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# News Letter

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## Employee Insurance Board responds

The Staff Employee Handbook for Marshall University on page 31 (Oct. 1982, Sixth edition) contains the following passage relative to "Health Care":

All full-time regular staff employees of Marshall University (who are paid from state administered funds) may elect to be covered under a group Medical Care Plan administered (underwritten) by West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Board and underwritten (administered) by Equitable Life."

In recent months there have been delays in payments for service to participating doctors. Dr. Virginia Plumley, Chairperson of the Faculty Personnel Committee communicated this concern to the University Council. As a result, contact was initiated with the Public Employees Insurance Board and Mr. Richard A. Folio. Mr. Folio was most cooperative and provided the following items of information:

a. The processing of the payment claims is up-to-date on about ninety percent or better of the legitimate re-

quests. The processing of the claims for qualification is done by Equitable Life. This requires some ten to fifteen days after receipt from the doctor. The time interval between the rendering of services by the doctor and transmission for payment varies depending on the many billing procedures employed by the staffs of the doctors involved. It could, however, involve as much as a month or more.

b. Once the expenditure has been approved, the release of checks is controlled by the Auditor's Office. At the present time, there is a delay in this release of some thirty-five to forty days. This is apparently a function of the availability of funds for items of this priority.

c. At the close of the State's fiscal year in July, the fund for insurance expenditures showed a deficit of some nine million dollars. This explains the wisdom of

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## Oral history program saves area's heritage

Interviews with former congressmen, Appalachian health care issues and "1937 Flood" materials are included in the Marshall University Oral History of Appalachia, Part III, recently published as part of the New York Times Oral History Program.

Since its affiliation in 1976 with the New York Times Microfilm Corporation of America, more than 4,200 pages of transcribed tapes have been published in this series, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, MU History Department chairman and oral history project director.

"These materials represent one of the largest single collections of Appalachian oral materials in existence," Maddox said. "Reminiscences of farmers, physicians, miners and teachers—men and women from all walks of life—comprise a significant part of the collection," he added.

Compiled by Maddox and Brenda Perego, the program's secretary, Part III contains interviews with former U.S. Sen. John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky and former U.S. Rep. James Kee of West Virginia.

"Transcribing the tapes is very time-consuming, taking more than 30 hours to transcribe one hour of tape," Ms. Perego said. "But it is an important way of preserving our history and making it available to others," she said.

"Our regional oral history program owes a great debt to the Marshall University Foundation and Dr. Bernard Queen, the executive director, for funding support," Maddox said. "Without his assistance, we would not be able to continue preservation of the region's history in this manner," he added.

Work on Part IV is currently under way and involves a major collection of interviews dealing with labor and more on Appalachian health care.

## High school students to visit here Monday

Marshall University will be host to approximately 200 National Merit Semi-Finalists and high school honor graduates from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky on Monday, Nov. 15.

The half-day program, sponsored by the Marshall University Foundation, is designed to familiarize students and their school counselors with the university's academic programs, special offerings for honor students, admissions procedures and financial aid opportunities, according to Dr. James Harless, MU admissions director.

The group will be welcomed to the campus by MU Associate Provost William S. Deel at 9 a.m. in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. A discussion of the SCORES (Search Committee on Recruiting Excellent Students) and the MU Honors programs will follow with Dr. Claire Horton and Dr. Michael Galgano, chairmen of SCORES and the Honors Program respectively.

Other discussion leaders include Harless, who will discuss the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and other testing procedures for admission, and Ed Miller, MU student financial aid director, who will discuss the various forms of financial assistance available.

Academic information sessions will be offered by the respective division heads: Dr. E.S. Hanrahan, College of Science; Dr. Alan Gould, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Philip Rusche, College of Education; Dr. Sara Anderson, College of Business; Dr. Robert Coon, School of Medicine, Glenn Smith, Community College and Dr. Phyllis Higley, School of Nursing.

The program will close with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. after tours of the campus and individual academic departments.

## 'Funny Girl' to open five-day run on Wednesday

The Marshall University student production of "Funny Girl," a musical based on the life of comedienne Fanny Brice, will open a five-day run at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, in Old Main Auditorium.

Performances are scheduled nightly through Saturday, Nov. 20, with a special matinee performance at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21.

Presented by the departments of Theatre/Dance and Music, the show features Yvea Duncan of Logan in the role of Fanny Brice, which was played by Barbra Streisand in the stage and film versions.

Jeffrey J. Perhacs of Weirton will appear as Nick Arnstein, the sophisticated gambler whom Fanny loved. Omar Sharif starred as Arnstein in the movie.

Tickets are available at the University Theatre Box

Office, located in Old Main B-23 (formerly the Security Office), between 1 and 4 p.m. weekdays. Tickets are \$4 each. Through 4 p.m. Nov. 17, there will be a special \$3.50 price for those tickets purchased by MU students and by children. The pre-opening night discount also applies to MU faculty and staff, including MU retired employees.

"Funny Girl" is the story of Miss Brice's rise to fame, from a gawky child working in sleazy music halls to the star of the elaborate "Ziegfeld Follies," during the period of 1910 to 1928. Among the popular songs from the musical are "People," "Don't Rain on My Parade," "Sadie" and "You Are Woman, I Am Man."

## Marshall employees are eligible to join Magic Kingdom Club

Marshall University employees are eligible to become members of Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom Club, according to Edwina C. Wippel, personnel office III.

The Magic Kingdom Club offers a variety of special rates and leisure time programs to members. Club cards are available from the Personnel Officer and are usable at both Disneyland and Disney World.

Among the membership benefits are: special tickets for both Magic Kingdoms; exclusive family vacation plans; a 10 per cent discount at selected Magic Kingdom hotels, as well as at certain Howard Johnson Motor Lodges nationwide; reduced admission at River Country in the Fort Wilderness Campground Resort at Walt Disney World; discounts for car rentals; special admission for the Florida Cypress Gardens; discounts on Norwegian Caribbean Lines cruises and special world tours.

Additional information on the Magic Kingdom Club may be obtained by calling Ms. Wippel, extension 6455.

## Washington Researchers head to lecture, conduct workshop

Matthew Lesko, founder of Washington Researchers and author of "Getting Yours," will present a free, public lecture at Marshall University at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center.

Lesko's campus appearance is sponsored by the Contemporary Issues Committee, Student Activities Office. Recognized as a authority on government giveaway programs, Lesko is featured weekly on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition," writes a column for "Good Housekeeping," and has appeared several times on NBC-TV's "Today Show."

In addition to his lecture, Lesko will present a workshop that same day with time and place to be announced later. The workshop will concern either grant proposals or how to obtain information using a variety of sources. To register for the workshop and to give your preference as to topic, call the Student Activities Office, extension 6770, by Monday, Nov. 15.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

"The River Thames," a film produced and narrated by Bill Madsen, will be shown at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, in Smith Recital Hall as part of the Marshall Artists Series' Forum Division programming.

Admission is by season membership or general admission tickets which will be available at the door at \$5 each. MU students with ID and Activity cards will be admitted free. **MU faculty and staff may purchase tickets at half-price.** Additional information on tickets may be obtained by calling the Artists Series Office, (304) 696-6656.

### PIANO CONCERT

Pianist Lucien Stark, keyboard division chairman at the University of Kentucky, will present a free, public concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, in Smith Recital Hall.

A graduate of Drake University with a doctorate from the University of Michigan, Stark has studied piano in Munich, at the Paris Conservatory and at the Juilliard School of Music.

### EMERITUS CLUB

The Faculty and Staff Emeritus Club will have a noon luncheon meeting Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the UpTowner Inn. The program on "Old Covered Bridges and Other Memories of West Virginia" will be presented by Russell Hogg, photographer-naturalist.

## Appreciation expressed

My family and I wish to convey our appreciation to the members of the Marshall University community who were so kind to us at the time of the death of my father, Charles W. Ambrose.

Your many expressions of sympathy were a great comfort to us and were appreciated very much. Thank you for them.

Sincerely,  
**Dr. Kenneth P. Ambrose**  
Associate Professor  
Sociology/Anthropology

# MU faculty and staff achievements, activities. . .

DR. JOHN N. VIELKIND, Philosophy Department chairman, attended the 21st annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy held Oct. 28-30 at Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa.

DR. CAROLE VICKERS, Home Economics Department chairman, addressed the annual meeting of the Illinois Home Economics Association on Oct. 29 at Decatur, Ill. Her topic was "Home Economics: Tradition and Transition." She also participated in the board of directors meeting of the American Council on Consumer Interests, held Oct. 30-31 in Chicago. She is in her fourth year as a ACCI director.

DR. BILL K. GORDON, associate professor of educational administration, conducted an inservice program for Cabell County school administrators Oct. 21 and Oct. 26 on "the Supervisory Conference."

DAN O'HANLON, Criminal Justice Department acting chairman, was moderator for Security Conference held at Marshall Nov. 3 and sponsored by the department and the American Society for Industrial Security.

DR. STEBBINS B. CHANDOR, Pathology Department

## Addendum to ITV sourcebook now available to all MU faculty

All faculty members should be receiving subject-indexed program descriptions of the more than 200 new television programs acquired by ITV Services during the past year, according to Gail Sheets, ITV Coordinator and editor of the new ITV Sourcebook. Addendum.

Ranging over 350 different content areas - from abortion to Zimbabwe - these new programs are suitable for inclusion in a wide variety of classroom lectures. They constitute the newest additions to the ITV Services program library that now houses more than 1,350 titles, with more being added weekly.

The Addendum is being distributed via campus mail and should be in faculty hands by week's end. Please contact Mrs. Sheets at 3150 if your copy fails to arrive.

To preview programs in the catalog, or to schedule a classroom playback through the campus cable TV system, call ITV Services at 3150.

## Personnel personals. . .

**Elizabeth Hoffman**, microbiology laboratory technician, and her husband James became parents of a 9 lb. 10 oz. girl on Oct. 30. The Hoffmans named her Erica. Mrs. Hoffman is the former Elizabeth Ann Caputi.

**Proud of a family member's accomplishment? Is there a new baby at your house? Is there something else you'd like to share with your colleagues? "Personnel personals. . ." is just the place. Send your information to Judith Casto, University Relations, Old Main 102.**

## Excused absences. . .

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

- NOV. 1-Intercollegiate Soccer Team.
- NOV. 4-6-Cross Country Team.
- NOV. 4-Women's Volleyball Team
- NOV. 5-MU Varsity Football Team.
- NOV. 8-10-MU Jazz Ensemble members.

chairman, assisted in conducting workshops on autoimmune diseases, typing of lymphocytes, immunohistologic techniques and malignant lymphomas at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists held in Miami Oct. 16-22.

DR. MICHAEL J. GALGANO, professor of history, moderated a panel on "Women in Restoration and Eighteenth Century Drama" at the 13th annual conference of the East-Central Region of the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, held at Bethany College Oct. 21-23.

DR. PAUL WHEAR, professor of music, has been selected as an American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Award recipient for the 17th consecutive year. Granted annually by an independent panel, the cash awards are based on the "unique prestige value of each writer's catalog and the performances of his compositions," according to ASCAP President Hal David.

DR. VIOLETTE C. EASH, assistant professor of counseling/rehabilitation, spoke on "Trends in Rehabilitation" at a dinner meeting of the Altrusa Club on Aug. 23. She also spoke on "Fears of Hiring the Handicapped" as part of an all-day Affirmative Action Seminar held Nov. 5 at the West Virginia Rehabilitation Center.

DR. CORAZON ALMALEL, professor of modern languages, spoke to the students of a special topics class at West Junior High School on Nov. 4. Her slide-

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## Note, call to insurance board could speed emergency action

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the "drag processing." It is expected that one of the early priorities of the next legislative session will be the allocation of funds to remedy this matter.

d. We have been assured that as money becomes available "all legitimate claims will be paid." In those cases where payment is being demanded, a note or call to the Insurance Board might expedite emergency action.

The above is our best interpretation of two conversations with Mr. Folio. He was sincere and sympathetic in his discussion and left us with the impression that under the circumstances explained a maximum effort is being made.

Submitted by

**Sam Clagg**

Chairman, University Council

## NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

ERVIN P. CAMPBELL JR., accountant, MU Foundation; ROSEANN B. COOKE, secretary, School of Nursing; DENISE WALDON, secretary, Family and Community Health Department, and ANTHONY ALLEN TURLEY, radiation safety technician, College of Science.

Welcome to Marshall!!!

# More faculty and staff achievements, activities. . .

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illustrated talk was on "The Culture of Spain: What Is It Like?"

DR. MARTHA LEE BLANKENSHIP, professor of home economics and president-elect of the West Virginia Home Economics Association, was program chairman for the association's Professional Day, held Nov. 3 in South Charleston. MARTHA CHILDERS, assistant professor of home economics, presented a paper, "Working with our Aging Population" and DR. CAROLE VICKERS, Home Economics Department chairman, discussed "Economics and the Family" as part of the theme, "Helping Families Face Change." MAUDIE KARICKHOFF, project assistant, served as local arrangements chairman for the meeting.

Seven members of the School of Nursing faculty par-

## Funeral services held Nov. 7 for Mrs. Marcella B. Black

Funeral services were held Sunday, Nov. 7, for Mrs. Marcella Blower Black, 64, 4738 Ohio River Road, who died Thursday, Nov. 4, as a result of an automobile accident. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Mrs. Black was a Marshall University custodian from 1970 until her retirement in 1980. She was a member of the White Snow Council 86, Degree of Pocahontas.

Survivors include four daughters, three sons, a sister, one brother, 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Black.

## Holcombe earns doctorate

F. Douglas Holcombe, Marshall University assistant professor of management, has earned the Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University, MU Provost Olen E. Jones Jr. announced today.

The degree was conferred Sept. 2, the provost said. Dr. Holcombe's dissertation is entitled "An Investigation of the Determinants of Managerial Coping Response in Stressful Work Situations."

ticipated in the 1982 West Virginia Nurses Association State Convention at The Greenbrier Nov. 5-7. LAURA LEE WILSON, assistant professor, served as program committee chairman for the convention and introduced the keynote speaker. Two other faculty members led continuing education programs; BELEN SULTAN, assistant professor, on "Lung and Thorax Assessment;" LEANNE DEMES, adjunct assistant professor and director of St. Mary's Hospital Nursing Service, "Management Concepts I" and "Management Concepts II." Coordinating the programs was JANE FOTOS, continuing education director and assistant professor. Also representing the School of Nursing were JUDITH SORTET, SHARON AMBROSE and JEANNE DeVOS, assistant professors.

### THE GREENERY. . .

Want to get away from the campus hustle and bustle, but can't take time for a long lunch off-campus? Try dining at The Greenery Restaurant, located in Memorial Student Center, and relax in its quiet atmosphere. The greenery is open weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and has a varied menu.

## Minority students seminars open to Marshall faculty, staff

Interested faculty and staff members are invited to attend any or all of a series of upcoming seminars sponsored by the Minority Students Office, according to DeWayne Lyles, minority students program coordinator.

A schedule of seminars follows:

-Thursday, Nov. 11, 5 p.m., "The Future of Affirmative Action," with Col. Marvin Billups, MU associate director of personnel and affirmative action officer, Minority Students Office, MSC 1W25.

-Tuesday, Nov. 16, 5 p.m., "Career/Placement Services," with Reginald Spencer, career services/placement director, Career/Placement Office, Prichard Hall.

-Thursday, Nov. 18, 9:15 p.m., "Songs in the Key of Life: Clarifying Your Values," featuring a group of students, Twin Towers East lobby.