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# First faculty meeting of year scheduled Sept. 20

The first Marshall University general faculty meeting of the academic year will be held Thursday, Sept. 20, at 4 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium, according to Kathryn Chezik, Faculty Senate president.

Interim President Alan B. Gould will discuss the "State of the University" during the meeting.

Agenda items include: introduction of new faculty

members; nominations for replacements on the Institutional Hearing Panel; amendments to the constitution; an open forum with faculty members; Presidential Search Committee, and other announcements.

A reception for new faculty members will be held in Memorial Student Center following the meeting.



## NEWSLETTER

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### Black history conference to be held

"Honoring Our Past," the third annual conference on West Virginia's black history, will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21-22, at Marshall University's Memorial Student Center.

The conference will focus on the study of black history in West Virginia and include presentations by nationally known scholars and historians who have demonstrated interest in research and retaining the state's black history, according to Kenneth E. Blue, associate dean for student development at Marshall and conference coordinator.

"We will have programs on influential and successful

blacks in West Virginia, community builders, the underground railroad, music and various other programs that should be of interest to a wide range of people," said Blue.

Dr. William Turner, professor of sociology at Winston-Salem (N.C.) State University and co-editor of *Black Appalachians*, will deliver the conference's opening address, "Black West Virginians in Appalachia," at 9 a.m. in Memorial Student Center.

A native of Kentucky, Turner received his bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky and did his graduate and doctoral studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Turner has held numerous research and teaching posts at several universities and colleges and was the first scholar to hold the Goode Professorship of Black and Appalachian Studies at Berea College.

His work focuses on rural black life, community development and youth/elderly linkages, particularly in Appalachian communities.

Turner has written many articles for professional publications and journals and wrote and co-produced three documentaries on black life in the mountains. He currently is collaborating with actor John O'Neal on a play and film and publishes a quarterly newspaper, *Sojourner*, distributed to blacks with roots in eastern Kentucky.

Turner's presentation will be followed by a session titled "Blacks in West Virginia Communities" which will include the following programs: "Black People in Parkersburg" by Rae Browne at 9:30 a.m.; "Charlestown, Martin Delany and Black Nationalism" by James Fisher at 10:10 a.m.; "Black People in Buckhannon/Upshur County" by James McGhee at 11 a.m., and "Wheeling's Black Population" by Darryl Clausell at 11:40 a.m.

Four sessions will be held following lunch Friday: "The Freedmen's Bureau in West Virginia" by John Stealey at 1:20 p.m.; "The Underground Railroad in Wheeling and Its Environs" by Kathryn Snead and Annie Tanks at 2 p.m.; "Community Builders" with presentations titled "A

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### *New raises explained*

Effective Sept. 1, 1990, salaries for each full-time faculty member and each full-time staff member, as a result of funds appropriated during the regular and extraordinary sessions of the Legislature in 1990, will be at least \$1,000 greater on an annual basis than the salaries paid such full-time faculty and staff during Fiscal Year 1989-90.

In addition, each full-time faculty member as of Sept. 1, 1990, will receive an additional \$1,000 across-the-board salary adjustment, effective Sept. 1, 1990.

This means returning full-time faculty members are assured a minimum \$2,000 salary increase over the previous year's annual salary, while new full-time faculty members are assured a minimum of \$1,000.

Classified staff members will receive a minimum of \$1,000 including the July 1 and August 1 salary adjustments.

Although the salary adjustments are effective Sept. 1, state payroll processing requirements will prevent them from being included in the Sept. 14 paychecks. Future checks will be adjusted to assure that all employees receive the total salary adjustments due them, effective Sept. 1.

Herbert J. Karlet  
Vice President for Finance

# Black history conference to be held

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H. Brown, Charleston Realtor" by Della Brown Hardman at 2:50 p.m. and "Mae V. Brown, Huntington Civic Worker" by Dolores Johnson at 3:30 p.m.

"Collecting Local History," a program on the proper ways to collect and record local history, will be given by Anna E. Gilmer and James Randall at 4:10 p.m.

Janis-Rozena Peri, associate professor of voice in the Division of Music at West Virginia University, will be the guest speaker for the conference dinner at 6:30 p.m. Her presentation will be "Black Music."

She received her bachelor's degree from Otterbein

College and her master's degree from Miami University of Ohio. She has studied with a number of well-known singers and musicians and has performed at Carnegie Hall and Wolf Trap.

Ms. Peri has performed with various orchestras in the United States and has performed in Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. She also was a soloist for the CBS program "Gustav Mahler in New York" and has performed in productions of "Porgy and Bess" and "Carmen Jones."

Saturday's activities will begin at 9 a.m. with the "History of Bluefield State College" by Frank E. Wilson.

Other programs on Saturday will include: "The Black High School Basketball Tournament" by Robert Barnett at 9:40 a.m.; a presentation by Woodrow Berry at 10:30 a.m., and "A Visit from J. McHenry Jones," a dramatic presentation by Donald Pitts at 11:10 a.m.

The conference will conclude with a luncheon at 11:50 a.m. and a presentation by Dr. John Fleming, director of the National Afro-American History Museum in Wilberforce, Ohio.

Fleming received his bachelor's degree from Berea College and his master's and doctoral degrees from Howard University. He also studied at the University of Kentucky, the University of Malawi (Africa) and the University of California.

He is the author of "The Lengthening Shadow of Slavery" (a history of black higher education) and "The Case for Affirmative Action for Blacks in Higher Education." He currently is developing a guide to black historic sites in Ohio.

All of the conference programs will be open to the public free of charge. There will be a \$10 charge for persons who want to attend the dinner Friday evening and a \$7 charge for the luncheon on Saturday.

The conference is being sponsored by Marshall University and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

To obtain further details contact Kenneth Blue at Marshall University, 696-2324.

## Degree nominees sought

The Marshall University Functions Committee is accepting nominations for honorary degrees to be conferred at the 1991 Commencement, according to Dr. Mack Gillenwater, committee chairman.

Recipients of honorary degrees should be persons whose contributions to humanity clearly merit recognition, according to Gillenwater.

During the selection process, the committee generally considers alumni of Marshall University, persons from the area normally served by Marshall and active and retired members of the university as suitable candidates, provided they meet the criteria of service to the institution, region, state or nation.

Nominations will be accepted until Oct. 19, 1990. Nominations may be sent to Mack Gillenwater, chairman, University Functions Committee.

## Borden donates \$10,000

The Borden Foundation Inc. has pledged \$10,000 to The Campaign for Marshall, a \$10-million fund raising effort for endowment and capital projects at Marshall University.

Wes Clark, Huntington branch manager with Borden Inc.'s Valley Bell Dairy Co., recently presented a \$2,000 check to Dr. Edward G. "Ned" Boehm Jr., Marshall University vice president for institutional advancement. The check is the first installment on a five-year commitment to the campaign.

Clark represented Les Seidner, general manager of the Valley Bell Division in Charleston, W.Va. The donation resulted from an appeal on behalf of the university by Glenn J. Queen, former chairman and chief executive officer of Tradewell Supermarkets.

## Letters of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you for the beautiful basket of plants and freshly cut daisies (my favorite flower).

The planter was absolutely beautiful. It certainly brightened my spirits while recovering from surgery.

Your thoughtfulness was appreciated by my family and especially by me.

Thank you,  
Denecia Merritt Damron

Dear Students, Staff and Faculty:

This note is to express my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your kind words and for the friendship that was extended to us during the recent passing away of my wife, Mary.

Your thoughtfulness and prayers during this most difficult time will always be remembered by our family.

Cordially,  
Thomas J. Manakkil

# Area trade show planned Sept. 25-26

One of the largest trade shows in the Tri-State area, sponsored by the Marshall University Purchasing Department, will be held Sept. 25-26 at the Huntington Civic Center, according to William J. Shondel, director of purchasing and materials management at Marshall.

The show will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on

## *Radig named chairman*

Dr. William J. Radig, professor of accounting, has been named chairman of the Marshall University Accounting Department, according to Dr. Robert P. Alexander, dean of Marshall's College of Business.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Radig joined the Marshall faculty in 1972.

He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Buffalo, his master's degree from the University of Scranton (Pa.) and his doctorate from Mississippi State University.

Prior to joining the Marshall faculty, he worked with international public accounting firms and served as administrative assistant to the treasurer of a Pennsylvania public utility company.

Radig has written numerous articles for professional journals and publications and has been a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Accounting Association.

He served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956 and was a member of the Army Reserve.

## **Committee solicits funds**

At the beginning of each academic year, the Marshall University Functions Committee solicits contributions from faculty and administrators to provide expressions of sympathy in times of sorrow, according to Dr. Mack Gillenwater, committee chairman.

The committee also sends flowers to faculty and administrators and their immediate families who may be confined during a time of extended illness.

Contributions will be taken at the door prior to the first faculty meeting on Sept. 20. Contributions may be sent to Carl Johnson in the Division of Teacher Education or Gillenwater in the Department of Geography.

Gillenwater said when the need for flowers or expressions of sympathy arises faculty members and administrators should call 696-2504.

## **Medical opening exercises set**

Opening exercises of the Marshall University School of Medicine will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the W. Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Interim President Alan B. Gould and Med School Dean Charles H. McKown Jr. will make remarks, and awards will be presented to students and faculty. Both the exercises and the reception to follow are open to the public.

Tuesday, Sept. 25, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

More than 220 booths have been reserved and Shondel expects more booths to be reserved by representatives from business, industry, educational agencies, health care agencies, contractors, government agencies and mine suppliers.

"This show is part of Marshall University's continuing effort to promote the economic development of the Tri-State area," said Shondel. "It has been designed to bring buyers and sellers together and help them expand their existing markets and reach out into new areas."

Booth space is available for the trade show. A 10-by-10-foot booth is available for \$75.

Shondel said he expects more than 5,000 people to attend the two-day trade show.

"The size of the show is reason enough to attend," he said. "Purchasing agents, engineers, maintenance supervisors, administrators and others in a position to influence the purchase of goods and services should plan to attend."

Admission for the general public will be \$1. Anyone with a business card or union card will be admitted free.

To obtain further details contact Barbara Smentkowski, show director, in Marshall University's Purchasing Office, (304) 696-3157.

## **Ruffin elected vice chairman of MU board**

Nathaniel "Nate" Ruffin of Huntington has been elected vice chairman of Marshall University's Institutional Board of Advisors. He succeeds David G. Todd, who resigned from the Board of Advisors to accept an appointment as a member of the University of West Virginia Board of Trustees.

Ruffin, who was appointed to the Marshall Board of Advisors in 1987, is director of personnel for the Huntington Herald-Dispatch and is a 1973 graduate of Marshall.

Election of Ruffin as vice chairman came at a meeting of the Board of Advisors Thursday (August 30), following a meeting of the Marshall Presidential Search Committee. The Board of Advisors forms the core of the Search Committee. As vice chairman of the Board of Advisors, Ruffin also will be vice chairman of the Search Committee.

During its meeting, the Search Committee completed arrangements to employ an executive talent agency, Heidrick and Struggles, Inc., to assist in the search for a new Marshall president.

The position will be advertised nationally in mid-September and early October. Screening of applications is expected to begin in late October.

James H. "Buck" Harless of Gilbert is chairman of the Institutional Board of Advisors and the Presidential Search Committee.



# Faculty invited to submit honors courses

Marshall University faculty members are invited to submit proposals for Interdisciplinary Honors courses as listed on page 301 of the new MU Undergraduate Catalog, according to Dr. Donna J. Spindel, director of the Honors Program.

Proposals can be informal, but should include a title, statement of theme and a few suggested readings.

Honors courses normally are taught by a team of two faculty members from different disciplines. Instructors receive release time from one three-hour course and a \$100 grant from the Honors Program for the purchase of books or professional materials.

To submit proposals or obtain further details contact Dr. Spindel, 696-2308 or 696-2719.

## 'Yard sale' scheduled

The Marshall University "yard sale" of surplus and obsolete university property will be held Wednesday, Oct. 17, according to William J. Shondel, director of purchasing and materials management.

Items for sale will be on display in the Central Receiving area on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 15-16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The sale will be conducted by sealed bid. All bids must be submitted by 8 a.m. on Oct. 17.

Departments that have materials to place in the sale, which will be open to Marshall faculty, staff, students and the general public, should contact Carol Skaggs in the Receiving Office, 696-6678.

## Hindsley Series opens

Jonathan Frid, who gained fame in the 1960s soap opera chiller "Dark Shadows," will present "Jonathan Frid's Fools 'n Fiends" for the opening performance of the Marshall Artists Series' Hindsley Series on Monday, Sept. 17, at 11 a.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

The Hindsley Series was designed for students in public schools.

Frid played the vampire Barnabus Collins on "Dark Shadows" and received approximately 5,000 fan letters each week during the popular program which became a cult classic.

"Fools 'n Fiends" was created by Frid. He tired of being typecast as a vampire when he actually was a trained Shakespearean actor and decided in the 1980s to combine the two images.

Now a polished storyteller, he reads from the works of famous writers. The "fools" include humorists Ogden Nash and James Thurber. The "fiends" include the works of Edgar Allan Poe and Stephen King.

Student admission will be \$3, although students without funds will be admitted free. Admission for adults will be \$6. Public schools may reserve seats by contacting the Marshall Artists Series.

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



### RENOWNED GEOGRAPHER AT MARSHALL

Internationally-known geographer Harm J. de Blij, right was welcomed to the Marshall University campus at a reception in his honor Wednesday (Sept. 5). Dr. de Blij, who is occupying Marshall's John Deaver and Elizabeth G. Drinko Distinguished Chair in Liberal Arts this semester, frequently appears on ABC's "Good Morning America" as the program's geographic correspondent. Pictured with him are MU Interim President Alan B. Gould, left, and Dr. Deryl Leaming, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Later, Leaming presented de Blij a Marshall green blazer to wear during his next "Good Morning America" appearance.

## 'Critical Thinking' to be program topic

A series of brown bag lunches on "Critical Thinking" will be held at Marshall University this semester, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, acting associate provost.

The first program will be held Friday, Sept. 21, at noon in the lounge on the eighth floor of Smith Hall.

Dr. Duke said discussing critical thinking as it applies to our classes and Marshall University was suggested at the wraparound session held after the videoconference, "Critical Thinking: The Thinking that Masters the Content."

"Transforming Critical Thinking Principles into Teaching Strategies" will be held Oct. 5 at noon in Memorial Student Center Room 2E11.

"Implementing Critical Thinking Strategies in the Classroom" will be held Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Provost's Office, 696-5442.

## Workshop to discuss stress

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor a series of stress management workshops beginning in September, according to Carla Lapelle, coordinator of the program.

The one-hour workshops, designed to teach relaxation and stress management techniques, will be held one day a week for four weeks in Memorial Student Center. Courses will be held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. beginning Sept. 26 or on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 27.

To register or obtain further details contact Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs, 696-4800.

# Medical school names honorary alumni

Two long-time Huntingtonians, a former dean and a U.S. senator have received honorary membership awards from the Marshall University School of Medicine Alumni Association.

The awards were presented in ceremonies Saturday (Sept. 1).

The honorees were Dr. Ruth C. Harris, founding chairman of Marshall's Department of Pediatrics; Steve J. Soltis, senior vice president for planning development at St. Mary's Hospital; Dr. Lester R. Bryant, dean of the School of Medicine from 1985 to 1988; and U.S. Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV, widely known for his leadership on health policy issues.

Harris headed Marshall's Department of Pediatrics from 1976 until she retired in 1981. She remains a clinical professor on the school's volunteer faculty and serves on the consulting staffs of Cabell Huntington and St. Mary's

hospitals. She has remained active in various service organizations, including serving as a board member of the Children's Liver Foundation, the Barnett Child Care Program and Hospice of Huntington.

Soltis came to St. Mary's Hospital in 1964. As executive director, and later as senior vice president, he has made valuable contributions to the School of Medicine and to the Huntington medical community as a whole. He is a member of the West Virginia Hospital Association and has served on its board of trustees and numerous committees. He also is a member of the boards of Blue Cross-Blue Shield, the W.Va. Medical Institute on PRO, and the W.Va. Hospital Insurance Co.

Bryant, who was the third dean of Marshall's medical school, now is dean of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine. He also continues his work as a thoracic surgeon at the VA Medical Center in Columbia. During Bryant's tenure at Marshall, the school intensified its research program, laid the groundwork for more extensive rural educational programs, and established the Hanshaw Geriatric Center. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, he received his doctor of medicine and doctor of science in surgery degrees from the University of Cincinnati.

In five years as a U.S. senator, Rockefeller has emerged as a leader in several key areas affecting West Virginia and its citizens, such as energy research and development, children's issues, and health care. He is chairman of a subcommittee on Medicare and long-term care, the National Commission on Children, and the Pepper Commission, which studies comprehensive health care. He also is a member of the Rural Health Caucus. Both as a senator and as West Virginia's governor, he has helped Marshall's School of Medicine in its efforts to improve health care for military veterans and rural West Virginians.

## *Spilman book reviewed*

"Hot Fudge," a collection of short stories by Marshall University's Richard S. Spilman, was reviewed in the July 29 issue of the prestigious New York Times Book Review.

The reviewer, former Vogue editor Deborah Mason, says Spilman "understands how people excuse themselves from salvation. He writes of it with a precision and compassion that makes 'Hot Fudge' a moving and impressive collection of short stories."

"Hot Fudge," published last spring by Simon and Schuster, is Dr. Spilman's first collection of stories. Currently, he's working on a novel.

An assistant professor of English, Spilman has taught creative writing and literature at Marshall for seven years. He received his master's degree from San Francisco State University and his doctorate from the State University of New York at Binghamton where he studied with writer John Gardner.

He has had poems and short stories published in many journals and publications such as The Christian Science Monitor and "Editor's Choice 1986," published by Bantam Books. He won the Quarterly West Novella Award in 1983 and was awarded a prestigious National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship in 1988.

Faculty or staff members wishing to obtain a copy of the review may call the University Relations Office.

## Opening ceremony set

There will be an opening ceremony and open house at Marshall University's new Placement Services Center, located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 17th Street, on Friday, Sept. 28, according to Reginald Spencer, center director.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 12:15 p.m. The open house will be held from noon to 6 p.m.

## Brown appointed by governor

Lisle G. Brown, professor and curator of special collections at Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library, has been appointed to the West Virginia State Historical Records Advisory Board by Gov. Gaston Caperton.

As a board member, he will represent the interests and views of organizations active in the preservation and use of historical records throughout the state.

The board advises the state historian and archivist in updating West Virginia's historical projects and programs and has an important role in assessing and reviewing local and state grant proposals for funding by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Brown's term on the advisory board will continue through June 30, 1993.

A member of the university's library staff since 1972, Brown received his bachelor's degree from the University of Utah and his master's degree in library science from the University of Oregon.

# Walden makes archeological discovery

When Dr. John Walden of Marshall University discovered some elaborately detailed pottery shards during a medical expedition to Ecuador, he little suspected that their potential archeological value would lead him back months later with a world expert in tow.

Intrigued by the clay fragments he had found, Walden sent several to the Smithsonian Institution. In return, he got a call from Dr. Betty Meggars, a researcher there, wanting more detail: Where were the shards found? Were there more?

## Employee achievements

Dr. JOHN B. WALLACE JR., associate professor of management, co-authored an article titled "Simulated Enterprise Offices in Office Training" which appeared in the May/June issue of *Industrial and Commercial Training*. The article is an outcome of WALLACE's continuing research on innovations in management education and training and describes a recent innovation in commercial colleges in Germany.

WILLIAM J. SHONDEL, director of purchasing and materials management, graduated from the College Business Management Institute at the University of Kentucky on Aug. 3. Completing a three-year course of study, SHONDEL concentrated in financial management, budgeting and long range planning. The institute is sponsored by the National Association of College and University Business Officers and is recognized as one of the premier continuing education programs for financial affairs staff.

KATHLEEN E. BLEDSOE, special collections reference librarian, was one of 16 persons chosen to participate in a five-day workshop on library and archive collections conservation held July 30-Aug. 3 at Johns Hopkins University. Designed for preservation practitioners, the workshop stressed hands-on activities through a series of sample projects, demonstrations and seminars. The program also included tours of the National Archives Preservation Department, the Library of Congress' preservation facilities and the Eisenhower Library's binding, repair and preservation facilities.

## Boehm on College Board

Dr. Edward G. Boehm Jr., vice president for institutional advancement at Marshall University, has been elected to the Executive Committee of The College Board, a nonprofit educational association serving students, schools and colleges throughout the United States.

Boehm was elected to the organization's board of trustees in 1987 and previously served as chairman of the committees on membership and constituency relations.

The College Board was established in 1901 with headquarters in New York City and regional offices throughout the United States. The organization is committed to maintaining academic standards and serving students, schools and colleges throughout the nation.

As it turns out, the pottery may be more than merely pretty: it may be significant in showing how Indian tribes migrated through the Amazon Basin.

Because Walden has been working with Ecuador's Indian tribes for more than two decades, Meggars asked his help on a scouting trip to the area Aug. 27-31 to see whether a full-scale archeological dig is warranted. If it is, Walden will help her make the connections she needs with local Indian tribes.

While in South America, he also will help Marshall biology professor Dan Evans begin a sabbatical project exploring medicinal plants. In addition, Walden will do medical consulting work with University of California experts for the government of Venezuela.

Walden is associate dean for outreach and development at Marshall's School of Medicine.

## Medical hotline established

Marshall University has introduced a toll-free referral hotline which allows physicians statewide to make patient referrals quickly to specialists and subspecialists of the Marshall University School of Medicine.

The "Specialists on Call" Consultation Referral System was established after alumni and other interested physicians asked for one-call access to the medical school's various clinical departments.

The School of Medicine has specialists and subspecialists available in the departments of Family and Community Health, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Radiology and Surgery. Special services include the traditional medical subspecialties such as cardiology, gastroenterology and infectious diseases, as well as geriatrics, international health, occupational and environmental medicine, physical medicine and rehabilitation, and others.

## Graduate School has fellowship information

Information pertaining to the following fellowships is available in the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113:

--J. Gordon Kaplan Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Alberta, \$32,000/year;

--Izaak Walton Killam Scholarships, University of Alberta, \$15,500 for doctoral students and \$28,000/year for postdoctorates;

--National Science Foundation Minority Graduate Fellowships in science and engineering, \$13,500/year;

--National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships, women in engineering, \$13,500/year;

--Swiger Fellowship for doctoral students, offered through West Virginia University, \$12,000/year.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School Office.