Faculty Coordinator For Preprofessional Advising Is Named

Harold L. Levin, chairman of Washington University's Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, has been appointed to the newly created position of Faculty Coordinator for Preprofessional Advising, it was announced today by Burton M. Wheeler, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

When he assumes his new post July 1, Levin will have the overall responsibility for preprofessional advising programs, including duties currently being carried out by Mrs. Eleanor Waltuch, Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Waltuch, who is responsible for advising programs for premedical and preparamedical students, has submitted her resignation, effective July 1. “While I have found my job extremely rewarding, it is important to me at this point in my life to stop work in order to fulfill personal obligations,” Waltuch said.

“Mrs. Waltuch has served hundreds of students conscientiously and effectively for seven years,” Wheeler said. “The fan mail she has received from students whom she has aided attests to her success.”

“Professor Levin is highly respected by students and colleagues alike,” he continued. “We are very fortunate that someone of his demonstrated ability is willing to undertake the further development of our preprofessional advising programs and the liaison work with professional schools. I look forward to working with him.”

Levin said that on July 1 he will step down as chairman of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences. “It is essential that I relinquish the chairmanship so that I may give my new and challenging assignment the attention it demands,” he said. “The increasing numbers of our undergraduates seeking entry into professional schools—particularly medicine—make it imperative that the

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University use all possible resources in the continued development of advising programs. This urgent task has been made easier for all faculty and staff involved because of the substantial foundations built by Eleanor Waltuch.

He said that he will continue Waltuch’s activities, which include assisting students in all aspects of their applications to professional schools, counseling students on alternate careers should they change fields and aiding them in applying for grants and scholarships. “I intend to meet as many of the preprofessional students as possible and I will, of course, continue to work closely with the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee and the University’s freshman-sophomore advisers,” he said.

As a faculty member of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Levin said that he will continue to carry some teaching responsibilities in the department.

Florence Luscomb To Speak on Women’s Progress, Feb. 25

Florence E. Luscomb, 89, a Boston feminist who has been involved in most of the major 20th century social change movements, will be in residence at Washington University Feb. 24-26.

Highlights of her visit will be an 11 a.m. speech in Graham Chapel Wednesday, Feb. 25, on “Woman: from Serf to Citizen (or How Women Became Members of the Human Race).” It will be followed by a 3 p.m. reception and informal discussion about the history of the women’s rights, international peace and civil rights movements and her 1962 trip to China.

Luscomb was a charter member or officer of many groups, including the League of Women Voters, the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, the League of Nations, the NAACP, and the Civil Liberties Union.

Luscomb will be in St. Louis from February 24-March 11, speaking at various universities and organizations. Her appearances are being sponsored by the colleges and universities of the Higher Education Coordinating Council of Metropolitan St. Louis through its Women’s Program Council.

For further information, call Susan Cornillon at ext. 4541 or the HECC, 644-6613.

Holmes Lounge T Shirt Is A Symbol Of WU’s Informal Conversation Center

If printed T shirts are a sign that a person, product or place have arrived, then perhaps the new Holmes Lounge shirts are a reflection of the establishment’s esteem on campus.

Designed by Miles DeCoster, a WU fine arts graduate who works in Olin Library, the silk screened shirts are decorated with a reproduction of cathedral rubbings similar to those hanging in the northwest corner of the lounge.

A former reading room in old Ridgley Library, the lounge was renovated and furnished in 1964 with a gift from the Mary Brooks Holmes Charitable Trust after the opening of Olin Library. During the 1904 World’s Fair the room, then part of the Hall of International Congress, was used for social and business functions such as a West Point cadet ball and scientific meetings.

But historic legacy and ornate English Renaissance architecture notwithstanding, the lounge’s atmosphere today is relaxed and informal. Its bentwood chairs and well-worn couches are generally filled with students, faculty and staff taking a break. A subdued din of voices and clinking dishes fills the air, except in early morning or late afternoon, when the lounge is sparsely occupied.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley, Holmes Lounge supervisor, estimated that about 800 people use the lounge each day. One professor is reputed to hold informal office hours in Holmes, and at least one night school instructor conducts a portion of his class there.

Some of the customers observed last week included philosophy and romance language professors, an English graduate student and a Labrador retriever, who was quickly escorted to the door. Some people were studying, while others talked animatedly. One girl was sleeping, while in a far corner a couple practiced dance steps.

Holmes Lounge is many things to many people.

One student described the lounge as “an intellectual hub,” frequented primarily by English, philosophy, language, architecture and art students. He said that law students used to come, but tend to go to Mallinckrodt Cafeteria now, because it’s more convenient for them.

Another student called the lounge a “social place. You have to be prepared not to study here.”

A third described it as “a place for pseudo-intellectual discussions—not a place for discussing school. People talk about other people; they come in to meet their friends.”

Perhaps a fourth student best described Holmes when he said: “You can find people studying right next to people talking. The ceiling is high enough to absorb the sound.”

A sophomore who works part time in Holmes said that there are many regulars. “People will come up and I’ll know exactly what they want in advance. One guy gets two to three cups of coffee every time. I don’t ask him what he wants but how many.”

She said that upperclassmen tend to use the lounge more than un

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Snyder Named Chairman Of Electrical Engineering Dept.

Donald L. Snyder has been named chairman of the Electrical Engineering Department of the Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Science, effective March 1, Chancellor William H. Danforth announced.

Professor of Electrical Engineering and Associate Director of the Biomedical Computer Laboratory in the WU School of Medicine, Snyder will replace Robert O. Gregory, who has been acting chairman of the Electrical Engineering Department. Gregory replaced Russell Pfeiffer, who died last April from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Snyder’s research at WU has included development of new techniques to measure blood flow rates. He also has devised mathematical models to process data collected in the Division of Radiation Sciences of Washington University’s Mallinckrodt Institute. His other scientific projects have included the refinement of communication systems which employ light as a way to convey information.

He obtained a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California in 1961, a master’s degree in electrical engineering in 1963 and a Ph.D. degree in 1966 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Snyder was assistant professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering at M.I.T. from 1966 to 1969 and a staff member of the M.I.T. Lincoln Laboratory.

RECOGNITIONS

FRED J. ROSENBBAUM, WU professor of electrical engineering, has been invited to serve with eight other electrical engineers from universities and corporations throughout the nation on an advisory panel for the electrical sciences and analysis section of the National Science Foundation. The purpose of the panel, which will meet for the first time February 26-28, is to advise the foundation on the present status and new direction of research in the electrical sciences and analysis section. Rosenbaum will also serve on a special subpanel reviewing research supported by the devices and waves program of the electrical sciences and analysis section.

WILLIAM H. GASS, WU professor of philosophy, will serve as one of 18 judges for the 27th annual National Book Awards Program. Judges are selected for their literary qualifications as well as their expertise in a particular field or subject. The National Book Awards are given annually for the most distinguished books by American authors published during the past year. Gass, author of several novels including Omensetter’s Luck, also served as a judge in 1973.

DAVID BRONSEN, WU professor of German and comparative literature, was chosen to participate in a symposium on “Human Values and Aging: New Challenges to Research in the Humanities,” sponsored by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The symposium met last fall at Case Western Reserve U. and will meet again in New York in November, 1976. Bronsen spoke on “Life Style and the Crisis of Aging in the Dramatic Works of Ibsen and Beckett.”

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derclassmen. “When I was a freshman someone told me that freshmen weren’t allowed in Holmes, so I used to sneak in.” She said that freshmen begin to come in their second semester “when they find out where it is.”

Kelley agreed. “Many students don’t know about Holmes until their sophomore or junior year.” She said that it’s hard to find because the sign carved above the arcade on the outside of the building says Ridgley Library, though there is a small painted sign above the inner doors which reads, “Mary Brooks Holmes Room.”

Kelley, who has worked in Holmes for 10 years and supervised it for two, said that on the whole “the customers are very nice, you just have to keep them well. We get cards from students and professors after they’ve left the University.”

She said that the reputation of the lounge has spread beyond the campus. “Students traveling through St. Louis have stopped by to see Holmes. They’ve heard what a friendly place it is.”

In addition to Kelley, there are two full-time employees, Mrs. Frieda Zeis, who has worked there 10 years, and Mrs. Rose Levitan, who has worked for the University 14 years and in Holmes since September. There are 29 part-time student workers.

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, rolls, doughnuts, fruit, sandwiches and cake are available. Serving hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday.

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES and the Women’s Society will co-sponsor a book sale March 23, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Women’s Building Lounge. Books in English and foreign languages on topics ranging from art to zoology will be sold at bargain prices. A selection of records will also be offered for sale. Proceeds will be used to buy books for the Olm Library collections. Refreshments will be sold for a nominal charge. Proceeds from the sale of refreshments will augment the fund to purchase draperies for the Women’s Building.

THE PURPLE PIT, a Givens Hall community newsletter, is now being published each week at the School of Architecture. A four-page tabloid, the Pit contains original art work and a calendar.
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
7 p.m. International Office Europe ’76 Open House. Information on work, travel and study in Europe will be provided. Sixt International House.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
10 a.m. Department of Civil Engineering Seminar, “Analysis of Stiffened Plates by the Constraint Method,” Abdul Karim Ibrahimkhail, graduate student, Dept. of Civil Engineering, WU. 100 Cupples II.


4 p.m. Medieval and Renaissance Committee Lecture, “God’s Plenty” and the Hand of the Serf to Citizen or How Women Became Members of the Human Race,” by Boston feminist and civil rights activist Florence Luscomb. Mallinckrodt Center Drama Studio.


THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

4 p.m. Anthropology Department Lecture, “The Future of Anthropology,” Joseph Jorgensen, dept. of anthropology, U. of Michigan. McMillan cafeteria. (Talk will be preceded by coffee and doughnuts at 3:30 p.m.)


4 p.m. Women’s Studies Program Discussion. Mary Jane Budenstein, WU doctoral candidate in sociology, will present her research on women students’ attitudes toward abortion. Hurst Lounge, Duncker Hall.

8 p.m. Department of Romance Languages Lecture, “A Presentation of the Poetry of Eugenio Montale,” John Garganigo, assoc. prof. of Spanish, and James Jones, asst. prof. of French, both of WU. Women’s Building Lounge.

EXHIBITIONS
“Vittorio Zecchin, en” an exhibition of 23 drawings and 80 etchings from the Arthur M. Sackler Collection, on loan from Columbia University. Steinberg Gallery. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Through March 14.

PERFORMING ARTS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
8 p.m. Performing Arts Area Drama, “Riddle on the Roof,” Edison Theatre. General admission $3; WU community and all students $1.50. (Also Sat., Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 22)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
8 p.m. Drama, “The Magnificent Rebel—Edna St. Vincent Millay,” by Patricia Ball, St. Louis actress. Mallinckrodt Center Drama Studio.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
4 p.m. Graduate Voice Recital, Susan McDufee, WU music major. Brown Hall Lounge.


SPORTS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
5 p.m. Wrestling, Third Annual WU Invitational. Francis Fieldhouse. (Also Sat., Feb. 21)