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MU Foundation gifts rise 31 percent

The number of gifts to The Marshall University Foundation Inc. rose by 31 percent during the 1989-90 fiscal year, according to Dr. Edward G. “Ned” Boehm Jr., MU vice president for institutional advancement.

The Foundation received 4,606 gifts during the 1989-90 fiscal year which ended June 30, compared with 3,483 gifts during 1988-89.

Cline re-elected to foundation presidency

Philip E. Cline, vice president for finance and treasurer of J.H. Fletcher & Co. in Huntington, was re-elected president of The Marshall University Foundation Inc. during its annual meeting on Sept. 18.

Cline, a former president of the Marshall University Alumni Association, also is serving on Marshall’s Institutional Board of Advisors. He was appointed to the advisory board on Sept. 12 by the University of West Virginia Board of Trustees.

A former Marshall student body president, Cline received two degrees from Marshall — a B.S. degree in 1956 and an M.A. degree in 1962.

Other officers re-elected are: David Fox Jr., first vice president; Nancy L. Francis, second vice president; Jack J. Klim, secretary, and Leland W. Thornburg, treasurer.

Dr. Edward G. “Ned” Boehm, MU vice president for institutional advancement, was appointed Foundation executive director, and Sherry H. Asbury, was appointed Foundation manager.

The Foundation Board of Directors elected or re-elected for three-year terms are: Fox; Francis; Vincent G. Manzi; Marshall T. Reynolds; Robert W. Simmons; William A. “Buck” Thompson; and Virginia K. VanZandt.

Martha Hill Merical, president of the Marshall Alumni Association, and James R. Bailes Jr., president of the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, are ex officio voting members of the board.

Newly elected to the 50-member Foundation are Steve Hatten, Margaret L. Hoffman and Charles C. Lanham. Re-elected as members are: William F. Agee, Ben A. Bagby, Permele Booth, William C. Campbell, Noel P. Copen, Cline, John D. Drinko, Thomas Lee Feazell, Maurice J. Flynn, Francis, R. Sterling Hall, James H. “Buck” Harless, and Thomas J. Maxwell. William G. Powers was granted emeritus membership status.

Boehm presented a year-end report during the Foundation’s annual business meeting on Sept. 18.

The Marshall University Foundation Inc., established in 1947, is a non-profit, educational corporation which solicits, receives and administers private gifts in behalf of Marshall University.

The total of all gifts to the Foundation during 1989-90 was $2,738,139, Boehm reported. Alumni contributed $470,105. The average gift size was $594.

Foundation assets increased $1.8 million, Boehm said.

“The Campaign for Marshall and our annual fund drive are focusing more attention on Marshall’s impact on our community, the state and the area,” said Philip E. Cline, president of The Marshall University Foundation. “Our alumni and friends are responding to Marshall’s needs more and more because they are realizing Marshall provides vital services.”

The Foundation launched The Campaign for Marshall in October 1989 under the leadership of John R. Hall, president and chief executive officer of Ashland Oil Inc.

The campaign is seeking $10 million for scholarship and faculty development endowments and to complete funding for the first phase of the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Each year the Foundation sponsors a fund drive to

Teleconference planned

A live, interactive teleconference titled “Campus Responses to Racial Harassment and Intimidation” will be presented at Marshall Friday, Oct. 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

The program will provide opportunities for all members of the campus community to consider the impact of racial harassment and intimidation on individuals and the academic community, according to Nancy E. Larsen, administrative assistant in the Multicultural Affairs Office.

The nationally broadcast teleconference will include a discussion on the principles outlined in the Carnegie Report as a framework for addressing racial harassment and intimidation and focus on how campuses can achieve freedom of expression while defending high standards of civility.

Panelists will include Dr. B.E. Ledbetter of Brown University; Dr. Robert M. O’Neil of the University of Virginia; Dr. Dudley B. Woodard Jr. of the University of Arizona, and Dr. Blandina Cardenas Ramirez of the American Council on Education.

Ms. Larsen said faculty members are encouraged to
Meet-the-Scholars nominations sought

The Marshall University Meet-the-Scholars Program Committee is currently accepting nominations for the next award, according to Dr. Kenneth E. Guyer, chairman of the committee.

An ongoing project, the program is designed to bring distinguished Marshall faculty scholars together with citizens of the Tri-State region. It is meant to acquaint the community with the breadth and depth of academic expertise available on the Marshall campus.

The award will be presented twice each year, during each regular academic semester, to an outstanding Marshall scholar. The following procedures and criteria will be used by the program committee in selecting award recipients.

I. General Guidelines: Announcement of the schedule and criteria for selection will be published in the Marshall University Newsletter at the beginning of the new semester.

Nominations may be made in writing by any faculty member and are to be submitted to the office of the provost by the announced deadline.

Nominations should include the following credentials: A current vita, brief statement of current research or artistic activity, and one supporting letter from another faculty member in the case of self-nomination.

All materials received will remain active for a period of one year from the date of receipt. If a sufficient number of nominations is not forthcoming, the committee may make its own nominations.

After nominations are submitted and the closing date for nominations has occurred, the committee will reduce the nominations to five, with no more than two people per college or school. The committee may elect in the final stages of deliberation to invite nominees to discuss informally their research or artistic activity.

The committee will then reduce the nominations to two people from whom the award recipient will be selected.

All nominees will be kept informed of their status as the deliberations proceed. Any member of the committee may be nominated for this award, but in the event this occurs, the member under consideration will not participate in the committee's deliberations for that semester.

II. Specific Criteria: The following criteria will be applied in the selection of the award recipient:

A. General:
1. The criteria will be weighed in accordance with the professional standards in the particular field.
2. During the course of its deliberations the committee may elect to consult with recognized experts in the nominee's field.
3. While teaching as a criterion will not be considered for this award, the percentage of time that the nominee spends teaching may be a relevant factor because time left for research/artistic activity may be affected.
4. While the committee will strive to adhere to its stated standards, it may have to consider other factors and exceptions as particular cases arise.

B. Research Criteria:
Specific activities to be considered include: publications—peer-review papers, articles and books; regional, national and international meetings—invited papers and papers presented will carry the most weight, but the chairing of sessions and attendance also are worth noting; professional awards; patents; grants—dollar amounts will be weighed according to the field.

C. Artistic Criteria:
Specific activities to be considered include: composition—literary, musical, choreographic, theatrical and visual arts; performance; directing or conducting; production; design.

Artistic criteria include: publications, exhibitions, performances, broadcasts, published reviews, public and professional recognition, juried competitions, professional awards, fellowships, grants and commissions (with the understanding that these may well be in smaller dollar amounts than those in the sciences).

The deadline for nominations and applications for the fall award will be Monday, Oct. 15, 1990. Award recipients receive a special plaque and a $1,000 cash award from the Marshall University Foundation to be presented at a special evening reception at a date to be announced.

All prospective applicants and nominees are reminded that the selection process may involve an interview to be conducted the weeks of Oct. 22-26 or Oct. 29 - Nov. 2.

Persons who have already submitted nominations or applications should check with Dr. Guyer, concerning completeness of the written material.
De Blij will present public lecture

Dr. Harm J. de Blij, one of the nation's foremost geographers, will present a public lecture titled "Wine and Geography: A Natural Alliance" on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Grace Rardin Doherty Auditorium at the Huntington Museum of Art.

De Blij, a professor of geography at the University of Miami, is occupying Marshall University’s John Deaver and Elizabeth G. Drinko Distinguished Chair in Liberal Arts this semester and is teaching a course in "Cultural Geography."

Born in the Netherlands, de Blij received his undergraduate education at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, and his doctorate in physical geography from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

He holds a professional appointment with the National Geographic Society and edits "National Geographic Research: A Scientific Journal."

A frequent guest on ABC’s "Good Morning America," de Blij has received numerous awards and honors, including the Outstanding Service Award from the Association of American Geographers.

During the 1970s, he became interested in the geographical aspects of wine production, consumption, tradition and culture and visited and studied vineyards from Japan to New Zealand and from Oregon to Argentina.

He is considered an authority on wine and has published several books on aspects of the geography of wine. He also writes a regular column on wine for Focus.

De Blij has written, co-authored or edited 32 books and has written more than 80 articles for professional publications and journals.

He is an Honorary Fellow of the American Geographical Society and a life member of the Royal Geographical Society of Australia. He also is an accomplished musician and formerly served on the board of the Chamber Music Society of Greater Miami.

His presentation will be open to the public and will be followed by a wine and cheese reception.

Teaching' to be topic

A videoconference titled "Transforming Critical Thinking Principles into Teaching Strategies" will be held at Marshall University on Friday, Oct. 5, from noon to 1 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2E11.

"Critical Thinking" is not based on rules, but on principles that can be learned by any willing teacher and transformed into a variety of teaching and learning strategies, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, acting associate provost at Marshall.

In this program a variety of grade levels and subject matter illustrations are used to illustrate how critical thinking principles that are integrated into modes of teaching become modes of learning. To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Provost’s Office, 696-5442.

Medical program slated

A continuing medical education program on children’s ear, nose and throat problems will be presented Saturday (Sept. 29) at Marshall University.

Speakers will include Dr. Robin T. Cotton of the University of Cincinnati and Huntington physicians S. Kenneth Wolfe and Phillip R. Stevens. Drs. Wolfe and Stevens are members of the volunteer faculty of the Marshall School of Medicine.

The program is co-sponsored by the School of Medicine and Tri-State Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery Inc.

There is no registration fee for the conference, which begins with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. and ends at 12:35 p.m. Additional information is available from 696-7019.

Stewart gets promotion

Elaine Stewart, food service director at Marshall University, has been promoted to district manager by the Marriott Corporation, according to Ray Welty, associate vice president for administration at Marshall.

Ms. Stewart has been responsible for dining services at the university for two years.

Although Ms. Stewart will be relocating to Charlotte, N.C., Marshall will be one of four accounts under her supervision.

Joseph Carbone has been selected as the new food service director at Marshall.

Carbone is familiar with the university, having served as district manager for Marshall for five years with ARA.

Carbone joined the Marshall/Marriott team Sept. 17.
New quartet in residence to perform

The Montclaire String Quartet, the new resident quartet of the West Virginia Symphony, will present the first in a series of concerts at Marshall University on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Julie Fox Henson and Kathryn Hudson Langr, violinists; Christine Vlajk, violist, and Andrea DiGregorio, cellist, originally studied together at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and have performed together for eight years, with a change in cellist four years ago.

The musicians have chosen a program featuring Joseph Haydn's "Quartet Opus 77 No. 2," Bela Bartok's "Quartet No. 2 Opus 17,"" and Maurice Ravel's "Quartet in F Major."

Acknowledged as one of the young quartets to watch by "Musical America," the Montclaire String Quartet has generated considerable acclaim including recent honors in the Evian International Competition in France.

They also won first prizes in the 1987 competitions of the Coleman Chamber Ensemble in Pasadena and the Chamber Music Society of the Monterey Peninsula in Carmel, Calif.

The musicians also will present a class lecture/demonstration on Oct. 2.

Tickets will be $10 for adults, $2 for students or $20 per family. Marshall faculty and staff tickets will be $5. Season subscriptions for the quartet's four performances at Marshall will be $20 for MU faculty and staff, $40 for adults, $8 for students or $30 per family.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-3117.

Academy needs faculty

The West Virginia Honors Academy is searching for innovative teachers who are skilled in the areas of math, science, technology, humanities or visual/performing arts, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, acting associate provost at Marshall.

Faculty will receive $3,500 for completing assigned responsibilities, plus lodging and board. The 1991 academy will be held June 30 through July 27 at West Virginia University.

The application deadline will be Oct. 10. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Provost's Office, 696-5442.

‘Our Town’ scheduled

Thornton Wilder’s drama, “Our Town,” will be presented by the Marshall University Theatre Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 3-6, at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Tickets are available in the Theatre/Dance Department in Old Main Room 23B and will be available at the door. To obtain further details contact the MU Box Office, 696-2787.

Letters of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

The planter adorned with pink carnations sent to the hospital in Washington, Pa., during my unexpected stopover was beautiful.

It reminded me that there were friends at home even though I was alone in a strange town.

Thank you so much,
Anna Lee Meador

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you so much for the planter, cards and all of the good wishes and words of encouragement you sent during my recent hospitalization and convalescence.

Believe me, it means a great deal during such a difficult time to know that people care.

I’m very grateful to all of you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Pamela R. Gardner

Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women’s Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled “The Roles of Women in Third World Countries” on Wednesday, Oct. 3, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

To obtain further details contact the Women’s Center, 696-3112.

Foundation gifts rise

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support a wide variety of programs to enhance education opportunities at the university. Funds received from the annual drive are allocated for scholarships and student loans, graduate fellowships, library and special equipment acquisitions, student programs and projects, professorships, faculty development, research, academic colleges, departments, and alumni programs, Boehm said.

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have their classes attend the conference and participate in the discussion that will follow the broadcast.

The program at Marshall is being sponsored by the offices of Multicultural Affairs, Student Affairs and Public Safety/Security.