MU faculty and staff achievements, activities,...

DR. ANTHONY BOWDLER, professor of medicine was a faculty participant in the conference on "Malignant Lymphomas and Allied Diseases," co-sponsored by the MU School of Medicine and Southern California School of Medicine's Hematopathology Unit, May 22-28 in Williamsburg, Va. He lectured on "Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia including Hodgkin's Disease," "Hodgkin's Lymphocytic Leukemia: Phenotypes and Clinical Behavior," and "Clinical Manifestations: Staging and Management of Hodgkin's Disease." He was also a panelist for a discussion on Hodgkin's Disease.

MARGARET VASSA, professor of education, is the author of an article, "Pilot Information Tip," which appeared in the July issue of Communiqué, the national publication of Pilot International.

DR. PETER J. KASVINSKY, associate professor of biochemistry, was recently elected to membership in the American Society of Biological Chemists (ASBC). He presented a paper, "Purification and High Molecular Weigh Leukemias including Hodgkin's Disease: Histiocytic Lymphocytic Leukemia; Phenotypes and Clinical Behavior," at the ASBC annual meeting June 8 in San Francisco. D.J. Moraski, biochemistry graduate student, was co-author. Kasvinsky also conducted a seminar on his research for the Biological Chemistry Department staff.

MU state autism training center site

Marshall University has designated by the West Virginia Board of Regents as the site for the Autism Training Center for the state which was mandated by the 1983 Legislature.

Announcement of Marshall's selection was made jointly last week by Regents Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs David R. Powers and MU Provost Olen E. Jones Jr.

The legislation called for development by the board, its designee, of a center for the training of teachers, parents, guardians and others important to an autistic person's education and training.

"It is important to point out that establishing this training program does not in any way compete with the university's regular funding," Powers said. "The center will be a separately funded unit and housed within the College of Education under the Special Education Department," he stressed.

"There are two immediate tasks facing us," Jones said. "One, obviously, is the creation of a plan to develop the center's program, and the other is not only to budget our resources for this year but to develop a five-year budget project for the Legislature."

"There are a number of questions which just can't be answered at this time. We have the guidelines from the Legislature and now we must come up with specifics in those areas such as staff needs," he added.

With legislation is approved, the center is to work with trainee teams composed of an autistic individual, parent or guardian, a teacher or related professional who is already interacting with the autistic individual.

A three-week training course is to be developed in which the trainee team will live a special residence.

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Council elects Tarter

The University Council met on Monday, Aug. 1. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a temporary chairman to serve during Dr. Clagg's tenure as Acting President. Professor Don Tarter was unanimously elected to the position.

In other business, the Council recommended three faculty members for the President for the position of the President's Committee to fill the vacancy on the President's Fee Committee. The resignation of Dr. Maddox created the vacancy.

Robert H. Eddins, secretary University Council

Final News Letter of summer

This will be the last News Letter in the 1983 summer series. Publication will resume on a weekly basis with the start of the Fall Semester. The copy deadline will be 10 a.m. on Tuesdays preceding Thursday publication.

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Marshall Alumni Association officers elected

Randall Johnson, formerly with NCR Corporation in Staunton, Va., has accepted an appointment as microcomputer program coordinator and instructor in Marshall University's Computer Science department, Dr. David W. Wilkin, dean of the college, announced. Johnson, who earned the B.B.A. degree in management information systems from West Virginia University, will work with NCR for six years in its data processing and system repair division in Cincinnati.

"In addition to teaching four microcomputer classes this fall, Mr. Johnson will be responsible for developing a two-year degree program in micro-computer applications for the Community College," Wilkin said. "This will be a program in use of the personal computer (microcomputer) in both home and small businesses," Wilkin said. "The emphasis will be on problem solving utilizing the VisiCalc series of programs," he added.

During the fall semester, the Community College will offer Introduction to Microcomputers and Microcomputer Applications in Accounting, Microcomputer Applications in Business and Microcomputer Applications in Banking.

The classes, to be taught in the evening, will feature a combination of lecture and hands-on experience in the Community College's micro-computer lab. Enrollment will be limited. Additional information on the classes or on correction of a mistake obtained by calling the MU Community College at 696-3646.

Marshall in 1972 and her master's in 1978. She served as editor of the newsletter before joining Huntington Alloys in 1973, where she was a reporter for the company's director of human resources.

Mrs. Wilker is vice president of the River Cities Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators, respectively. She is a member of the Public Relations Committee of the Cabell-Huntington Chapter of the Red Cross. She also is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists-Sigma Delta Chi and the Oral History Association.

She has served on several local and regional communications awards for the Alumni Association. "We are extremely grateful to Dr. Robert Babb, the department chairman, for his successful recruitment efforts in this, one of the most competitive fields," Dr. Jones said.

The new appointees represent an excellent blend of computer technology experiences and we believe their expertise will enhance our existing program," Jones said. "As has been the custom in the past, the department also will work personally with businesses and industry on part-time basis to assist in teaching some of the fundamental courses.

In addition to Babb, the department's full-time faculty will include: Dr. Kathleen H. Duffy, assistant professor; Jamshid Haghighi, assistant professor; Paula J. Mitchell, instructor; Daniel K. Crotty, instructor, and Kenneth T. Milne, professor.

Duffy has been coordinator of Special Studies Planning and Institutional Research at the University of North Carolina since 1978. She earned her B.S. degree from Towson State University and her master's and doctoral degrees from Duke University.

She also has been an educational computing consultant for the North Carolina Educational Computer Service at UNC and a research associate with the National Educational Evaluation and Development Systems (NEEDS).

Haghighi earned his B.S. degree from Pars College and his M.S. degree from Marshall. He holds Certificates in Programming in PL/1, OS-VS1, COBOL and RPGII from various computer schools including the IBM Education Center. A former graduate assistant in the department of Physics and Mathematics at Marshall, he has taught computer science and mathematics at Longwood College. He also has a background as a systems programmer for several businesses.

Milne, who earned his B.S. degree in computer science in 1981 from Michigan State University, is a programmer for Manufacturing Data Systems, Inc., in Michigan.

Randall Jones appointed as micro-computer coordinator

Two veteran employees honored for service

New appointees bring CIS faculty to full strength

Miss Holley celebrates 40th

Lola Straton, administratrix in the Student Housing Office, receives an engraved silver tray from Warren S. Myers, Auxiliary Services director, in recognition of having completed 20 years of service with Marshall.

The presentation was made at a reception given in her honor. Mrs. Straton began her work at Marshall as a clerk in the bookstore, later becoming a secretary for the Counseling and Rehabilitation Department. She joined the Housing Office staff in 1971. (MU photo by Rick Hays)