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Biological Sciences conducts state wetlands study

As part of an effort to protect rare and endangered plant species living in wetlands along the Kanawha and Ohio rivers, the Biological Sciences Department at Marshall University is participating in a two-year study of wetlands. The study is funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Wetlands have precarious, limited habitats, and frequently are the sites for rare species not found elsewhere," said Dr. Dan R. Evans, associate professor of biological sciences and grant director for the study.

"West Virginia does not have many wetlands," he said, "so we're eager to find out some things about the ones we have.

"We hope to have a definite enough study so that the Corps of Engineers can use the information in decisions concerning construction permits," Evans said. The Corps of Engineers is the agency which controls construction on and adjacent to the nation's waterways.

Now, they are sampling the vegetation in each of the wetlands to see which species are located in each, how common they are, and how consistently they appear. Evans said. The species will be analyzed at Marshall and added to the Biological Science Department's herbarium, a plant library.

The $21,000 grant from the Corps of Engineers is used for salaries for the students, equipment and transportation to help conferences on wetlands, Evans said. The money comes through the Marshall University Foundation, which also provides transportation to and from the sites. The study will be completed in August, 1981.

Page Pitt recuperating following surgery in June

Professor Emeritus W. Page Pitt reports he is still weak but gaining strength following surgery in June when his left leg was amputated.

"I'm able to move around via wheelchair in the neighborhood in which he and his wife, Virginia, live in Stuart, Florida. In a letter to University Relations Director Jim Cline, he added that he also goes out in a car and "I'm planning to do a little fishing.

The amputation came as a result of a vascular blockage in Pitt's left leg. Two operations conducted in an effort to save the leg May 29 were unsuccessful.

Dr. and Mrs. Pitt had been in Huntington April 30 before members of the couple's immediate families. After the operation, both Dr. and Mrs. Pitt were sent to the Hippocrates Hospital in Cincinnati for ceremonies dedicating the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism at Marshall in his honor. He founded the journalism program in 1926 and served as chairman and faculty member for 45 years before retiring in 1971.

Regents support dental insurance

The West Virginia Board of Regents is the first state agency to go on record as supporting the acquisition of dental insurance for its employees.

The Regents unanimously passed a resolution on Aug. 5 encouraging the Public Employees Insurance Board to pursue a dental insurance plan the insurance board presented an increasing number of requests for this year. The legislation died in a committee.

Regent Chairman Robert R. Ramsey noted that the idea for the resolution came from faculty and staff members across the state. "The idea came from them,

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Real estate courses approved by commission

Real estate courses offered by the Community College of Marshall University have been approved by the West Virginia Real Estate Commission as meeting the commission's educational requirements.

Dr. C. T. Peters, chancellor and dean of the Community College, announced that two courses, "Real Estate Principles and Practices" and "Real Estate Law," meet the 90-hour real estate sales requirement. In addition, "Real Estate Appraisal" and "Real Estate Finance" meet the 120-hour requirement for real estate brokers.

Marshall's Community College went on the state commission's list of approved schools effective Aug. 5.

Fred Bunch, chairman of the Real Estate Program Advisory Committee for the Community College, noted that requirements for real estate education and licensing began in West Virginia on July 1, and existing courses are now well established.

Renewal schedule announced for parking permits

The week of Aug. 25-29 has been set aside exclusively for the issuance of parking permits to faculty and staff members, and they are encouraged to renew parking permits by Aug. 29 to avoid the rush the first week of classes. Bonnie L. Lyle, administrative assistant/coordinator of parking and traffic, provided the schedule for renewing parking permits as follows:

- Aug. 18-22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., faculty, staff, and students;
- Aug. 23-26, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., faculty and staff;
- Sept. 2-5, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., faculty, staff, and students.

Parking fees may be paid in two six-month installments by Jan. 2 and July 1. Students in the first year of full-time study may use a student parking permit and the second on or before March 1. Decals will be dated and valid only for the period for which they are paid. Current parking permits expire Aug. 31.

Parking permits may be obtained from the Traffic and Parking Section of the Security Office Room 7-B, Old Main.

Invitation extended

President and Mrs. Robert B. Hayes cordially invite all current and former faculty and staff members and their guests to the Annual Faculty-Staff Party for an evening of visiting with friends, a light buffet and music by The Gentleman III on Friday, Sept. 12, from 8 to 11 p.m. in Memorial Student Center's Multi-Purpose Room.
Yates named sports information director

Charles M. "Mac" Yates, was named sports information director at Marshall Athletic Director Lynn Snyder. Yates assumed his new duties on July 14.

Yates, 28, succeeds John Evenson who resigned in May to take a position as assistant public director with the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football League. Yates received a B.S. degree in communications from Ohio University in 1973. He was sports information director for the Ohio State University College of Agriculture, and the Columbus City Lights minor league baseball team.

"We are extremely pleased that Mac Yates has accepted the position of sports information director at Marshall," Snyder said. "He was selected for the position from more than 50 applicants and we believe he possesses the experience and enthusiasm necessary to head an outstanding sports information department."

Yates worked in sales and promotion for Westinghouse Electric Supply in Anaheim, Calif., from 1974 to 1976. He then served one year with County Line Wholesale Electric in Buena Park, Calif., before enrolling as a graduate student intern at Ohio State University in 1977. He received his M.A. degree in athletic administration from Ohio State in June. Yates said: "I am looking forward to being back in a section of the country where I grew up. I have lived with Marshall since 1969, and I feel very comfortable with the university and the area."

Yates is married to the former Kristy Mann of Westerville, Ohio. They have an infant daughter, Kacey.

CPS courses offered by Community College

Two of the review courses, Economics and Management and Office Procedures and Administration, will be offered in the fall 1980 semester for continuing education credit, said Robert Lawson, continuing education director.

Review courses for the other four parts, Behavioral Sciences, Technical Writing, Computer Programming, and Secretarial Skills and Decision Making, will be offered in future semesters.

Those wishing to enroll in the review courses may contact Lawson at 969-3646. Those wishing applications for the examination should write to the Institute for Certifying Professionalism, P.O. Box 2400, P.O. Box 2400, San Diego, Calif. 92112.

Doris Hardesty elected to national DECA office

A Marshall University senior in marketing and distributive education has been elected to a national office in the Distributive Education Clubs of America.

Doris Hardesty, daughter of Mr. VI Hardesty of St. Albans, was chosen North Atlantic Representative to the DECA national Program Development Council, according to Margaret Zelinko, MU assistant professor of Occupational and Adult Education.

Each of the six parts of the exam constitutes one eight-week review course, and two review courses are offered each semester through the Community College's continuing education division, Mrs. Overholt said.

BOS JOHNSON, associate professor of journalism, was elected chairman of the West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority, which operates the state's public radio stations.

DR. MAURICE A. MUFSON, professor of medicine and department chairman, spoke last month to the Second Brazilian Congress on Pediatric Infectious Diseases, which was held in Sao Paulo. Invited to participate, Mufson made three papers: "Mumps: Risk Factors in the Group," "Progress in Veterinary Respiratory Viruses," and "Immunizations." The Sao Paulo daily newspaper reported on his remarks.

DR. HOWARD C. PRICE, associate professor of chemistry, has been notified that a patent was issued on a chemical process he invented. The game is a test of player concentration and spatial orientation skills and has been test-marketed in limited edition locally under the name "Ex-Cube-Them."

DR. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, professor and Management Department chairman, was appointed to the Huntington Area Labor Management Board. He also conducted two training sessions on July 27 and Aug. 3 for the board game he invented. The game is a test of player concentration and spatial orientation skills and has been test-marketed in limited edition locally under the name "Ex-Cube-Them."