Denman to chair Communication Studies

Dr. William N. Denman has been named chairman of Marshall University’s Department of Communication Studies, according to Dr. Alan B. Gould, vice president for academic affairs.

Denman has served as professor of communication studies since resigning as director of Marshall’s Society of Yeager Scholars in 1992. He succeeds Dr. Lawrence Wheelless who accepted a position in Texas.

A native of Los Angeles, Calif., Denman earned degrees from Pasadena City College, California State University at Los Angeles and Ohio University.

He joined the Marshall Speech Department faculty in 1965 and served as a professor of speech until 1986 when he was named acting director of the prestigious Society of Yeager Scholars. He was appointed director of the society in 1987.

While director of the society, Denman negotiated a continuing summer program of study provided by the Department for External Studies (now the Department for Continuing Education) at the University of Oxford in England and served as Faculty-in-Residence for Yeager Scholars during their stay at Oxford.

Denman has been involved in numerous activities and committees at Marshall and is a member of the Association for Integrative Studies, the National Collegiate Honors Council, the Speech Communication Association, the West Virginia Speech Association (president 1978-79), the National Forensic Association and the Marshall Council on International Education.

He also is involved in various community organizations including the board of directors of the West Virginia Civil Liberties Union and served on the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Denman has presented papers at various professional meetings and conferences and currently is doing research (Continued on page 2)

Ryan named associate dean of Marshall’s CTC

Dr. Maurice E. Ryan, formerly associate dean of academic affairs at Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vt., has been named associate dean of Marshall University’s Community and Technical College, according to Dr. F. David Wilkin, dean of the Community and Technical College.

Ryan received his bachelor’s degree in vocational education from California State University at Long Beach and his doctoral and master’s degrees in administration and supervision of vocational education, business and educational administration from Colorado State University.

Prior to accepting a position at Vermont Technical College in 1990, Ryan served in several capacities at Santa Barbara (Calif.) City College including coordinator of trade and industrial education, chairman of the Division of Applied Science and Technology and professor and chairman in the Department of Electronic/Computer Technologies. He also served as an adjunct instructor for the University of California, Los Angeles, and the Brooks Institute of Photography.

Ryan has prepared grant proposals for the U.S. Department of Education, the National Science Foundation, the Vermont Departments of Education and Employment and Training and other public and private organizations and has developed curricula in engineering technology, X-ray and biomedical equipment, marine diving and of Yeager Scholars.

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Band director selected

Baruch J. Whitehead, band director at Trenton Junior/Senior High School in Gilchrist County, Fla., has been named director of Marshall University’s Big Green Marching Machine, according to Dr. Paul A. Balshaw, dean of Marshall’s College of Fine Arts.

Balshaw said Whitehead was highly recommended to the selection committee. He said Dr. David Waybright, a Marshall alumnus who is band director at the University of Florida in Gainesville, gave strong endorsement to Whitehead.

Whitehead received bachelor’s degrees in music education and music performance from the University of Cincinnati and received a master’s degree in music performance from the University of Florida. He received several prestigious talent and academic scholarships while pursuing his degrees.

This year, under Whitehead’s direction, the Trenton High School Band was the grand prize winner in the Heritage Music Festival held in Colorado Springs. The band received the Sweepstakes Trophy and received superior ratings in both concert and marching performance.

Prior to accepting a position at Trenton High School (Continued on page 2)
in 1989, Whitehead served as captain of band auxiliary units at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, and taught in Cincinnati public schools and Sidney Lanier School in Gainesville. He also directed the Crossroads Singers for the Gainesville Church of Christ.

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electronic/computer technology.

He has been active in various professional organizations including the New England Transfer and Articulation Association and the National Association of Academic Affairs Administrators and has written several articles for the American Vocational Association Journal.

"Dr. Ryan's background in community and technical colleges has given him experience that should prove beneficial to the Marshall University Community and Technical College," said Wilkin.

Wilkin said Ryan has been involved in all aspects of community and technical college administration and has worked at all academic levels.

"During his tenure at Santa Barbara City College, the school grew from 1,200 students under the auspices of the local high school board of education to a comprehensive community college with more than 12,000 students and its own board of trustees. Most recently, in Vermont he has been involved with community and technical college education on a statewide basis.

"We are pleased we were able to attract someone of Dr. Ryan's stature and experience to fill this important role in our Community and Technical College," said Wilkin.

Ryan's primary responsibilities at Marshall will include student advisement; assisting division chairpersons with the scheduling of on-campus and off-campus classes, and the coordination of grant proposals, reports and publications for the Community and Technical College.

Denman appointed chair
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on Thomas Paine and "Common Sense" and its influence on the American Revolution.

"Dr. Denman has a wealth of experience in the classroom but he also has administrative experience which will be very beneficial to the department," said Gould. "As director of the Yeager Scholars, he developed and implemented various curricula and prepared several grants, including a proposal that resulted in the gift of $150,000 from the Gannett Foundation.

"I think Dr. Denman's teaching, administrative and fund raising experience will be very helpful to the Department of Communication Studies."

Whitehead has been a member of the Florida Bandmasters Association, the Florida Music Educators Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia professional music fraternity and Kappa Kappa Psi. An oboist, he also was a member of the Gainesville Community Chamber Orchestra, the Jacksonville (Fla.) Symphony Orchestra and the College Conservatory of Music Philharmonic Orchestra in Cincinnati.

Whitehead will assume his duties as director of the Big Green Marching Machine and Marshall's Pep Band on Aug. 2. The university band camp will begin Aug. 22.

Balshaw said Whitehead already has been working on programs for the upcoming football season at Marshall.

"One of the things that really impressed the selection committee when Mr. Whitehead came to interview in July was that he had already written up an outline for the band performances for the home games this season," noted Balshaw. "He had already thought about the music he wants to use and the themes for the programs. Obviously, he had done a lot of homework and preparation before getting here."

Balshaw said Whitehead has been regularly communicating by phone and mail with Dr. Donald A. Williams, chairman of the Marshall Music Department, and other persons involved with the band.

Whitehead is succeeding Ivory Brock who resigned as band director to accept a position at a college in Atlanta.

Balshaw said Dale Riley, a well-known retired area high school band director, has been named assistant band director at Marshall for the fall semester since Dr. Ben Miller who holds that position will be on sabbatical leave.

Riley, a Marshall alumnus, served for many years as band director at Hurricane High School and also taught in Wayne County.

"Mr. Riley will be able to provide assistance to Mr. Whitehead and also will be able to help him become familiar with area high school band directors," explained Balshaw.

Newsletter published biweekly

Items for the Marshall University Newsletter must be submitted to the University Relations Office by 10 a.m. Tuesday in order to be published the following Thursday. Lengthy items should be submitted as early as possible to ensure publication. The Newsletter is published biweekly during the summer terms.

Stipends available

Guidelines and applications for 1994 NEH summer stipends are available in Dr. Sarah Denman’s office, Old Main Room 110. The deadline for applications will be Oct. 1.
Manakkil dies from injuries in accident

Dr. Thomas J. Manakkil, 59, professor of physics and university radiation safety officer, died Wednesday, July 14, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

He was born Dec. 31, 1933, at Kerala, India, a son of the late Ouseph and Meriamma Manakkil.

Manakkil received his undergraduate degree from Kerala University, a master's degree from Marquette University and master's and doctoral degrees from New Mexico State University.

He joined the Marshall faculty in 1967 and served on numerous university committees including the International Student Faculty Advisory Board. He also served on the Marshall University Faculty Senate.

Manakkil was a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers, the American Physical Society and the India Association of Huntington.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Agnes Van Rossum Manakkil on Aug. 29, 1990. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Manakkil and Alan Griffith of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Marita Manakkil and Michael Douglas of Rochester, Minn.; two sisters, Victory Manakkil Anjiparambil and Dumini Manakkil Oisappan, and two brothers, Father George Manakkil and Inase Manakkil, all of Kerala.

The family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Marshall University Foundation for the Manakkil Family Memorial Fund.

Activities fair planned

Marshall University’s Office of Student Activities and Organizations will sponsor an activities fair on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

Annmarie Merritt, coordinator of student activities and organizations, said the purpose of the Academic, Student Organization, Student Affairs, Health and Volunteer Fair will be to introduce new students to all that Marshall has to offer.

Students, faculty and staff will be able to take advantage of several health services offered during the fair. Service agencies have been invited to participate and recruit student volunteers and representatives from academic departments and various university offices are invited to participate to help acquaint students with prospective academic majors, programs and services available on campus.

Registration forms are being sent to deans, department chairs, student organizations, and Student Affairs staff members. Registration forms also are available in the Student Activities Office, Memorial Student Center Room 2W38. Completed forms are due in the Student Activities Office by Friday, Aug. 12. Late registration will be accepted through Sept. 3 if space is available.

To obtain further details contact the Student Activities Office, 696-6770.

Upward Bound students establish scholarship

Students participating in the Upward Bound Program at Marshall University this summer have started a scholarship fund for seniors in the program, according to Jackie Hersman, program director.

Hersman said the students have been bagging groceries at Cub Foods to earn money for the scholarship fund which will help the seniors who continue on to college.

Upward Bound is a federally funded program designed to prepare and motivate students from low-income families and students whose parents do not have college degrees to pursue post-secondary education.

Students take science, math, communications and reading classes and can participate in etiquette, drama, art, media, chorus, aerobics, weight lifting and sports programs. The program also provides participants free career, personal and academic counseling, tutoring and cultural enrichment activities.

Hersman said the students get a glimpse of what college life is like by actually living on the Marshall campus for six weeks during the summer.

Sixty area high school students are participating in the program at Marshall this summer.

Between 80 and 90 percent of the students who participate in Upward Bound go on to some form of post-secondary education, according to Hersman.

To obtain further details about the program contact Hersman or Tori Wucher at the Marshall University Upward Bound Office, 696-6456.
Marshall faculty and staff achievements

J. DIANE COE, coordinator of Marshall’s Procurement Technical Assistance Center, has been designated a fellow of the National Contract Management Association. W. Gregor Macfarlan, NCMA president, said the fellow designation is among the association’s most prestigious awards and is granted by the national board of directors to members who have used their talent and experience to benefit both the association and the contract management profession.

Marshall University Parking Office moved

Marshall University’s Parking and Transportation Office has moved into new facilities at 1705 Fifth Ave. in the same block as the university’s Erickson Alumni Center, according to Dr. K. Edward Grose, vice president for administration.

The office, which will remain open until 5 p.m. to better serve its clientele, will continue to issue parking decals to MU students, faculty and staff and coordinate the assignment of motor pool vehicles. The office’s phone number will remain the same, 696-6406.

Supervision of the Parking and Transportation Office has been transferred from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Auxiliary Services.

Grose said parking and transportation are self-supporting operations and the customer service and business aspects of the operation are more closely aligned with the overall goals of the Department of Auxiliary Services.

Ramona Arnold, director of auxiliary services, said that communication between the Parking and Transportation Office, Memorial Student Center, the MU Bookstore and the rest of the campus will be more integrated. She said students, faculty and staff will benefit from the increased emphasis on customer service.

Grose said the Parking and Transportation Office also plans to install new guest parking spaces near Old Main and Memorial Student Center. The spaces will be available for university guests and will be limited to a time period of 30 minutes.

Performances generate funds

Star performances by Marshall University athletes in 1992-93 generated $4,200 for the MU library, according to Assistant Director of Athletics Keener Fry. The funds were contributed by Ashland Oil, Inc. and Key Centurion Bancshares, co-sponsors of “Player of the Game” awards during broadcasts of MU football and basketball games. Each game resulted in the donation of $100 to the library in recognition of the athlete selected as Marshall’s top performer in the contest.

Fry said the awards covered broadcasts of 15 football games and 27 basketball games.

Director of Libraries Josephine Bidler said the money is being used to purchase Info Trac, one of the most popular computer databases, which indexes articles published in periodicals. “We reviewed the system last semester and students rated it very favorably, she said.

Dr. CHONG KIM, professor and chairman of the Management Department, attended the international conferences: Pan-Pacific Conference X held June 10-12 in Beijing, China, and Decision Science Institute’s Second International Meeting held June 14-16 in Seoul, Korea. His articles titled “The Receptivity of Information Technology in the American Management Education” and “Role Agreement: An Innovative Approach to Corporate Team Building” were published in the proceedings of the two conferences. He also participated as an invited panelist for the First International Management Symposium held June 18 in Taegu, Korea.

Dr. GARY O. RANKIN, professor and chairman of the Pharmacology Department in the School of Medicine, recently had an article titled “Renal and hepatic toxicity of monochloroacetanilides in the Fischer 344 rat” published in Toxicology (79, 1993, 181-193). Co-authors were MONICA A. VALENTOVIC, KELLY W. BEERS, DEREK W. NICOLL, JOHN G. BALL and DIANNE K. ANESTIS of the Pharmacology Department, PATRICK I. BROWN of the Anatomy Department, and JOHN L. HUBBARD of the Department of Chemistry.

Dr. WILLIAM M. COCKE JR., professor of surgery and head of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the School of Medicine, had a paper titled “Malignant Fibrous Histiocytoma in Burn Scar of the Ear” published in Burns (19:241, 1993). J.A. Tomlinson was the co-author. COCKE also has had two papers accepted for publication in Annals of Plastic Surgery. The papers are titled “A Critical Review of Augmentation Mammoplasty with Saline Filled Prostheses” and “Secondary Reconstruction of Abdominal Wall Defects Associated with Extrophy of the Bladder.”

LAURA WYANT, assistant professor of marketing education and training and development, attended the Marketing Education Conclave held June 23-27 in Milwaukee, Wis. During the conference she gathered information on topics such as “Tech Prep,” “ISO 9000” which will be used in courses this fall.

Dr. JOHN L. HUBBARD, professor of chemistry, attended the eighth International Meeting on Boron Chemistry held July 11-15 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He served as chairman for a session of papers on July 13.

Dr. STEPHEN WINN, associate professor of sociology, presented a report on his research, “Sociological Analysis of Voting Systems: The 1992 Election,” at the annual meeting of the Center for Voting and Democracy held July 17 in Washington, D.C. His presentation was broadcast live in the Washington area and rebroadcast nationally on C-Span.

Dr. VIRGINIA PLUMLEY, professor in the Department of Instructional Technology, attended the 72nd annual Pilot International Convention held earlier this month in Las Vegas. She was among 2,000 Pilot members from throughout the world who attended the event. PLUMLEY is president of the Pilot Club of Huntington which sponsors an annual antique show and sale at the Huntington Civic Center. Next year’s Pilot projects include donations to Friends of WPBY, the Marshall University Library and several community organizations. The club also will contribute to Marshall scholarships.
COS gets grant to purchase machine

Marshall University’s College of Science has received a $42,081 grant from the National Science Foundation’s Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement Program to assist in the purchase of a state-of-the-art atomic absorption spectrophotometer, according to Dr. E.S. Hanrahan, dean of the college.

Hanrahan called the $84,000 spectrophotometer a major enhancement in the undergraduate instructional program in the College of Science.

The instrument will allow students, faculty and staff in the departments of Geology, Biology, Chemistry and Physics to determine elemental compositions of several sample types at trace and ultra-trace (parts per billion) levels and determine inorganic constituents in a variety of materials including rocks and minerals, soils, plants, animal tissues, synthetic materials, industrial products and water.

“The acquisition of this instrument also will greatly enhance the capability for environmental studies in the College of Science curriculum,” Hanrahan said.

He said the grant proposal was submitted by Dr. Protip K. Ghosh of the Geology Department, Dr. Frank S. Gilliam of the Biology Department and Dr. Michael L. Norton of the Chemistry Department who were the principal and co-principal investigators for the proposal. Dr. R. Elwyn Bellis of the Physics Department also contributed to the proposal.

The instrument will be housed in the instrumentation laboratory in the Geology Department and will be under the joint supervision of the three grant investigators.

FACDIS seeks members

Persons interested in joining FACDIS (The West Virginia Consortium for Faculty and Course Development) should contact Carolyn Karr, 696-2962.

The organization is open to anyone actively involved in teaching one or more courses with an international focus.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. SUSAN H. JACKMAN, assistant professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics, presented a paper titled “Murine Skin-Directed Autoimmunity Requires CD4+ T Lymphocytes” at the joint meeting of the American Association of Immunologists and the Clinical Immunology Society held in Denver, Colo. GISELLE M. SALAZAR, student laboratory technician, was co-author. Dr. RICHARD J. BALTARO, assistant professor of pathology, and JACKMAN presented another paper titled “Murine Anti-Skin Autoimmunity: Model for Psoriasis” at the meeting.

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, distinguished professor of management, attended the 1993 annual conference of the West Virginia Municipal League held Aug. 5-7. He will continue to serve on the board of directors for the 1993-94 fiscal year as approved by the league.

Dr. DONALD A. PRIMERANO, assistant professor, and KATHY SOLE, RONNIE JEWELL and JOHN HUFFMAN of the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics presented a poster titled “Identification of an upstream activating sequence that confers sporulation-specific expression to the spr2 gene” at the Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology meeting held recently in Madison, Wis. JEWELL, PRIMERANO and Dr. G. Muthukumar, Dr. S.H. Suhng and Dr. F.T. Magee had a paper titled “The Saccharomyces cerevisiae SPR1 Gene Encodes a Sporulation-Specific Exo-1,3-Beta-Glucanase Which Contributes to Ascospore Thermoresistance” published in the January issue of the Journal of Bacteriology.

Dr. DONNALEE COCHRILE, interim dean of students, made a presentation titled “Communicating with Power” at the West Virginia Health Occupations Education Division annual Vocational and Adult Education Conference held Aug. 4-6. Her presentation examined ways of gaining support for ideas and positions.


Dr. MARILYN LAUFER, assistant professor of art, recently returned from a five-week residency at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was one of 24 participants selected to attend a National Endowment for the Humanities interdisciplinary institute examining “American Literature, Art and Culture of the Thirties.” She also recently delivered a lecture titled “The Moderns in America” for the Huntington Museum of Art.

Dr. HOWARD R.D. GORDON, associate professor in the Adult and Technical Education Program, recently received a research award from the Marshall University Research Committee. His work will focus on “Experiences Related to the Leadership Skills of College of Education Students.” He also was a presenter at the 18th annual Technical and Adult Education Conference held Aug. 4-6 in Charleston. The title of his presentation was “Analysis of the Computer Anxiety Levels of Secondary Technical Education Teachers in West Virginia.”

Dr. HOWARD R.D. GORDON, associate professor in the Adult and Technical Education Program, Dr. LE VENE A. OLSON, professor and chair of the Vocational, Technical and Adult Education Division, and REBECCA HAMSHER, director of records and research in the Institutional Advancement Office, had a paper titled “Assessment of the Motivational Orientations of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education Graduates in Off-Campus Credit Programs” published in the College Student Affairs Journal (12 (2), 67-69, 1993).

Dr. JOHN B. WALLACE of the Management Department served as a moderator at the Small Business National Training Conference held Aug. 18-20 in Little Rock, Ark. The conference devised recommendations for Congress and the Clinton administration on how to improve training and education for employees and owners of small businesses. Senator Dale Bumpers, chair of the Senate Small Business Committee, was the keynote speaker. Bumpers set the agenda for the conference by pointing out that while small businesses create most of the new jobs in America and employ half the private sector workforce, they receive less than 20 percent of the training and education that is provided nationally. The report of the conference will be sent to all members of Congress and the administration. It will suggest, among other things, ways to expand partnerships between small business groups and educational institutions.
Staff can get grants for CE classes

The Division of Continuing Education at Marshall University’s Community and Technical College will offer a series of introductory and intermediate computer courses for the general public beginning Sept. 14, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education.

Hensley said some funds are available from the Marshall University Foundation for continuing education opportunities for MU employees.

The courses and registration fees are:
- **Introduction to Computers**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursdays from Sept. 16 through Oct. 21, Corbly Hall Room 438, $54.
- **Intermediate Computers**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursdays from Oct. 28 through Dec. 9, Corbly Hall Room 438, $54.
- **DOS (Disk Operating System)**, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Mondays from Oct. 11 through Nov. 15, Northcott Hall Room 101, $54.

**Fidler elected to board**

Josephine Fidler, director of libraries at Marshall University, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of trustees of the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center.

The Pittsburgh Regional Library Center provides strategic leadership, expertise and services for libraries and related organizations in western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and western Maryland.

Fidler said through resource sharing among members, education and training opportunities, communication vehicles and consultative and contractual services, the center empowers libraries to accomplish more than individual resources would permit.

Fidler has served as Marshall’s representative to the PRLC since 1989.

She recently attended the PRLC annual conference and program on “Information and Economic Development” and a postconference program on “TQM: A Better Understanding” held in Pittsburgh. She also attended the annual trustee planning retreat and board meeting held at the McKenna Information Center in Latrobe, Pa.

**Fellowships available**

Spencer dissertation fellowships of $15,000 are available to help doctoral candidates complete dissertations relevant to the improvement of education, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of the Marshall University Graduate School.

Thirty fellowships are available nationally each year. Requests for application forms must be made by Oct. 15. Completed applications must be postmarked by Nov. 3. Tenure of awards may begin no earlier than June 1, 1994.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, 696-6606.

**DAR gives book to MU**

The Westmoreland chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented a copy of its latest publication, “Wayne County, West Virginia, Cemeteries” (Volume 3), to Marshall University’s James E. Morrow Library.

The chapter previously donated copies of the first two volumes to Marshall’s library. The books are part of an ongoing 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.