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Board names Rickey Distinguished Teaching Professor

Dr. V. Frederick Rickey, mathematics and statistics, was appointed Distinguished Teaching Professor at the June 26 Board of Trustees meeting.

The prestigious honor recognizes outstanding performance in the classroom.

"The Distinguished Teaching Professor is one of the three highest honors at the University and it particularly recognizes the role of faculty instruction," Dr. Eloise Clark, vice president for academic affairs, said.



Rickey

"Fred is generally considered to be one of our outstanding classroom instructors. It is wonderful to be able to recognize his longstanding contributions," she added.

Clark added there is keen competition for the award, and it is especially meaningful because recipients are chosen by a committee of their peers.

Judith Bentley, music, chaired the committee that chose Rickey. She said in his support documents Rickey was consistently cited for his interest in students, his fairness and encouragement.

In a letter of support, Dr. Andrew Glass, chair of mathematics and statistics, called Rickey "the best undergraduate lecturer I have ever witnessed at any university in any discipline."

Rickey joined the University staff in 1968 and has been a full professor since 1979. He has served visiting professorships at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana University at South Bend, University of Vermont and the United States Military Academy, West Point.

He is highly regarded among students and his peers, who often cite his energy, clear and interesting explanations and concern for the progress of his students.

In student evaluations of his teaching, Rickey consistently receives praise, especially on his fairness and excellent visual aids. One student wrote, "If high school students could be exposed to instructors of this calibre, we would have no problem with math in our schools."

For 20 years Rickey has been active in the Mathematical Association of America and has participated in the organization's Visiting Lecturer Program. He is on the program committee of the Ohio section of the MAA. He is also the chair of the Americas section of the International Study Group for the Relations between History and Pedagogy of Mathematics and is the American Mathematical Society's representative to the History of Science section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He is widely published in a variety of mathematics journals and has lectured extensively. He has served in an editorial capacity for *Newsletter of the International Study Group on the Relations between the History and Pedagogy of Mathematics*, *The Philosophers Index* and the *Notre*

Dame Journal of Formal Logic.

Rickey has received many honors. Recently, he received the first statewide Distinguished Teaching Award from the Ohio section of the Mathematics Association of America and will be among the candidates for a national award. He is a four-time recipient of the Kappa Mu Epsilon honorary society award for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics (1991, 1988, 1975 and 1971). He received the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal from the Department of the Army in June 1990 for performance while serving as the visiting professor of mathematics at the

United States Military Academy. He has also won the George Polya Award for Mathematical Exposition from the Mathematical Association of America.

Nominations for the BGSU Distinguished Teaching Professor come from faculty and the recipient is selected by a faculty committee, the vice president for academic affairs, the president and the Board of Trustees.

Previous recipients of the honor are Dr. M. Neil Browne, economics; Dr. Chan K. Hahn, management; and Virginia Marks, music.

A&S priorities committee organized

A blue ribbon committee on college priorities for the 1990s has been created by College of Arts and Sciences Dean Andrew Kerek.

The 11-member group is charged with charting a realistic course for the direction of the college for the remainder of this decade and beyond. Kerek said in a memo sent to arts and sciences faculty.

"We are at a juncture where the College of Arts and Sciences must reexamine its resource commitments and achieve a consensus on priorities for the years ahead," Kerek wrote.

"While it is no coincidence that this committee is being appointed in the context of current and continuing budgetary pressures, a periodic self-scrutiny of the college's complex goals and directions makes good sense regardless of the times," the dean noted.

Kerek has asked the committee to address several key issues of critical concern, among them:

—What are the essential components of the college's mission, goals and tasks what purposes are less important, and how

should this central mission be determined?

—How is program effectiveness to be assessed and can these criteria be applied equitably?

—Is the current organizational structure of the college effective and, if not, what changes would make sense and by what rationale?

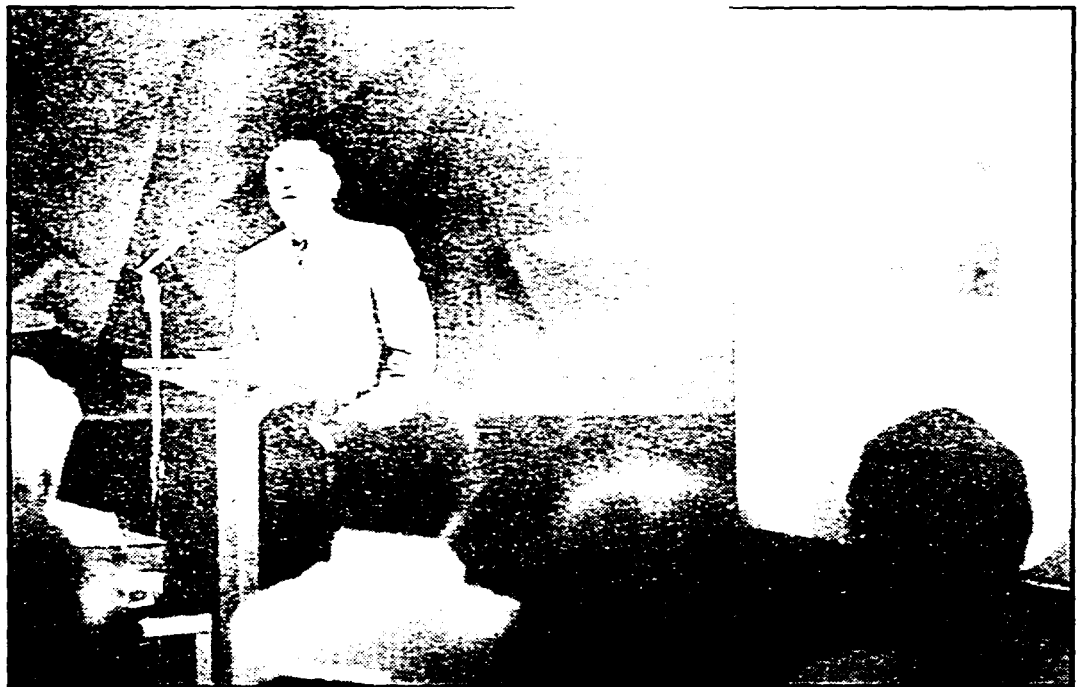
—What principles and values should be used in balancing obligations to students and the resource needs of faculty?

—What are the bases for an equitable differential teaching load policy for the college that accommodates both higher average teaching productivity expectations and the goals of particular units?

—How can differential but equal roles and an equitable reward structure be assured for faculty with different talents and contributions?

Members of the committee include Dr. Thomas Attig, philosophy; Dr. Elizabeth Allgeier, psychology; Dr. Ellen Berry, English; Dr. Dawn Glanz, art; Dr. Mark Gromko, biological sciences; Dr. Charles

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Dr. Dietrich Blandow, from the former East Germany, spoke to area business persons and community members about opportunities in Eastern Europe June 22. Dean Thomas Erekson with others in the College of Technology worked to bring Blandow to campus to promote knowledge about issues such as cultural differences, needs and strategies for conducting business in Eastern Europe.

OBITUARIES

Russell Decker

Dr. Russell Decker, 76, died June 17 in Bowling Green.

His funeral was June 22 in Guthrie Center, Iowa, and a memorial service is scheduled in the fall at 2 p.m. Sept. 25 in Prout Chapel.

Decker practiced law in Ames, Iowa, for six years before beginning his 25-year career at the University in 1952. While working in Bowling Green, Decker was active in many University and community activities. He was a member of the BGSU Athletic Board, the Falcon Club and he also accompanied the BGSU baseball team on spring trips.

He was a 1937 graduate of the University of Iowa and graduated from Drake University Law School in 1941. He served in the Army in 1941 as a first lieutenant and was discharged in 1946 as a major. He joined the reserves and retired in 1972 as a lieutenant colonel.

After retiring from BGSU in 1977 he lived in Arkansas for nine years and then lived in Oklahoma for six years. He and his wife Carol recently moved back to Bowling Green.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the First United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Dortha E. Murrey

Dortha E. Murrey, 75, of Tontogany died June 17.

She had been a cook at the University and retired in 1980.

Charter a trip with the BGSU shuttle

The BGSU shuttle will be available for charter trips until July 31. Trips are limited to not more than 150 miles each way. For further information, call parking services at 2-2776.

CUFS training sessions available in July

The following times have been scheduled for hands-on CUFS Requisition (RX) and Receiving Document (RC) training:

Requisition

- 9-11 a.m., July 6;
- 1-3 p.m., July 7;
- 1-3 p.m., July 20; and
- 9-11 a.m., July 21.

Receiving Document

- 9-10:30 a.m., July 8;
- 1-2:30 p.m., July 9;
- 9-10:30 p.m., July 22; and
- 1-2:30 p.m., July 23.

All sessions will be held in the training room on the sixth floor of the Administra-

FACULTY/STAFF POSITIONS

The following administrative staff positions are available:

Intercollegiate Athletics: assistant coach, men's and women's swimming. Contact Sam Ramirez (Search V-030). Deadline: July 10.

Intercollegiate Athletics: assistant hockey coach (restricted earnings position). Contact Sam Ramirez (Search V-032). Deadline: July 8.

Recreational Sports: assistant director of recreational sports for intramurals and sport clubs. Contact Sam Ramirez (Search V-028), 2-2228. Deadline: July 10.

The following faculty positions are available:

Mathematics and Statistics: Eugene Lukacs Visiting Professor (full-time, terminal). Contact Dr. Andrew Glass, 2-7453. Deadline: Sept. 1 or until filled.

Music (composition/history): assistant/associate professor of musicology (temporary/full-time). Contact Dr. Vincent Corrigan, 2-2055. Deadline: July 24.

Music (performance studies): instructor/assistant professor of percussion (temporary/full-time). Contact Dr. John Bentley, 2-2955. Deadline: July 24.

School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation: instructor (full-time, temporary one-year). Contact Sally Sakola, chair, search and screening committee, School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Deadline: July 10 or until position is filled.

Technology: assistant professor of construction management (full-time, tenure track). Contact Dr. Stephen J. Krone, 2-8209. Deadline: July 22 or until filled.

Telecommunications, technology, bursar offices to test campus voice mail system

Three campus offices will be testing a voice mail system to determine if telephone calls can be more efficiently processed.

Telecommunications services, bursar and College of Technology offices will be testing the system for a six-month period effective immediately. If a voice mail system is adopted after the trial period, other departments will be added at a later time.

The voice mail system consists of the following three primary features:

- a voice mail box (answering machine);
- call routing (pushing buttons to signal desired call destinations); and
- message broadcasting (announcements).

The University will test two vendors, VMX and AT&T Audix. The next six months will be a trial period for learning how to use voice mail and determining if voice mail is something the University wants to pursue on a permanent basis, according to Dr. Richard Conrad, computer services.

During the trial period, Conrad said he wants to limit the number of participants. "We are already receiving telephone calls from people who want to take part in the trial phase," Conrad said. "In testing, we want to keep it small so if a problem

occurs, there is a minimal impact on campus."

Determining the appropriate size system will also be accomplished during the trial period, he said.

A decision is expected to be made about purchasing a voice mail system by mid-fall. The decision will be made before the end of the six-month trial period so if the University wants to purchase a system, there will be little delay in service for offices already using voice mail. If the University decides to proceed with voice mail, bids for a campus-wide system will be sent to vendors.

During the spring semester, installation, training and initial use may occur.

"Administratively, the intent is to make the basic system available to departments at no cost," Conrad said.

The basic system should meet the needs of approximately 90 percent of the departments, and those that need additional usage of the system may be charged a small fee.

Conrad said he believes the positive side of voice mail is that it makes offices more productive; however, the negative side is that the system can be impersonal.

Conrad said he expects a system to be fully operational by summer 1993.

It is time to submit fee waivers for fall

Employees are reminded to submit employee and dependent fee waivers for fall term, 1992.

Effective immediately the previous employee form (pink) and the dependent form (yellow) are no longer to be used. Revised forms are presently available in the Office of Personnel Services.

Employee forms require only the signature of the department chair/area head before being forwarded to personnel services for processing. Dependent forms require only the employee's signature.

Questions about the new forms should be addressed to Lois George, personnel services, 2-8422.

Independence Day observed July 3

The University staff will observe Independence Day on Friday (July 3). Offices will be closed but classes will be in session.

University hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday (June 29-July 2), with a one-hour lunch period. Regular summer hours will resume July 6.

Pre-Registration now in progress

The Office of Student Activities and Orientation is sponsoring Pre-Registration programs from Monday (June 29) through July 24. New students and their parents will participate in one of 15 two-day sessions. Students will be tested, registered for classes and become better oriented with the campus community during the programs.