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# News Letter

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## Dr. Dale F. Nitzschke named to head MU

The West Virginia Board of Regents Tuesday, Jan. 17, named Dr. Dale F. Nitzschke as president of Marshall University. The announcement follows a search and screening process that began last June following the resignation of Dr. Robert B. Hayes.

Dr. Nitzschke, currently on an administrative sabbatical from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, was one of four candidates recommended to the Board of Regents by the presidential search committee and interviewed by the board last week.

The new president holds doctorate and masters degrees from Ohio University and a bachelor degree from Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa.

In addition to having served as vice president for academic affairs and professor of education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Dr. Nitzschke also



Dr. Dale F. Nitzschke

has been dean of the college of education and professor of education at the University of Northern Iowa. Previously, he was an associate dean at the State University College of Arts and Science, Plattsburg, N.Y.

He also served at Ohio University for several years in various positions including associate dean and professor of education after beginning his career in education at Loras College.

Dr. John W. Saunders, president of the Board of Regents, said March 1 has been established as the target date for Dr. Nitzschke to assume his duties as president of Marshall University.

Dr. Saunders said, "We are delighted that Dr. Nitzschke has accepted the offer to become president of Marshall. We were impressed with the credentials of each of the candidates recommended to

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## OECD funds start of Center for Regional Progress

Marshall University has received a \$38,841 grant from the Governor's Office of Economic and Community Development as start-up funding for the university's Center for Regional Progress, MU Associate Provost Robert F. Maddox announced today.

"The Center will be a bridge between Marshall and southern West Virginia communities, enabling the university to offer its resources to meet economic and community development needs," Dr. Maddox said.

"This is a service-oriented program which we have long hoped to provide under a formal structure. The grant gives us the opportunity to launch this service," Maddox said.

The one-year grant was awarded under the Job Training Partnership Act funding for 1984. "We are pleased that state officials agree with us that there is an urgent need in the region for developmental assistance and coordination and recognize that Marshall does have the qualifications and resources to provide that service," said Maddox, who also is dean of the MU Graduate School.

A problem solving and resource bank, the Center for Regional Progress when fully developed will offer the expertise of Marshall's faculty and staff for technical assistance and applied research to businesses and communities. In addition, it will provide help in locating already existing resources.

Continuing education for career development will be another role of the center with seminars and workshops to be offered off-campus as well as on-campus.

The center, which has been in the planning stages for

several years, will have six major outreach components: Business and Industry, Community and Government, Education, Arts and Culture, Health and the Family and Consumer.

According to Maddox, the first step is to locate a director for the center and that search already is under way. The director will be responsible for gathering information on faculty expertise, resources available and the priority assistance needs of the region. Surveys will be conducted to identify other resources available in the state.

The director, who will also be responsible for finding other potential funding sources for the Center's future development, will establish priorities on the region's needs and prepare a five-year plan for meeting these.

"The center will place special emphasis on its Business and Industry Division giving top priority to business/job development," Maddox said. "Creation of new jobs and retention of existing jobs are the essential foundation for economic development," he added.

"Many new businesses fail because of inadequate information and planning and other existing businesses lack the professional staff to devise proper management strategies," Maddox explained. "Smaller businesses also often do not have access to proper economic and demographic information necessary for planning. Marshall's Center for Regional Progress will be able to provide that technical and managerial assistance drawing upon the expertise of its faculty, staff and students," Maddox said.

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# East stands closed as safety precaution

The crumbling east stands of Marshall University's 55-year-old Fairfield Stadium must be temporarily abandoned because of their hazardous condition, MU Acting President Sam Clagg announced last Friday. Nearly 5,000 seats will be lost.

Clagg said the decision was based on a report received Jan. 11 from the Huntington architectural firm of Dean & Dean and Columbus (Ohio) structural engineers Korda, Nemeth & Kadakia, Ltd.

Clagg said the study by the architectural and engineering firms was initiated by Provost Olen E. Jones Jr., whose responsibilities were expanded last summer to include Marshall's physical plant after the vice president for administration position was phased out.

"It's a simple matter," Clagg said. "The study indicates we would be risking people's safety if we used the east stands, so we're closing that section until such time as they can be repaired or replaced. Right now, we don't know when that will be."

Preliminary estimates indicate costs ranging from \$630,000 for repairs to the existing stands to \$1.1 million for demolition and replacement of the east stands, including some less-needed repairwork on the west stands.

"We presented the situation to the Board of Regents staff," Clagg said, "but at this time there is no money available for either the repair option or the replacement option."

One field-level section of stands on the east side, built when the stadium seating was expanded in 1970, will be usable, Jones said, but the remaining sections on the east side will be closed. The total loss of seats in the 18,000-seat stadium will be 4,988. Also lost will be the use of restrooms and concession stands under the east stands, as well as dressing rooms used by the MU soccer team and the Huntington High School football team, Jones added.

Clagg said the university will begin immediately to explore some temporary alternatives, including erection of bleacher seating at the north end of the stadium where the scoreboard is located.

"We're also going to have to find a way to provide some additional restrooms, of course," Clagg added, "and I'm particularly concerned with arranging dressing room facilities for the Huntington High football team and the Marshall soccer team."

Clagg also said he will appoint a "task force" to address the stadium problems. Harry E. Long, director of physical plant and administrative operations, will be chairman.

"Dr. Jones and Mr. Long became concerned about the apparent deterioration at Fairfield last summer and asked that we obtain some expert assistance in evaluating the situation," Clagg said. "The report delivered last week is the result."

The report says the west stands "appear to be in much better condition" than the east stands and "with proper one-time repairs and conscientious ongoing maintenance, the west stands could continue in service many more years."

## Thought . . .

Strange how much you've got to know  
Before you know how little you know

--Anonymous

# Bequest to benefit outstanding students

The bequest of a Cabell County school teacher, the late Mildred M. Nall, will provide academic scholarships to outstanding students wishing to attend Marshall University, according to MU Foundation Executive Director Bernard Queen.

"A partial settlement of \$20,000 from her estate has made it possible for us to establish the Mildred M. Nall Memorial John Marshall Endowed Scholarship," Dr. Queen said. "We expect the final settlement to total between \$80,000 and \$100,000," he added.

Mrs. Nall, who died Jan. 18, 1983, at age 76, made several specific bequests and then left the residue of her estate to the Foundation to endow a scholarship fund for excellent students.

"Her bequest to Marshall was made through the Foundation's Deferred Giving Program which was established several years ago," Queen said. "The program allows alumni and friends to include the Foundation in their wills for either a specific sum or, as in Mrs. Nall's case, for the residue to go to the university after specific gifts to others are made," he said.

"The John Marshall Endowed Scholarships, our most prestigious awards, are given to students who have a minimum grade point average of 3.5, have an ACT composite score of 26 or higher, and who have been semi-finalists or finalists in the Merit Scholars Program," Queen said. Financial need is not a criterion.

"Academic excellence is a quality that dedicated teachers like Mrs. Nall are continually encouraging in the classroom and she saw fit to encourage that excellence in future generations of students," Queen said. "We are grateful for her foresight in establishing this bequest," he added.

A 1928 graduate of Marshall University's Teachers College, Mrs. Nall taught in Mingo County before coming to Huntington in 1950. Before her retirement in 1973, she taught mathematics at Barboursville High School where she also was dean of girls.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Nestor Logan; a brother, Everett L. Miller, both of Huntington, and several nieces and nephews. Another sister, Mrs. C.R. Bennett of Huntington, followed her in death.

Mrs. Nall was a member of the YWCA, the American Business Women's Association, Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority and the Cabell Huntington Hospital Auxiliary of which she was treasurer. She attended Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church.

## NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

KATHERINE L. ANDERSON, intramural activities supervisor, HPER; MYRTA MAE CALLICOAT and LINDA VIARS, accounting clerks, Accounting; JACQUELYN HERSMAN, counselor, Student Development; GLORIA JEAN McDANIEL, secretary, Student Activities; WILLIAM T. LUCAS, research analyst, Family and Community Medicine Department; SUSAN FAITH FRAZIER, research technician, Medicine Department, and TERRENCE EDWARD OLSON and V. TODD MILLER, police officers, Public Safety.

Welcome to Marshall!

# Dr. Felty to retire, Dr. Plumley to head department

Dr. Virginia D. Plumley, associate professor of educational media, will become chairman of that department at Marshall University effective with the Fall 1984 semester, MU College of Education Acting Dean Jack Maynard announced today.

The current chairman, Dr. Walter C. Felty, has announced plans to retire from the faculty at the end of the summer session, Dr. Maynard said. Felty, who joined the MU faculty in 1950 to teach and serve as audio visual director, has been chairman of the Educational Media Department since its formation in 1971.

"Conceived and nurtured by Dr. Felty, the Educational Media Department has grown from a one-man auxiliary service to a full-fledged department serving the needs of students, faculty and public school teachers," Maynard said.

"He has maintained an awareness of the latest teaching methods in his field to assist educators in their roles. I'm certain that his colleague, Dr. Plumley, will continue advancing the department," Maynard said.

## Ernest W. Cole appointed acting head of department

Ernest W. Cole, associate professor of finance and business law, has been named acting chairman of that department at Marshall University, MU College of Business Dean Robert P. Alexander has announced.

Cole, a member of the MU faculty since 1955, fills a vacancy created with the resignation of Dr. Jeffrey P. Lessard, assistant professor, who accepted a teaching post elsewhere, Dr. Alexander said.

"This is not the first time that Marshall or the College of Business has called upon Professor Cole when we have been in need of a capable administrator," said Alexander. "He also has served as an acting dean of the college and as an assistant to the university's vice president for academic affairs," Alexander added.

A native of Princeton, W.Va., Cole earned his A.B. and M.A. degrees from Marshall University and has done additional graduate work at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

A specialist in the field of insurance, Cole is the author of an educational program, "You and Your Insurance," which earned him two awards from the Freedoms Foundation.

## One-man show on Faulkner next on Forum series schedule

"Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write?," a one-man show based on the life of Nobel Prize-winning author William Faulkner, will be presented at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, in Old Main Auditorium as part of the Marshall Artists Series' Forum Division.

Admission will be by season tickets or general admission tickets which are available from the Artists Series Office at \$5 each. MU students with valid second semester ID and Activity cards will be admitted free. MU faculty and staff may purchase tickets at half-price.

"Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write?" features John Maxwell and presents a portrait of Faulkner, the writer, the storyteller and the man.

A native of Louisa, Ky., Felty earned his baccalaureate and master's degrees from Marshall and his Doctor of Education degree from the University of Kentucky. He also has studied at Pennsylvania State University and Indiana University.

Felty has received a number of honors in his field, including winning twice the Minnesota Mining Award for creative utilization of overhead projection media and equipment, and was presented the Edgar Dale Award for outstanding service to the educational media field from the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (ACET). He has held three terms as president of the West Virginia Educational Media Association and has had several articles published in professional journals.

Active in campus affairs, he has served on several standing committees and special committees and has been faculty advisor for various student groups. He also designed and developed Marshall's master's degree program in Communication Arts.

Dr. Plumley, who joined the MU faculty in 1969, earned the B.B.A. and M.A. degrees from Marshall and holds the Ph.D. degree in educational administration from Kent State University.

Chairman of the Faculty Personnel Committee, she is director of the College of Education's Learning Resources Center, which she developed.

Also an Edgar Dale Award Recipient, Dr. Plumley has been president of the West Virginia Educational Media Association and has served on various local, regional and national committees related to communications. She received the first place ACET National Scholarship Award in 1976. She has had numerous articles published in professional journals and coauthored a textbook in educational media with Felty.

An active member of the Pilot Club of Huntington, she has held various offices, including the presidency.

## Coordinating services

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"Professionals at Marshall also can assist local governmental bodies and agencies with their planning in such areas as housing, zoning, recreation, transportation, personnel administration and counseling and rehabilitation," he said.

"Over the years, Marshall has been providing such services, but it has been on a rather limited, word-of-mouth, informal basis. The establishment of a coordinating office will make it possible for these services to be more readily accessible," he said.

"There is great potential for development within West Virginia and we are proud that Marshall is able to play a major role in our state's growth," he said.

## Thought. . .

Nothing has such power to broaden the mind as the ability to investigate systematically and truly all that comes under thy observation in life.

-Marcus Aurelius

# One-day writing conference set for Jan. 26

"Writing Across the Curriculum," a one-day conference on writing, will be conducted at Marshall University on Thursday, Jan. 26, beginning at 11 a.m. in Memorial Student Center 2W22.

Sponsored by the MU English Department with assistance from the Marshall Foundation, the conference will feature Dr. Edward P.J. Corbett, the author of more than 10 textbooks on writing, as lecturer.

The sessions are open to the public, according to Dr. Barbara Brown, MU professor of English, who is conference coordinator.

## Works by visual arts faculty on display in Birke Art Gallery

Work by Marshall University visual arts faculty members currently is on exhibit in the Birke Art Gallery, according to Michael I. Cornfeld, gallery curator and coordinator for the show.

The show features ceramics by Earline Allen, associate professor; sculpture by Robert Hutton, associate professor; paintings and prints by June Kilgore, Art Department chairman; photographs by Robert R. Rowe, assistant professor; fiber works by Dr. Nancy Johnson, assistant professor; paintings by Dr. Ray Moorhead, assistant professor; fiber works by Dr. Beverly Twitchell, assistant professor, and weaving by Cornfeld.

Also represented in the exhibit are Bruce Greenwood and John Shimrock of the auditoria staff with photography and scenic design.

The Birke Gallery is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays, and from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays.

## MU School of Medicine adds pediatric surgeon to staff

The Marshall University School of Medicine has added to its faculty the area's first surgeon specializing in the treatment of children, according to Dr. Robert L. Bradley, professor and chairman of surgery.

Dr. Stephen A. Wolf, associate professor of surgery and pediatrics, previously taught at the University of Chicago. He received his M.D. degree from New York Medical College, performed his residency in general surgery at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, and spent an additional two-year fellowship in pediatric surgery at the Children's Hospital of Michigan. He has been certified by the American Board of Surgery in both general surgery and pediatric surgery.

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us by the search committee."

Dr. Nitzschke's honors include being named the Jaycees' Young Man of the Year and receiving the Community Leader of America Award in 1969.

Dr. Nitzschke is married to the former Linda Hutchinson who was born in Parkersburg. Her parents, who moved to Ohio when she was a few days old, now reside in Mississippi. Dr. and Mrs. Nitzschke are the parents of five children.

Corbett, professor of English at Ohio State University, will discuss "Rhetoric: the Enabling Discipline" at the 11 a.m. session. A series of workshops on "The Invention Process," "The Revision Process" and "Writing Across the Curriculum" will begin at 2 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 4:30 p.m.

A specialist in 18th Century literature and rhetoric, Corbett holds the Ph.D. degree from Loyola University. Prior to joining the OSU faculty in 1966, he had taught at Creighton University and at Loyola. A former vice-chairman of OSU's English Department, he was director of the Freshman English program there from 1966 to 1971.

## Tickets for 'Agnes of God' still available from AS office

Tickets for excellent seats are still available for "Agnes of God," the critically acclaimed Broadway drama which will be presented as a Marshall Artists Series extra at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

The production, which stars Peggy Cass and Susan Strasberg, is not part of the regular Artists Series programming, but season members of the Community Division will receive a discount on the ticket price, according to Nancy P. Hindsley, MU cultural events coordinator.

Tickets for orchestra and loge reserved seats are \$17.50 for non-members and \$15 for members. Tickets for balcony seats are \$14 for non-members and \$12 for subscribers. Youth ages 17 and under may purchase balcony seats at \$7 per ticket and MU students with valid second semester ID and Activity cards may purchase one ticket each for \$5.

The Artists Series Office, located in Memorial Student Center, is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets may be reserved by calling 696-6656.

## Nautilus instruction

Marshall's HPER Department will provide instruction on the proper use of nautilus equipment to interested faculty and staff members, according to Dr. W. Don Williams, acting department chairman.

Instruction sessions are scheduled Tuesday, Jan. 24, at noon, on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m., and again on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 5 p.m. They will be conducted in the Henderson Center weight room, HC1003.

"We tried to select times that would eliminate conflicts with work schedules," Williams said. "One of the three sessions should be accessible to anyone interested in free instruction."