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Magazine rates U among nation's best values

By Jim Davis

WVU continues to make the grade when it comes to providing quality education at a reasonable price.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine has included WVU in its rankings of the nation's top 100 colleges and universities that offer the best values in education. The University is 96th in the rankings, featured in Kiplinger's September issues already on the newsstands.

WVU President David Hardesty Jr. said the Kiplinger ranking is good news for everyone who works at WVU. "The fact that we are a top value in terms of quality and costs speaks volumes about the people who teach and work at this University. It is their dedication to excellence that has resulted in this very positive national ranking."

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill tops the list, followed by the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary. Other peer institutions included in the rankings are Rutgers University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Maryland and Ohio State University.

Kiplinger's arrived at its rankings by first focusing on 600 public four-year colleges and universities "where students can graduate with a high-caliber education but without a mortgage-size debt," according to Kristin Davis' article that appears with the rankings.

That list was narrowed to 200 schools that tend to offer the best education because they are most in demand by academically strong students and can, therefore, be more selective in their recruitment. The magazine whittled that list down to 100 after looking at the schools' graduation rates, the percentage of freshmen who return, SAT scores, admission rates and computer and library resources.

The 100 schools that remained were then ranked based on those same quality measures and several financial factors, including total cost, forms of financial aid available and the average amount of money a student must borrow to graduate.

Hardesty said that while the Kiplinger ranking may not affect this fall's enrollment, the University's freshman class will be "bursting at the seam" when school opens in two weeks.

Total enrollment will depend on retention from last year and upperclass enrollment, but Hardesty said he is very happy about the news of a strong freshman class. "This is a result of Operation Jump Start, better advertising, good work in enrollment services and the efforts of WVU faculty and staff who are being very sensitive to our enrollment challenges."

WVU offers 166 bachelor's, master's, doctoral and professional degree programs to more than 22,000 students. Annual tuition is \$2,482 for resident undergraduate students and \$7,666 for out-of-state undergraduate students.

Kiplinger's is the second national magazine this year to recognize WVU for its value. The University was listed in the second (1999) edition of America's 100 Best College Buys, published by John Culler & Sons of Camden S.C.

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WVU to roll out blue, gold carpet at State Fair

By Karen Zeller

Those planning to visit the 74th annual West Virginia State Fair in Lewisburg Aug. 14-22 should stop in a new WVU attraction called "Mountaineer Country."

While WVU has always had a strong presence at the state's biggest fair, its appearance this year will be even more exciting, said Denny Godfrey, WVU Extension division leader.

"This year, WVU has its own building called 'Mountaineer Country,' in a main part of the fairgrounds," Godfrey said. "Inside, fair-goers can discover a range of educational and hands-on learning opportunities provided by the University from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily."

In addition to the many departments, colleges and schools with displays, there will be a mini-computer lab set up by WVU Academic Computing to model the latest in technological advances.

Even more exciting, Godfrey said, will be interactive audio and television hook-ups between the fairgrounds and various WVU sites.

"From 11 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, on the hour, every hour, fair-goers can stop by 'Mountaineer Country' and ask questions of various WVU representatives including WVU President David C. Hardesty Jr., Assistant Head Football Coach "Doc" Holliday, and Mike Yura, director of WVU's new Forensic Identification Program. The interactive satellite hook-up will enable both parties to see one another and talk directly," Godfrey said.

The WVU School of Journalism plans an interactive display, too. Visitors to this booth can have their photographs placed on the front page of a mock newspaper.

Their photo, taken with a digital camera, will be electronically scanned into the publication, Godfrey said. "The newspaper, which they can take with them, will contain real information about the school, so that the publication will be useful, fun and a great way to showcase the latest in media technology," he said.

An alternative fuels race car will be on display from WVU's College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, and a poison control specialist will be available to answer questions.

Outside of Mountaineer Country will be a special Mountaineer Market where a range of WVU-style products will be on sale.

Activities provided by other vendors during the week include stunt shows, agricultural exhibits, arts and crafts shows, food and more.

For more information, call 293-8021, or log-on to the State Fair website at www.wvstatefair.com.

A complete schedule of the interactive video system participants and the times they will be available to answer questions can be obtained by calling Karen Zeller, 293-5520.

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Faculty leader explains U governing board

By Sophia Blaydes

(Editor's Note: The Board of Trustees and its advisory councils will meet on campus Aug. 27-28.) What is the Board of Trustees and what does it do?

Some of the BOT's activities are determined by statute, some by policy, and some by practice.

What follows is probably for some of you more than you ever wanted to know and could have lived happily without knowing. For the rest, well, now you know.

The BOT is part of the University System of West Virginia that was designed to serve the state from post-secondary education through post-graduate studies. It includes: Marshall University, Potomac State College of WVU, West Virginia Graduate College, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, WVU, and WVU-Parkersburg.

The University System provides undergraduate education and graduate and professional programs. It oversees basic and applied research through academic departments and research centers that contribute to new knowledge and to the state's economic development. It also reaches out to all in the state through a wide range of public-service opportunities designed to address social, economic, and cultural needs. Finally, it contributes to improved health care through its coordinated program of health-sciences education and health-care delivery.

The BOT is charged with the stewardship of the University System. All but three of its members are appointed by the governor. Currently, the chair of the BOT is David G. Todd who is vice president for external affairs for the Arch Coal Company in Huntington; the vice chair is Cathy M. Armstrong, who is an attorney with the firm Thorp, Reed & Armstrong; and the secretary is Dr. Ron D. Stollings of Madison. Other appointed members are Richard M. Adams who chairs United Bankshares and United National Bank in Parkersburg, Phyllis H. Arnold who is President and CEO of One Valley Bank National Association in Charleston, John R. Hoblitzell, who is an attorney with Kay, Casto, Chaney, Love & Wise in Charleston; Lucia B. James of Charleston, J. Thomas Jones, who is chief executive director and CEO of St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, Dr. Sharon B. Lord of Charleston, A. Michael Perry, who chairs and is CEO of Banc One West Virginia Corporation in Huntington, Joseph W. Powell of Scott Depot, and Bruce M. Van Wyk, who is president of Van Wyk Enterprises in Martinsburg. The three who are not appointed by the governor chair the three Advisory Councils: Derek H. Anderson of Charleston of the Advisory Council of Students, Paul R. Martinelli of WVU of the Advisory Council of Classified Employees, and me.

The ex officio members are the Chancellor of the State College System, currently Dr. Clifford M. Trump, and the state superintendent of schools, currently Dr. Henry R. Marockie.

Finally, the chancellor, currently Dr. Charles W. Manning, leads the system. He is an extension of the Board, but he does not administer the institutions.

Among the principles for the System's operations is the belief that through its corporate leadership it oversees the institutions who are its main operating units and principally administrate themselves. The BOT grants them maximum flexibility to create, initiate, nurture, and change within the mission and policies established by the Board. It leads through special initiatives in focused areas where it exercises more direct oversight, and it resolves differences among the institutions.

Institutions bring to the BOT for their information or consideration those initiatives or actions that may affect significantly its mission or its capital, operative, or personnel budgets.

Through its annual approval of campus budgets, audits of expenditures against the budgets, policy-compliance reviews, and reports to the governor and the Legislature, the BOT exercises its responsibility for the institutions' accountability.

Among the policies guiding the BOT is Senate Bill 377 (WV Code §18B-1-1a) that spells out the six statutory goals for higher education. They include the following injunctions: That students have better preparation in high school to meet college standards that they must learn about before entering the tenth grade; that more students receive an education beyond high school in order to improve themselves and the state's economy; that students be able to compete for jobs demanding levels of education and skills that have surpassed former requirements; that resources focus on programs with opportunities for students and job creation; that faculty and technology be combined so that higher education is more productive in the state; and that salaries for faculty, staff, and administrators be at competitive levels to attract and keep good people.

In addition, the BOT adopted on Nov. 3, 1995, a mission statement and eight principles that reaffirm their role in higher education. Seminal to the mission is the BOT's purpose to be a force in individual, community, and economic development and citizenship through education, training, research, service, and leadership. Implied in the mission and explicit in the principles of higher education is the need to prepare people for life's work; to increase educational opportunities and standards; to create partnerships and mergers of programs, administrative services, and institutions where they will result in higher quality and greater efficiency; to measure results; to transform education through technology; to reward strategic change; to support faculty and staff when they bring about strategic change; and to seek additional resources through partnerships with government, the private sector, and the community.

All of the above not only defines and describes the BOT but it also begins to explain some of the impetus behind SB 547, the severance plan of two years ago, and WVU's downsizing, mergers both on and off the main campus.

I'll be keeping you informed on the meetings of the BOT and the ACF through my regular monthly column. Any questions? Contact me at 293-3107 ext. 431 or sblayde@wvu.edu.

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Staff rep discusses issues of concern

By Hayward Helmick

Having enjoyed vacation time, one looks forward to returning to work with renewed vigor.

However, this is one vacation during which we should have gone to the beach instead of spending time around the farm. The old saying 'trouble comes in threes' certainly played true for me, except for me trouble came in tens. In fact, my wife said if I didn't go back to work soon, I'd have every piece of farm equipment we owned broken.

Congratulations to our new members, and I welcome back our current members re-elected to council. Thanks for the vote of confidence in returning officers for another year. We have many tasks before us this year, the outcomes of which will affect you, your career and WVU. We have a good mix of representation throughout the campus who are very diverse in knowledge, have common goals and have the desire to serve.

Having outlined to council some of the many issues which are expected to surface, I fear some members may second guess what they got themselves into. Serving on Staff Council is a lengthy educational process, but the rewards are worthwhile. But council members cannot resolve many of these issues singularly. We need, and will seek, your help and input.

Here are some issues of concern, in no particular order:

- Salary schedule—What do you want? What's achievable? When? How will changes affect OB-62 personnel classification policy (1994)?
- Series 31—Classified employees (1996). Guidelines covering HEAT language inserted into SB-377. This policy is very important because it covers issues such as work schedules, part-time employees, appointments or promotions, probationary periods and compensatory/overtime provisions.
- Series 37—Layoff policy. Not approved by legislators. We don't need one anyway. We have a no-layoff commitment from the board and institution. We do have a WVU reassignment policy.
- WV Code 18B-9-10—Catastrophic Leave. There is no board policy. We only have each institution's and the law. We need one policy that is consistent.
- WV Code 18B-9-9—Additional employment. Are there no reasonable hours to work an exempt employee over their normal work week without compensation?
- PB 35—Employee leave policy (1987). Last draft copy for revision was Nov. 1996. This is the policy which established guidelines for all types of leave including catastrophic leave for all institutions to follow.
- Employee handbook—The 1987 West Virginia Board of Regents Classified Handbook is still the official handbook. Legislative action and other changes which since have occurred does require revisions. Last board action was Sept. 1996/April 1998.

Would you like to help the committee's assigned to the review and make recommendations to any of the above? If so, call the office.

Remember. All personnel laws must be strictly construed in favor of employees (Morgan Vs. Pizzino).

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News for retired faculty

By Sophia Blaydes

- Much of the *Handbook for Retired and Senior Faculty* that I wrote and distributed to all retired and senior faculty in 1994 is now on-line and may be found at <http://www.wvu.edu/~acadaff/srtable.htm>
- For those retired faculty who have not yet done so, please use the Towers' facility for your new identification cards. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn McDaniels, who is in charge of the office.
- The first workshop of the semester will be on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the Jerry West Lounge. The topic is alternative medical care, and Dr. Reena Varghese of Health Sciences will be our resource. Remember, no pre-registration is requested, refreshments will be served, and it will be videotaped.

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Forensic psychiatrist joins WVU faculty

John Justice, MD, a trained forensic psychiatrist, has joined the department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry.

Forensic psychiatry is the study of the relationship between mental health and law. Dr. Justice will provide assessment of patients, expert testimony and other services to assist patients, attorneys and law enforcement.

As director of the division of forensic psychiatry, Justice will divide his practice between William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital in Weston and Chestnut Ridge Outpatient Services in Morgantown, said James M. Stevenson, MD, professor and chair.

Forensic psychiatry is one of the fastest growing areas of psychiatry, he said, adding “Our faculty has been unable to meet the demand for expert testimony and broad based diagnostic interviews. Dr. Justice will move us forward in this important area and at the same time help us address program issues at Sharpe Hospital with its current forensic population.”

A West Virginia native and 1993 graduate of the WVU School of Medicine, Justice received his general psychiatry and forensic training at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

He will be available for consultation or referral in cases involving personal injury, medical malpractice, criminal competency and sanity, worker’s compensation, social security, fitness for duty evaluation, discrimination, domestic relations, workplace trauma, sexual harassment, post traumatic stress disorder, the Americans with Disability Act, juvenile evaluations, guardianship, testamentary capacity of wills, deeds and contracts and correctional consultation.

Justice will provide assessment and evaluations at Chestnut Ridge Outpatient Services, Morgantown.

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Wife of former President Irvin Stewart dies

The wife of former WVU President Irvin Stewart, Florence D. Stewart, died July 27 of a cardiovascular disorder in Washington, D.C.'s Shibley Memorial Hospital.

WVU President David C. Hardesty fondly remembers Florence Stewart from his college days, stating she will be greatly missed by many.

"Dr. and Mrs. Stewart were on campus when I was a student," Hardesty said. "Like me, thousands of West Virginia students, faculty and staff mourn her passing. Her grace and charm went a long way toward building the University into what it is today. She will be sorely missed by the entire WVU community. Our sympathies also are extended to her son Richard, who was a student here in the mid-1950s, serving as WVU's student body president and our 14th Rhodes Scholar."

Florence Stewart, 95, was a lifelong Washington resident who was active in community housing organizations there and in New York. A native of New York, she graduated from Barnard College and received a master's degree in psychology from American University.

While living in Washington for most of the 1930s, she served as secretary of the then newly formed Housing Committee of the Washington Council of Social Agencies and as executive director of the Washington Housing Authority.

In addition to other tasks, she compiled a report on housing conditions in the alleys of some of the district's poorest neighborhoods.

In 1937, she moved to New York and became executive director of the Citizens Housing Council of New York.

During World War II, she returned to Washington to work as the community relations director for the Federal Public Housing Authority.

In that capacity, she helped to arrange housing accommodations for workers displaced because of the war effort.

After a 12-year stay at WVU, she returned to Washington where she has lived since 1967. She was a member of the Women's National Democratic Club and was active in its economics committee.

Her husband of 64 years, Irvin Stewart died in 1990.

One of WVU's most popular presidents, Irvin Stewart was also WVU's longest tenured leader serving July 1, 1946-Aug. 25, 1958.

Survivors include their son Richard of Chapel Hill, N.C.

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High ed leader: intergrate research, teaching

By **Tim Terman**

A leader in higher education last week told a group of department chairpersons that research should be more closely integrated into the curriculum and that the reward system for faculty should support such integration.

Speaking at a chairperson development seminar at the Erickson Alumni Center on Aug. 5, Charles Glassick said faculty should "build a culture of inquiry" in order to improve both teaching and research. He said that as a Research I university, WVU is positioned to take advantage of its many scholarly investigations by incorporating them into the school's teaching mission.

It won't work in many cases, he said, but researchers should look for ways to carry research over into the classroom. "Every good researchers has 1,000 questions," he said, "but no time to follow them. What we can do is to make a list of the things that fascinate us and work with undergraduates to look at them. We can team them up with graduate students to lead them into a culture of inquiry."

This was one of many suggestions Dr. Glassick made during a day-long session, introduced by WVU President David Hardesty Jr. who, last spring, created a Commission on Undergraduate Standards and Expectations led by Physics Professor Carl Rotter, Provost Gerald Lang and Student Administration President Adam Green.

The effort responds to issues raised by the Boyer Commission on Educating Undergraduates in the Research University, which recently published *Reinventing Undergraduate Education: A Blueprint for America's Research Universities*. Glassick was interim president of the Boyer Commission after Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, died in 1995. He assisted Dr. Boyer in preparing major Carnegie reports including *Campus Life: In Search of Community* and *Scholarship Reconsidered: Priorities of the Professoriate*. He is co-author of *Scholarship Assessed*.

Glassick said a faculty reward system based simply on the number of scholarly papers published does not contribute to a strong teaching environment. "Nothing is more important to change than the faculty reward system," he said.

Glassick also said that professors need to take part in the "profession of teaching." There is, he said, much teaching theory, a group knowledgeable in these theories and many publications dedicated to dissemination of this knowledge -- three criterion for defining a profession. However, faculty are not, by and large, paying attention to these ideas.

Students' study habits are worth considering, too, he said. Although most literature will say that two hours should be spent in study for every hour spent in class, in reality, students spend only .3 hours studying for every hour they spend in class.

Glassick spent two days on campus, and also met with deans and leadership of the Faculty Senate.

"Dr. Glassick's participation in our chairperson development sessions was very helpful as we move into a study of academic standards at WVU," said C. B. Wilson, associate provost faculty development. "Some of the concepts from his book are already being used around campus."

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Common sense parenting talk salted for Aug. 19

George Pransky, Ph.D., an expert on family and other relationships, will offer a free talk to parents, teachers and others who work with children from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 19 in the Main Auditorium of the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center.

“With all the complicated, conflicting messages about parenting we are fortunate to have a nationally recognized speaker like Dr. Pransky who brings simplicity and common sense back to parenting. His work has proved invaluable to parents, teachers and therapists alike. I think you will find him to be an entertaining presenter with a unique and valuable message,” said Robert D’Alessandri, MD, WVU’s vice president for health sciences.

Pransky is a licensed marriage and family counselor. He is the author of two books, *The Relationship Handbook* and *The Renaissance of Psychology*, plus an audiotape series called *Common Sense Parenting*.

He has agreed to donate copies of the tape series to local agencies whose teachers, therapists or social workers attend the lecture if the agencies will use them to help parents. For more information, call 293-0410.

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WVU indoor practice facility completed

By **Jim Davis**

WVU's football, baseball and men's and women's soccer teams will now have a place to practice when the weather refuses to cooperate.

A 75,000-square-foot indoor practice facility beside Mountaineer Field is finished, about a year after construction started on the project, said Matt Wilfong, athletic facilities manager.

"This will greatly enhance our program, especially in recruiting," Wilfong said of the \$6.3 million facility, which will be open for viewing to members of the media today.

Many universities already have indoor practice facilities, and student athletes consider that when deciding where to go to school, he added.

Built by March-Westin of Morgantown, the structure houses a 90-yard field made of AstroTurf 12 with System 2000 cushioning, the same surface used at Mountaineer Field. There are also four batting cages, a curtain that divides the field in half, safety curtains along the walls, locker rooms, a training room, an office and storage rooms. The ceiling is 70 feet high. The exterior is brick in various shades of tan. Above the entrance is a gold WV over blue background.

The building will be ready for use once it receives a final okay from the state fire marshal, who will inspect the facility Friday, Wilfong said.

"As soon as he gives us clearance, it's ready for occupancy," Wilfong said.

The facility is one of two construction projects the WVU Athletic Department is funding through the refinancing of bonds. The other project is a \$1.5 million gymnastics practice facility that was finished earlier this summer.

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CIGNA Signs with WVU Health Providers

The 25,000 West Virginians who have health care coverage through CIGNA HealthCare of West Virginia and Southeast Ohio can now choose physicians and other health care professionals on the WVU faculty, said David Cogan, MD, CIGNA's associate regional medical director.

CIGNA has signed an agreement, retroactive to June 1 with University Health Associates, the practice plan of the WVU faculty.

UHA physicians and other professionals are now participating providers both in CIGNA's Managed Care Network and its Preferred Provider Network.

"We're very pleased to welcome to our network the full range of professional and technical capabilities found in the WVU health care system," said Dr. Cogan.

CIGNA HealthCare has grown rapidly in West Virginia and provides services to members in the Parkersburg, Charleston, Morgantown, Clarksburg, Fairmont, Wheeling and Huntington areas.

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Betty Puskar Futures Golf Classic continues

More than 145 professional women golfers have converged on the Pines Country Club in Morgantown for the Betty Puskar Morgantown Futures Golf Classic, which continues through Aug. 16.

The Futures is the primary developmental tour for women's professional golf and the leading training ground for the LPGA Tour, with 134 of its alumnae currently playing on that tour. The Morgantown Classic—now in its seventh year—is the primary fundraiser for the Betty Puskar Breast Care Center. With a purse of \$70,000, the Morgantown tournament offers the third largest purse on the Futures Tour.

The Morgantown tournament will take place Friday-Sunday, Aug. 14-16, with the first tee-off at 8 a.m. each day.

In addition to the tournament, the Betty Puskar Golf Classic features other events at the Pines Country Club, including:

- United States Cellular Shoot-Out, 2 p.m. today (open to the public).
- Huntington Banks Junior Pro-Am, 10 a.m. today.
- Pepsi Cola Casino Night, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15.

In conjunction with the Futures Golf Classic, the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center and Golf USA are featuring a closest to the pin competition through Aug. 16, with proceeds going to the Breast Care Center. For more information on the competition, contact Golf USA at 983-4444.

There will also be a cancer awareness information tent at the Pines Country Club Aug. 15-16, from noon to 5 p.m.

For information, call the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center at 293-3711.

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American Heart Walk planned for Sept. 19

Cardiovascular disease kills more than 900,000 people each year, which is a death every 34 second. In West Virginia, nearly 46 percent of al deaths are attributable to cardiovascular disease.

WVU, Ruby Memorial and UHA have been asked by the Ohio Valley Regional affiliate of the American Heart Association to participate in a Heart Walk. The Monongalia County Heart Walk is planned Sunday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m. with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. The walk will be held at the Community Fitness Trail at Monongalia General Hospital. The trail is approximately one-third mile in length. You may walk as little as you like or until "your heart is content."

West Virginia has the second highest incidence of heart disease in the country. The American Heart Association continues to battle these life-threatening, emotionally and often times physically painful diseases through its support of research and community and professional educational programs.

There has been \$3.8 million in biotechnology research invested in this endeavor at WVU. The Heart Walk is a fund-raising and pleasurable event to help support this effort. If you have additional questions, or would like a registration packet, call 293-1962 or email csee@wvu.edu

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Diabetes educators to speak at conference

Several WVU diabetes educators have been invited to speak at the American Association of Diabetes Educators conference in Minneapolis, Aug. 20-22.

Barbara Fierst, RN, of the Prevention Research Center, will be host at a concurrent session titled, The Unseen People: Living with Blindness or Visual Impairment.

Charlotte Nath, RN, EdD, of Family Medicine, will present Impact on Educational Intervention Status and Utilization of Diabetes Educators in Rural Underserved Areas.

Carol Olson, RD, of WVU Extension Service, will conduct The Rite Bite in West Virginia, a poster session.

Elizabeth Quintana, RD, LD, of United Hospital Center, Clarksburg, and the Prevention Research Center, will present Supermarket Safari, a program to teach the nutrient content of foods.

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U joins on-line theses, dissertation trend

By Amy Quigley

Milton has met modern technology at WVU, in the first of many such marriages that will make WVU graduate student research available world-wide at the click of a mouse.

Starting this week, the University will require all students to submit their theses and dissertations electronically, unless their dean recommends an exception. WVU is only the nation's second university to require electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs). Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University made ETDs mandatory in May 1997. It now has more than 800 theses and dissertations on-line, including one dealing with telecommunications that has been accessed more than 7,000 times.

"The work done in theses and dissertations had traditionally been largely inaccessible," said Virginia Tech Associate Provost for Graduate Studies John Eaton, explaining the growing trend toward ETDs. "This technology makes the work more accessible and gives students an opportunity to better express their research."

Dr. Eaton serves on the project team for the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations, which now has 35 member universities.

Unlike WVU, Virginia Tech's graduate programs emphasize technical fields. WVU will be the first to require ETDs in many arts and humanities programs. Some faculty expected resistance from students in those traditionally non-technology-intensive fields, said WVU Department of English Chairman Patrick Conner, a member of the committee that developed WVU's ETD policy, but that didn't materialize.

During a test period, a Master of Arts candidate in English became the first to post a thesis at the WVU site (<http://www.wvu.edu/~thesis/>).

Although students will soon have to submit their work electronically, they will be able to limit outside access to their theses and dissertations—mainly in cases in which students want to publish their work or seek a patent. But the University is encouraging them to make their research available to the world.

"This will make it possible for graduate students to share their work with a much wider Internet community," Dr. Conner said.

Theses and dissertations that languish in libraries are accessed only infrequently, he said; putting them on-line will give many more scholars access to cutting edge research.

ETDs can also help students market themselves to potential employers and help the University to recruit faculty, Conner noted.

To prepare their thesis or dissertation, students need only have basic word processing skills, Conner said. The University offers help to students converting work into the proper format.

Electronic submission holds the potential to add a new dimension to student research through the use of links, graphics, videos or hypertext. For example, Conner said, theater students can include video of performances.

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Momentum builds for U opener against Ohio State

The familiar refrain of "Let's go, Mountaineers!" will be echoing through the hills of Morgantown again soon.

WVU's nationally ranked football team will open its 1998 season against No. 1 Ohio State on Saturday, Sept. 5, at Mountaineer Field. Coach Don Nehlen will be calling plays from the sidelines for his 19th year.

The Mountaineers, who began drills this week, return with a veteran offense led by Heisman Trophy candidate Amos Zereoue at tailback and junior quarterback Marc Bulger and a seasoned defensive unit that includes All-America rush linebacker Gary Stills.

Because of this, the Blue and Gold have fared well in preseason polls. WVU has been picked to finish No. 1 in the Big East in a media poll, No. 9 in the nation by Football News and No. 12 in the nation in the USA Today/ESPN Top 25 coaches poll. The Mountaineers were 7-4 last year before losing 35-30 to Georgia Tech in the Carquest Bowl.

Momentum surrounding this year's football team is also showing up in ticket sales. All of the home games except the Nov. 21 match-up against Boston College are already sold out, said Shelly Poe, sports information director.

There has been one change to the Mountaineers' road schedule. The Nov. 27 game at Pitt will be played at Three Rivers Stadium, which seats 56,500, or 3,500 more than Pitt Stadium.

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Four U students receive housing awards

Four incoming WVU students have received housing scholarships for their participation in extracurricular activities and academic excellence while in high school.

Jessica Carpenter, of Vienna, W.Va., won the Harriet S. Lyon Scholarship. Kimberly Browder, of Oak Hill, W.Va., Amelia Easley, of Charleston, W.Va. and Vena Vaughn, of Indianapolis, Ind., won multicultural awards to enhance freshman diversity in residential communities.

A graduate of Parkersburg High School, Carpenter plans to study advertising journalism when she arrives on campus this fall. In addition to working part-time after school, she was a member of two choirs and her high school's yearbook staff.

She won the housing scholarship based on a personal narrative she wrote about values and the importance of focusing equally on academics and enriching cultural activities.

The Lyon Scholarship honors Harriet E. Lyon, WVU's first female graduate. The annual recipient of this award must be a female in her freshman year and reside in Evansdale Campuses' Lyon Tower.

Browder, a graduate of Oak Hill High School, received many high school honors including a national leadership and service award and the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship.

She also was active in numerous organizations, including serving as treasurer of the National Honor Society and secretary of Upward Bound.

Easley, a graduate of Capital High School, has participated in the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences & Technology Academy since 1994. A National Honor Society member, Easley also was a member of student government, assistant director of theater and belonged to the basketball and track teams.

Vaughn plans to pursue a major in sport management at WVU.

The Lyon and Multicultural Scholarships are sponsored annually by the Department of Housing and Residence Life.

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Nominees sought for art patron awards

Nominations are being sought for the second Art Patron of the Year Awards, which honor both an individual and a corporation for support of the arts in West Virginia.

The award is sponsored by The State Journal, the Critical Capital Growth Fund LP and the WVU College of Creative Arts.

The first individual Art Patron of the Year was Mary Price Ratrie of Charleston. One Valley Bank received the first corporate Art Patron of the Year Award.

A banquet to announce the recipients of the award will be held Nov. 10 in Charleston.

An independent panel of judges will review and choose a recipient from the pool of qualified nominees.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Sept. 23.

Nominations may be mailed to the College of Creative Arts Development Office, PO Box 6111, Morgantown, 26506-6111. Nominations may be faxed to 293-3550.

For more information, call 293-4841 ext. 3222.

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Invention may help surgeons to remove cancer while protecting surrounding tissue

Surgeons removing tumors from women's breasts must strive to get all the cancerous tissue—but must also try to protect as much as possible of the healthy tissue that surrounds it.

Raymond Raylman, Ph.D., of the WVU School of Medicine Department of Radiology, has developed a new device that may be able to help surgeons locate and remove cancerous cells during the course of an operation.

Surgeons are conservative in removing tissue, both for cosmetic reasons and because removal of healthy lymph nodes can inhibit the body's ability to fight disease. But sometimes this results in a second operation to remove cancer that was undetected during the first surgery.

Dr. Raylman's invention—a virtually wireless intraoperative beta probe—uses the same scientific principles as a PET scan. But because it can be used during surgery, the surgeon can remove only the tissues that are cancerous and reduce the need for follow-up surgical procedures.

The procedure involves injecting a cancer patient with a radioactive sugar that gathers in cancer cells. The sugar will emit positrons, a type of subatomic particle. These will be detected by Raylman's probe.

The probe transmits data to a computer, which produces a graph showing levels of radioactivity. The surgeons can use this data to locate remaining cancerous growths and remove them while leaving more healthy tissue and lymph nodes intact.

Similar problems face patients with other forms of cancer and Raylman said the beta probe, if successful, may find use in a number of types of cancer. "Breast cancer was chosen for this study because in addition to being a significant health concern, it is a well-understood and well-known model for doctors to research."

Raylman was awarded a \$165,000 research grant from the Whitaker Foundation for this project. He hopes to be able to use the device with a limited number of patients within the year.

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U's Procurement Card Program going electronic

In September, WVU's State Procurement Card Program will be electronic. This means there will no longer be monthly statements to process manually.

When a cardholder makes a purchase, the vendor will be paid by One Valley Bank within 72 hours of posting the transaction. Transactions will be sent electronically to the Business Offices' personal computer daily, for editing and approval. Once approved, the transaction will be posted to WVU's general ledger.

ProValue Services, version 4.1, offered through ProCard Inc. will be the software used to electronically review and edit transactions. The WVU Research Corp. Procurement Card Program has used version 3.5 for more than two years successfully. The procurement card team has just recently upgraded from version 3.5 to 4.1 to enhance capabilities for the end-user.

Just a few capabilities of the software are:

- Track daily purchasing activity
- Obtain purchasing and financial information by college/department
- Categorize, analyze and manage purchases by vendors and suppliers
- Allocate purchase dollars to cost centers and general ledger accounts.

For purchases of \$1,000 or less, use the State Procurement Card and avoid the future processing fees. For more information, contact Denise Carper in Business and Procurement Services, dcarper@wvu.edu 293-5711, ext. 2530.

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Job opportunities await seekers this weekend

Nearly 1,000 new job opportunities in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle will be up for grabs during an 8 a.m.-5 p.m. job fair at the WVU Coliseum this Saturday, Aug. 15.

The day-long fair is sponsored by the West Virginia Development Office and the West Virginia Reform Coalition to help promote recent large increases in the region's employment opportunities.

Companies to be represented include: Jefferson Memorial Hospital, Royal Vendors, Snyder Environmental, Wal-Mart Stores, Quebecor Printing, ICT Group Inc., Bavarian Inn and Schonstedt Instrument Co.

Informational booths on housing, schools, churches and child care in the Eastern Panhandle Region will be featured. Representatives from WVU's Career Services Center also will be available at the fair.

The West Virginia Development Office, West Virginia Welfare Reform Coalition, West Virginia Dept. of Health and Human Service, West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs, Berkeley County Development Authority, Jefferson County Development Authority also are partners in presenting the fair, hosted by WVU.

The job fair is free and open to the public. Participants are encouraged to arrive anytime after 8 a.m. but no later than 3:30 p.m.

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Student telecounselors sought for this year

The Office of New Student Services is currently taking applications for Student Telecounselors for the 1998-1999 school year. Student Telecounselors are enrolled WVU students who contact prospective high school students and their parents by telephone to offer information and to assist them with their decision to attend WVU.

The department is especially looking for successful, well-rounded students who are active in extracurricular activities and student life and who maintain a minimum of a 2.75 GPA. Students must have strong verbal communication skills and feel comfortable working with computers.

Starting pay is \$6 per hour and students would be required to work a minimum of 10.5 hours per week (three shifts). Applications are available at the Purinton House and the Career Services Center.

Finalists will be selected for a telephone interview and either a group or personal interview.

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