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MU will award 1,700 degrees Saturday

Marshall University will award approximately 1,700 degrees in Commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 14, at the Huntington Civic Center.

The program, open to the public, will begin at 11 a.m. Students completing their course requirements last summer, last December and this month are eligible to participate in the 1988 Commencement. Registrar Robert H. Eddins said 1,266 students are scheduled to receive undergraduate degrees, 391 graduate degrees, and 43 Doctor of Medicine degrees.

Because final examinations are in progress this week, the figures could vary slightly, Eddins noted.

He said 22 students will graduate summa cum laude (highest honors), 69 magna cum laude (high honors), and 95 cum laude (honors). Sixty Community College students will complete their two-year programs with honors.

President Dale F. Nitzschke will preside over the ceremonies. The Rev. R.F. Smith, senior minister of Huntington's Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, will deliver the invocation and benediction.

The Commencement address will be delivered by former U.S. Senator George S. McGovern. Also presenting brief talks will be three students, Kimberly Joy Bandy of Beckley, John David Brant of Northfork, and Michael Kenneth Hurst of Princeton.

Receiving honorary degrees will be Senator McGovern, Doctor of Laws; Mrs. Roberta S. Emerson of Huntington, Doctor of Humane Letters; Nelson S. Bond of Roanoke, Va., Doctor of Literature, and Admiral Paul D. Butcher, deputy commander of the Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Va., Doctor of Humane Letters.

The honorary degree recipients will be presented by Dr. Carol A. Smith, vice president for academic affairs. Students receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees will be presented by deans of their respective colleges and schools within the university.

Also participating in the program will be David H. Daugherty, president of the Marshall Alumni Association. Eddins said a reception for graduates and their families and friends will be held in the Civic Center's Suite A immediately following the ceremonies.

Parkersburg man makes Alumni House possible

Marshall University soon will have an Alumni House, thanks to the generosity of a Parkersburg man.

MU President Dale F. Nitzschke said Charlie O. Erickson, a business and civic leader in Wood County, has agreed to contribute $150,000 to purchase such a facility.

"An Alumni House is one of the major, unrealized needs of Marshall University's alumni program," Nitzschke said. "We're deeply grateful to Mr. Erickson for his initiative in helping us realize this long-held dream."

MU Vice President for Institutional Advancement Keith L. Scott said the university probably will purchase a house in the vicinity of the campus and remodel it to serve as a gathering place for alumni and to house the Office of Alumni Affairs. That office currently is located in Memorial Student Center.

Erickson is president of COE Inc., a Parkersburg-based company with interests in real estate, land development...
Graduate School awards student grants

Marshall University's Graduate School has awarded summer thesis research grants to eight students and the MU Graduate Student Association has awarded the first Dr. A. Mervin Tyson Research Award, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, acting dean of the Graduate School.

John P. Fisher of Ironton, Ohio, received the Tyson Research Award to work on his thesis titled "The Creation of the First American Army: Anglo-American Relations and the Amalgamation Controversy, 1917-18."

The award was established by the Graduate Student Association in honor of Tyson, a former MU professor and administrator who remains involved in various campus activities although he retired in 1977.

Students receiving summer thesis research grants from the Graduate School and their subjects are:

- Montserrat M. Chambers of Huntington, "Bacterial Mutagenicity of Sediment Core Extracts from the Kanawha River Sediments";
- Thomas Russell McGrady of Huntington, "Developmental Differences in Classical Conditioning";
- Douglas L. Pittman of Point Pleasant, "Chromosomal Mutagenicity of Sediment Core Extracts from the Kanawha River, West Virginia";
- Mary Kay Prino of Huntington, "Treatment and Disposal of Biological Hazardous Waste Materials: A Comparison of Procedures at three University Research Facilities;" and Habea Rana of Poca, "The Selective Killing of Antigen-Specific Lymphocytes in Viro by Treatment with Immunotoxins."

The grants were made possible through the University's Greatest Needs Fund, the HERF Committee and the Graduate School.

Outstanding teacher nominations are due

The selection committee for the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award is accepting nominations from students, faculty and alumni, according to Dr. William Coffey, assistant vice president for academic affairs.

Eligible faculty members must be engaged in teaching and be on a full-time appointment at or above the rank of assistant professor, with at least three years of service at Marshall.

Nominations for the award, which includes a $3,000 cash prize, can be made in a short, dated letter stating the nominee's name and department, along with reasons for making the nomination.

The committee cannot accept anonymous nominations, so legible signatures should be included on the nominating letters.

Nominations can be sent to: The Reynolds Committee, c/o Dr. William Coffey, Academic Affairs Office, Old Main 320H.

Letters of Appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you for your contribution to the Mountain Lion's Club in memory of my father, Wade Hauser. Your support during my time of loss was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Douglas

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you for your gift of money and the many condolences expressed during the recent death of my husband.

Your thoughtfulness and consideration will always be remembered.

Sincerely,

Carol Copley and Family
Metro Fee will include one more area

The West Virginia Board of Regents Tuesday approved a Marshall University request to add Lawrence County, Ky., to its experimental Metro Fee program.

The program, approved in May 1987 for three Kentucky counties and one Ohio county, permits students from those counties to attend Marshall at rates significantly reduced from the normal out-of-state fees. The Metro Fee was initiated last fall on a two-year trial basis and will be evaluated at the end of the next academic year to determine if it is to be continued.

Counties covered by the Metro Fee, in addition to Lawrence County, Ky., are Boyd, Carter and Greenup counties in Kentucky and Lawrence County, Ohio.

"We're very pleased that the Board of Regents has accepted our recommendation to add Lawrence County, Ky., to the Metro Fee program," Nitzschke said. "When the program was announced last spring, we quickly became aware that there was a tremendous interest in it on the part of Lawrence County residents. They made it evident they wanted to be included, so I'm very happy the Board of Regents is allowing us to expand the program."

Although full-time Metro Fee students pay more than West Virginia residents to attend Marshall, their semester costs last fall were reduced $516 per semester at the undergraduate level and $571 at the graduate level.

Nitzschke said first-year figures indicate the Metro Fee is popular with students from the affected counties. Last fall, first-time and transfer students from the four counties accounted for 34 percent of the total Marshall enrollment of 551 from those counties.

Overall, enrollment at Marshall from the entire state of Kentucky increased 15.3 percent last fall, while enrollment from Ohio increased 17.6 percent. During the previous three years, enrollment from those states had declined 2.4 percent a year. The turn-around was attributed to introduction of the Metro Fee.

"The 1987 figures were impressive," Nitzschke said, "but, since more students know about the Metro Fee program this year, we believe we'll see even more significant enrollment growth from those counties in fall 1988 figures."

In announcing the program last year, Nitzschke said, "The Tri-State Area in which we are located has the potential of becoming one educational, economic, social and cultural unit. We believe it is essential that we be able to reach across the state borders to help with the economic and educational development of this entire Tri-State Area."

Despite the growth from the Metro counties, Marshall's non-resident enrollment remained at only 11 percent of the total enrollment last fall.

Marshall may be headed for record enrollment

Marshall University, which enrolled a record 12,018 students last fall, apparently is headed for another new record next fall.

Director of Admissions James Harless said 3,538 applications for admission had been received by May 1, a 15 percent increase over the same date last year. The figures include 3,339 freshmen-to-be, with the remainder listed as transfer students.

At the same time, Housing Manager Ramona Arnold said new applications for rooms in the university's residence halls are up 9 percent from last year.

Historically, Harless said, more than 60 percent of those applying for admission to Marshall actually enroll. The national average is about 50 percent, he noted.

Last fall, Marshall recorded the largest enrollment increase of any college or university in the state system of higher education, 593 students.

"We're pleased, of course, that so many students are choosing Marshall University," MU President Dale F. Nitzschke said. "This is especially rewarding in view of the fact we've done virtually no advertising. At the same time, I'm concerned about increasing numbers of students at a time when Marshall University is drastically underfunded. We'll continue to do our best to provide those students with quality programs, but at some point we're going to have to have some additional help.

"I sincerely hope this is the year."

Library will close

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will be closed May 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, June 4, 5, 11 and 12.

The library will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31 and June 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The library will resume regular summer schedule hours on June 13.

Deductions available

Marshall University offers the option of having certain additional or supplemental benefits paid through payroll deduction.

By offering the payroll deduction option to Marshall employees, the university is acting only to provide a service to its employees.

Marshall University does not endorse the integrity of a salesperson, company or product by offering payroll deduction for its services, nor does it purport to endorse, sponsor or support any or all companies which may happen to meet the criteria to offer payroll deductions for its programs or benefits.

Approving payroll deduction does not indicate preference for a company or its benefits or services.

Harry E. Neel Jr.
Executive Vice President/
Vice President for Financial Affairs
MU will sell surplus at ‘yard sale’

Marshall University’s Office of Purchasing and Materials Management will hold a “yard sale” on Wednesday, May 18, at 10 a.m. in the Receiving area of Plant Operations.

University departments and offices may sell surplus supplies and equipment during the sale. Departments will receive 70 percent of the proceeds from the items sold. The funds will be held in a special account for a period of one year for use by the department that sold the equipment or supplies.

William J. Shondel, director of purchasing and materials management, said that unless otherwise notified, all unsold material will be turned over to the state for their disposal.

University employees may submit sealed bids for any items up for sale.

The supplies and equipment will be on display in Plant Operations May 16-17. The Receiving Office will give out bid forms and envelopes to all interested individuals. Sealed bids must be received no later than 10 a.m. May 18, at which time the bids will be opened.

Successful bidders will be contacted and asked to pick up materials no later than May 20.

Cash, cashier checks or money orders made payable to Marshall University will be the accepted form of payment.

University departments will be given preference on the sale items. Departments will be permitted to view the surplus property on May 13.

If one department wants to purchase an item and a purchase price can be agreed on with the seller, the item will be taken out of the public sale.

If your department has materials or equipment it would like to sell, send a list of the items to Shondel by May 6. Plant Operations can pick the equipment up, but it should be clearly marked with your CDFS organization name and code.

The Receiving Office will assign a number to each box of material or each item to keep track of the material through the sale.

To obtain further details contact William J. Shondel, Office of Purchasing and Materials Management, 696-3157.

Committee approves publication budgets

(The following report on the April 28 meeting of the Marshall University Publications Committee was submitted by Cora P. Teel, secretary.)

The Publications Committee met Thursday, April 28, at 4:30 p.m. in Smith Music Hall Room 110 to consider the budgets of the Chief Justice and The Parthenon.

Dr. George Arnold presented the budget for the Chief Justice, noting that a 35 cent increase from student fees over a 30-year period did not keep pace with inflation and resulted in a much-reduced yearbook.

The committee unanimously approved the budget and emphasized its support of continued publication of the yearbook without further loss of size or quality.

The committee then unanimously approved a resolution supporting another application on the part of the Chief Justice for an increase in the student fee allocation from the Committee to Study Student Fees.

Although the committee went on record as being concerned about the increasing loss in The Parthenon’s end cash balance, the Parthenon budget was also approved. The committee may review Parthenon costs, income and fees next fall.

During its next meeting, the Publications Committee will elect officers and consider its powers and functions as described in the new constitution.

Staff election set

The Marshall University Classified Staff election will be held Thursday, May 19.

Classified staff may vote in person between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon in the Memorial Student Center Lobby or from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Medical Education Building (Room 128) at the VA Medical Center in Spring Valley.

Staff members also may vote by absentee ballot during the week of May 10-17. To vote by absentee ballot, staff members must request a ballot by contacting Debbie Woyan, Election Committee chairman, 696-3132.

A Marshall University identification card will be required in order to vote.

Alumni receive awards

The W. Page Pitt School of Journalism at Marshall University and the Marshall University Journalism Alumni Association honored five journalism alumni at the School of Journalism’s annual Awards Banquet held Friday, May 6.

A committee of the MU Journalism Alumni Association selected the individuals to be honored as Distinguished Alumni. Their pictures will be framed and mounted on the “Wall of Fame” in the Marvin L. Stone Journalism Library in Smith Hall.

Awards were presented to Angela Dodson, deputy editor of the Living section for the New York Times; Norman Haddad, manager of Human Resources, the West Co., St. Petersburg, Fla.; Gordon Kinney, senior vice president of the Advertising Council, New York City; the late H.R. “Punk” Pinckard, who held editorial positions with the Huntington Publishing Company from 1927 to 1972, and Dr. Ralph J. Turner, professor of journalism at Marshall University.

The daughter of Pinckard, Joanne Salvatore, accepted the award in honor of Pinckard.

Since the School of Journalism faculty inaugurated the naming of distinguished alumni in 1985, 22 alumni have been recognized.
Students receive Maier writing awards

Awards totaling $5,000 recently were presented to 16 Marshall University students who were winners of the William J. Maier Writing Competition sponsored by the MU English Department.

The awards, established to recognize and encourage excellence in writing, were presented to the students by Edward H. Maier, president of the Sarah and Pauline Maier Scholarship Foundation of Charleston.

Mary Sansom of Wayne received three awards. She received the first place prize of $350 in the fiction division, the first place prize of $350 in the personal essay category, and the second place award of $250 in the poetry division.

Irene Orrick of Ironton, Ohio, received two awards. She received the second place prize of $250 in the personal essay division, and the third place prize of $100 in the poetry category.

Winners in the freshman essay division were: first place ($500), Woodrow Baisden of Breeden; second place ($400), Tina Caroli of Salem; third place tie ($300 each), Brian Bowling of Pence Springs, and Keith Hardin of Culloden; honorable mention ($100 each), James Stowers of Ravenswood, Susan Arthur of Ramage, and Teresa Mann of Talcott.

Fiction division winners were: second place ($250), Elgin Ward of Huntington; third place ($100), Deborah Stiles of Clarksburg.

Poetry division winners were: first place ($350), Michael Tuttle of Clarksburg.

Upper division winners were: first place ($350), Nancy Larsen of Huntington; second place ($250), Jonda Sullivan of Huntington.

Graduate division winners were: first place ($350), Lisa Kusko of Weirton; second place ($250), Mary Bowling of Ashland, Ky.

Dr. Ray receives award

Marshall University's Theta Omicron chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity has selected Dr. Donald W. Ray, professor of psychology, to receive its Outstanding Faculty Member award for 1987-88.

A native of Clarksburg, Ray received his bachelor's degree from Stanford (Calif.) University and his master's and doctoral degrees from Bowling Green (Ohio) State University.

David Miller, a spokesman for Theta Omicron, said the fraternity made the selection based on Ray's outstanding teaching skills and attitude toward students.

Staff will be honored

Marshall University will hold its fourth annual Service Awards Luncheon for classified staff members on Thursday, May 19, at noon in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Marshall employees who complete 15 or 20 years of service as of May 1 will be recognized during the luncheon.

University staff members who will receive awards for 20 years of service are: Helen Bledsoe, Betty Garrett, Pat Garvin, Deborah Hicks, Rosetta Layne, Charles Newsom, Dorman Sargent and Imogene Scott.

Staff members who will be recognized for 15 years of service at the university are: Sue Bell, Mary Caserta, James Davis, Emmett Dean, Carolyn Endicott, Charles Harless, Susan Lewis, Opal Midkiff, Robert Morris, John Morton, Vickie Navy, Fred Price, Ken Reffeit, Opal Turner, Joe Vance, Donald Vaughn and Alan Ward.

Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke has granted all classified staff employees release time to attend the luncheon.
Marshall faculty/staff achievements

Dr. GLEN DUNLAP, project director of the Preschool Training Project and the Research and Training Center on Nonaversive Behavior Management, and Dr. ANTHONY J. PLENIS, assistant professor in the School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry, recently published an article titled "Acquisition and Generalization of Unsupervised Responding: A Descriptive Analysis" in The Journal of the Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps. The paper was co-authored by Lori Williams, a former MU student.

DUNLAP, FRANK R. ROBBINS and CYNTHIA DOLLMAN of the Preschool Training Project and MARLENE MORELLI-ROBBINS of the Research and Training Center on Nonaversive Behavior Management published a paper titled "Team training for young children with autism: A regional model for service delivery" in the latest issue of The Journal for the Division of Early Childhood.

DUNLAP and Dr. Robert H. Horner and Dr. Robert L. Koegel edited a book titled "Generalization and Maintenance: Lifestyle Changes in Applied Settings" published by Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company. DUNLAP and Dr. ANTHONY J. PLENIS, assistant professor of psychiatry, wrote a chapter titled "Generalization and maintenance of unsupervised responding via delayed contingencies" for the book.


Dr. JOAN F. GILLILAND, professor of English, attended a conference on "Growing Up and Growing Older in Shakespeare" April 29-30 at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. She also attended a performance of "The Merchant of Venice" at the Shakespeare Theatre at the Folger. Her participation in the conference was supported by a grant-in-aid for travel from the Folger, made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

JODY GOTTLieb, assistant professor of social work, was the recipient of the 1987 Donna J. Stone Award from the West Virginia Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse. The award is presented to honor an individual who has diligently worked for the right of every child to have a loving, nurturing home. Ms. Stone was the founder of the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse.

ROBERT L. LAWSON, director of continuing education, will deliver the commencement address to the graduating seniors at Southwestern High School, Patriot, Ohio, on May 29, at 8 p.m. Lawson is a graduate of Southwestern High School.

KAY WILDMAN, music librarian, JOSEPHINE FIDLER, technical services librarian, and MERRY BROWN, library systems analyst, participated in the VTLS Eastern Regional Users Meeting and workshops at the University of North Carolina April 13-15.

KATHARINE E. COFFEY, coordinator of benefits, and NICOLE A. NORIAN, coordinator of training and development, attended the second annual ASPA (American Society of Personnel Administrators) Kentucky Human Resources Conference held April 21-22 in Lexington, Ky.

NICOLE A. NORIAN, coordinator of training and development, was a guest speaker at the sixth annual Early Childhood Conference at Children's Place, Region III Child Development Services, on April 29. Her topic was "Building Supervisory Skills for Education Professionals."

Dr. C. ROBERT BARNETT, professor in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, had an article titled "NFL Draft Has Outgrown Tight Times" published in the April 22 issue of The Washington Post.

Dr. CRAIG MONROE, professor of speech, co-authored a book titled "Business and Professional Communication: Basic Skills and Principles," which was published in June by Professional Program Development.

Dr. ROBERT BICKEL of the Educational Foundations faculty, had an article titled "Student Acceleration and High School Effectiveness" published in the most recent edition of The High School Journal.

Dr. OFELIA MARIN, a resident in the Department of Surgery, presented a paper at the May 7 meeting of the West Virginia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. Her paper described two infants with unusual abnormalities of the esophagus who were referred to Marshall's pediatric surgical service in 1985 and 1987. Only 112 such cases have been reported worldwide since 1936.

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Math competition set

The 11th annual Marshall University Mathematics Competition will be held Monday, May 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Smith Hall.

High school students from throughout West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky will compete for cash prizes totaling $600, provided by the Marshall University Foundation.

The winner of the competition will receive $200, the second place finisher $125, the third place finisher $75, and the fourth place winner will receive $50. The fifth through 10th place finishers will each receive $25.

Students will participate in a three-hour examination designed to test mathematical creativity, insight and expression, according to Karen Mitchell of Marshall's Mathematics Department.

"The problems call for a great deal of mathematical knowledge," said Ms. Mitchell. "However, our judges also will be looking for clarity of expression and logical thinking."

Students have been invited to stay at the university Sunday night, and a variety of activities have been planned for them. When the test is over the students will tour the campus. Winners will be notified by mail after the tests are graded.

The competition is being sponsored by the MU Mathematics Department and Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honorary.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Mathematics Department, 696-6482.