impact was $1,104,665,900, Alexander said. Health care provided 11,767 jobs directly with secondary jobs bringing the total to 27,488, generating household incomes amounting to $505,641,500.

The survey found area hospitals generated $661,236,800 in

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economic activity; physicians' offices, $363,323,800; nursing homes, $46,022,200, and home health care agencies, $35,083,100. Hospitals and clinics generated at least 16,454 jobs; physicians, 9,041; nursing homes, 1,120, and home health care, 873. Breaking the figures down by states, the report shows an economic impact of $636,283,500 in West Virginia; $374,375,800 in Kentucky and $94,006,600 in Ohio, producing 15,833 jobs in West Virginia, 9,316 jobs in Kentucky and 2,339 in Ohio.

"While the economic impact demonstrated in the report is enormous, we believe the figures are extremely conservative," Gilley said. "For example, the study does not include the Marshall University School of Medicine and its health care delivery arm, John Marshall Medical Services, Inc. The impact of those units, considered basically educational programs, is to be examined in another study, but they certainly contribute in a major way to the overall health care picture of the Tri-State Area."

A second study has been commissioned to expand knowledge about the Tri-State Area's health care industry, its growth rates and how the area might attract more health care investments and jobs, Gilley said.

"I believe we have demonstrated health care is an extremely important foundation for this area's economic growth," Gilley said. "Our next challenge is to determine how we can build on that foundation, as well as other economic foundations which exist here."

Dr. Alexander's associates in the study were identified as Dr. Ramchandra Akkihal, Dr. Deanna Mader and Dr. Marjorie McNeerney, all members of the MU College of Business faculty. Research assistants were Jon Daniel Payton, Mary Kathleen Mollohan, Raymond Crabtree, Kathryn Sue Clay and Jim Adkinson.

Library gets DAR book

The Westmoreland chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently presented a copy of its latest publication, "Wayne County, West Virginia, Cemeteries" (Volume 4), to Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library.

The chapter previously donated copies of the first three volumes to Marshall's library. The books are part of an on-going project of the Westmoreland DAR to list all persons buried in Wayne County cemeteries. The books contain readings from cemeteries, map locations and also listings of some deceased parents. Professor Lisle Brown, curator of special collections at the library, said the volumes are important because of the limited amount of family history resources on Wayne County. He said the books will be of great value to persons interested in genealogy and local and family history.

RUI grants available

Engineering and science faculty members are encouraged to submit Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) applications, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of the Marshall University Graduate School.

The two major components of the National Science Foundation program are faculty research projects and research instrumentation grants.

Program announcements are available in the Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Marshall University Community for the flowers and many expressions of sympathy following the death of my mother.

My wife and I, and my brother, will always remember your thoughtful and kind expressions at this time.

Thank you,

Nicholas Freidin
Celebrated singer and stage-movie-and-television actress Andrea Marcovicci will be the solo artist Sept. 17 at Arts Gala 1994, a benefit for Marshall University's arts programs.

Arts Gala 1994 chairperson Jane Boylin said Marcovicci will perform her "I'll Be Seeing You" medley of romantic songs of the World War II era. Marcovicci recently performed the medley for sold-out shows in Minneapolis and Baltimore.

"We're quite excited to have Ms. Marcovicci here," Mrs. Boylin said. "She has received excellent reviews for her work in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Washington and other cities across the country. After our gala, she is scheduled to perform with members of the American Symphony Orchestra in a concert gala at New York's Tilles Center."

Hailed by Life magazine as the "most Sinatra-like" of the new generation of cabaret performers, Marcovicci maintains an active concert and cabaret schedule throughout the U.S.

She was the sole entertainer when President and Mrs. Clinton hosted the opening of the 1994 Governor's Conference in the East Room of the White House. She performed before a sold-out audience at her solo recital at Carnegie Hall -- a concert described by Stephen Holden of The New York Times as "several sundaes worth of overindulgence" by "a gifted singing actress." Her appearances at the famed Algonquin Hotel's Oak Room in New York include an unprecedented 16-week sold-out engagement.

Marcovicci is well-known for her personal style, interweaving poetry, prose and a bit of music history with what the Albany (N.Y.) Times Union describes as her "uncanny ability to crawl inside a song, wrap it around her and wear it as though it were made for her alone."

The Wall Street Journal proclaimed of Marcovicci: "Her style goes beyond the vocal: There's her wry humor and her intelligence; her mixture of old-fashioned charm and modern bite; her innate sense of what song to sing and when; her enthusiastic quest for new songs; and her delighted discovery of old songs."

Marcovicci started her career in the 1960s as a folk singer. When she wasn't singing, she was acting. She began her acting career on the daytime drama "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing" and made her Broadway musical debut with Howard Keel in "Ambassador." She starred on Broadway with Sada Thompson in Frank D. Gilroy's play "Any Given Day." She also starred opposite Anthony Newley in the musical "Chaplin," portraying all of Chaplin's wives, and performed Ophelia in New York's Central Park to Sam Waterston's Hamlet.

Her film credits include "The Front" with Woody Allen and Zero Mostel; playing Danny Devito's wife in "Jack the Bear"; "The Hand" with Michael Caine; "The Stuff" with Michael Moriarty; "Spacehunter" with Peter Strauss; "The Canterville Ghost" with John Gielgud; and "Someone to Love," featuring Orson Wells in his last film performance.


In 1985 Marcovicci began singing the songs of her parents' generation: Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, George and Ira Gershwin. Her mother sang in New York in the 1940s under the name Helen Stuart but gave up singing following her marriage. Marcovicci says she had a "romantic" upbringing, watching her parents dance at the Persian Room of the Plaza and attending dancing school for society kids at the Colony Club. "That's probably where the sense of nostalgia that permeates my shows comes from," she told The New Yorker magazine.

Charles Kuralt featured her on "CBS Sunday Morning" on Nov. 7, 1993, and she also has appeared on "CBS This Morning." In March 1994, Marcovicci starred in a National Public Radio live broadcast by New York Symphony. Her latest records -- "I'll Be Seeing You," "Love Songs of World War II," "Just Kern," and "December Songs" -- are available on Elba Records.

Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter, assistant vice president for institutional advancement, said faculty and staff interested in purchasing tickets should call her immediately at 696-6443.

"Because Arts Gala 1994 is a benefit for Marshall's fine and performing arts programs, no complimentary tickets will be available," Hunter said.

Only 500 tickets will be available for Marcovicci's Arts Gala 1994 performance. Tickets for the gala range from $125 single to $5,000 for a reserved table seating eight.

The black-tie event features a reception, dinner, musical performance in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse of Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center, and dessert following the performance.

Dr. William S. Deel, director of campus technology at Marshall University since 1984, has been appointed assistant vice president for operations, according to Vice President K. Edward Grose.

Deel is assuming oversight of the Residence Services Department, facilities inventory and the campus identification cards system. He also retains responsibility for university telephones and mail services.

A member of the Marshall staff since 1969, Deel also has been associate dean of the College of Education and associate provost.

Active in community and church activities, he has served as lieutenant governor of the Kentucky-West Virginia District of Optimist International, commissioner of the Salt Rock Public Service District and delegate to the jurisdictional and general conference of the United Methodist Church. He presently serves as chairman of the General Board of Publication for the United Methodist Church. He is a popular inspirational/motivational speaker for religious, social and community organizations.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Glenville State College, his master's from West Virginia University and his doctorate from Indiana University.

Deel and his wife, Martha, reside in Malcolm Springs, near Milton. They are the parents of two daughters.
Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. MAUDIE KARICKOFF, director of clinical experiences in Marshall University's Division of Teacher Education, has been selected by the University of West Virginia System Board of Trustees as the higher education representative to the Certification Appeals Board of the West Virginia Department of Education. The Certification Appeals Board, which meets several times each year, hears appeals on certification requests which have been denied by the Department of Education. She was nominated for the position by the deans of education from Marshall, the West Virginia Graduate College and West Virginia University.

Dr. MICHAEL R. MOORE, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, presented a paper at the annual meeting of The Endocrine Society held June 14-18 in Anaheim, Calif. The paper was titled "Evidence For a Functional Progesterone Responsive Element in the Upstream Flanking Region of the Human C-myc Gene." Also in attendance from the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology were co-authors Dr. JIAN-LIANG ZHOU, a postdoctoral fellow, and RENEE N. GENTRY, a research assistant.

RAYMOND F. WELTY, director of Auxiliary Services, recently returned from a trip to Quebec City, Canada, where, as president, he presided over the 26th annual meeting of the Eastern Association of College Auxiliary Services. Among the topics discussed at the meeting were privatization in higher education, benchmarking, contract auditing and total quality management.

VICKIE CRAGER, administrative aide in the Department of Biological Sciences, pitched her women's slow-pitch softball team to championships in two recent national invitational tournaments. Her team placed first in the Bud Light/Queen City Classic held June 11-12 at Harrison, Ohio, and first in the Bud Light/Blue Chip National Invitational Tournament held July 9-10 in Cincinnati, Ohio. CRAGER was named Most Valuable Player of the Bud Light/Blue Chip tournament. Her team is now qualified to advance to the Great Lakes divisional tournament which will be held in September in Canton, Mich.

Dr. JOHN L. SZAREK, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology, attended the West Virginia Thoracic Society/American Lung Association annual meeting held June 11-12 at Flatwoods. During the meeting he was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the American Lung Association of West Virginia and was elected as a member-at-large to the Steering Committee of the West Virginia Thoracic Society. SZAREK also is a member of the society's Research and Endowment Fund committees.

THOMAS A. LOVINS, director of recreational services and fitness activities, attended the summer meetings of the Executive Committee of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association held July 13-17 in Corvallis, Oregon. LOVINS, who is Region II vice president, will serve on the 12-member Executive Committee for the next two years.

Former professor dies

Ruby Marian Calvert Foose, 96, a professor emeritus at Marshall, passed away Monday, July 11, at her residence in Huntington.

She attended Marshall and graduated from West Virginia University in 1923. She married A. Maurice Foose, a law school graduate, in 1921.

She taught school in a one-room rural school at Paw Paw. During the depression of the 1930s she was state supervisor of the W.P.A. sewing room projects. She attended Ohio State University during the summers from 1938 to 1940 and received a master's degree.

During World War II, she was supervisor of the Quality Control Department of Zenith Optical Company which manufactured the Norden Bomb Sight. Following the war, she taught at Guyan Valley High School. She joined the Marshall faculty as an instructor in 1946 and retired as an associate professor in 1966.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one brother and one sister. She is survived by four sons and three daughters-in-law, Dr. Alphonse M. Foose (Evie), John C. Foose, Dr. Karl J. Foose (Rosemary) and Francis M. Foose (Delores); and 14 grandchildren and their spouses.