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.
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 411/511 Magazine Editing and Production Practicum, 4 cr.
   - CJ 491/492 Reading for Honors in Criminal Justice, 2 cr.

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 Arding, secretary.

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 491/492 Reading for Honors in Criminal Justice, 2 cr, add.

Regents B.A. coordinator is Dr. Bruce Arding

Dr. Bruce Arding, associate professor of English at Marshall University, has been appointed coordinator of the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree program at the university, according to the provost, Robert B. Hayes. Arding, 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. Arding 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 John J. RICE, MU's assistant provost, said.

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

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

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 facility has led a young Huntington resident to fund a research award at Marshall University in memory of her father.

The George W. Van Zandt 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 entice 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 and 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 thanking MU for being my alma mater 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. Van Zandt will be giving away grants to carry research for projects in the areas of social sciences or for projects with international implications and based on an original idea, according to Miss Van Zandt.
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 in August with rank of professor, succeeds Virginia Marshall, who resigned to accept an appointment with the rank of professor, succeeds Dr. Virginia S. Plumley, who has been named dean of the Sports Science and Physical Education Department at the University of California, San Francisco.

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 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, the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from SUNY at Buffalo. Her professional career has not been limited to higher education as she has also worked as a private duty 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 institutions, 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 in 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 200 national, state and county political leaders and observers who will speak at the Robert A. Taft Institute of Government Seminar which began Monday, June 25 at Marshall University.

Gov. John D. Rockefeller IV and former governor Arch A. Moore Jr. will address the approximately 300 educators attending the three-week seminar on the American two-party system. Former governor Cecil H. Underwood is another West Virginia contributor.

Sponsored by the Marshall Political Science Department and the Taft Institute, the bipartisan seminar 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 include: Chauncy H. Brown, state attorney general; Glen B. Gainer Jr., state auditor; A. James Manchin, secretary of state; Gus R. Douglas, agriculture commissioner; U.S. Congressman Nick J. Rahall, Fourth District, C. Joe Mullens, state economic and community development commissioner; Sen. Clerk Todd W. Williss; Joseph McCoy, state corrections commissioner; Dr. Leon H. Nimz, state welfare commissioner; Norman L. Fagan, state culture and history commissioner; Larry Bailey, state treasurer, and C. Bosworth John, new secretary of state.

The on-going goal of the West Virginia program is to achieve a specialized study in the conference.

LEMEKE 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.

John Hagy Jr., son of MU electrical engineer JOHN B. HAGY, received congratulations from President and Mrs. Carter for completing college from school. He plans to attend Marshall.

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. The new program is designed to recognize academically outstanding high school graduates and to provide them assistance in attaining their educational goals.

Selected were:

B. William Burch, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Burch, 69 Virginia Park Road, Wheeling.

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

John Hagy Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle C. Friel of Marlinton, Rt. 1.

The Marshall Scholarships each will receive $1,000 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 Scholar Program in which major designated gifts ranging from $10,000 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 for Development (RIDE) 1980.

LLOYD AMONG 12 AT SEMINAR

A Marshall University faculty member, Dr. Charles O. Lloyd, has been chosen as one of 12 participants in a National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar to be conducted at the University of Chicago June 23-August 16.

During the summer, he will study "Greek Values, Greco-Roman Power and the Interpretation of Greek Texts" under Arthur W. H. Adkins, professor of Greek, philosophy and early Christian literature at the University of Chicago.

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 be published Monday, July 7, when classes resume and offices reopen.

CALCULATOR DEADLINE APPROACHES

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