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Commencement 2002

WVU prepares for 133rd graduation ceremonies Sunday

By BECKY LOFSTEAD

Caps, gowns, tassels and hoods will be the dress code of choice for some 2,850 men and women who will graduate from WVU during 133rd Commencement exercises Sunday, May 19, at the Coliseum. Doors open at noon for the 1:30 p.m. start.

Some will don lilac accents to signify degrees in dentistry; others will display orange for engineering degrees, while education graduates will wear light blue. All colors under the rainbow will be seen from maize, russet and maroon in the agricultural areas to copper and drab for business and economics majors.

But one feeling should be universal among the Class of 2002 — the thrill of accomplishment, knowing that many years of hard work, hopes and dreams have been fulfilled.

Some 10,000 family members and friends are expected to attend the celebration, many with video cameras



HAPPY ENDING—Jana Robinson, right, WVU Bookstores textbook buyer, helps Laura Bossio with her cap and tassel. Bossio is graduating with a bachelor's degree in business - human resources and will attend the WVU College of Law this fall. Robinson has assisted WVU students at the bookstore for 30 years. The downtown WVU Bookstore will be open Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., to serve last-minute cap and gown customers.

Photo by Sarah Gould

and digitals to capture those precious moments; others with signs and banners to get their loved ones' attention.

Graduates themselves often don signs on their caps so family members can spot them, with messages like "Thanks Mom and Dad" or "Show Me The Money."

WVU mathematics graduate and entrepreneur Ray Lane will address grads and receive an honorary doctor of science degree.

Student Government Administration President Chris Ferro will address his classmates and receive a degree in psychology. He plans to work in Charleston in state government.

Joining Ferro as part of the Class of 2002 will be some interesting graduates — a father and son duo from the Beckley area who will graduate side by side from the College of Law; a

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Ray Lane to give Commencement address, receive honorary degree along with Reuther

By BILL NEVIN

The man who helped take Oracle Corp. to the top of the computer software industry and now guides established businesses in Internet opportunities and entrepreneurial strategies will give the main address at WVU's 133rd Commencement Sunday, May 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Coliseum.

Ray Lane, a McKeesport, Pa., native and 1968 WVU mathematics graduate, will speak on "New Kids, Turtles and the Cabbage Patch."

He will also receive an honorary degree along with labor leader Victor G. Reuther. The University will confer

an honorary doctor of science degree on Lane and an honorary doctor of law degree on Reuther.

Lane joined Oracle in 1992 after many years at IBM, Electronic Data Systems Corp. and Booz Allen & Hamilton. He quickly rose to the position of president and COO in 1996.

In 2000, Lane left Oracle to become a partner in Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield & Byers, a premier venture capital



Lane



Reuther

firm based in California. His current work focuses on guiding established businesses to successfully take advantage of new strategic Internet opportunities as well as helping entrepreneurs with organizational development, team building and managing sales terms.

Lane, a member of the WVU Foundation Board of Directors, is serving as the general chairman of the Foundation's current Capital

Campaign. The five-year effort has raised some \$216 million to date, with 21 months remaining. Demonstrating his commitment to the campaign, Lane and his wife Stephanie recently gave the WVU Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering \$5 million to support an endowed computer science chair and endowed graduate fellowships; enhance faculty research labs and outreach activities; add to library resources; and more.

He also assisted WVU in acquiring new software to upgrade the institu-

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Marital deduction trusts can aid couples with over \$1 million in assets

Planning a taxable estate for a married couple generally means determining whether the use of certain trusts will be appropriate.

In last month's column, the bypass trust and the reasons for implementing it were

mentioned. The bypass trust protects the first \$1 million of an estate from taxes. (That amount will increase in stages to \$3.5 million by 2009.)

A second trust, the marital deduction trust, can protect the remaining assets. When the first spouse dies and his or her assets over \$1 million are put into the marital deduction trust to benefit the surviving spouse, no estate taxes are owed.

These assets are protected by the deduction which allows tax-free transfers to spouses. When the surviving spouse dies, the property will be subject to estate taxes.

The surviving spouse, other individuals or a commercial entity, such as a bank, can serve as trustee of the bypass and marital deduction trusts.

The terms of the marital trust will specify how the income and principal will benefit the spouse. They can also state who will receive the assets next or can allow the surviving spouse to choose, with a back-up provision if

no choice is made.

Income taxes must be paid by the trust on its undistributed income and realized capital gains. The rates are different for a trust than for an individual.

When the second spouse dies, the

41percent to 50 percent estate tax rates (applicable in 2001) will apply to all assets over \$1 million which were separately owned by that spouse and to those in the marital trust.

Of course, gifts to charitable and educational organizations will escape estate taxes.

As with the bypass trust, a marital deduction trust isn't always necessary. Its main purpose is to allow control over the distribution of the assets after the surviving spouse's death.

If no trust is used, the estate assets will be governed by the surviving spouse's will and will be taxed if they exceed \$1 million.

Certainly, using trusts can be a good method for controlling estate assets to benefit others.

That's good planning.

Deborah Miller, J.D. is director of gift planning for the WVU Foundation



Extension urges employees to support flood relief

By JOYCE BOWER
EXTENSION SERVICE

In response to the latest round of flooding in southern West Virginia, the WVU Extension Service is suggesting that University employees contribute to local organizations conducting relief efforts to help their fellow citizens.

"We're urging University departments and individual employees to combine their efforts with those of community agencies, businesses and faith-based groups in Morgantown and throughout the state that are conducting drives for funds and supplies," said Larry Cote, associate provost for Extension and Public Service.

"Our Extension faculty and staff in the affected areas report that the greatest needs are for cleaning supplies, drinking water, personal hygiene items, diapers and baby formula," he explained. "Members of the University community should continue to check media reports for information about collection sites and other opportunities to help."

As they did after last summer's floods, Extension personnel in southern and central West Virginia are working with other agency representatives in the massive cleanup and recovery efforts.

McDowell County, the hardest-hit area this time, is receiving the greatest attention. Six AmeriCorps members recently were assigned by the West Virginia Commission for National Community Service to assist with WVU's flood recovery effort.

The first AmeriCorps project was "mucking out" the McDowell County Long-Term Recovery Board building in Welch. They're also working on getting warehouses fit to accept donated supplies, a project that will help a large number of county residents.

Extension faculty and staff will help train the AmeriCorps members in all stages of disaster recovery from basic cleanup to case management. As project leaders, the members will direct the work of volunteer teams. They will work with the McDowell County Long-Term Recovery Board to survey and assess damage of homes and businesses.

Following the flooding in July 2001, Extension received a \$94,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct the West Virginia Flood Recovery Special-Needs Project.

"Because of the grant, we already had hired a flood recovery coordinator to work with Extension agents

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Alumnus donates artwork, scholarship funds

By BECKY LOFSTEAD

Nitro area and Putnam County art collector and attorney Harvey Peyton recently donated two drawings and a painting by West Virginia-born and nationally renowned artist William Robinson Leigh (1866-1955) to West Virginia University's art collection. He also pledged \$50,000 to create a scholarship fund in the WVU College of Law.

Bob Bridges, curator of arts and visual resources in the College of Creative Arts, said Peyton has one of the premier art collections in the state, calling it a "high quality collection by an educated collector who works with some of the best dealers and galleries."

He said the recent works given to WVU are "very valuable," but the educational value outweighs the monetary value.

"Mr. Peyton and collectors like him realize the importance these wonderful artworks can have in our museum-quality collection," Bridges said.

"They will be preserved and studied by not only our University students but the citizens of this state for many years."

Peyton earned two degrees from WVU — a bachelor of arts from the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences in 1971 and a J.D. from the College of Law in 1974. The scholarship fund, which honors his parents, is restricted to West Virginia residents. Recipients of the awards will be known as the Tom and Anne Peyton Merit Scholars.

The Peyton gifts were made in conjunction with the *Building Greatness Campaign*, a \$250 million fundraising effort being conducted by the WVU Foundation on behalf of the University. The five-year campaign has received more than \$216 million toward its goal and concludes Dec. 31, 2003.

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Leading geriatrics specialist to head Center on Aging

Richard J. Ham, M.D., a past president of the American Geriatrics Society, has been named director of the West Virginia University Center on Aging.

Ham was the holder of the SUNY Distinguished Chair in Geriatric Medicine at Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, N.Y., for the past 15 years.

He has specialized in the health issues of the elderly for the past 20 years, and helped develop the first board certification examination for geriatrics specialists. He is the primary author of the widely-used medical textbook, *Primary Care Geriatrics: A Case Based Approach*, now in its fourth (2002) edition, and many other research and educational materials.

Ham takes the position vacated by Hana Hermanova, M.D., last year. Janet Williams, M.D., has served as interim director since July 2001.

OIT's new anti-virus plan goes into effect today

An epidemic of email computer viruses has led West Virginia University's Office of Information Technology to block certain attachments types from the GroupWise and WVU MIX email systems.

Beginning today (May 16), recipients on these systems will no longer be able to receive the following file types as attachments through GroupWise or MIX: Executable files (.exe), Command files (.com) and Non-Windows Program Information Files (.pif)

This is in addition to the existing suppression of Variable Script (.vbs) and Screen Saver (.scr.) files now operating on these systems. These five file types make up, by far, the majority of virus attachments that have been plaguing systems recently, officials say.

All attachments of these types received will be deleted and replaced by a notification file. OIT wants users to be wary of email attachments, particularly ones they are not expecting. All should be aware that these are not the only types of files containing viruses, and that it is always wise to use discretion when opening any email attachment.

For more information, call the OIT Help Desk, 293-4444, option 1, or e-mail OITHelp@mail.wvu.edu.

National Police Week



HONORING BLUE KNIGHTS—Officer Phil Lemon (left) and Sgt. Brian Hoxter, both of WVU's Department of Public Safety, place a wreath before a bronze statue of a police officer helping a child during a ceremony Monday outside the Morgantown Public Safety Building. WVU sponsored the wreath-laying ceremony and a breakfast in the Mountainlair Gold Ballroom to honor local law enforcement officers who risk their lives every day to protect the public. The events were held in conjunction with National Police Week, which continues through Saturday, and National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Wednesday, May 15.

Photo by Jim Davis

Friends Day to celebrate family and 4-H

A celebration of friends, family and 4-H will highlight the second annual Friends Day at WVU Jackson's Mill near Weston Saturday, June 1, from noon to 6 p.m.

The free program will include historic tours, authentic gristmill demonstrations, heritage crafts, music, a Civil War encampment, antique glass and engine exhibits and children's games.

Throughout the day, 4-H members and 4-H alumni will participate in special activities honoring the 4-H program's centennial year. The 4-H activities include a high council ceremony, birthday cake-cutting, a reminiscing session with well-known 4-H educators and volunteer leaders, a "living history" portrayal of the Mill's first director William "Teepi" Kendrick and a "giant living clover" group photo.

The recently refurbished Lewis Cottage will be rededicated at 1 p.m. and several other cottages will be open for tours. Participants will have the opportunity to nominate people for the new West Virginia 4-H Hall of Fame. The 4-H activities will end with a sing-along at 6 p.m.

A pasta and desert buffet will be available that evening. Cost is \$10 per person.

As the Friends Day activities conclude, another program will begin—*West Virginia Saturday Night*, an annual ticketed summer musical and storytelling program held under the stars in the Mill's Historic Area at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5; admission is free for children 12 and younger.

Friends Day celebrates the role that WVU Jackson's Mill Center for Lifelong Learning plays in the lives of West Virginians. The 525-acre site is a scenic, historic retreat that attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year. It was established in 1921 as the first state 4-H camp in the nation. Both the facility and 4-H program operate under the direction of the WVU Extension Service.

For more information, call 1-800-287-8206 or visit <http://www.ext.wvu.edu/friends/>

Parking permit holders must submit new payroll deduction forms

Even though WVU has decided to freeze rates through February 2003, permit holders still need to complete a new payroll deduction form for the remaining months of this parking permit cycle.

Forms submitted at the beginning of the cycle were valid only through June 30.

The payroll deduction form is available on the Parking Office's intranet page: http://intranet.wvu.edu/facilities_services/Parking/parking.htm

Completed forms must be sent to the Parking Management Office at P.O. Box 6561.

Employees who paid for permits by cash may pay the balance of the parking permit fee for the July 1 through Feb. 28, 2003, permit period at the Parking Management office anytime before June 28.

Call 293-5504 for more information.

Friday seminar planned to discuss biometrics

Larry Hornak, professor of computer science and electrical engineering, will present "What is Biometrics?" Friday, May 17, at 1 p.m. at the NRCCE Assembly Hall on the Evansdale Campus.

This seminar, intended for a general audience, will present for discussion the current definition and research under the name "biometrics." The seminar will focus on the use of biometrics for automated human identification systems.

This seminar is the first in a series of presentations, which will include lectures from distinguished visitors, intended to stimulate a broad knowledge of, and interest in, biometric research by West Virginia University faculty and staff.

Dr. Hornak is the director of the NSF Center for Identification Technology Research (CITeR), located at WVU, and is engaged in research on integrated biometric sensors and systems.

For additional information on the seminar, contact Dr. Edwin P. Rood, Director of Research Program Development, Edwin.Rood@mail.wvu.edu, 293-8281.

WVU to honor retiring health care administrator, composer

By JIM DAVIS

The outgoing chief of West Virginia United Health System and the composer of the popular "My Home Among the Hills" will be honored during WVU's 133rd commencement Sunday, May 19, at the Coliseum.

Bernard G. Westfall, who is retiring this year as chief executive officer of United Health System, and E.W. James Jr., a deceased Clarksburg business and civic leader who wrote the widely performed choral piece, are recipients of the 2002 President's Distinguished Service Award. James' widow, Julia, will accept his award at the ceremony.

The President's Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have provided exemplary service and leadership to WVU or the state.

Westfall has been president and CEO of the health care network that includes WVU Hospitals in Morgantown and United Hospital Center in Clarksburg since 1996. Before that, he was president and CEO of WVU Hospitals.

Westfall's career as a health administrator began in 1965, when he became associate director of purchasing at the original University Hospital. By the time the hospital was ready to grow into a new building in the 1980s, he was executive vice president. He helped guide the hospital through the untested waters of privatizing a state-owned enterprise and established a firm financial basis for independent not-for-profit management.



Westfall

He was named president and CEO in 1987 and served in that post until the creation of the health system in 1996. The regional health network serves tens of thousands of patients across the northern part of the state.

Westfall is a native of Spencer and attended Spencer High School. He has bachelor's and master's degrees from WVU and is a graduate of the Harvard University Executive Program on Health Policy.

James was president of the James & Law Co., a Clarksburg bookstore his father helped found, for many years.

The Clarksburg native was also active in public service in his hometown. During the 1950s, he was a proponent of changing the city's form of government from a mayoral system to one run by a city manager. He also served as the first mayor under the new charter from 1957-61.

While successful in both his business and civic pursuits, it is for his musical endeavors that James is best remembered. He was an accomplished musician and composer who attended Harvard University and graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1938 with a bachelor's degree in music.

His musical compositions include choral works for the Clarksburg madrigal group he directed for many years and religious anthems for his church. His most popular work, "My Home Among the Hills," was part of a play he helped write in 1963 in observance of West Virginia's centennial. The piece is now a part of the repertoire of several choral groups across the state.

The West Virginia Choral Arts Foundation presented him with its Lifetime Achievement Award in March 2000, three months before his death at 84.

With three taps of her mace, WVU's Yeager takes grand marshal assignment seriously

By MELISSA HOSTUTLER

Her navy blue velvet robe resembles that of Middle Age royalty. Three bright gold stripes wrap horizontally around the top half of each sleeve and a bubbly, blue velvet befeater cap sits atop her head. The robe gracefully flows as she enters the commencement ceremony carrying a hand-made, intricately-carved wooden mace — nearly three-foot-long and weighing 14 pounds. She's the symbol of authority and tradition. She's WVU's grand marshal.



Yeager

"It's quite an honor to be the University's grand marshal," said Jan Yeager, director of Family and Consumer Sciences and WVU's grand marshal since 1996.

Yeager — and 11 other University marshals — leads a procession of University officials, dignitaries and nearly 3,000 graduates of WVU's 13 colleges and schools onto the main floor of the Coliseum. The marshals also make sure that all are seated in an orderly and traditional fashion.

Other marshals are: James L. Culberson, School of Anatomy; Nicholas G. Evans, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences; Alison Helm, College of Creative Arts; Barry L. Locke, Eberly College; Jeffrey

Petersen, Eberly College; Dottie D. Rauch, Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences; Russell S. Sobel, College of Business and Economics; Mary Templeton, Professor Emeritus, Davis College; Richard Turton, College of Engineering and Mineral Resources; Melanie Fisher, School of Medicine; and Richard Walls, College of Human Resources and Education.

The most visible responsibility that Yeager has is signaling the beginning of the graduation ceremony by tapping her mace three times and placing it in a holder. The mace is used in official WVU ceremonies and is believed to have been handcrafted by a WVU forestry professor.

Yeager, who has been at WVU for 35 years, believes effective communication with both faculty and students is essential in being a grand marshal and a director of an academic unit.

She notes that her work as director of Family and Consumer Sciences and as grand marshal requires a positive attitude and hard work.

Since becoming director of the family and consumer science division, she has focused on improving ties with alumni, reviving the division newsletter and creating developmental advising packets as an asset to current students.

Alumni Assoc. to host commencement open house

By KAREN ZELLER

From the moment WVU graduates receive their diplomas, they instantly become alumni. Now, a new offering will celebrate this important transformation.

Called the Alumni and Friends Post Commencement Open House and Reception, this special gathering will be held from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at Erickson Alumni Center, immediately following commencement.

"The WVU Alumni Association helps members form important, life-long connections to the University, fellow friends and faculty," said Kevin Berry, assistant director. "This open house will provide our new graduates the chance to learn more about us and the many fun events and important opportunities available through the WVU Alumni Association."

Discounted lifetime memberships also will be available at the event. For more information, contact the Alumni Association, 293-4731.

Commencement

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student from Shady Spring who will graduate with four degrees; and a pharmacy graduate from Morgantown who received a new heart in October.

WVU President David C. Hardesty Jr. will preside over the ceremony and bestow honorary degrees, distinguished service honors and Vandalia awards to those who have served the University in various ways.

The WVU Choir and Wind Symphony will perform along with organist Randy Woods. M. Hilary Ryon, a graduating senior in voice performance, will sing "A Time to Say Goodbye."

Two signers from the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in Romney will also be on hand as interpreters.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the WVU Alumni Association invites the University's newest alumni and their families to a post-commencement open house and reception from 4-6 p.m. at Erickson Alumni Center.

Four to join Order of Vandalia for service and loyalty to University

BY BECKY LOFSTEAD

A prominent state newspaper publisher and philanthropist and three retired WVU administrators whose contributions to student life, special events and creative arts education are well known will be inducted into the Order of Vandalia during May 19 Commencement activities.

The 2002 inductees are: M. Dee Brown, retired assistant vice president for Institutional Advancement; Philip J. Faini, retired dean emeritus of the College of Creative Arts; Gordon R. Thorn, retired assistant vice president for Student Affairs; and G. Ogden Nutting, publisher of Ogden Newspapers Inc.

The Order of Vandalia is reserved for those who have demonstrated extraordinary service, loyalty and dedication to the University, said WVU President David C. Hardesty Jr.

Charleston native and Fairlea resident **M. Dee Brown** is a 1960 WVU sociology graduate who spent her early career as a public school teacher in Roane County. She also served in state and federal government roles, including district representative for former Congressman Cleve Benedict.

She joined WVU's Office of Institutional Advancement in 1985, overseeing and coordinating University events and ceremonies such as commencement, academic convocations, Parents Weekend, Weekend of Honors, WVU Days,



Brown



Faini



Thorn



Nutting

presidential inaugurations and post-season Bowl activities, among others. She also oversaw WVU's Trademark Licensing Program and Student Legislative Intern Program and chaired WVU's United Way campaign steering committee.

She retired from WVU in 1997 and is now president of the Westminster Foundation of WV Inc., a campus ministry that serves students, faculty and staff on five West Virginia college campuses, including WVU.

Morgantown resident **Philip J. Faini**, retired dean emeritus of the College of Creative Arts, served WVU for 39 years — first as a faculty member in 1961, then as assistant dean, followed by interim dean and finally as dean from 1993 until his retirement in 2000.

He received his bachelor's degree in music in 1959 and a master's in music in 1965, both from WVU. He was named an outstanding teacher four times, and is perhaps best known for creating the WVU Percussion Ensemble that has toured West Virginia, the United States and other nations to unanimous acclaim.

He is also well known for creating a World Music Center at WVU and developing exchanges with Africa, China and several Caribbean countries. He has brought world famous artists into residence at the CCA, and through effective fund-raising he regenerated a development program that has led to major funding sources for the college.

Gordon R. Thorn retired as assistant vice president for Student Affairs in 1997 after 40 years of service to his alma mater. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology in 1953 and a master's in 1955, both from WVU. He joined the University in 1957.

Except for two years in the Air Force and three years as director of the YMCA Camp Horseshoe program, Thorn's career has been dedicated to improving student life at WVU — whether that be in the area of financial aid, residential education, student organizations and programming, student facilities, freshman orientation or student health services.

He was the long-time advisor to

Mountain Honorary, an organization that serves others and WVU through a strong union of students with personal integrity and school spirit. Each year, the group selects the Mountaineer mascot and, under Thorn's guidance, was instrumental in placing a bronze Mountaineer statue in front of the Mountainlair in the 1970s.

Wheeling resident **G. Ogden Nutting**, chairman of Ogden Newspapers Inc., got his start in the newspaper business in 1956 as a reporter and news editor for *The Martinsburg Journal* and later as a reporter and copy desk editor with the *Wheeling News-Register*. He became general manager of the Ogden newspaper chain in 1968 and president and publisher in 1970.

The company, headquartered in Wheeling, currently owns seven daily newspapers and two weeklies in West Virginia and 29 other daily papers in 10 states.

Nutting has long been associated with WVU. He is a member of the WVU Foundation Board of Directors, where he serves on the National Campaign Committee of the "Building Greatness" capital campaign. He also served on the board in the 1960s. He is a former member of the School of Journalism Visiting Committee, and continues to support the school in many ways.

College, school commencement speakers set

Several successful WVU alumni will return to campus to give remarks during individual college and school ceremonies.

Speakers include: **College of Business and Economics** — Art King, a 1968 graduate of WVU with majors in finance and accounting; **College of Creative Arts** — Bob Hamrick, a trombonist with the Pittsburgh Symphony who earned a bachelor's degree in 1968 and a master's degree in 1970; **Eberly College of Arts and Sciences** — Thomas A. Lyson, professor of rural sociology at Cornell University, who earned his bachelor's degree in 1970 and master's degree in 1976.

Other notable speakers are: **Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences** — Cameron Hackney, dean; **College of Engineering and Mineral Resources** — Eugene Cilento, dean; **College of Human Resources and Education** — William Deaton, dean, and Van Dempsey, director of the Benedum Collaborative; **College of Law** — Jack Bowman, Law School Professor of the Year; **School of Dentistry** — Dr. Robert M. D'Alessandri, vice president for Health Sciences; **School of Journalism** — Ed Rabel, veteran journalist and senior vice president of the McGinn Group; **School of Medicine** — Dr. George J. Caranasos, professor of medicine at the University of Florida, Gainesville; **School of Nursing** — Jane E. Martin, dean; **School of Physical Education** — Regina Blosnich, recipient of the school's NASPE Outstanding Major of the Year award.

Ray Lane

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tion's reporting and accounting systems in preparation for the year 2000. Lane is a 1998 inductee of the WVU Alumni Association's Academy of Distinguished Alumni.

Reuther attended WVU from 1928-29, his freshman year, and then went on to complete his degree at the College of the City of Detroit, now Wayne State University.

He rose to prominence in the United Automobile Workers union in the 1930s.

In the 1940s, he moved from local union activities to become the assistant coordinator of the UAW War Policy Division, a special department created by the UAW-CIO to facilitate speedy and orderly conversion and mobilization of the nation's urgent

defense production.

In the spring of 1946, Reuther was appointed director of UAW's extensive education program throughout the United States and Canada, a position he held until becoming European representative of the CIO in 1951.

From this vantage point, he played a strategic role in consolidating the pro-democratic union forces that later routed the communists from all positions of influence in the UAW-CIO.

In 1953, he became director of the CIO International Affairs Department and, when the CIO was merged with the AFL, he was named director of the UAW International Affairs Department. He remained in this position until he retired in May 1972.

'Do more with less': Classified staff rep examines trends in state higher education funding

Once again it's time to provide classified employees, faculty, administrators and students with my yearly facts and figures comparison of the West Virginia General



Paul Martinelli
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1998-99 the total decreased to 19,870, a total of 4,730 or a decrease of 19.23 percent.

* Public education allocation

Revenue Budget. This information is intended to give you my perception of some of the reasons higher education employees continue to "do more with less" and receive a smaller piece of the General Revenue Budget pie.

The 2002-03 General Revenue Budget allocation for higher education increased .4 of a percent from last year's budget but continues to fall below the percentages of the 1990s. The following chart provides the fiscal year budget percentage and amount for the last nine years.

Fiscal Year	Budget percentage/Amount
1994-95	14.3%/ \$317.1 M
1995-96	15.1%/ \$344.2 M
1996-97	15.3%/ \$360.4 M
1997-98	15.2%/ \$371.1 M
1998-99	14.9%/ \$385.5 M
1999-2000	14.6%/ \$388.3 M
2000-2001	14.7%/ \$398.2 M
2001-2002	12.5%/ \$347.1 M
2002-2003	12.9%/ \$377.0 M

The percentage of West Virginia's total General Revenue Budget appropriation for higher education has varied from a high of 17.1 percent in the mid-1970s to the current level of 12.9 percent. Using the 1974-75 percentages, the 2002-03 General Revenue Budget allocation would be \$501 million or an increase of \$124 million allocation to higher education. Pure speculation on my part says that this amount could completely fund the classified employee's salary schedule, removal of the years of service 20-year salary cap, and funding for BRIM and PEIA. Additional facts and figures include:

* Nine-year average of 14.3 percent, average allocation of \$370.8 million.

* From a high of 17.1 percent to the current 12.9 percent, a decrease of 4.2 percent

* Higher education headcount 1974-75 was 68,962. In 2001-02 the total was 78,315, an increase of 9,353 (11.9 percent)

* Public education graduation headcount in 1974-75 was 24,600. In

1998-99 the total decreased to 19,870, a total of 4,730 or a decrease of 19.23 percent.

* Total higher education headcount: Faculty - 5,823 in 1995, 6,121 in 2001, a difference of +298; Non-Classified staff - 418 in 1995, 818 in 2001, a difference of +400; Classified staff - 5,800 in 1995, 5,312 in 2001, a difference of -488.

* FY 2003 General Revenue Higher Education Funding Comparison: General Revenue - \$377 million (12.9 percent), Lottery - \$37.9 million (20.8 percent), State Excess Lottery - \$10 million (4.4 percent), Total - \$424.9 million.

* SB 519 Salary Schedule: WVU - 81 over schedule, 2,770 below, \$8,873,336 below; Higher Education - 130 over schedule, 5,219 below, \$20,467,456 below.

* Stimulus package will cost West Virginia \$16 million in lost revenue in 2002 and another \$33 million in 2003

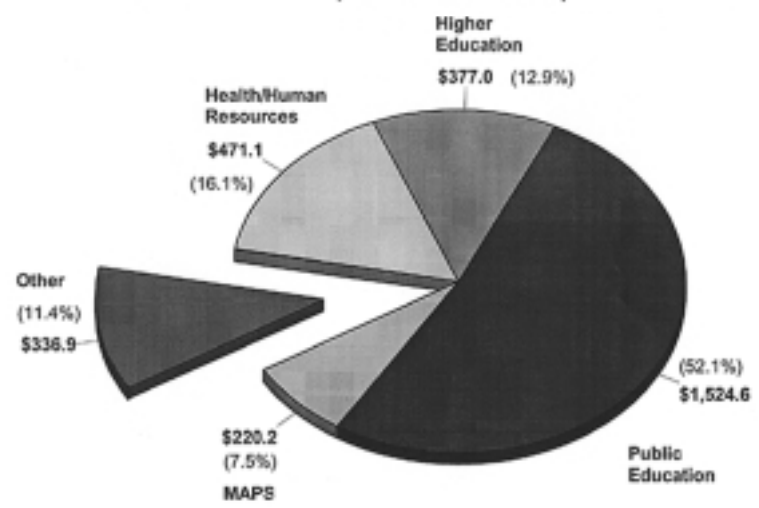
* The cigarette tax (17 cents) was last increased in 1978. Today this 17 cents is now only worth 6 cents. Increasing it by 50 cents could raise an estimated \$100 million in revenue. This is another source of revenue that remains sacred because of the strong lobbyist influence.

* PEIA increases effective July 1 - Family coverage for employee earning \$21,000 will increase from \$72/month to \$94/month, and family coverage for employee earning \$40,000 will increase from \$98/month to \$124/month.

The next ACCE meeting is scheduled on the campus of Marshall University, May 16, with the HEPC meeting on Friday, May 17. Your comments and concerns on higher education issues are welcomed by contacting me at 293-2401 ext. 3356 or e-mail pmartine@wvu.edu.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of faculty, staff and administration, nor those of The Mountaineer Spirit.

General Revenue Recommended Appropriations Fiscal Year 2003 (In Millions of Dollars)



**Total FY 2003
\$2.930 Billion**

Prepared by: Department of Administration/State Budget Office, Jan. 9, 2002
Appropriations included in the Other category are (in millions of dollars): \$26.4 - Education & Arts, \$4.2 - Claims against State, \$29.8 - Legislative; \$76.8 - Judicial; \$7.1 - Transportation; \$59.5 - Commerce; \$9.8 - Environment; \$53.1 - Administration; \$46.4 - Executive; \$22.9 - Tax & Revenue; \$0.9 - Senior Services

Flood relief

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Glenn Runions and Marcus Wilkes to help citizens of McDowell and Wyoming counties deal with various problems stemming from the 2001 flooding," said Cote. The coordinator, Gerald Hawkins, has been working in the counties since mid-March.

"With the experience we gained last summer and with Jerry in place, Extension is in a stronger position to deal with the aftermath of this month's floods," Cote said.

Now that the focus is again on providing immediate relief, Hawkins is working closely with Ray Cardwell, coordinator of the AmeriCorps members' efforts. An AmeriCorps "blitz" is planned for next weekend, when a special team of 100 disaster relief AmeriCorps members from the Washington, D.C., area will work in McDowell County.

Extension's flood recovery program and AmeriCorps will help facilitate their work, including arranging housing, meals, placements, etc. They will perform a similar role throughout the summer, when many volunteer groups from throughout the country will be going to southern West Virginia to help with flood recovery efforts.

To provide timely and factual information to flood victims and relief workers, Extension again is providing links to flood relief resources through the opening page of its Internet site (<http://www.wvu.edu/~exten/>).

Steam outages planned on Downtown, Evansdale campuses

A steam outage is planned for the Downtown Campus from May 20-26 and the Evansdale Campus from May 24-June 2. This steam outage is necessary to perform maintenance and repairs on the steam distribution system.

Call Gary Boyd, 293-8123, for more information.

CAMPUS SCENE

News and Notes

PEIA extends deadline for tobacco-free affidavit

PEIA has extended the deadline for the smoking affidavit form only. Forms are due to Human Resources, One Waterfront Place, by the close of business Tuesday, May 28.

Music library moving to Evansdale Library

WVU's music library is moving this week from the Creative Arts Center to the Evansdale Library.

The move, which is permanent, coincides with the May 22 closing of the CAC for asbestos removal and renovations to the concert theater and choral recital hall.

CAC faculty and staff, meanwhile, will begin moving out of the building May 20-22 in preparation for the three-month closing.

Governor appoints Petroplus to BOG

Gov. Bob Wise appointed Parry G. Petroplus of Morgantown to the WVU Board of Governors to a term ending June 30, 2005.

Petroplus, a Democrat, succeeds Cathy Armstrong who resigned from the board at the end of April.

Petroplus earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from WVU and is a licensed real estate broker. He is president of Petroplus and Associates, Inc. and is a

partner at the development firm Platinum Properties, LLC.

Sale under way at Greenhouse

As gardening season kicks into high gear, WVU's Greenhouse has begun its annual spring plant sale. Hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at the greenhouse, located on the Evansdale Campus across from the Agricultural Sciences Building. The sale will run through May. For additional information, call 293-4480.

Experts take health advice to local radio airwaves

Starting today (May 16), WVU health experts will be featured on HealthLine, a new radio program on WAJR (AM 1440). The show begins at 8:35 a.m. and will run for 25 minutes each Thursday. The show will be similar to the popular "Doctors on Call" television program aired on West Virginia Public Television.

Undergraduate student worker positions available at NETCSC

WVU's National Environmental Training Center for Small Communities has several summer positions available for undergraduates interested in environmental sciences, soil sciences, environmental engineering, curriculum and instruction, technology education or other fields related to training and the environmental sciences. Other related fields will be considered.

No drop-bys or unsolicited telephone calls please. Fax resume to Randall Levelle, ATTN: Student Position, WVU, National Environmental Training Center for

Small Communities, 293-3161, e-mail rlevelle@wvu.edu or send to P.O. Box 6064.

Carpenter named interim financial aid director

Les Carpenter has been named interim director of financial aid at WVU, replacing Brenda Thompson who was recently named assistant vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services.

Carpenter began working at WVU in 1987 in the controller's office, and moved to manager of financial aid information systems in 1994. He served as assistant director and associate director prior to being appointed to the interim post.

Faculty Footnotes

B&E prof honored for column

A College of Business and Economics professor has been honored for a weekly business column he writes for *The Dominion Post*.

Ashok Abbott, associate professor of finance, was named Small Business Journalist of the Year at the U.S. Small Business Administration's West Virginia District Office awards luncheon May 3 in Flatwoods.

Abbott began writing the column as a service project for his Rotary Club. He came to WVU in 1987. His teaching and research areas include international finance, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and corporate valuations.

Woodfork honored by W. Va. Senate

Larry D. Woodfork, currently an adjunct professor of petroleum and natural gas engineering at WVU, was

commended in West Virginia Senate Resolution No. 32 for his public service and professional accomplishments. Woodfork retired as director of the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey Jan. 1 after 33 years of service.

When he retired, Woodfork was the longest term "will and pleasure" gubernatorial appointee serving as an agency director, having served in that capacity for 14 years under four governors in five consecutive gubernatorial terms.

Classified Clips

T&D workshop enrollment open

Enrollment is now being accepted for the following Training and Development workshops: *How to Be Interviewed*, May 21; *Dealing with Upset and Angry People*, May 23; and *Focus on Sexual Harassment*, May 29, *Reporting Leave, Are Your Keeping Track?*, May 29; *How to Deal with the Team You're Dealt*, June 5; *Speaking Confidently, Improving Your Presentation Skills*, June 13; and *How to Conduct An Interview*, June 18.

Call 293-7217 or e-mail traindev@wvu.edu to register. For workshop details, refer to the Jan.-June T&D Workshop Catalog or <http://www.wvu.edu/~humanres/td.htm>

Catastrophic leave sought

David E. Boyles, Physical Plant, and Debbie Sakacs, College of Human Resources and Education, have been approved for catastrophic leave. For more information or to donate leave, call Medical Monitoring, 293-5700, ext. 8.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

For a listing of all upcoming events check the WVU Events Calendar online:

<http://www.wvu.edu/~calendar>

Looking for sports?

Check MSNsportsNET's schedule at <http://www.msnsportsnet.com/schedules/schedules.html>

SATURDAY, MAY 18

133rd Commencement - for complete schedule, go to <http://www.wvu.edu/commencement/Schedule1.htm>

Alumni Day

SUNDAY, MAY 19

133rd Commencement - Raymond J. Lane, speaker, 1:30 p.m., Coliseum. For complete schedule, go to <http://www.wvu.edu/commencement/Schedule1.htm>

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Registration for Summer I First Day of Classes Summer I

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Dissertation - *Students' Attitudes, Knowledge, and Commitment to Implementation of Multicultural Education in a Teacher Education Program*, Pei Jian Zhou, 1 p.m., 601-B Allen Hall

Blood Drive - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Health Science Center
Children's Clothing Drive - Mileground Armory, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Late Registration Begins Summer I

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Last Day to Add Courses or Make Changes Summer I

MONDAY, MAY 27

Memorial Day - U closed

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Distance Education Brown Bag Luncheon - *Distance Education and Library Access: WVU Libraries Resources for Distance Education Students*, noon - 1 p.m., Downtown Campus Library, Room 136

PEIA deadline - smoking affidavits must be submitted to Human Resources, One Waterfront Place, by end of business day

United Way Day of Caring Children's Clothing Drive for Christian Help

Nearly a third of all children in West Virginia live in families below the poverty level. Clothing makes a difference in how these children are treated at school. There is a desperate need for:

- boys' and girls' clothing
- pants, socks and underclothing (especially for boys)
- shoes

The focus is on back-to-school clothing, but summer clothing will be accepted. Donations should be in excellent condition; underclothing should be new.

Also being collected are:

- backpacks
- school supplies

Drop-off

Wednesday, May 22
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Mileground Armory

Sponsored by

 West Virginia University Hospitals
B. Battery 201st Armory



Professor wins Fulbright Award to study at Croatia's University of Split

By KAREN ZELLER

A West Virginia University professor known for inspiring students to become top-notch educators has become one of the first recipients of a newly created Fulbright Award that allows the nation's leading educators to study abroad for short terms.

Eric Pyle, a WVU associate professor of education, will spend two weeks working with faculty at Croatia's University of Split.

Dr. Pyle is among the first national-



Pyle

ly to receive a Fulbright Senior Specialist short-term grant. The new program offers two-to-six week grants to leading U.S. academics and professionals to support curricular and faculty development and institutional planning at academic institutions in 140 countries worldwide. The traditional Fulbright Scholars Program offers grants ranging from two months to a year.

While in Croatia, Pyle will conduct needs assessments among teachers who are potential candidates for a

new program of post-graduate study for mathematics and science teachers.

He also will identify specific opportunities for collaboration between the University of Split and U.S. institutions and individuals with expertise in science and math education, such as teacher and graduate student exchange programs and joint research opportunities.

Created to complement the 55-year-old traditional Fulbright Scholar Program, the Senior Specialists Program aims at increasing the number of faculty and professionals who

have the ability to go abroad on a Fulbright.

The Fulbright Scholarship Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and managed by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars. The program's purpose is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

Faculty Senate endorses Freedom of Expression policy revisions

By SARAH GOULD

The revised draft of WVU's Policy on Freedom of Expression was approved Monday (May 13) by Faculty Senate. Robert Griffith, associate professor of pharmacy and chair of Faculty Senate's ad hoc committee on free speech, presented the policy and the explained changes made following posting of the initial draft in April and a 30-day comment period.

The revised version of the document is available online at http://intranet.wvu.edu/FSP_Updated.htm

While Faculty Senate cannot make University policies, said Senate chair Roy Nutter, the Senate can make recommendations.

Griffith said he anticipates President David C. Hardesty Jr. will review the policy again with legal experts, possibly offering further revisions, and submit it to the WVU Board of Governors at the June 7 meeting.

In other business, Faculty Senate elected music professor Christopher Wilkinson, who ran unopposed, as chair-elect, and elected executive committee members for the Senate's next term. Current chair-elect Stanley Cohen, professor of psychology, will take over leadership of the Senate in June when the new term begins.

Because quorum was not met, all matters approved during the meeting will be reaffirmed at the next meeting that reaches quorum.

For a complete report on the May 13 meeting, go to <http://intranet.wvu.edu/news/mayfacsen.htm>

Moving days near for Life Sciences Building

By JIM DAVIS

Moving days are near for faculty and staff who will be relocating to the new Life Sciences Building.

Workers will begin moving equipment into the \$47 million facility in late May and early June, while furniture is scheduled to arrive in June, said Pat Dolan, project manager.

A final fire marshal's inspection of the building is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 17, Dolan said. The purpose of the final inspection is to determine if the facility is safe for occupancy, so the outcome of the review will impact how soon employees can begin moving in.

Plans call for having employees, equipment and furniture in the building before classes begin in August, he added.

The 190,000-square-foot building stands at the corner of University Avenue and Campus Drive in the loop formerly occupied by old Mountaineer Field. It will house the biology and psychology departments, the two largest programs in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences. Currently the psychology department is in Oglebay Hall, while the biology department makes its home in Brooks Hall.

The new building's eight floors will feature classrooms, labs, a 250-seat auditorium, 125-seat auditorium, herbarium and greenhouse.

Payette Associates of Boston is architect for the project; Dick Corp. of Pittsburgh, the construction manager.

Three faculty awarded Humanities Council fellowships

Three faculty members in the College of Creative Arts have received fellowships from the West Virginia Humanities Council for 2002.

Janet Snyder, assistant professor of art and coordinator of the art history program, received a fellowship for a study of the production of limestone sculpture in 12th century France.

Christopher Wilkinson, professor of music history, won a fellowship for a study of "The Swing Era in Black West Virginia."

Mary Ferer, assistant professor of music history, earned a fellowship for

a study titled "Music at the Renaissance Court of Charles V."

West Virginia Humanities Council Fellowships are awarded to skilled humanities scholars, with advanced degrees in a humanities discipline, who are sponsored by nonprofit organizations. The research proposals must demonstrate that ethical, literary, historical, religious, philosophical or cultural perspectives will be brought to bear on the topic. The council stresses those disciplines that clarify the value and aesthetic concerns of human experience.

B&E receives grant to study Chinese business practices

With the support of a U.S. Department of Education grant to the Center for Chinese Business in the College of Business and Economics, executives from West Virginia businesses will be able to join faculty and students on a trip to mainland China to study business practices in one of the world's largest emerging market economies.

The \$142,000 grant will not only fund travel stipends for executives wishing to explore opportunities for their firms in China, but it will also provide faculty support for curriculum development and scholarships for students wanting to participate in

the trip to China.

WVU students, faculty and state business executives will identify and work on a project designed to help companies penetrate the Chinese market. After orientation and cultural education sessions stateside, the teams will travel to China to meet and consult on their projects with Chinese business and government leaders using an extensive China network the college has developed through the CCB.

The CCB has been training high-level government and business leaders from Shanghai and Tianjin since 1994.

Experience the Joy of Special Olympics Become a Volunteer for the Summer Games June 7-9, WVU Athletic Facilities

The West Virginia Special Olympics Summer Games are returning to Morgantown for a fifth consecutive year. More than 1,500 volunteers are needed as athlete buddies, Olympic Village workers, first aid responders and more. As volunteers, you will never forget these brave and courageous athletes or how you feel afterwards. Won't you join us?

To register, call 1-888-988-2269 or check out <http://www.wvu.edu/specialolympics/>