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NEWSLETTER

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Grants to Marshall total \$4.5 million

Marshall University faculty and staff members received grants totaling approximately \$4.5 million during fiscal year 1987-88, according to Dr. C. Robert Barnett, director of grants and research development at Marshall.

The \$4,446,288 in funded projects is the highest amount in the university's history and represents a 12 percent increase over last year's record total. Marshall faculty and staff submitted 141 proposals to various funding

agencies and had 84 projects accepted for funding, with 34 proposals still pending.

Marshall's success rate, excluding the 34 proposals still under consideration, was approximately 60 percent, an excellent ratio according to Barnett.

"Marshall faculty and staff members are actively seeking more and more grants from public and private sources and are becoming very knowledgeable about how to write and submit grants," said Barnett. "As far as I'm concerned our faculty have done a tremendous job in securing grants. They teach a full-time load, do research and continue to write proposals."

Barnett said one of the reasons for the increase in grants is the spirit of cooperation and encouragement to compete for grants from MU President Dale F. Nitzschke, department chairmen and deans. He also cited special programs and grant-writing workshops as reasons for the increase, as well as success.

"I think the faculty members are working harder to secure grants because they have had a measure of
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Watson will perform for leadership meeting

Dennis Rahiim Watson, executive director of the National Black Youth Leadership Council, will make a presentation titled "The First Black President of the United States" at Marshall University on Saturday, Sept. 24, in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Watson's appearance will be in conjunction with the sixth annual Alliance of Black Student Organizations Leadership Conference which will be held at Marshall Sept. 23-25.

His presentation will follow the conference banquet which will begin at 7 p.m. There will be an admission charge for the banquet, but not for Watson's performance. Tony Davis, coordinator of minority students' programs at Marshall, said Watson's presentation should begin at
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Faculty meeting set

The first general faculty meeting of the semester will be held Thursday, Sept. 22, in Old Main Auditorium following the President's State of the University Address which will begin at 3:30 p.m., according to Dr. Rainey Duke, president of the MU Faculty Senate.

The agenda will include the introduction of new faculty members, various announcements and nominations for the Institutional Hearing Panel—five professors, five associate professors and five assistant professors.

Persons whose terms on the Institutional Hearing Panel will be expiring are: professors Robert Barnett, Dan Evans, Hymen Hart, Carolyn Carr, Maureen Milicia; associate professors Charles Cox, Ira Plybon, Bob Sawrey, Karen Simpkins, Carolyn Hunter (resigned); assistant professors Ben Miller, Elizabeth Nordeen and William Palmer.

Persons who will serve on the panel to 1990 are: professors Elaine Baker, David Duke, Peter Fei, Dorothy Johnson, Charles Lloyd; associate professors Kathryn Chezik, Robert Edmunds, John Hubbard, Charles Stephen, David Stooke; assistant professors Edward Duffy, Susan Sullivan, Elaine Tackett; instructors Terrell Childers, Karen Mitchell and Linda Wilkinson.

The composition of the Institutional Hearing Panel will be changed in the lower ranks this fall to eight assistant professors and two instructors.

If anyone now serving on the panel has been promoted in the lower three ranks, please notify the Marshall University Faculty Senate Office.

Acting director named

Dwight William Jensen, employed this summer as a broadcast journalism instructor, has been named acting director of Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Dr. Deryl Leaming, who has moved from director of the School of Journalism to acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Jensen said he had been hired for the teaching position and then "they (the selection committee) called me and asked me if I would like the directorship." Jensen also is teaching two classes.

Before coming to Marshall, Jensen was working under a technical writing contract for the New York State Office for the Aging. He was writing how-to manuals as well as supervising a grant-supported pilot project for the New York Developmental Disabilities Planning Council on the integration of the elderly mentally disabled into generic
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success and it's beginning to snowball a little," he said. "Success really does breed success."

Barnett believes approximately 25 percent of the pending proposals will be funded, which will make the university's totals even higher.

According to a grants report prepared by Barnett, Marshall has more than quadrupled its grant total since 1984 when the university received \$1,091,505 in funds.

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approximately 7:30 p.m.

Davis said Watson is an outstanding educator, lecturer, entertainer and author who has been described as a cross between Jesse Jackson and Bill Cosby.

He has become known for his presentation of "The First Black President of the United States" and for the unique style of the presentation which features a "press conference" with Watson fielding questions from members of the audience.

Watson has received numerous leadership and community service awards, including three Presidential Citations. He has lectured at more than 200 colleges and universities and presented more than 2,000 workshops for civic and community groups.

He recently was named one of America's best and brightest young business and professional men by Dollars and Sense magazine.

To obtain further details about Watson's presentation or the Alliance of Black Student Organizations Leadership Conference contact the Marshall University Office of Minority Students' Programs, 696-6705.

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programs for the aging.

From 1982 to 1987, Jensen taught a wide variety of broadcast journalism classes at Syracuse University. While at Syracuse, he also served on many different committees and chaired the broadcast journalism department for a year.

Prior to 1982, Jensen worked as a writer, serving as correspondent for Newsweek, Christian Science Monitor, NBC News, four Idaho daily newspapers and one Utah daily.

Jensen also worked as a reporter and anchor for a Boise, Idaho, television station.

His non-journalism experience includes being the 1978 Idaho Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Jensen, who began work at Marshall with the opening of the Fall Term Aug. 29, said he had visited the campus earlier. "I was attracted to Marshall by the friendly colleagues and the high caliber of students," he said.

The report indicates that:

-The School of Medicine received \$2,002,000 through 22 funded projects, with 16 proposals pending;

-The College of Education received \$1,296,564 through 15 funded projects, with three proposals pending;

-The MU Center for Regional Progress increased its grant funding nearly six times to \$468,281;

-The College of Science increased grant funding by 48 percent to \$113,488;

-The Division of Student Affairs increased grant funding by 21 percent to \$336,677.

Barnett explained that the total grant money available from all sources has remained at approximately the same level the past few years, but Marshall is getting a much bigger share of the grants total than it used to get.

"Basically the faculty and staff are getting better and more experienced in going after grants," he said, "and, at the same time, funding agencies have become more selective in awarding grants. Really, it's a team effort on behalf of everyone—the faculty and staff, the president, deans, chairmen and administrators."

The grant funding helps the university in several ways, according to Nitzschke.

"Obviously the grants bring money to the university we wouldn't otherwise have," Nitzschke said, "but there are other benefits as well. The grants help make our professors better teachers because they get the opportunity to do work and research involving the latest developments in their fields and explore new concepts. They will then be able to utilize the research in the classroom and pass their knowledge on to their students. Sometimes, they can even involve the students in the research."

It also gives the university a measure of prestige and helps attract better students and professors, explained Nitzschke who praised Barnett for his work.

The president said because of grants, Marshall University is one of the country's leading AIDS vaccine research centers, is a leader in the development of economic programs for West Virginia, is working to improve vocational technical and adult education, and is developing a geriatrics health care program. "The list goes on and on," he said.

"These grants not only help Marshall, they help the entire region. They infuse much needed dollars into the area's economy," Nitzschke said. "Dr. Barnett and the faculty and staff have done a tremendous job of seeking out grants and going after them in such a successful manner. We need to continue to work to get grants for the good of the students, the university and the Tri-State region.

"People may not realize it, but through these grants, Marshall University is making West Virginia, and perhaps the country, a better place to live."

Travel reception scheduled

The Marshall University Center for International Studies will sponsor a reception for persons who have traveled abroad or persons who would like to travel abroad on Thursday, Sept. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

Geriatrics Center opens for business

The Marshall University School of Medicine officially opened the Frank E. Hanshaw Sr. Geriatrics Center with a "grand opening" open house Thursday, Sept. 15.

The center is located at 523 13th Street in HCA River Park Hospital (formerly Huntington Hospital). Created

through a \$1 million grant from the Huntington Foundation, it will serve area physicians and senior citizens by providing comprehensive health assessments for elderly people.

Director Joye A. Martin said the center's focus will be on finding unmet needs which interfere with health and well-being. "Geriatrics centers in other cities have found that, because of their additional resources, they diagnose an average of three to four health problems which aren't on the patient's chart," Dr. Martin said.

"Often elderly people accept a lower quality of life than they need to, and that's a shame," she said. "We're going to be taking a broad-based approach to changing that, because physical health, as important as it is, isn't the only thing that determines their quality of life."

Martin said that in addition to comprehensive physical examinations from doctors experienced in geriatrics, patients will have access to other health professionals such as social workers, psychologists, nurses, physical therapists and occupational therapists.

In addition to Martin, the center's medical staff includes Dr. Shirley Neitch, an internal medicine specialist experienced in geriatric care, and Dr. Steven Cody, a clinical psychologist.

Martin stressed that the center is no substitute for a personal physician. "Once this kind of assessment is done, it requires the kind of follow-up that only a personal physician can provide," she said.

School of Medicine Dean Lester R. Bryant predicted the center will make an important contribution to the region.

"There's no question that the health-care needs of elderly persons differ from those of their younger counterparts," Dr. Bryant said. "Addressing those special problems in that rapidly growing population is a great challenge nationwide, and here in West Virginia - where our percentage of elderly people ranks twelfth in the nation - we have a chance to be among the leaders in meeting those needs."

Bryant said that in addition to providing direct care to patients, the Hanshaw Geriatrics Center will be the cornerstone of a strong educational program in geriatrics for medical students and residents.

"We think the patient care and educational opportunities this center makes possible will provide significant and long-term benefits to the people of our region," he said.

Counseling available

The Counseling Clinic operated by the Department of Counseling and Rehabilitation offers free counseling services to Marshall University faculty and staff members and their families.

The range of services includes personal counseling, marital counseling and family counseling for adults and children, according to Dr. Lawrence W. Barker, professor in the Division of Specialized Allied Studies.

Services will be provided by advanced graduate students under the supervision of MU faculty members.

To make appointments or obtain further details contact the Counseling and Rehabilitation Department, 696-2383.

Employee achievements

Dr. ROGER L. ADKINS, associate professor of economics, has had an article titled "Can Improved Industrial Relations Improve Competitiveness?" published in the August 1988 issue of *Labor Law Journal*. The article originally appeared in the *Proceedings of the Industrial Relations Research Association* published after that organization's spring meeting.

Dr. ROBERT EDMUNDS, associate professor of speech, attended the College Assessment Conference held June 13-17 at Alverno College, Milwaukee, Wis.

LOIS BLACKBURN, assistant professor of music, will present a paper titled "Chaco Resolution-The Music of Michael Mauldin" at the 31st annual meeting of the College Music Society Oct. 13-16 in Santa Fe, N.M. Her presentation will include taped musical excerpts and slides of Chaco Canyon, about which the music was written. She also will chair a seminar on 20th century viola music.

Dr. STEVEN P. MEWALDT, professor of psychology, was the primary author of a paper titled "Nitrous Oxide and Human State-Dependent Memory" which recently appeared in *Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior*.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Faculty, Staff and Administration:

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy following the death of my mother, Mrs. Susie Shouse.

Sincerely,
Billy K. Gordon and family

Scholar nominations due

All nominations and applications for the fall Meet-the-Scholars award are due in the office of the vice president for academic affairs by Monday, Sept. 19, according to Dr. Christopher L. Dolmetsch, award committee chairman.

Guidelines for nominations and applications were printed in the Aug. 18 issue of the *Marshall University Newsletter*.

Continuing education classes planned

Marshall University's Community College will offer 15 continuing education/community service programs during the fall semester, according to Robert L. Lawson, director of continuing education at Marshall.

"The classes, the first beginning Oct. 3, are diverse enough to appeal to a wide variety of needs and interests," said Lawson. "We also are continuing to offer

a number of courses that will be of interest to small business people."

Enrollment fees range from \$25 to \$189 for the new "Ground School Aviation" program being offered for the first time this fall. The fees will vary according to the course and the materials needed for the class.

The schedule includes the following:

-Advanced Ballroom/Disco and Country Style Dancing, 7 to 9 p.m., Thursdays, Oct. 6 to Nov. 10, Henderson Center Room 2003, \$25 for singles and \$45 for couples;

-Ballroom/Disco and Country Style Dancing, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 4 to Nov. 8, Henderson Center Room 2003, \$25 for singles and \$45 couples;

-Basketball Officiating, 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays, and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturdays, Oct. 5-26, Harris Hall Room 134, \$55;

-Beginning Golf, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 4 to Nov. 1, or Thursdays, Oct. 6 to Nov. 3, Johnson Driving Range, \$65;

-Beginning Upholstery, 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays, Oct. 5 to Nov. 23, upholstery shop, \$65;

-Desktop Publishing, 3 to 5 p.m., Mondays, Oct. 3 to Nov. 21, Northcott Hall Room 211, \$40;

-Ground School Aviation, 6 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 4 to Nov. 15, Corbly Hall Room 467, \$189;

-Intermediate Word Perfect, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Oct. 5 to Nov. 23, \$40;

-Introduction to Photography, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 4 to Nov. 22, Smith Hall Room 411, \$45;

-Introduction to Word Processing, 3 to 5 p.m., Fridays, Oct. 7 to Nov. 11, Corbly Hall Room 438, \$40;

-Lotus 1,2,3, 1 to 3 p.m., Fridays, Oct. 7 to Nov. 4, Corbly Hall Room 438, \$40;

-Receptionist Office Training, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 4 to Nov. 22, Corbly Hall Room 437, \$40;

-Sign Language I, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 4 to Nov. 22, Harris Hall Room 446, \$40;

-Starting Your Own Business, 7 to 9 p.m., Mondays, Oct. 3 to Nov. 7, Harris Hall Room 402, \$40;

-Wills and Estate Planning, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 4 to Nov. 14, Harris Hall Room 445, \$40.

To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Community College Office of Continuing Education, 696-3646.

Health series begins

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will present a Self-Care Series program titled "Nutrition in the Dining Hall" on Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

A representative of the Marriott Corporation will discuss the university's food service and how to wisely select food during meals.

To obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs, 696-4800.

Film, concert planned

A film/lecture titled "China: The Dragon Awakes" by Frank Klicar will be presented at Marshall University on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

The film will explore various aspects of the mysterious country which only recently was opened to western journalists and the outside world.

Dr. Soo Bock Choi, MU professor of political science, will introduce Klicar and the film, which will be the first presentation of the Marshall Artists Series Forum Series this semester.

Admission to the film/lecture will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for youths.

The Artists Series also will present a performance by internationally acclaimed pianist Hung-Kuan Chen on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The Taiwan-born pianist won the 1987 Young Concert Artists International Auditions and numerous other international music awards and has performed extensively throughout the world.

Tickets for the performance will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for youths and MU faculty and staff.

To obtain further details about these programs contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

Service funds needed

The Faculty Service Subcommittee will have representatives at the Sept. 22 faculty meeting to collect donations for the Faculty Service Fund.

Funds are used to purchase flowers for hospitalized faculty and for flowers or a charitable donation when there is a death.

Weston named counselor

Yvonne B. Weston has been selected to serve as a career counselor in the Marshall University Career Planning and Placement Center, according to Reginald A. Spencer, director of career planning and placement.

Ms. Weston received her bachelor's degree in business education from South Carolina State College and her master's degree in guidance and counseling from Clemson University.

She has worked as a counselor and educator in technical colleges for 15 years.