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MU faculty and staff achievements, activities...

DR. KATHERINE W. SIMPKINS, associate professor of curriculum and foundations, spoke to 100 members of Delta Kappa Gamma Oct. 4 on "Education in Denmark and Appalachia." The meeting was at the YMCA in Huntington.

DR. WARREN W. WOODEN, professor of English, DR. LORAIN DUKE and DR. JOHN MCKERNAN, associate professors of English, and DR. JOAN F. GILLILAND, assistant professor of English, attended the annual South Atlantic Modern Language Association meeting in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 6-8. As part of the conference program, Wooden delivered a paper, "Foxe, Milton, and the Martyrs: 'The Acts and Monuments' and 'Samson Agonistes,'" and McKernan presented one entitled "Metrical Models: A Study of the Influence of the Versification in Milton's 'Paradise Regained' upon Wordsworth's 'The Prelude.'" Dr. Gilliland organized and chaired a section on "The Miltoic Continuity."

DR. JOSEPH S. LASCASCIA, professor and Economics Department chairman, NICHOLAS C. KONTOS, and DR. WENDELL SWEETSER, JR., both assistant professors of economics, attended the annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association in Washington, D.C., Nov. 5-7.

DR. WILLIAM SCHMITT, assistant professor of family practice, has been admitted to the West Virginia University doctoral program in educational administration. He is enrolled in classes at Marshall.

DR. PAUL W. WHEAR, professor of music and composer-in-residence, composed four pieces recently recorded by the Youngstown (Ohio) State University Wind Ensemble on an album entitled "The Compositions of Paul Whear." Released by Golden Crest Records of New York as part of its "Authenticated Composer Series," the record includes Whear's "Enterprise Overture," "Symphony No. 4," "Of This Time" and "Celebration XXV." MU alumnus Robert Fleming, professor of music and bands director at Youngstown, directs the ensemble on the album.

DR. HOWARD A. SLAATTE, professor and Philosophy Department chairman, has been included in the fifth edition of "Who's Who in the World," published Nov. 15 by Marquis Who's Who, Inc.

Research grant procedure established

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Recent funding regulations will continue, i.e., funds will be of the type to pay the investigator rather than expenses or equipment. The month of June would be the ordinary time period.

Questions may be directed to the chairman or members of the Research Board: Donald Williams, Robert Maddox, June Kilgore, Dewey Sanderson, David Koontz, Helene Hill, Troy Stewart, Bruce Ardinger, Thomas Weeks, Ralph Hall, Clayton McNearney and Sallie Plymale.

Personnel personals...

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.

DR. JABIR A. ABBAS, professor of political science, participated in a panel discussion on "The Iraq/Iran War and the Potential for World War III" at West Virginia Institute of Technology Nov. 6. Other panel members were Dr. Hassan A. Zavareei, WVIT associate professor of economics, and Dr. Stephen Legeay, WVIT instructor of sociology. Moderator was Bob Baker, WVIT professor of social sciences. On Nov. 8, Abbas was interviewed by a United Press International reporter who had attended the panel discussion concern the war in the Middle East.

DR. LEONARD J. DEUTSCH, associate professor of English, attended a meeting of the Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS) in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 6-7. He served as secretary and panelist, and was elected next year's chairman.

DON ROBERTSON, student affairs specialist, and GAIL DISABATINO, advisor for student activities and organizations, attended the Great Lakes Regional Conference of the National Entertainment and Campus Activities Association in Kalamazoo, Mich. They presented sessions on "Training Resident Advisers as Programmers," "Physical Fitness," "A Step Toward Professional Renewal" and "Alcohol Awareness: Responsible Drinking."

WILLIAM J. RADIG, assistant professor of accounting, spoke on "The Financial Aspects of Marriage" at a pre-marriage seminar Nov. 9 at Sacred Heart Church in Huntington.

DR. RAYMOND L. BUSBEE, director of park resources and leisure services for the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association annual meeting in Wheeling Nov. 11-13. The presentation was entitled, "Crisis! Compulsory Recreation and Park Association College and University Curricula Accreditation."

DR. HOWARD C. PRICE, associate professor of chemistry, is the author of an article, "R,S Designation of Fischer Projections: The Vertical-4-Verity Rule," which appeared in the October edition of Biochemical Education.

DR. JAMES W. HARLESS, director of admissions, was elected to the American College Testing Program Corporate Development Committee at the Annual meeting in Iowa City, Iowa, Nov. 12-13. He has been a member of the corporate board representing West Virginia since 1974.

Task force hearing scheduled

The Presidential Task Force on Meeting the Needs of Handicapped Students will conduct the last of a series of hearings this week, according to Dr. Nell C. Bailey, dean of Student Affairs.

At 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22, all administrators are invited to come and discuss concerns regarding handicapped students at Marshall.

Those wishing to speak will have three minutes, after which the task force will have three minutes to ask questions or to respond. Soon after the beginning of the next semester, the task force will prepare its report and submit the report to President Hayes.

Administrators are urged to attend this last hearing.

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Grant awarded

Medical School receives \$142,312 cancer research grant

The Marshall University School of Medicine has received a \$142,312 grant from the American Cancer Society to support a cancer research program of Dr. Helene Z. Hill, associate professor of biochemistry, said Dean Robert W. Coon.

"It is a distinct honor for Dr. Hill and for Marshall that we have been awarded this two-year grant," Dr. Coon said. "It is confirmation of the quality of our faculty research program. It means that despite our infancy as a school we can compete nationally with other schools whose reputations were established long ago," he added.

According to Dr. Hill, her project, "The Role of DNA Repair in the Therapeutic Responses of Melanoma," is based on the premise that it is necessary to understand

the fundamental characteristics of cancer cells if better treatment strategies are to be designed.

Her research, she explained, is not designed specifically to uncover a cancer cure, but to provide information that may lead to a better understanding in order to develop more satisfactory treatment methods.

"To talk in terms of a single cancer cure is totally unrealistic," the biochemist said. "Cancer is not one disease. There are more than 100 different forms of it and probably more than 1,000 causes," she noted.

"There just aren't any hard and fast rules," Dr. Hill said. "We may find truths about one cancer cell, but these do not necessarily carry over to other cancer cells."

Applications available for 1981 summer research

The Marshall University Research Board is announcing the 1981 summer research opportunities. Faculty may apply by securing application forms and guidelines from

the Graduate School office. Policy statements also are available.

At the same time, announcement is being made of the George M. Van Zandt Memorial Research Grant in the amount of \$2,000. The recipient of this grant will be chosen from among the applicants in the Social Sciences category and preference will be given to those engaged in an international research experience.

The deadline for submission of the completed applications to the Graduate School office is Feb. 16, 1981.

Suggestions received last spring concerning criteria and procedure have been carefully reviewed, and in some cases adopted. Applicants should develop and present their written applications with care, according to Dr. Paul D. Stewart, Graduate School dean and Research Board chairman.

"It is not known at this time the extent to which recipients may be funded. We are proceeding with the hope that some funding will be possible in addition to the Van Zandt Award," Stewart said.

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EXXON FOUNDATION ASSISTS MARSHALL

G. L. May, right, general manager of Monterey Coal Co., presents a \$2,500 Exxon Education Foundation check to Marshall University President Robert B. Hayes for the MU Foundation. Monterey Coal Co., which has developed a large mining operation in nearby Wayne County, is a subsidiary of Carter Oil Co., whose parent firm is Exxon Co. USA. Marshall Foundation Executive Director Bernard Queen said the unrestricted gift will be placed in the Foundation's "University's Greatest Needs" account.

IT'S PARTY TIME!

President and Mrs. Robert B. Hayes invite all university employees—current and retired—and their families to a Christmas party from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in the Memorial Student Center Multi-Purpose Room. There will be a visit from Santa Claus, music and light refreshments.

Departmental head selection survey results told

The following is to correct editing errors in previously-published survey results. The survey was on selecting departmental chairman by faculty members within the department, and was conducted by the Faculty Personnel Committee.

College	Number of full-time faculty	Number returning ballots	Percent returning ballots	Number for	Percent* for	Number against	Percent* against	Number neutral
Business	45	23	51.1	16	70	7	30	0
Community	20	10	50.0	8	80	2	20	0
Education	89	49	55.1	34	69	14	29	1
Liberal Arts	145	83	57.2	70	84	10	12	3
Medical	70	40	57.1	12	30	28	70	0
Nursing	22	15	68.2	12	80	3	20	0
Science	60	34	56.7	32	94	1	3	1
Total	451	254	56.3	184	72.4	65	25.6	5

*Percentage of returned ballots

Virginia Plumley
Graduate School Representative
Faculty Personnel Committee

Footnotes to the Marshall University News Letter

Bookstore Manager Joe Vance said the remaining items from the annual Christmas sale will be moved to the bookstore on the Memorial Student Center main floor on Monday, Dec. 8.

Vance said a good selection of Christmas cards, ribbon, bows, wrapping paper and party supplies is still available at 40 percent off the regular price. Basically, sale items include everything for Christmas except individual cards.

The sale has been going on for several weeks in the bookstore's textbook section.

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE

Those planning to use Marshall's housing and dining services next summer for conferences are asked to contact the Student Housing Office by March 1, according to Ray Welty, assistant director of housing.

During the summer months, the housing office makes its housing, meals and meeting and conference rooms available to organized groups who wish to hold workshops and conferences at Marshall.

Anyone planning to schedule such an activity between May 18 and Aug. 23 should contact Student Housing in Room 115 Old Main (ext. 6765) before March 1.

ONE-ACT PLAYS SCHEDULED

Marshall University students in an advanced acting class taught by Dr. Elaine A. Novak, MU professor of speech, will present four one-act, off-Broadway plays at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, in Old Main Auditorium.

The program, which is almost virtually student-produced, is free and open to the public, according to Dr. Novak, who also serves as University Theatre director.

The shows are "A Fugue for Eight Actors," written by Jean-Claude van Itallie; "The Acrobats" by Israel Horowitz; "Lou Gehrig Did Not Die of Cancer" by Jason Miller, and "Birdbath" by Leonard Melfi.

REGISTRAR'S HOURS EXPANDED

To accommodate the needs of students who do not come on campus until after 4:30 p.m., the registration section of the Registrar's Office has extended its hours.

Registrar Robert Eddins said the new hours are 8 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

Former psychology professor, Dr. Alexander Darbes, dies

A former MU associate professor of psychology, Dr. Alexander J. Darbes, 61, of Akron, Ohio, died there on Nov. 22.

Darbes, a 1947 graduate of Case Western Reserve University, taught at Marshall from 1957 until 1963. Most recently, he taught psychology at the University of Akron.

He is survived by a son, Chris, of Akron, and four daughters, Mrs. Donna McGhee of St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Mary Olsen of Fairchild, Iowa, and Lynae and Tasha Darbes, both of Akron.

Taft Institute receives federal funding

The Robert A. Taft Institute of Government, which has sponsored a political education seminar on Marshall's campus for public school teachers each summer since 1973, has received a \$3.75 million federal appropriation to assist its program.

Recently signed into law by President Carter, the legislation provides for annual appropriations of \$750,000 over a five-year period to be matched by private contributions to the Taft Institute, according to the Institute President Marilyn Chelstrom.

A bi-partisan program, the practical politics seminars are designed to help teachers improve their knowledge and teaching of American democracy and its supporting two-party system.

"Our democratic society requires knowledgeable citizens putting forth efforts to demand quality leadership," Ms. Chelstrom said. The entire country depends on teachers to prepare their students as future voters to assume their individual responsibilities in the political process, she added.

Since 1969, West Virginia has hosted the three-week seminar which features national, state, county and local political leaders and political observers as teachers, according to Dr. Troy M. Stewart Jr., associate professor of political science and director for the MU program.

Last year's seminar at Marshall was one of 36 such programs on the American two-party political process held in 30 states, but which drew teachers from all 50 states, Stewart noted.

Holiday celebrated with Handel's 'Messiah'

Marshall University's Music Department will herald in the holiday season with two performances of the Christmas section of Handel's "Messiah" by the combined choirs and University Symphony.

The first of the two free, public concerts is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in Smith Recital Hall on the campus, according to Dr. Paul Balshaw, MU professor of music and department chairman. The second presentation will be given at 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, in the Central Christian Church, 1202 5th Ave.

"The concert at Central Christian marks the first time

that the combined choirs and symphony have appeared in a local church," Balshaw said.

"Moreover, the Music Department is pleased to be part of the Central Christian Church's celebration of its reconstruction and renovation project," the department chairman added. "We extend our appreciation to Miss Peggy Henderson who coordinated the concert arrangements and the post-concert reception Sunday for the audience and performers."

Directing the chorus, which is composed of Marshall's A Cappella Choir, Symphonic Choir, Master Chorale and Tri-State Area singers, will be Dr. Wendell Kumlien, MU professor of music.

Virtuosos Treger and Watts to perform Tuesday

Violin and piano virtuosos Charles Treger and Andre Watts will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Keith-Albee Theatre as part of the Marshall Artists Series' Baxter (Community) Series.

For those who do not hold season tickets, individual tickets may be purchased at the Marshall Artists Series Office, located in Memorial Student Center 2W38, or reserved by calling the office at (304) 696-6656, according to Mrs. Nancy Hindsley, MU cultural events coordinator.

Reserved seats are available at \$15, \$13 and \$10 as well as special youth seats, located in the balcony, which

may be purchased at \$5 each by youth age 17 and under. Marshall students with I.D. and Activity cards will be admitted free.

Tuesday's program will include Schubert's "Rondo Brilliant for Violin and Piano in B Minor, Opus 70;" Beethoven's "Sonata in A Major, Opus 47 (Kreutzer)," Debussy's "Sonata No. 3 in G. Minor," and Brahms' "Sonata in D Minor, Opus 108."

"Mr. Treger and Mr. Watts, each of whom enjoy renown as solo performers, have received audience and critical acclaim from coast to coast as a duo," Mrs. Hindsley said.

Excused absences...

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

Nov. 19-22-Volleyball team.
Dec. 5-Jazz-Percussion Ensemble.

International students party set Sunday

International students, their families, host families, and friends are cordially invited to the International Holiday Tea from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:
BILLIE JEAN KNIGHT, keypunch operator II, Computer Center; CAROLYN O'LYNN, accounting clerk II, Accounting; CHARLES E. HOOSER, building mechanic, Plant Operations; JOHN J. ZIZZO, financial affairs coordinator, School of Medicine; JOAN TALENTINOW, secretary, dean's office, School of Medicine; MARIE M. SPRADLING, accounting clerk, Financial Affairs; PAMELA SUE HAMMOND, clerk II, Security.
Welcome to Marshall!