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Spilman gets Meet-the-Scholar Award

Dr. Richard S. Spilman, assistant professor of English at Marshall University, has been selected as the 11th recipient of the university's prestigious Meet-the-Scholar Award, according to MU Interim President Alan B. Gould.

Spilman has taught creative writing and literature at Marshall for seven years and in that time has had many of his poems and short stories published in a variety of journals and publications such as the Christian Science Monitor, the Journal of Popular Culture and "Editor's Choice," an anthology 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.

His book, "Hot Fudge," a collection of short stories published recently by Simon and Schuster, has received outstanding reviews throughout the country.

In the July 29, 1990, issue of the prestigious New York Times Book Review, former Vogue editor Deborah Mason said 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.”

"I understand that Dr. Spilman originally planned to be a physician and enrolled in pre-med in college," said Gould. "I think it is fortunate for everyone that he had the courage to take a chance and follow his dream of becoming a writer. The world needs more good doctors; but it also needs good writers who can make us think and explore our emotions. Dr. Spilman’s work does that."

Spilman received his bachelor’s degree from Illinois (Continued on page 2)

Hayes to be honored

Former Marshall University President Robert B. Hayes will be honored at a reception in Marshall’s Memorial Student Center Thursday, Dec. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Dr. Carole A. Vickers, dean of the College of Education, said the reception, to be held in the Student Center’s Alumni Lounge, will be open to the public. “We’re confident many members of the Huntington community will want to join the campus community in paying tribute to Dr. Hayes for all he has done for the people of this region and for Marshall University,” Dean Vickers said.

Hayes plans to close a 25-year career at Marshall at the end of the current semester next month.

He came to Marshall in 1965 as dean of the College of Education and was named president of the university in 1974, succeeding Dr. John G. Barker. He resigned the (Continued on page 2)

Christmas party slated

Interim President and Mrs. Alan B. Gould cordially invite all Marshall University employees, current and retired, and their families to join them for the annual Marshall University Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

A light buffet and entertainment will be provided. Santa Claus will be present and free photographs will be made of children visiting with Santa.

Agenda set for meeting

The Marshall University Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m. in the lounge on the eighth floor of Smith Hall.

The agenda includes: 1. Approval of minutes; 2. Announcements—presidential action on Senate recommendations of 11/15/90; Executive Committee action; faculty development; 3. Resource Allocation Model—Alan Gould—question and answer session; 4. Proposed Ph.D. program in biomedical sciences; 5. PEIA report;


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Wesleyan University, his master’s from San Francisco State University and his doctorate from the State University of New York at Binghamton where he did his dissertation under the direction of noted author John Gardner.

Prior to joining the Marshall faculty in 1983, Spilman taught at the State University of New York and Arkansas Tech University.

He has served on various academic committees at Marshall and served as adviser for the university’s literary magazine. He has been a member of the Modern Language Association and the Associated Writing Programs.

“The Meet-the-Scholar Award Committee was impressed by Dr. Spilman and selected him as a finalist because of his creative work which has been critically reviewed for publication and, indeed, critically reviewed after publication by experts in the field who felt his work was highly meritorious in the creative area,” said Dr. Kenneth E. Guyer, chairman of the committee.

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presidency in 1983 but continued to serve as a professor in the College of Education. He also served as a member and president of the Cabell County Commission after resigning the MU presidency.

Upon being appointed president, Hayes launched what he termed “Marshall’s Decade of Progress.” During that period the Marshall School of Medicine was established, as was the university’s Community College component. More than $50 million worth of campus improvements were realized including the construction of Henderson Center, Corbly Hall and Harris Hall.

Hayes also reorganized Marshall’s academic structure, upgraded the university’s accreditation and increased private support for Marshall programs.

A graduate of Asbury College and the University of Kansas, Hayes began his career as a teacher in Yates Center, Kansas, in 1951. He later served as principal of Fairview (Kansas) High School, chairman of the Division of Education at Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., and director of teacher education at Taylor University in Upland, Ind.

The Clarksburg (W.Va.) native has received the Outstanding Service Award of Green Acres Regional Center, the Distinguished Achievement Award in Teacher Education and the United Methodist Layman of the Year Award for the Huntington District. He was named West Virginia Son of the Year by the West Virginia Society of Washington, D.C. and is listed in “Who’s Who in America’” and “Who’s Who in American Education.”

He is married to the former Kathleen Peters and is the father of three grown children, Steven, Ruthann and Mark. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1944 to 1946.

The award, which will be presented during a special reception Monday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the MU president’s house, was based on Spilman’s overall achievements, capped by the success of his latest book.

“His presentation to the committee gave us an opportunity to get better insight into his work and into the creative process of writing fiction,’’ said Guyer. “We felt this would be an area of interest to the community.’’

Spilman currently is working on a novel that already has drawn interest from several publishers.

The Meet-the-Scholar Program was created in 1985 to strengthen the link between Marshall and the community. The program seeks to acquaint the community with the breadth and depth of academic expertise on the Marshall campus by selecting an outstanding scholar as an “ambassador.”

A university-wide selection committee screens numerous nominations each semester for the award, basing its choice on: an outstanding record of achievement, significant research or other scholarly activity conducted while at Marshall, a scholarly reputation above reproach, and a pleasant, outgoing personality that would make the faculty member a good ambassador to the community.

The program received national recognition in 1988 when it was one of four programs selected for inclusion in a “Practitioner’s Hall of Fame” created by Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Recipients of the award are honored during a special reception, receive a plaque and a check for $1,000.

Videoconference planned

A videoconference titled “The Greensboro Plan: Long-term Critical Thinking Staff Development in an Urban Multiracial School District” will be presented at Marshall University Friday, Dec. 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Dr. Rainey Duke, acting associate provost, said the Greensboro Plan is a volunteer program that is growing in support from students and teachers. It has become a model for districts willing to work for long-term, substantial education reform.

To register for the videoconference or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Provost’s Office, 696-5442.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Your many expressions of concern and kindness during my father’s illness and death were appreciated and will always be remembered.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Wilkinson
MAS to present 'The Gifts of the Magi'

An off-Broadway production of "The Gifts of the Magi," described by the New York Times as a "dancing and singing Christmas card," will be presented by the Marshall Artists Series on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

The musical will be performed by the Lamb's Theatre, the company that originally produced and presented "The Gifts of the Magi" for five seasons off-Broadway. It is a musical adaptation of the classic O’Henry story.

In addition to original music and dancing, this version actually incorporates two of O’Henry’s short stories. The scene is New York City just before Christmas in 1905. A newsboy named Willy serves as narrator to relate two interwoven musical tales.

One story is the familiar story from "The Gifts of the Magi." The other is from "The Cop and the Anthem," which follows the plight of a cheerful bum as he tries to get arrested so he can spend the holidays in a warm jail.

Tickets for this additional Artists Series performance will be $6, $8 and $10 for adults. Youth 17 and under will be admitted for half price. Marshall faculty and staff also will be admitted for half-price.

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

Center will hold open house

The Autism Training Center at Marshall University, located on the third floor of Old Main, will hold an open house on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m., according to Dr. Barbara Becker, director of the center.

Being held in conjunction with National Autism Week, Dec. 2-8, the open house will feature the films "Way to Go" and "Regular Lives" which will be shown at 5 p.m. in the Autism Conference Room. Light refreshments and information pertaining to autism will be available during the open house.

Self-guided tours of the center with staff members available to answer questions also will be available throughout the afternoon.

The Autism Training Center was established at Marshall by the West Virginia Legislature in 1983 to provide training, assistance and information to individuals with autism and to provide training to those who work with autistic persons in the state.

Autism is a neurological developmental disability which typically appears during the first three years of age, and is characterized by deficits in communication and social skills, and by uneven or delayed rates of development in other areas.

The public is invited to attend the open house. To obtain further details contact the Autism Training Center, 696-2332.

Jazz performance set

The Marshall University Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Edward Bingham, will present a concert on Friday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Bingham, recently appointed director of jazz studies, came to Marshall after 11 years at Cumberland College where he directed the Jazz Workshop and the Instrumental Music Division.

He holds degrees from the University of Tennessee, The Juilliard School and the University of Kentucky.

The program will include "Mi Burrito" by Ray Brown, "In a Mello Tone" by Frank Foster, "Skylark" by Hoagy Carmichael, "Take the 'A' Train" by Billy Strayhorn and "Blue Chip" by Sammy Nestico.

The recital will be open to the public free of charge.

Meeting scheduled to discuss Master Plan

Marshall University will hold a "Campus Comment" session to gather information and ideas to utilize in the preparation of a campus master plan on Tuesday, Dec. 4, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Representatives from Marshall and Woolpert Consultants, a firm retained to assist the university in developing the master plan, will attend the meeting.

Students, faculty and staff members are invited to participate in the session to discuss ideas, issues and opportunities which should be addressed in the master plan.

A public forum on the same topic will be held Dec. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge.

To obtain further details contact Eileen Enabnit of Woolpert Consultants, Dayton, Ohio, 513-461-5660.

Grad Committee meets

(The following report on the Nov. 12 meeting of the Marshall Graduate Committee was submitted by Dr. M. Gatti.)

The Graduate Committee recommended the following curriculum changes: Course Additions—BMS 630 Neuroscience; HST 434/534 The American Experience in Vietnam; CR 656 Internship in Student Personnel Counseling; CR 657 Internship in Elementary School Counseling; CR 658 Internship in Secondary School Counseling; CR 659 Internship in Motor Speech Disorders; CR 653 to Internship in Agency Counseling.

The committee also discussed the need for a policy on the procedures for readmission of graduate students.

After review of a discrepancy between the undergraduate and graduate catalogs on the requirements for undergraduate students who wish to take graduate courses, the committee decided to request the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee to revise the undergraduate catalog to conform to the requirements specified in the graduate catalog.
Hampton administrators visit campus

An historic meeting took place at Marshall on Nov. 15-16 when a Hampton University delegation led by Dr. Martha Dawson, vice president for academic affairs, met with Marshall University administrators and deans to explore the possibility of a partnership between the two institutions.

The meeting was a follow-up to a visit made two years ago by former MU President Dale Nitzschke and Interim President Alan B. Gould.

Following a reception and dinner hosted Dr. and Mrs. Gould at the president's home on Thursday evening, the Hampton officials were greeted by approximately 60 guests consisting of community representatives, alumni of Hampton University, members of the West Virginia Board of Trustees, members of the MU Institutional Board of Advisors and Marshall faculty and staff.

On Friday, the deans began a dialogue and invited their Hampton colleagues to the respective colleges and schools for discussions with department chairs and program directors.

Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall, said there was much interest, enthusiasm and basic agreement by all involved that this meeting significantly facilitated our look at a partnership and opportunities that will expand diversity at Hampton and Marshall universities and enrich academic programs.

She said the deans look forward to exploring further possibilities for cooperative programs and projects.

Concerts will be held

The Marshall University Choral Union will perform Sunday and Monday, Dec. 2-3, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

David Castleberry, director of choral activities who joined the MU faculty this year, will direct the 65-voice ensemble in performances of Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" and Marc-Antoine Charpentier's "Midnight Mass for Christmas."

"Chichester Psalms," which will be dedicated to the memory of the late Bernstein, uses four psalm texts for orchestra, chorus and boy soloist.

Charpentier's "Messe de Minuit pour Noel," one of the most beloved choral pieces of French Baroque literature, according to Castleberry, uses 10 French Christmas carols for the principal melodic material.

The Marshall University Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Michael McArtor, will perform with the Choral Union.

Tickets will be $5 for general admission and $3 for senior citizens and students. Marshall students with valid identification and activities cards will be admitted free. Tickets will be available at the door and in the Marshall Music Department.

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

Senior recital slated

Thomas Zerkle of Milton will present his senior recital on the piano on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

He is completing the requirements for a bachelor of arts degree in music education.

Zerkle will perform works by Haydn, Debussy and Kabalevsky.

The recital will be open to the public free of charge.

Personnel personal...

Edwina C. "Edee" Wippel, assistant director of the Office of Affirmative Action/Human Resources, is a patient in Cabell-Huntington Hospital after being stricken ill at her home Wednesday, Nov. 21. Cards may be sent to her at the hospital, Room 4313. Visits currently are restricted to members of her immediate family.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I want to thank each of you for the beautiful flowers, gifts, cards, prayers and all the expressions of love and concern shown to me and my family after our recent automobile accident.

I am getting better each day and learning how to walk again.

My wife, Luanna, is in the Rehabilitation Unit at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Ky., and is improving each day. We expect a complete recovery for her, but are told it will take time; so please keep her in your prayers.

Again, the expressions of concern from the Marshall community were overwhelming. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Herb Karlet and family
Library Committee discusses budget

(The following report on the Nov. 6 meeting of the Marshall University Library Committee was submitted by Sara B. Staats, secretary.)

The Library Committee met Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. with James Douglass, chairman, presiding. Twelve members were present. Six members were absent.


She reported in detail on the Materials Budget and explained the process of reviewing serials subscriptions which was necessitated by the high increases in subscription prices.

Ms. Fidler explained that this year’s budget is the same as last year’s budget.

She noted that each year more of the Materials Budget must be allocated to cover renewal costs for serials and the Administrative Budget toward automation costs. She has requested a supplemental allocation to cover the cost of serials.

The library plans to automate serials and acquisitions check-ins during 1990-91 and provide improvements to security.

Dr. Edward Grose is advertising for an architectural firm to assist in preliminary planning for a new library building.

The committee’s next meeting will be Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

ASCR Committee meets

(The following summary of the Nov. 15 meeting of the Marshall University Academic Standards and Curricula Review Committee was submitted by Jane Fotos, secretary.)

The Academic Standards and Curricula Review Committee met on Nov. 15.

Dr. Wendell Dobbs presented the reports of the Oct. 31 and Nov. 14 meetings of the Curriculum Subcommittee.

The motion was made, seconded and approved to recommend course additions and changes. Dr. Dobbs also reported on discussion about program alterations concerning the Community College and the Social Work Program curriculum design.

Dr. Edwina Pendarvis presented the report of the Standards Subcommittee.

The motion was made, seconded and approved to recommend changing the policy of awarding grades to remedial and developmental courses in English and mathematics to a policy of awarding credit/noncredit only at the time the course is completed rather than at graduation.

The proposal to revise the withdrawal policy was discussed at great length.

Michael McGuffey of the Institutional Research Office presented a statistical analysis with interpretation of data. Because of the complexity of the problem and possible approaches for addressing the problem, discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Wives Club to hold tea

The Marshall University Faculty Wives Newcomers will host a Christmas tea on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

All faculty wives are invited. Chairing the hostess committee will be Debra Davis and Patricia Kriebel.

To obtain further details contact Jean Douglass, 522-2479.
Marshall faculty/staff achievements

DAN MARTIN, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation, recently made a presentation titled “Anabolic Steroids and the Athlete” at a sports medicine conference hosted by physicians in Princeton, W.Va.

Dr. NICOLA ORSINI, associate professor of physics and physical science, was the co-author of a paper titled “Geomagnetic Activity Effects on the Equatorial Neutral Thermosphere” which was published in Transactions, American Geophysical Union (Vol. 71, No. 43, Oct. 23, 1990). The paper will be presented at the annual American Geophysical Union fall meeting Dec. 3-7 in San Francisco.

Dr. MARY COURTNEY-COLLINS, instructor in the Department of Marketing and faculty adviser for Marshall’s American Marketing Association, recently accompanied four marketing majors to the AMA eastern regional meeting held at the University of Virginia. Seminar topics included brand management, advertising, international marketing, retailing and entertainment services. Approximately 350 students and 13 faculty advisers representing 34 colleges and universities in 11 northeastern states attended the two-day conference.

Dr. HAROLD T. MURPHY, professor of modern languages and chairman of the department, gave two slide lectures recently. He spoke to approximately 350 students of Latin and Spanish on Nov. 8 at Huntington East High School on “Roman Spain” and made a presentation on “Los Gauchos Argentinos” to members of the “Tertulia Espanola” at West Virginia State College on Nov. 19.

MARTIN FAIGEL, head of technical services at James E. Morrow Library, PAM FORD, librarian, and KAY WILDMAN, music librarian, attended a training seminar pertaining to information on OCLC’s new communication network held Nov. 6 at the University of Charleston.

JOSEPHINE FIDLER, director of libraries, participated in a Library Directors Interest Group held Nov. 8 in Clarksburg. She served as a facilitator for the break-out session on “Personnel.”

Dr. LAUREL LAMPELA, assistant professor of art education, recently had a review published in The Arts Education Review of Books, 1990, 5 (3). The review was titled “Artstrands: A Program of Individualized Art Instruction.”

Dr. CRAIG MONROE, professor of speech, developed and directed a training program titled “Communicating with Difficult Clients” for the President’s Executive Council of the University of Hartford on Nov. 7-9 at West Hartford, Conn.

Dr. DONALD L. HALL, associate professor, and Dr. LARRY BARKER, professor, both in the Division of Counseling and Rehabilitation, presented a paper on “Consultation Activities of SACES Membership: A Review of Survey Information” at the Southern Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors held Nov. 3 in Norfolk, Va.

Dr. W. BLAKER BOLLING, professor of management, served as a session chair at the Southern Management Association annual meeting held Nov. 7-10 at Orlando, Fla. He also served as a reviewer of papers submitted for presentation and publication. Dr. EARL Z. DAMEWOOD, associate professor of management, also attended the meeting and served as a discussant for several papers.

CORA TEEL, archivist at the James E. Morrow Library, attended a daylong workshop on records management at the fall meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference held Nov. 1 at Alexandria, Va.

Dr. WILLIAM A. McDOWELL, professor in the Division of Counseling and Rehabilitation, was an invited presenter at the National Institute of Health on Nov. 15 at Bethesda, Md. His topic was “The Appalachian Patient: Cultural Issues in Health Care.” He also made a presentation on “The Power of Positive Thinking” for Marshall University’s “Power Play” seminar on Nov. 7.

Dr. WAYNE ELMORE, professor of biological sciences, recently had a paper titled “Purification and partial characterization of polysaccharides from coconut milk” published in the Annals of Botany (64: 205-209). The paper was co-authored by MARK WATSON, a former graduate student; JAMES GILL, an undergraduate research student, and former MU faculty member ALAN WHITE of North Dakota State University.

NPMA scholarships awarded

The National Purchasing Management Association has awarded $500 scholarships to two Marshall University College of Business students, according to Dr. Robert P. Alexander, dean of the College of Business.

Greg Booth, a senior marketing major from Huntington, and Sarah Dennison, a junior marketing major from Ona, received the scholarships.

Booth is a member of Gamma Beta Phi honors fraternity, serves as vice president of the Propeller Club and is on the National Dean’s List. He also was the recipient of the American Business Merit Award.

Ms. Dennison is on the National Dean’s List and plans to become a member of Alpha Kappa Psi and the American Marketing Association this semester. She has supported her education by working part-time for two major retailers.

The Tri-State Purchasing Management Association, composed of purchasing directors from throughout the Tri-State, initiated the scholarship approximately six years ago and has expanded the program to include Marshall University’s Community College, Parkersburg Community College, West Virginia State College and Ashland (Ky.) Community College.

Alexander said Marshall’s Department of Marketing, which offers a course on physical distribution, has generally been responsible for maintaining an affiliation with the Tri-State Purchasing Management Association.