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Hanrahan stepping down as COS dean

Dr. E. S. Hanrahan, dean of Marshall University’s College of Science since its creation 16 years ago, has resigned that position effective at the end of the current fiscal year next June 30, according to MU Vice President for Academic Affairs Alan B. Gould.

At that time, Hanrahan, a former chairman of the Department of Chemistry, will be appointed distinguished professor of chemistry, Gould said.

A search for Hanrahan’s successor as dean will be initiated soon, Gould said, adding that Hanrahan has agreed to work with the search committee and to assist the new dean during the transitional period.

“I appreciate very much Dr. Hanrahan’s thoughtfulness in notifying us of his resignation as dean 10 months in advance,” Gould said. “This will enable us to conduct a thorough search for a highly qualified successor.”

“It has taken a lot of time and effort to bring the College of Science to where we wanted it to be,” Hanrahan said. “However, I believe we are nearing that point and it seems to be a good time for me to begin to step aside. I’m looking forward to returning to the classroom and, quite frankly, a somewhat more relaxed way of life.”

The College of Science has become Marshall’s fastest-growing academic unit, realizing a 19 percent enrollment increase last fall. Additional growth is taking place this fall, Gould said.

“As the first and only dean of the College of Science, Dr. Hanrahan has many reasons to feel a great sense of pride,” Gould said. “The college has unmatched facilities, a growing student population, increased grant

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Black history program to be held Sept. 24-25

The sixth annual West Virginia Black History Conference will be held at Marshall University on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25, in Memorial Student Center.

The conference will focus on the study of black history in West Virginia and include presentations by local and nationally known scholars who have demonstrated interest in researching and retaining the state’s black history, according to Kenneth E. Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall and conference coordinator.

“Our program this year will be both culturally and intellectually stimulating,” said Blue.

Marshall President J. Wade Gilley and Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs, will open the conference at 8:45 a.m.

Dr. Henry Taylor, director of the Center for Applied Public Affairs Studies and associate professor of American studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo, will be the keynote speaker for the conference.

He will make a presentation titled “Black History and Public Policy” at 9 a.m.

Taylor received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Tennessee and his master’s and doctoral degrees in history from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Prior to accepting his current position, he taught at Ohio State University and Hampton University and served as director of learning resources at the University of Cincinnati Medical School.

He has edited several books and in 1991 received the William Wells Brown Award for outstanding contributions to the preservation of African American history. He

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Interim chairman named

Robert Rowe, professor of art at Marshall University, has been named interim chairman of the university’s Art Department, according to Dr. Alan B. Gould, vice president for academic affairs.

He will serve in the interim position during the 1993-94 academic year while professor and chairman Michael Cornfeld is on sabbatical leave.

Rowe received his bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Florida and his master of fine arts degree from Indiana University.

A member of the Marshall faculty since 1980, Rowe formerly taught at Valdosta (Ga.) State College, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind., and Indiana University.

During his tenure at Marshall, Rowe has served on various university committees, organized the university’s “Influences” international graphic design conference and managed the Art Department’s computer facilities. He currently serves as area coordinator for graphic design

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also received a Smithsonian Institution Visiting Faculty Fellowship and served as a consultant on the television program, “Blacks and the Constitution.”

Taylor’s presentation will be followed at 10:15 a.m. by a session titled “Elizabeth Drewry: The Pioneer Politician” conducted by Dr. Stuart McGehee, associate professor of history at Bluefield State College.

Dr. Ancella Bickley, emerita professor and administrator at West Virginia State College, will discuss “Dick Pointer” at 11:15 a.m.

Following lunch, the Georgia Sea Island Singers will perform and present a program titled “Hear the Lyrical Language of Gullah” at 1 p.m.

A session titled “Charles Town Colored Horse Shows” will be presented at 2 p.m. by Mary Ann Jenkins, a teacher at the Musselman Middle School in Berkeley County.

Dolores Johnson of Marshall University’s English Department will make a presentation on “Huntington Newspapers, Race and Rhetoric: 1872-1902” at 3 p.m.

Saturday’s events will begin at 9 a.m. in Memorial Student Center with a presentation titled “A General Perspective of the Black Population of Wheeling, West Virginia, in Pictorial” by Darryl Clausell, chair of the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee in Wheeling.

“Lynching in West Virginia” will be the topic of an address at 10 a.m. by Ancella Livers of West Virginia University’s School of Journalism.

At 11 a.m., Carolyn Dorcas, a teacher at South Charleston High School, will make a presentation titled “In Retrospect: John F. Mathes, A Man for All Seasons.”

The conference will end with a noon luncheon and a Chautauqua portrayal of Booker T. Washington by Joseph Bundy, artistic director of the Afro-Appalachian Performance Company.

All conference programs will be open to the public free of charge. There will be a $12 charge for the Friday banquet and an $8 charge for the Saturday luncheon.

To obtain further details contact Blue at Marshall University, 696-5430.

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activity and expanding programs, all attributable in large measure to his leadership.”

Hanrahan joined the Marshall chemistry faculty 30 years ago, in 1963, and became departmental chairman four years later. In 1977 he was selected from among 120 applicants as dean of the new College of Science, created when the former College of Arts and Sciences was divided into two colleges.

A native of Marietta, Ohio, Hanrahan graduated from Parkersburg (W.Va.) High School and earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Mississippi. He received his master’s and doctoral degrees from West Virginia University where he was a DuPont Teaching Fellow and an instructor.

Before joining the Marshall faculty, he worked five years as a research chemist for E.I. du Pont Co. He also served three years as a naval officer.

Hanrahan has been listed in Who’s Who in America, American Men of Science, Dictionary of International Biography and Leaders in American Science Education. He has served as president of the West Virginia Academy of Science, the Marshall Chapter of Sigma Xi science honorary, and the MU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, and councilor of the Central Ohio Valley Section of the American Chemical Society.

He has been active since 1960 in the barbershop singers organization, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc. and was program chairman of the Huntington Rotary Club for two years.

Hanrahan, father of three grown daughters, is married to the former Mary Virginia Berner.

Study abroad to be discussed  

Dr. Mike Strada, director of the West Virginia FACDIS network, will be on campus Wednesday, Sept. 15, to provide information to students about opportunities to study abroad.

He will be in the Memorial Student Center Lobby from noon to 3 p.m.

Dr. Clair W. Matz, Marshall’s study abroad adviser, requests that faculty and staff encourage students to inquire about study abroad opportunities.

To obtain further details contact Matz, 696-2465.

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and photography programs at Marshall.

Rowe also serves as a photographer and design consultant for businesses and public relations firms. He previously owned and operated his own graphic design businesses.

He has written articles for several journals and professional publications and his work has appeared in numerous exhibitions in West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and North Carolina.

Rowe has made presentations on computer graphic design for private businesses and the West Virginia Department of Culture and History and has served as a panelist and speaker for design seminars and workshops.

“We are very pleased Professor Rowe has agreed to accept this interim position,” said Gould. “He has been an asset to our art department and the university for a number of years and I am sure he will be able to step right in and enhance the department’s first-class educational programs.”
SOM alumni to honor former chairmen

Alumni of the Marshall University School of Medicine will honor two former department chairmen at a luncheon Sept. 11 as part of the school's seventh annual alumni weekend.

Dr. Albert G. Moat, retired chairman of microbiology, and the late Dr. Gary M. Tolley, who was chairman of radiology, will be awarded honorary membership in the Marshall School of Medicine Alumni Association.

The 11:45 a.m. luncheon at the Radisson Hotel also will feature presentation of the first David A. Brosius, M.D., Memorial Scholarship. Named for a Marshall medical graduate who was dedicated to his Braxton County patients, the scholarship goes to a promising freshman medical student committed to practicing in rural West Virginia.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Gerald Blackwell, Class of 1983, clinical director of NMR at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He will speak on using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) as a tool in managing cardiovascular disease.

At 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 10, Dr. Pat Brown will host an alumni/faculty mixer in ballrooms A and B of the Radisson Hotel. Saturday morning features a three-track continuing medical education conference from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The 11 presentations include topics such as cancer in AIDS patients, care of the rural elderly, sleep disorders in children, and management of acute vascular emergencies.

Registration for the conference and luncheon is $30 for physicians who are not full-time Marshall faculty, free for students and residents, and $15 for others.

Registrations are being taken by phone at 696-7246.

Post-conference activities include a 4 p.m. tailgate party before the Marshall-Murray State football game and a 9 p.m. post-game reception at Heritage Station.

Roosevelt will speak to MU honor students

Investment adviser and modern-day adventurer Tweed Roosevelt, great-grandson of Theodore Roosevelt, will speak to honors students at Marshall University Sept. 11.

He will talk to Yeager Scholars and John Marshall Scholars about President Roosevelt's big-game hunting and conservation activities. At a dinner Sept. 10 honoring contributors to the Marshall School of Medicine, he will describe his great-grandfather's African travels.

Marshall faculty member John Walden met Tweed Roosevelt last year when they helped retrace the elder Roosevelt's historic 1914 journey down Brazil's uncharted River of Doubt -- now named the Rio Roosevelt.

In addition to representing his family, Tweed Roosevelt's role in the expedition was to concentrate on its historical and environmental aspects, to collect insects for the American Museum of Natural History, and to gather molluscs for Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology.

Roosevelt acquired his interest in entomology at the Millbrook School in Millbrook, N.Y., and then went to Harvard where he studied social anthropology. He also studied at Columbia's Graduate School of Business, where after graduation he taught in the MBA and executive programs. Currently he is president of the Roosevelt Investment Group, a registered investment advisory firm with offices in three cities.

Library schedule set

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will observe the following schedule during the fall semester, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries:

Monday through Thursday--7:45 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Friday--7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday--10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday--1 to 10 p.m.

Residence Services relocated

Marshall University's Department of Residence Services has moved from Old Main to the first floor of Laidley Hall.

Emeritus professor dies

Dr. Charles S. Runyan, 84, emeritus professor of school administration at Marshall University, died Thursday, Sept. 2, in Cabell Huntington Hospital after an extended illness.

He was born March 4, 1909, in Albany, Mo., a son of the late Lester M. and Rachel Guess Runyan.

He received his undergraduate degree from Northwest State Teachers College in Maryville, Mo., and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Missouri.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he served in the Corps of Engineers attaining the rank of major. From 1946 to 1953 he was chief of the Guidance Center for the Veterans Administration in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Runyan served on the Marshall faculty from 1953 until his retirement in 1974. He was a member of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and many professional organizations.

Survivors include his wife, Jean M. Jennings Runyan; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles Kent and Linda Runyan of Pittsburg, Kan., and Gregory L. and Andrea Runyan of Anderson, S.C.; eight grandchildren, Keith, Jaime, Scott, Drew Ann, Thomas, Ryann, Martha and Kelsey; and one sister, Marie Byers of Cameron, Mo.
Faculty & staff urged to obey alarms

(Editor's Note: The following was submitted for publication by Dr. K. Edward Grose, vice president for administration.)

From time to time we experience false fire alarms and each time it reminds us of the need to once again point out the responsibilities of both students and faculty in these situations.

It is important to respect the basic idea of a building fire alarm system. The purpose of such a system is to notify building occupants that somewhere, some kind of problem exists in their building. The problem may be in an office, a classroom, or the building mechanical or boiler room.

Under state law, developed over years of fatal fire investigations, you have only one option at the sound of the fire alarm—evacuate the building.

Employee achievements

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, distinguished professor of management, participated in an Air Transportation Conference held July 1-2 at the Radisson Hotel in Huntington. The focus of the conference was to introduce air transportation industry representatives to the future air transportation plans and the business opportunities southwestern West Virginia has to offer. ALEXANDER is a member of the Airport Authority. ALEXANDER also attended a seminar on “Doing Business With Japan” held Aug. 12 at Charleston.

JUETT R. COOPER, professor of management, has had an article accepted for publication in the Strategic Management Journal (Vol. 14, 387-396, 1993). Co-authors are David A. Bruce and Joseph H. Golec.

Dr. MICHAEL P. CASTELLANI, associate professor of chemistry, had a paper titled “Synthesis, and Molecular Structure of Bis(tetraphenylcyclopentadienyl)tetakis(trifluoracetato)divanadium(III)” published in the March issue of Inorganica Chimica Acta (1993, 205, 153-156).

BELEN D. SULTAN, associate professor of nursing, recently took part in an exchange program sponsored by Partners of America. She went to Vitoria, Espirito Santo, Brazil, where she taught health assessment to the nursing faculty and students at Federal University of Espirito Santo and staff nurses at local hospitals. She taught a total of 120 hours during a six-week period. During her stay, she also attended their state nurses convention.

Dr. KEITH E. BARENKLAU, associate professor and program director in the Safety Technology Program, made a presentation titled “Obtaining Top Management Support for Safety” during a luncheon meeting of the West Virginia Safety Council held Aug. 26 in Charleston. The meeting was the beginning of a series of gatherings being sponsored by the Safety Council. BARENKLAU was chosen as the first speaker in the series.

It is alarming that some faculty and staff will simply assume that the alarm is false and continue with their class or work as if nothing is going to happen. While it is true that many alarms are false, what do you do when that one alarm rings that is for real? If you hesitate and wait to see if it’s real, it may be too late to get out.

The alarm system is designed to give as much warning as possible, as soon as possible, in the event of smoke or heat somewhere in the building. In our high-rise buildings such as Twin Towers and Smith Hall, this is especially important, as delays may give smoke enough time to render one or more of the fire escapes inaccessible.

There are only three reasons for the fire alarm to sound in a building: (1) An actual fire or some other emergency, (2) equipment failure or malfunction, or (3) deliberate vandalism. In order to minimize class disruption, fire drills shall be scheduled from time to time and the alarm systems in each building are tested quarterly to insure reliability and to keep down the number of nuisance or equipment caused alarms. This means that chances are one in three that when an alarm sounds, it is for real.

Marshall University is the only school in the state to have a computer network that monitors all of our buildings’ fire alarm systems. The fire alarm control panel in each campus building is checked every six seconds for its current status. If an alarm sounds, the campus security office is immediately notified, which in turn dispatches officers and notifies the city fire department if necessary. You as a building occupant have only one responsibility, EVACUATE THE AREA.

The following steps need to be followed if the fire alarm sounds in your building:

1. (Students) Evacuate the area in an orderly manner. Exit by the nearest clear stairwell. Keep moving until a safe distance away from the building. This allows those behind you room to also reach a safe distance from the building and allows the fire department access to the building.

2. (Faculty) Instruct your class to immediately leave the building. Remain in your room until all students have left. Then close the door as you leave. Assist any student that may need help. Move a safe distance away from the building but remain at the scene to provide assistance.

3. (Staff) Evacuate the building in an orderly manner. Assist students or faculty that may need help. Remain at the scene to provide assistance.

4. (Handicapped) Disabled students, faculty or staff may need special assistance in an emergency. Have them move to a clear stairwell and remain there. Notify the security officers or the fire department of their location. If necessary, the fire department will evacuate these individuals.

If you are the one to first see smoke or fire, pull the nearest fire alarm and immediately leave the building. Go to the nearest telephone and call security at 4357 or the fire department at 911. Report where and what you saw. Do not leave it to the “other person” to make the call. Deliberately causing a false fire alarm is a violation of state law. For anyone who thinks this is a fun thing to do, please think of the consequences.