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WALK-A-THON PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZED

Jim Jablonski, left, coordinator of the Walk-a-thon sponsored by the Cabell County Chapter of the March of Dimes, presents an official Walk-a-thon T-shirt to Marshall University President Robert B. Hayes. With them is Dr. Karen Simpkins, MU assistant professor of sociology/anthropology, who served as the campus liaison to the local March of Dimes for the project. Dr. Hayes and a team of 14 staff members and students represented the Marshall student affairs' student life division in the fund-raising event for the March of Dimes National Foundation. The Walk-a-thon raised \$16,000 in pledges, according to Jablonski, WGNT Radio news director. The team sponsored by the Student Life Division of Student Affairs consisted of Marcia Andrews, resident director, South Hall; Eva Hall, secretary, Twin Towers East; Rita Mann and Don Robertson, student affairs specialists; Ruth Ann Maynard, clerk-typist, Student Activities; Ramona Orndorff, administrative aide, auxiliary enterprises; Ann Sneathen, secretary, Student Center; Reginald Spencer, Placement director; Ann Zanzig, assistant dean, Student Affairs; Dave Brown,



graduate assistant; Toni Britton, student assistant, Ed Hamrick, Student Government president; Jeannie Robertson, graduate student, and Olen Jones, provost. (MU photo by Rick Hays)

Academic Planning, Standards elects officers

The Academic Planning and Standards Committee met on May 1 and covered the following major items of business:

1. Giovanna Morton was reelected as chairperson for 1980-81 and Sarah Denman was elected secretary.
2. A magazine journalism sequence was approved for the School of Journalism.
3. A report on grade inflation in the university was reviewed at length but no action was taken until more information is available as to the reasons for higher student grade point averages.
4. A geo-social studies degree program for the College of Education was approved. The "2+2" program will allow graduates of community colleges to take a two-year program in geo-social studies to receive a B.A.
5. A student grade appeal was denied.
6. The following course changes and additions were approved:

JRN 410/510 Magazine Editorial Practices, 3 cr., changed from JRN 610;
JRN 411/511 Magazine Editing and Production Practicum, 4 cr., add;

PE 560-564 Professional Development: (Plus title to identify content), 1-4., add;
PE 159 Beginning Social Dance, 1 cr., add;
PE 259 Intermediate Social Dance, 1 cr., add;
CJ 495H-496H Readings for Honors in Criminal Justice, 2-4 cr., add.

7. A proposed draft of a part-time faculty manual was tentatively approved for use this fall. It will be reviewed again at that time.
8. The committee also considered but deferred action on a proposed statement regarding departmental autonomy and procedures for faculty recourse when courses and programs are materially affected by changes in other departments or colleges.

Any questions or suggestions about the above may be addressed to Giovanna Morton, chairperson, or Bruce Ardinger, secretary.

Regents B.A. coordinator is Dr. Bruce Ardinger

Dr. Bruce Ardinger, associate professor of English at Marshall University, has been appointed coordinator of the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree program at the university, MU Provost Olen E. Jones Jr. announced.

Ardinger, a member of the faculty since 1971, succeeds Dr. Alan B. Gould in the position. Gould recently assumed the post of dean of the MU College of Liberal Arts.

"Dr. Ardinger has proved himself to be most conscientious as director for the Marshall Writing Program and I believe he will undertake his new role with similar dedication," Provost Jones said.

Ardinger will continue to teach English courses, but will receive "released time" for his work with the RBA program, according to the provost.

Director of the Writing Program since 1975, Ardinger has been active in Marshall's Interdisciplinary Honors Program also.

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Jones loaned to osteopathic school

The West Virginia Board of Regents appointed Dr. Olen E. Jones Jr. of Huntington as acting president of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, effective June 1.

The announcement was made in Lewisburg, where the school is located, by Dr. M. Douglas Call, acting chancellor of the Board of Regents.

Dr. Jones, currently provost of Marshall University, succeeds Dr. Francis J. Hennessy, who announced his resignation May 8.

"I appreciate the confidence the Board of Regents has shown in me through my temporary assignment to this important position," Jones said. "I will make every effort to merit that confidence and to serve the students, faculty and staff of the School of Osteopathic Medicine in the best possible manner."

Jones said he had not sought the appointment, but "I believe it is the responsibility of all of us serving in

public higher education in West Virginia to work toward the success of the system, as well as the advancement of our individual schools."

Jones served as Marshall's executive vice president before assuming the university provost position and played a major role in the development of Marshall's School of Medicine.

"I believe the Regents made a wise choice when they selected Olen Jones to serve as the interim president of the School of Osteopathic Medicine," Marshall President Robert B. Hayes said. "Olen Jones is intelligent, hard-working and dedicated. He has been successful in every administrative challenge we have given him—and we've given him many challenges. I'm sure he will do an excellent job at the School of Osteopathic Medicine."

Hayes said he had no plans to replace Jones in the Marshall provost position.

New grant: Margaret Van Zandt establishes annual \$2,000 research grant in her father's name

The belief that research is the key to maintaining a quality faculty has led a young Huntington resident to fund a research award at Marshall University in memory of her father.

The George W. VanZandt Memorial Research Grant, a \$2,000 award named for a prominent figure in the local, state and national soft drink industry who died in an

automobile accident in 1974, has been established by Margaret Van Zandt, according to Dr. Bernard Queen, MU Foundation executive director.

One of the best ways to challenge faculty members or to intellectually stimulate a campus and its surrounding community is through the exploration of new ideas, according to Miss Van Zandt, who has studied at Marshall and the University of North Carolina.

"Research by its faculty can add to the quality of excellence to which Marshall is committed, which in turn enhances Huntington," said Miss Van Zandt.

"There are so many professors with ideas for good, solid research projects and the resources to finance these are so limited," she said. "This research grant is my way of showing support of Marshall, its faculty and my hometown. I would hope that other residents would share my concern and perhaps establish similar awards," Miss Van Zandt added.

The first George W. Van Zandt Memorial Research Grant was presented to Dr. Stephen Winn, assistant professor of sociology/anthropology, who will conduct research studies in Sweden this summer, analyzing raw data from the Swedish Institute for Social Research related to that country's wage structure by occupational categories, branches of industry and education.

The award will be given annually for research projects in the areas of social sciences or for projects with international implications and based on an original idea, according to Miss Van Zandt.

NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

CATHY G. McCUE, Secretary IV, College of Business; LEO R. RICE, carpenter, Medical School; NANCY JO MILES, Secretary II, Placement Office; HAMILTON A. MORRIS, building service worker, Twin Towers East; DENNIS ALLEN CASEY, BSW I, medical school, LOLA A. WELLMAN, Secretary I, psychiatry department; ANNE O'BRIEN, medical typist, work processing department.

Welcome to Marshall!

Phyllis Higley named nursing dean

Dr. Phyllis F. Higley, a New York state nursing educator, has been named dean of the Marshall University School of Nursing, Dr. Robert W. Coon, MU vice president for health sciences, announced.

Dr. Higley, who will assume the post in August with rank of professor, succeeds Dr. Virginia O. Allen, who resigned to accept an appointment with the National League for Nursing as director of the Associate Degree Programs Division.

Currently associate professor and director of graduate studies for the Health Education Professions Department at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo, Dr. Higley has filled a variety of teaching and administrative roles there since 1966.

As dean of Marshall's School of Nursing, she will be in charge of the associate and baccalaureate degree nursing programs as well as the school's continuing education component. She will be responsible to the vice president for health sciences.

"Not only is she a highly competent nursing educator, but she has been involved with one of the nation's most

Faculty, staff achievements. . .

NANCY P. HINDSLEY, cultural events coordinator, has an article on block booking of lecturers in the March issue of Talent Magazine, a publication of the International Platform Association. Also, she was appointed to the board of directors of the IPA's College, University, Community (CUC) division, and will conduct a panel discussion of block booking at the annual IPA meeting in August in Washington, D.C.

DR. RICHARD O. COMFORT, professor of sociology, attended the 13th annual conference of the National Council on Aging April 20-23 in Washington, D.C. He participated in several workshops dealing with senior centers, curricular programs for gerontology, and humanities and the aging. More than 2,000 delegates attending were addressed by several national leaders, including Sen. Edward Kennedy.

DR. WALTER FELTY, professor and chairman of the educational media department; DR. VIRGINIA PLUMLEY, associate professor, and ELEANOR TERRY, assistant professor, attended the Association for Educational Technology and Communications (AECT) Convention in Denver, Colo., April 19-23. Felty is the state affiliate's (WVEMA) newsletter editor; Dr. Plumley was on the convention planning committee and Miss Terry was a member of the awards committee.

Constitution amendments approved

Two amendments to the faculty constitution were approved in May, according to Registrar Robert Eddins.

One would provide for a faculty Budget and Appropriations Committee to serve in an advisory capacity in developing the university budget. Eddins said the University Council currently is working with the academic deans to ascertain the committee's membership.

The other amendment allows routine administrative title changes to be made in the constitution if the changes are provided the faculty at least 10 days before changes are made.

innovative allied health professions schools and has done considerable work in curriculum development," Dr. Coon said.

Dr. Higley holds the B.S. degree in nursing from D'Youville College, Buffalo, and earned her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from SUNY at Buffalo. Her professional career has not been limited to higher education as she has worked as a private duty nurse, hospital staff nurse and as a school nurse. Dr. Higley also has held National Science Foundation summer fellowships as a research nurse.

She has served as a consultant to a variety of organizations or programs including the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in its development of a physical therapy graduate program; to the University of California School of Medicine at San Francisco in its development of a teacher preparation program, and, most recently, to the American Medical Association's Allied Medical Professions and Services Department in the development of a curriculum manual and program evaluation.

At SUNY Dr. Higley developed a master's in education program for health occupations personnel. She also has conducted numerous federally-sponsored workshops dealing with clinical evaluation.

Three governors featured at Taft Government seminar

Three West Virginia governors are among the more than two dozen national, state and county political leaders and observers who will speak at the Robert A. Taft Institute of Government Seminar which began Monday, June 16 at Marshall University.

Gov. John D. Rockefeller IV and former governor Arch A. Moore Jr. will address the 31 state public school educators attending the three-week seminar on the American two-party system. Former governor Cecil H. Underwood spoke last week.

Sponsored by Marshall's Political Science Department and the Taft Institute, the seminar, a bi-partisan activity, is one of 36 being held this summer on campuses in 30 states.

Topics to be discussed range from "Grass Roots Politics" to "Presidential Politics" and "Politics and the Press." Speakers yet to appear are:

Chauncey H. Browning, state attorney general; Glen B. Gainer Jr., state auditor; A. James Manchin, secretary of state; Gus R. Douglass, state agriculture commissioner; U.S. Congressman Nick J. Rahall, Fourth District;

C. Joe Mullen, state economic and community development commissioner; State Senate Clerk Todd Willis; W. Joseph McCoy, state corrections commissioner; Dr. Leon H. Ginsberg, state welfare commissioner; Norman L. Fagan, state culture and history commissioner; Larrie Bailey, state treasurer, and C. Bosworth Johnson, MU associate professor of journalism.

MU President Robert B. Hayes will be the speaker for the awards banquet on July 2. His topic will be "The Politics of Higher Education."

William R. Ross, a former West Virginia University political science faculty member, and Dr. Troy M. Stewart Jr., MU associate professor of political science, are seminar co-directors.

Three to receive John Marshall Scholarships

Students from Wheeling, St. Albans and Marlinton have been selected as the recipients of Marshall University scholarships worth up to \$4,000 each, MU Provost Olen E. Jones Jr. announced today.

The three have been designated the first John Marshall Scholars under a new program designed to recognize academically outstanding high school graduates and to provide them assistance in attaining their educational goals at the university.

Selected were:

—William S. Brosche, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Brosche, 69 Virginia Park Road, Wheeling.

—Vicki A. Spurlock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross L. Spurlock, 2732 Lincoln Avenue, St. Albans.

—Gregory B. Friel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle C. Friel of Marlinton, Rt. 1.

The John Marshall Scholars each will receive \$1,000 awards annually, renewable up to four years providing they maintain 3.0 (B) academic averages in their work at Marshall.

The scholarships are made possible through grants from the Marshall Foundation under its Marshall Scholars Program in which major designated gifts ranging from \$8,000 to \$24,000 are solicited for that purpose. The funds then are invested and the proceeds are used to finance the scholarships, according to Dr. Bernard Queen, executive director of Marshall Foundation.

Dr. Karr to participate in White House conference

Dr. Carolyn Karr, professor of social studies at Marshall University, will participate in a conference at the White House on June 25 on the President's Rural Development Policy and the legislation which implemented it.

The Rural Development Policy, issued by the Carter Administration in 1979, is a set of initiatives and action proposals designed to enhance the quality of life in rural communities in the areas of health, education, energy, social services, housing and transportation.

The purpose for the conference, said Dr. Karr, is to critique the implementation of the Rural Initiatives

Legislation, and she will present a policy paper evaluating the legislation in Appalachia, particularly as it affects women in the region. She is a member of the board of directors of Rural American Women, a national organization which represents the needs and interests of women in rural areas, and will represent that group at the conference.

The conference will serve to critique the legislation implementing the president's development policy in terms of how well it is doing to meet the needs of rural communities and in what areas improvements can be made.

Footnotes to the university News Letter

Curtis Baxter, professor emeritus at Marshall University, has been named the 1980 Distinguished Humanist by the West Virginia Association for the Humanities.

The award is presented by the association to recognize those persons who represent the finest attributes of the humanistic spirit and who have contributed to the advancement of the humanities, according to John Stasny, association president and member of the West Virginia University English Department faculty.

A member of the Marshall English faculty from 1936 until his retirement in 1972, Baxter also served as manager of the Marshall Artists Series.

LEMKE RECEIVES DOCTORATE

W. Richard Lemke, Marshall University assistant professor of music and director of bands, has earned his Ph.D. degree in music from the University of Iowa.

Personnel personals. . .

John Hagy Jr., son of MU electrician JOHN B. HAGY, received congratulations from President and Mrs. Carter for graduating from Huntington High School. He plans to attend Marshall.

Proud of a family member's accomplishment? Is there a new baby at your house? Is there something you'd like to share with your colleagues? The News Letter's "Personnel Personals" is another channel open to you. Send your information to Ruth Nerenberg, University Relations, Old Main 102.

NEWS LETTER SCHEDULED AROUND HOLIDAY

All Marshall University offices will be closed and classes will not meet Friday, July 4, in recognition of the Independence Day holiday. The Faculty and Staff News Letter will appear Monday, July 7, when classes resume and offices reopen.

CALCULATOR DEADLINE APPROACHES

The deadline for submission of requisitions for desk-top calculators on scheduled purchase is June 26. They are to be submitted to Purchasing, Old Main, Room 206.