



Jackson Forstman

Divinity dean resigns to teach

H. Jackson Forstman, dean of the Divinity School since 1979, will resign from that position effective July 1, 1989. Provost Charles Kiesler announced recently.

Forstman will remain on the school's faculty as Charles G. Finney Professor of Theology.

In letters to Divinity faculty and students and to friends and advisers, Forstman said that his primary vocation is teaching and that he wants to return to that profession and to pursue research. "In my judgment, the highest title in the university is 'professor.' I will return to that office with pleasure," he said.

Chancellor Joe B. Wyatt said Forstman's many accomplishments "have been characterized by both substance and vision. His good work as dean will remain in place for many, many years to come. He has served the Divinity School and the university in an exemplary way as dean. I am grateful for that and am looking forward to our continued

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Dukakis economics praised

by Susan McDonald

Programs introduced by Massachusetts Gov. and presidential candidate Michael Dukakis may have helped transform the economic climate of that state from bleak to bullish in 10 years, an economic development researcher said here Monday.

Helen Ladd, who helped with a state study commissioned by the federal Committee for Economic Development, said growth in high tech industries spurred Massachusetts' sagging economy and initiated a decade of dramatic growth from 1975-1985. That momentum may have been sustained by the Dukakis administration, whose leadership was favorable to business, she said.

Dukakis was governor from 1975-1979, 1983-1986 and is halfway through his third term.

Ladd, a former resident of Massachusetts, is professor of public policy studies at Duke University.

Speaking to about 80 government and business representatives at the Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies

(VIPPS) workshop on state economic development, Ladd said Dukakis initiated legislation to reduce taxes, funnel state funds to distressed urban centers and promote the commercial application of knowledge through university/business partnerships.

"None of these programs taken individually would have made much difference," Ladd said. "But the whole set . . . does have an effect."

Ladd cited fortuitous growth in legal services, data management, office automation and defense spending as causes behind the state's economic recovery since Massachusetts is top-heavy in those industries. But, she said, government programs helped to create a general economic climate attractive to business and helped maintain growth once it had begun.

"Geographic targeting was the branchchild of Dukakis during his first term," she said. "The program, which concentrates state resources in distressed urban areas, was successful because it

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Photos by Gerald Holly

Icy temperatures and gusty winds didn't stop window washers from converging on Kirkland Hall last week.

AIDS panel meeting here

by Nickl Pendleton

President's Reagan's AIDS commission is meeting today at the stadium club for the third consecutive day.

Nursing School Dean Colleen Conway-Welch, appointed to the commission last summer, invited the 13-member group to assemble here for hearings that have focused on AIDS testing, denial of care by health professionals and discrimination faced by people infected with the virus.

Reagan formed the group last year to study the disease and advise the president on how best to combat AIDS and fund treatment and research programs.

The commission has heard testimony so far on discrimination that people infected with AIDS face in education, in the workplace and in finding housing. Experts on such ethical issues as availability of care and funding for AIDS research, also have testified this week.

A. Gene Copello, assistant professor of medical ethics and director of the Vanderbilt AIDS Project, delivered the keynote speech in AIDS ethics yesterday. Leonard Lindsay, assistant professor of the practice of community health nursing, is scheduled to speak on the obligation of health care providers toward

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Commencement information for students, faculty

Commencement exercises on May 13 will begin with the academic procession on Alumni Lawn, weather permitting, or in Memorial Gymnasium if it rains.

After the conferring of degrees, awarding of Founder's Medals for first honors, and the chancellor's farewell remarks to the new graduates, recipients of master's, specialist in education, and doctoral degrees will move to other sites to receive their diplomas individually while the bachelors remain on the stage at the central ceremony to receive theirs.

Receptions for the graduates and their guests will end about 12:30 p.m. The luncheon for Peabody students and their guests is scheduled to begin at 12:15 p.m. The commissioning of

Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force offices is scheduled for 2 p.m.

All students who are scheduled to receive degrees at Commencement May 13 should have received information on Commencement and academic regalia. Regalia should be ordered by March 28. If you have not received this information, call Susie Archer in the Office of the University Registrar, 322-7709.

Prevailing policy on attendance is that the university expects students graduating at the end of the spring semester to attend Spring semester graduates who do not plan to participate have the responsibility of communicating with their respective deans. Graduates of last August and December are urged to attend but are not expected to be present unless they

notify the university that they will be.

Guidelines for faculty are:

- each department should be represented;
- about one-fourth of the total faculty should be present for truly representative group,
- the presence of each faculty member one year in four is urged and appreciated.

A faculty member can rent regalia at the contract group rate if he or she orders regalia by March 28 along with the graduates. Except for those in the School of Medicine, faculty members may obtain additional information and order forms at the customer service center of the bookstore. Medical faculty will receive information from the Office of Student Services, School of Medicine.

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ost for the symposium and luncheon
5, or \$17.50 for Vanderbilt students.
e also are scholarships available to
offset some of the cost for students.
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honic Casey Baluss at 322-8122 or
Barksdale at 322-8000.

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vening on campus participating in
al activities beginning with a noon
in the Divinity School private
g room. Lunch will be provided by
vinity School and the Graduate
rtment of Religion Women's
nunity.

3:10 p.m. Monday Reagon will
at a lecture and song in Divinity
. She will be guest at a reception at
a.m. in Tillett Lounge and will
a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. in
tory. Reservations are required for
i-per-person dinner and can be
by telephoning Barbara Simpson at
205.

Antoinette Brown lecture is at 8
and a reception for Reagon is
held after the lecture in Tillett
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ther special guest during the week
News correspondent Pat
ell, who is scheduled to speak
lay at 7 p.m. in Furman 114.
shell is host of "Woman to
n," a special feature series on the
Show. Each segment of the series
with problems facing women in the

She began her career as a teacher but
a profession after five years to
or Look magazine. She has also
l for WNBC-TV, Garth Media
tants, WBZ-TV in Boston and
in Washington, D.C. as well as

ook published

r is a member of the advisory
of the Nashville Regional Organ
ment Agency and chairs its
nd Legislative Committee. He is
nd in several research projects
on enhancing moral and
f understanding in patients,
physicians and other care givers.

incidence of accidental poisonings

The center's poison information
specialists began answering telephone
calls for poison information late last
month and this week extended their
service hours to between 8 a.m. and 9
p.m.

By summer, center staff members plan
to answer telephone calls 24 hours a day,
according to Barbara Hall, director of
marketing. Until then, calls that come in
after 9 p.m. will be answered by staff in
the emergency room, who can call
Andrew Heath, center medical director,
or Frank Bonfiglio, program director, for
expert opinions.

Bonfiglio said all calls about
poisonings were directed to the
emergency room before late February.
Calls there for information about poison
totaled about 10,000 in 1987 and
prompted medical center officials to
develop the new center, he said.

When the center is fully staffed, it may
receive as many as 45,000 or more calls
in a year from people all over Middle
Tennessee, according to Bonfiglio.

He said plans call for the center here
to become the state's first poison control
center certified by the American
Association of Poison Control Centers.
Vanderbilt's center already is a member
of that association but must meet several
criteria before gaining its certification.

Those criteria include: trained staff —
pharmacists or registered nurses trained

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Today's sessions include a discussion
on the uses of testing that will be led by
William Schaffner, chairman of the
Department of Preventive Medicine and
Director of the Division of Infectious
Disease.

David Randolph Smith, assistant
professor of law, will speak today on the
legal aspects of testing for AIDS.
Charles Wallas, associate professor of
pathology, will outline issues in
confidentiality of medical reporting and
medical records for those tested.

William Dannemeyer, congressman
from California, is also scheduled to

Hargrove describes TVA to California audience

Erwin Hargrove, professor of political
science, recently lectured on TVA to a
group at Stanford University

The talk was titled "Leadership and
Organizational Culture: the case of the
TVA." Hargrove said it was an
"opportunity to try out ideas" for
research he is planning to do that will
build on his book, cowritten with Paul

Staff answering telephones will use an
extensive data base on laser disk that
helps them identify poisons and antidotes
quickly.

For example, Rob Goetz, a pharmacist
training to be a poison information
specialist, typed "pink pill" into his
computer terminal earlier this week. On
the screen appeared more than a dozen
entries of drugs, plants and other
substances, names of which include the
word "pink" or which are pink or which
might be referred to as pink.

Goetz explained that callers sometimes
do not know what they or their children
have taken and can only describe it. If a
caller does know the exact substance, the
specialist can type the brand name into
the computer. The computer will provide
a breakdown of ingredients in the
substance and tell the specialist which
ingredients are the most dangerous.

Between 80 and 85 percent of callers
get all the help they need over the
telephone, according to Bonfiglio.
"Much of it (information the center
dispenses) is good, routine first aid."

He said between 35 and 40 percent of
the center's calls are from adults who
may have mixed household cleaning
products and been overwhelmed by the
resulting fumes, splashed a toxic liquid
in their eyes or been involved in any of a
variety of accidents. The remaining 60 to
65 percent are from parents, grandparents

and speak today. Dannemeyer has said he
believes AIDS is God's punishment for
the sin of homosexuality. He has been a
vocal opponent of funding for AIDS
research and education.

The commission expects to have a
final list of recommendations ready to
deliver to President Reagan in June. Last
month, commissioners called for a
10-year, \$20 billion program to fight
AIDS.

In Tennessee, a lobby for AIDS
support has asked state officials to spend
at least \$300,000 next year on direct
AIDS services.

State epidemiologists have logged
more than 100 AIDS cases in Nashville
and about 380 in the state.

Conkin, "TVA, Fifty Years of Grass
Roots Bureaucracy."

"The focus of the book will be an
analysis of TVA through its history,"
Hargrove said, adding that he wants to
compare organization in the agency's
early life with later conditions. "The
central question is why does such a
highly effective organization seem to
have so many problems."



Frank Bonfiglio shows Kara Rose Hildebrand
under the kitchen sink.

and baby-sitters asking questions about
substances children have swallowed,
spilled on their skin or inhaled.

Bonfiglio said Americans have
become more safety conscious in the past
decade, using safety latches on
cupboards, safety caps on drugs and

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association as he pursues his
distinguished scholarly work."

Kiesler agreed that Vanderbilt is
fortunate that Forstman will continue to
teach here, but added that "Dr. Forstman
has been an outstanding dean and he will
be very difficult to replace."

While Forstman has been dean, the
Divinity Library was relocated and
renovated and the Divinity School
building was improved. Financial aid for
students and faculty salaries increased. A
new Ph.D. program in homiletics and
liturgics was begun. And another new
degree program, master of theological
studies, has been approved to start this
fall.

Students in the M.T.S. program will
receive a broad introduction to
theological studies then concentrate in a
particular area. The two-year program
will be an alternative to the master of arts
degree for students interested in working
toward a Ph.D. in religion, for church
laty or recent college graduates.

Forstman also has seen the Divinity
School endowment grow from \$9 million