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Dr. Kenneth P. Ambrose to head department

Dr. Kenneth P. Ambrose, associate professor of sociology/anthropology, will assume the chairmanship of the department effective July 1, Marshall University College of Liberal Arts Dean Alan B. Gould announced Tuesday.

Ambrose will succeed Dr. O. Norman Simpkins, professor of sociology/anthropology, who served as head of the department since 1966. "While Dr. Simpkins is relinquishing his departmental chairman's duties, we are delighted that he will remain on the faculty, continuing to inspire hundreds of young people as he has for more than two decades," Dr. Gould said.

"Norman Simpkins is not only a master teacher, but he has gained national recognition as an authority on Appalachian culture," Gould added. "Marshall is fortunate to be able to retain this rich resource for its classrooms," he said.

"Dr. Ambrose, who was recommended unanimously by his colleagues for the post, is highly qualified to continue and expand the excellent program that Dr. Simpkins has directed all these years," the dean said. He has spent the past year serving as assistant chairman, Gould

added.

Ambrose, a native of Parkersburg, joined the Marshall faculty in 1975, having taught previously at the Mansfield and main campuses of Ohio State University.

Ambrose earned his baccalaureate degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College, his Master of Arts degree from Marshall and a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University. He holds the Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University and has done postgraduate work at the University Edinburgh, Scotland.

A native of Wayne County, Simpkins began his higher education at Berea (Ky.) College and earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Marshall.

He holds the Ph.D. degree from the University of North Carolina, where he was on the faculty and has also taught at North Carolina College in Durham and Bowling Green (Ohio) State University.

While on the faculty of the School of Public Health at UNC, Simpkins did field research with the Pueblo Indians in New Mexico. In the early 1960s he made numerous trips to Washington, D.C., to help write legislation which was later to be known as the "War on Poverty."

Legislation approved, affects student fees

Among the bills approved by the state Legislature during the session just ended was Senate Bill No. 301, known as the "faculty improvement fee" bill.

It reads in part as follows:

"In addition to the fees specifically provided for in sections one and one-a of this article, all students enrolled for credit at the state's public colleges and universities shall pay a faculty improvement fee. The West Virginia board of regents shall fix the fee rates for the various institutions and classes of students and may from time to time change these rates: *Provided*, That the fee for each class of students shall be uniform throughout the state and shall be no less than fifteen dollars per semester for residents and no less than fifty dollars per semester for out of state students. The amount of the fee charged at each institution shall be prorated for part-time students. The fee imposed by this section is in addition to the maximum fees allowed to be collected under the provisions of section one of this article and is not limited thereby. Refunds of the fee may be made in the same manner as any other fee collected at state institutions of higher education.

All faculty improvement fees collected shall be deposited in a special fund in the state treasury and shall be used as a faculty salary supplement. One half of the moneys shall be apportioned annually on an equitable basis to each full-time instructional faculty member, and the remaining one half of such moneys shall be used for

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Building service workers earn certificates of accomplishment

Jerry Stowasser and Clarence Martin, Auxiliary Services building service workers, recently received Certificates of Accomplishment for not having missed work during the 1982 calendar year.

Nineteen other Auxiliary Services building service workers also received certificates for having missed five or fewer days of work.

They were: Barbara Atkins, Bernice Bryant, Ida Conner, Gladys Thomas, Charles McKinney, Mary Pelfrey, Christine Qualls, Dora Turner, David Petry, Cleone Gordon, Dorothy Scruggs, Phyllis Rice, Jacquelyn White, Rowena Napier, William Smith, Annie Smith, Ruth Ann Workman, Barbara Johnson and Letha Esque.

The awards were presented by MU President Robert B. Hayes on March 4.

Faculty meet Tuesday

A general faculty meeting has been scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, in Old Main Auditorium to receive nominations for election of faculty members to standing committees.

A listing of the seats to be filled was published in the March 3 News Letter and a list of faculty members holding seats on standing committees for the 1983-84 year was distributed in a special notice earlier this week.

Marva Collins 'Black Awareness' keynote speaker

"I Am Whatever I Believe Myself To Be" will be the theme for Marshall University's 1983 Black Awareness Week activities.

Sponsored by the Minority Students Program Office, Black Awareness Week, set for March 20-26, will include educational programs and entertainment designed to heighten individual awareness and sensitivity.

Marva Nettles Collins of Chicago, founder and head of the Westside Preparatory School there, will be the keynote speaker. Ms. Collins will speak Thursday, March 24, at 8 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of Memorial Student Center.

A "Gospel Jubilee," featuring Tri-State-Area choirs and gospel soloists, will kick off the week's activities at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

On Monday, March 21, at 7 p.m., contestants representing the various campus community segments will compete in a "Family Feud" game in the Morris Room, MSC.

Jazz violinist John Blake will appear with the John Blake Trio at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, in the Morris Room, MSC. A performer and writer, Blake has studied music for 20 years - half of those years as a jazz student under Charles Castlemen and Joseph Sgro. Blake has appeared with such artists as Barry White, James Brown and Isaac Hayes.

A "Soul Food Fest" also has been scheduled for students Tuesday in the Twin Towers cafeteria from 3:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Two showings of the popular film "Cooley High" are

Argentine embassy secretary to appear here on March 24

Guillermo Hunt, Argentine Embassy secretary to the United States, will discuss Argentina's domestic and international affairs in a free, public lecture scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24, in Smith Hall Auditorium.

"We believe Mr. Hunt's speech will be of real interest to those who follow international events," said Dr. Clair W. Matz, MU professor of political science.

"Shortly after he agreed to visit the campus, the Argentine government announced that the country would shift from military rule to a civilian government by 1984," explained Matz.

On campus under the auspices of the MU Political Science Department and the Marshall Model UN Club, Hunt also will be the keynote speaker for the 11th annual High School Model UN program. He will discuss the Falkland Islands' conflict from his country's perspective at 1 p.m. Friday, March 25, in Smith Hall Auditorium.

That lecture, too, is open to the public, according to Matz.

New credit union offices

The Marshall Federal Credit Union is now part of the City of Huntington Federal Credit Union. All business is now being conducted at the new office, 215 18th St.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Friday, the drive-through facility is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The telephone number is 697-4652.

planned for Wednesday, March 23, at 7 and 9:15 p.m. in Science Hall Auditorium. At 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 25, it is back to the Morris Room, MSC, for a fashion and variety show with student models.

A Greek Step-show (talent show), slated for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Student Center, will be followed at 10 p.m. by a disco dance at ACF Industries, featuring Steward Wynne, host of West Virginia Public Radio's "Black Beat Show." Tickets for the disco dance are available at \$2 each from members of the Black Awareness Week Committee.

VIP open forum scheduled for Monday on nuclear energy

The fourth in a series of Vital Issues Programs (VIP), "Nuclear Energy-Blessing or Curse," will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 21, in Harris Hall 134.

The topic will be discussed in interdisciplinary fashion from ecological, economic, ethical, medical, military, physical and political points of view, according to Dr. Jabir A. Abbas, VIP coordinator.

Panelists will include Dr. Thomas Manakkil, professor of physics/physical science; Dr. Elinore Taylor, associate professor of English; Dr. Ruth Harris, pediatrician; the Rev. Martha Loyd, campus Methodist minister, and Abbas.

The forum is open to the public as well as faculty, staff and students, Abbas said.

'Stage Door' opens Wednesday

Marshall sophomore Kendra Egnor of Huntington has been cast as the lead in the MU Theatre production of "Stage Door," a comedy-drama by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman, to be presented Wednesday through Saturday, March 23-26, in Old Main Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Directed by Dr. Elaine A. Novak, professor of theatre, the play depicts life in the mid-1930's in a New York club for stage actresses and centers around both a love triangle and a controversy of that period as to whether a stage actress should work in the growing movie industry.

Cast opposite Ms. Egnor are juniors Mitchell Comp-ton, Barboursville, and Jeffrey J. Perhacs of Weirton.

Assistant directors are Steven-Patric Hesson, freshman, and Billy Vickers, Jr., junior, both of Huntington. Scene design is by John Shimrock, assistant MU Theatre designer.

Tickets are available at \$3.50 general admission weekdays in Old Main B-23 and at the door. There is no charge for MU students with activity and ID cards. Reservations may be made by calling 2306.

Excused absences. . .

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

FEB. 22-23-Women's Basketball Team.

FEB. 24-25-Varsity Track Team.

MARCH 1-4-Swimming Team.

MARCH 14-15-Amy Bonnett, Duane Bowers, Karen Bowers, Dwain Casteel, Robert Foster, Bret Hart, Lee Hutchinson, Anna Gillman, Karen McCallister, Alan Potter, Jeffrey Riffie, Harry Schramm, Gregory Smith, Ronald Stanley, Sidney Stephenson, Richard Stratton, Michael Tuell, Matthew Watson, Jamiann Winters, Anthony Woods and Michael Workman.

'Abendmusik' recital series begins Monday

"Abendmusik," a series of three music faculty recitals devoted to the music of Johannes Brahms, will be presented in Smith Recital Hall at 8 p.m. on consecutive Mondays, starting March 21.

The recitals are in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth and will feature his works and those of his peers.

Appearing on the first program will be Kenneth Marchant, assistant professor, on piano, James McWhorter, instructor, on cello, with Jane Shepherd,

professor, mezzo-soprano.

The March 28 program will include Patricia Green, associate professor, and Nancy Whear, assistant reference librarian, on violin; Marchant and Dr. Paul Balshaw, School of Fine Arts director, on piano, and Dr. Richard Lemke, assistant professor of music, on horn.

The April 4 recital will feature Balshaw as baritone soloist with Marchant on piano.

'Faculty improvement fee' guidelines being written

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merit raises exclusively for full-time instructional faculty members."

The Board of Regents has asked for faculty help in developing guidelines for the collection and distribution of the monies. Questions such as those appearing below will need to be answered:

1. Should the monies made available be established at the minimum amounts of \$15 per semester (in-state) and \$50 (out-of-state) or at a higher level? If

- at a higher, at what level?
2. Should the monies which are apportioned annually to each full-time instructional faculty member be given on the basis of equitable percentage or a dollar amount?
3. What should be the manner of payment: lump sums during each semester (perhaps in November and April) or small monthly payments during the contract period?
4. Should each institution be permitted to establish its own guidelines in determining merit for monies available for merit, or should the Board provide guidelines for institutions in determining merit?

After all sixteen institutions in the system have had an opportunity to react, the Advisory Council of Faculty will prepare a recommendation and forward it to the Board for its consideration.

**Frank Aldred, Representative
Advisory Council of Faculty**

U. of Louisville biologist to speak on campus Monday

Dr. Ronald M. Atlas, a University of Louisville biologist and a Sigma Xi National Lecturer, will speak at Marshall University at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 21, in Science Hall Auditorium.

"Petroleum Degradation in Arctic Ecosystems" will be the topic for the free, public lecture, sponsored by the MU Sigma Xi Club with assistance from the Marshall Foundation Distinguished Lectureship Program.

Atlas studied at the State University of New York-Stony Brook and earned his Ph.D. degree from Rutgers University. A former research associate at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, he is professor of biology at the University of Louisville, where he has taught since 1973.

Deborah Egekvist completes requirements for her doctorate

Deborah Ann Egekvist, Marshall University flute instructor, has completed requirements for the Doctor of Music degree, according to MU Provost Olen E. Jones Jr.

The degree was conferred Dec. 18 by Florida State University. Dr. Egekvist's treatise for the doctoral degree in flute performance was entitled "The One-Keyed Flute: Its Ancestors, Development and Rebirth."

She holds the Bachelor of Music degree from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisc., and the Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y.

Prior to joining the Marshall music faculty in 1981, she was a visiting lecturer in flute at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and played flute with various ensembles, including principal flute for the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra. Currently she is principal flute with the Huntington Chamber Orchestra.

WVEA head here Tuesday

West Virginia Education Association President Lowell Johnson will meet with interested Marshall faculty members at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at the Campus Christian Center.

"Dr. Johnson will be discussing the possibility of a unified effort to support education in the state," said Doris Johnson, vice president of the Cabell County Education Association.

Services held on Wednesday for Ruth M. Flower Brown

Services were held Wednesday for Ruth M. Flower Brown, 77, emeritus professor of English, who died March 13 in a local hospital. Burial followed in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Parkersburg.

A native of Parkersburg, she retired from Marshall's English faculty in 1975 after 33 years of teaching. She held the B.A. degree from Marshall, the M.A. degree from the University of Michigan and had studied at the University of Washington.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, she was active in the Woman's Club of Huntington and various professional associations.

Memorial gifts may be made in her name to the Marshall University Foundation Scholarship Fund or to the First Presbyterian Church.

MU faculty and staff achievements, activities. . .

DR. C. ROBERT BARNETT, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, had an article, "The Use of Oral History and Interviews as Research Techniques in Sport History," published in the December, 1982, issue of *The Physical Educator*.

ED MILLER, student financial aid director, attended meetings of the Student Financial Assistance Project Consortium in Washington, D.C., Feb. 23-26, where he received an update on the status of the various federal student financial aid programs. Miller is an instructor for the project, which is funded through the U.S. Department of Education.

DR. MICHAEL E. TRULSON, associate professor of pharmacology, is senior author of three recently published papers: "Dissociations between the behavioral effects

Researcher in occult belief to speak here today, Friday

Dr. Victor A. Benassi, a leading researcher in the areas of occult belief and superstition, will speak on Marshall University's campus today and tomorrow (March 17-18), according to Vernon R. Padgett, MU assistant professor of psychology.

A member of the University of New Hampshire psychology faculty, Benassi will discuss "Occult Belief, Critical Thinking and Science Education" in a free, public lecture today at 7 p.m. in Harris Hall 134.

He also will speak on "Current Research Trends in Occult Belief and Critical Thinking" at a brown bag luncheon Friday at noon in Harris Hall 134.

Specializing in comparisons of scientific and superstitious belief systems, Benassi - in his current research work - is examining the possibility of improved educational practices through the teaching of critical thinking skills and the possibility of teaching scientific thinking as a generalized cognitive strategy.

His campus appearances are sponsored by the MU Psychology Department through the Higher Education Resources Fund (HERF).

Birke Gallery Features exhibit by gifted high school students

The work of talented West Virginia high school students who participated in the 1982 West Virginia Summer Institute at Ripley will be on display in the MU Birke Art Gallery through March 24.

The exhibition includes sculpture, painting, photography, prints, weaving, pottery, textiles and baskets.

The Institute was established in 1981 to meet the special needs of artistically talented students in West Virginia by artists, teachers and gifted specialists and coordinators for art, crafts and gifted with the state Department of Education.

The two-week-long summer program is designed as an art honors program for selected students grades 8 through 12.

Birke Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday; 7 to 9 p.m. Monday; and other evenings in conjunction with events in Smith Recital Hall.

of LSD and tolerance development during ontogeny in cats: A novel approach to the study of tolerance mechanisms," *Life Sciences*, 1983, vol. 32, pp. 973-978; "On the role of CNS serotonin in the motor abnormalities of Tourette's Syndrome: Behavioral and single unit studies," *Advances in Neurology: Gilles de la Tourette Syndrome*, Vol. 35, Raven Press, 1982, pp. 93-98, and "Chloral hydrate anesthesia alters the responsiveness of dorsal raphe neurons to psychoactive drugs," *Life Sciences*, 1983, vol. 32, pp. 949-956. (The latter was co-authored with his wife, Violet M. Trulson, who is pursuing the B.A. degree in psychology at Marshall.)

KENNETH MARCHANT, assistant professor of music, and JAMES McWHORTER, instructor in music, presented piano-cello recitals at Kentucky State University and Ohio University on Feb. 24 and Feb. 26, respectively, under the auspices of the music faculties of the schools.

DR. GARY O. RANKIN, assistant professor of pharmacology, had two articles published in January journal issues: "Chlorpromazine Interactions with Guanethidine and a-Methyldopa: Effects on Arterial Pressure Control and Heart Rate in Renovascular Hypertensive Rats," in *Archives Internationales de Pharmacodynamie et de Therapie*, and "Acute Effects of Alkylating Agents on Canine Renal Function: Specifically Designed Synthetic Maleimides" in the *Journal of Medical Chemistry*.

DR. RICHARD O. COMFORT, professor of sociology/anthropology, was honored by Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA Area Inc. at its recent annual meeting. Comfort was presented a Community Service Award for his many contributions to the community over the past 12 years.

DR. CORAZON ALMALEL, professor of modern languages, chaired a literary session, "The Spanish Civil War and the Establishment of Its Aftermath," at the 11th annual Twentieth Century Literature Conference at the University of Louisville on Feb. 25.

DR. JOHN E. DOLIN, associate professor of art, will present a paper, "Which Is the Best Approach to a Lower-Level Inter-Arts Course: A Response Based on Five Years of Experience in Single Teacher and Team-Teaching Situations," at the Comparative Arts Symposium on March 24 at Ohio University.

DR. ROBERT ADKINS, DR. WENDELL SWEETSER and NICHOLAS KONTOS, assistant professors of economics; MORRIS COATS, instructor, and DR. JOSEPH LaCASCIA, professor and department chairman, presented a discussion, "The Deficit: Too Large or Too Small," Feb. 23 in Corbly Hall 117.

DR. MICHAEL J. GALGANO, professor of history and University Honors director, addressed the World Problems Study Group of the Huntington Branch, American Association of University Women, Feb. 28 on the problem of Northern Ireland.

ELIZABETH DEVEREAUX, assistant professor of psychiatry, has been selected to receive a service award from the American Occupational Therapy Association. She has been chairman of the group's Fiscal Advisory Committee for five years and helped the association institute a new management system. The award will be presented April 19 in Portland, Ore.

DR. CHONG W. KIM, associate professor of management, spoke to the Huntington Jaycees on March 1 at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit 492. The topic of his address was "A New Look at Motivation."