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# NEWSLETTER

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## MU receives record number of grants

Marshall University recently completed its most successful year in terms of obtaining grants, setting new records for both grant monies received and the number of projects funded, according to Dr. C. Robert Barnett, director of grants and research development.

Marshall received \$5,772,259 in grants during the 1989-90 fiscal year, a 44 percent increase over the previous year. The university's faculty and staff submitted 170 proposals to various funding agencies and had 101 projects accepted for funding.

The university's success rate was 59 percent, an excellent ratio according to Barnett.

The university-wide total was significantly boosted by \$3,222,063 in grants received by the Office of Research

and Economic Development Outreach which had 14 proposals funded during fiscal year 1989-90.

"Our growth in grants over the last eight years has been phenomenal," said Barnett. "We've doubled the number of projects submitted, doubled the number of successful projects and more than tripled the dollar value of grants funded."

"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. 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," he said.

According to a report prepared by Barnett:

- The School of Medicine received \$999,976 through 16 funded projects;
- The College of Education received \$775,228 through 21 funded projects;
- The Division of Student Affairs had five proposals funded for a total of \$197,625;
- The Community College received \$195,499 through eight funded projects;
- The College of Science had 15 proposals funded for a total of \$193,009;
- Marshall's College of Business received \$127,916 through four funded proposals;
- The College of Liberal Arts received \$45,313 through 11 funded projects;
- The College of Fine Arts had six projects funded for a total of \$11,630;
- Marshall's School of Nursing received \$4,000 through one grant.

"Obviously the grants bring money to the university we wouldn't otherwise have," Barnett said, "but there

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## Byrd Institute gets contribution from IBM

Marshall University's Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing Systems has received a contribution of software and support services valued at \$1 million from the IBM Corporation, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, president of the Marshall University Research Corporation.

The contribution was made under the auspices of the IBM Higher Education Software Consortium and the CIM Alliance Partnership. The software will be utilized as part of a shared teaching factory.

"The continued aggressive support of IBM for the Byrd Institute is evident by this announcement," said Maddox. "Gifts such as this will pay benefits for years to come."

Maddox said the Byrd Institute uses computer-integrated manufacturing technologies and modern managerial techniques to help strengthen and increase the competitiveness of local industry.

## Mail service available

The Marshall University Mail Service is planning to provide regular mail processing during the Christmas holiday to departments requesting the service, according to Dr. William S. Deel, director of campus technology.

There will be no mail service on Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1.

Any department interested in picking up mail during Christmas break should contact Yvonne Keeter, mailroom supervisor, at 696-6644.

## Christmas party scheduled

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.

# Free treatment available for diseases

Free treatment for acute bronchitis and walking pneumonia is available to the public this winter at the Marshall University School of Medicine.

Anyone with respiratory symptoms including fever, bad cough bringing up phlegm, tiredness, and chest pain will be treated by the University Physicians in Internal Medicine of John Marshall Medical Services, 1801 Sixth Avenue, Huntington, second floor, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The free treatment is part of a study the internal medicine group is conducting for two independent research firms, Pharmaco Dynamics Research Inc. of Austin, Texas, and Clinical Research International of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

If laboratory tests determine an individual does have

## Record amount received

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are other benefits as well. The grants help make our professors better teachers because they get the opportunity to do research which they can utilize in the classroom.

"These grants not only help Marshall, they help the entire region by infusing much needed dollars into the area's economy," explained Barnett. "People may not realize it, but through the work made possible by these grants, Marshall University is making West Virginia, and perhaps the country, a better place to live."

## 'Critical Thinking' to be conference topic

A videoconference titled "The Greensboro Plan: Long-term Critical Thinking Staff Development in an Urban Multi-racial 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.

## Excused absences . . .

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

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acute bronchitis or walking pneumonia, he or she is enrolled in the testing program and entitled to four doctor's visits, medication, x-rays, and additional laboratory tests at no charge. Doctor's visits would be spread out over a week to 10 days.

"It is important for patients enrolled in the study to return for all four visits because we need to obtain before and after cultures," explained Dr. Maurice A. Mufson, chairman of the Department of Medicine.

Those who show up at medical school offices with bronchitis-like symptoms but are not diagnosed with the illness will be treated by a doctor at no charge for that initial visit only.

The University Physicians in Internal Medicine group has been administering two new but well-tested and federally-approved antibiotics to patients in the study for the past month. Similar testing is underway at other sites around the country.

"We expected the antibiotics to kill the bacteria causing the infection and result in prompt patient recovery. With the patients we have seen so far, the medications--loracarbef and temafloxacin--are doing just that," Mufson said.

Mufson pointed out that patients in the study benefit not only from the improved medication. They also get more attention, more laboratory tests, and more doctor's visits than they would otherwise, he said. "Normally, a doctor would see an acute bronchitis patient only once because repeated visits and extensive lab testing get too expensive for the patient," Mufson explained.

## Students to present recital

Two Marshall University music students will present a joint recital on Friday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Harley Hendricks Jr. of Point Pleasant, a clarinet student of Dr. Donald A. Williams, and Greg Myers of South Parkersburg, a saxophone student of Dr. Edward Bingham, will each perform a number of works.

Hendricks will play "Concertino" by Giuseppe Tartini, "Solo De Concours" by Henri Rabaud, "Three Pieces for Solo Clarinet" by Igor Stravinsky and "Counterpoint No. 1" by Vaclav Nelhybel. Matthew Jewell will provide piano accompaniment and Myers will assist.

Myers will perform "Creston Sonata" by Creston, "Sonata" by J.F. Fosch and "Caprice" by Bonneau. He will be assisted by Peggy Johnston and Hendricks.

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

## Emeritus meeting canceled

The Emeritus Faculty and Staff of Marshall University will not hold their regularly scheduled meeting in December, according to Dr. Eugene Hoak.

# Jackson joins Medical School staff

Gay Jackson, who was public relations officer at the Huntington Museum of Art for 11 years, has joined the Marshall University School of Medicine as assistant to the dean for development and outreach.

"We are pleased to add Mrs. Jackson to our staff," said Dr. John B. Walden, associate dean for outreach and development. "She is certainly well respected in the community for the quality of her work and we feel that her experience and talent will enhance this office's programs."

Jackson explained that she will be responsible for coordinating student recruitment throughout West Virginia.

## MU grants workshop planned next semester

A 10-session grants writing workshop will be held on Fridays from 1 to 2:15 p.m. during the second semester, according to Dr. C. Robert Barnett, director of grants and research development.

The programs will begin Jan. 25 and continue through April 5.

Sessions will feature "Winning Grants," a video presentation by grants specialist David Bauer.

The program will provide training for Marshall's new grants liaisons, but Barnett said there will be room for approximately 12 faculty and staff members.

Persons interested in attending the workshops should apply through their grants liaison.

Grants liaisons are: Gregg Davis, College of Business (696-2603); Dr. Stan Maynard, College of Education (696-2890); Roberta Walters, College of Fine Arts (696-3107); Dr. Steven Mewaldt, College of Liberal Arts (696-2777); Dr. Jagan Valluri, College of Science (696-2409); Dr. Sarah Denman, Community College (696-3007); Dr. Gary Rankin, School of Medicine (696-7319); Dr. Judith Sortet, School of Nursing (696-2619); Mary Ann Thomas, Student Affairs (696-6421).

Barnett will serve as moderator for the programs being sponsored by the Office of Grants and Research Development.

The programs will be held at the MU Research and Economic Development Center located at 1050 Fourth Ave.

## Library schedule announced

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will be closed Dec. 15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31, and Jan. 1, 5, 6, 12 and 13.

The library will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 17-21, Jan. 2-4 and Jan. 7-11.

Regular library hours will resume Jan 14.

The library also will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Beginning in February, Jackson and a team of faculty and students from the School of Medicine will visit college campuses around the state. They will discuss academic requirements, admissions procedures and financial aid. "Recruitment efforts are focused within the state because of the School of Medicine's mission to serve West Virginia," she said.

Jackson also will work to identify new sources of grant money and private and community support for the School of Medicine.

She is a graduate of Marshall University with a B.A. and M.A. In addition to her work at the museum, she has served as a part-time instructor in the Marshall University departments of Social Studies and History since 1969.

Jackson has won a number of honors for materials she produced for the Huntington Museum of Art including a 1990 Award for Excellence from the American Federation of Arts.

## Choir concert scheduled

The Marshall University Chamber Choir, a select 16-voice choral group conducted by David Castleberry, will present a concert on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church.

"Jephthe" by Carissimi, an early Baroque oratorio which was a forerunner to such oratorios as Handel's "Messiah," will be among the presentations.

According to Castleberry, the church setting recalls the historic setting which provided intimacy for the early oratorios performed following the formal mass.

The choir also will perform madrigals by Orlando Lassus and Thomas Weelkes, pieces by Johannes Brahms, "Six Chansons" by Paul Hindemith and three Christmas carols by Peter Warlock.

Marshall faculty artists Paul Balshaw on harpsichord and Lois Blackburn on cello will accompany the Chamber Choir.

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

## Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I would like to thank all of you who have been so thoughtful during my recent illness.

My family and I deeply appreciate the cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and other acts of kindness and concern.

I hope to be able to return to work before the semester ends and look forward to seeing all of you.

Sincerely,  
Steve Riddel

# Marshall faculty/staff achievements

GARY A. JARRETT, assistant professor of sociology, and MARY K. THOMAS, graduate assistant in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, recently completed a statewide study of housing conditions, needs and preferences of West Virginians 60 years of age and older. The study sample consisted of more than 1,300 randomly chosen older persons across West Virginia who were asked to provide information on housing, health conditions, and the need for and use of supportive services and related sociodemographic factors. The purpose of the five-month study was to empirically document the need for and willingness to consider the possible use of a variety of alternative housing arrangements increasingly common among frail, older populations requiring assistance in continuing to live independently. The final objective of the project, which the study supports, is to develop prototypes of assisted-living facilities in several rural locales in the state. A draft report of the findings was submitted to the West Virginia Commission on Aging. The research was funded through a grant from the Administration on Aging, Washington, D.C., and the West Virginia Commission on Aging.

Dr. CHRISTOPHER DOLMETSCH, professor of modern languages, has contributed a review of "Bertolt Brecht: Letters (1913-1956)," translated by Ralph Manheim and edited by John Willett (Routledge, 1990), to the November 1990 issue of CHOICE (Vol. 28, No. 3, p. 492).

Several Marshall University music faculty members took part in the annual three-day conference of the West Virginia Collegiate Music Educators Association held Nov. 4-6 at Glenville State College. Officers of the student organization, under the direction of Dr. LOIS BLACKBURN, planned the conference which had a theme of "Music Education Through Performance." Several Marshall faculty members were featured in clinics and performances including: Dr. JOHN MEAD with the West Virginia Symphony Brass Quintet, and the Marshall Faculty Woodwind Quartet comprised of TED HEGER, Dr. BRAD DEVOS, Dr. WENDELL DOBBS, and Dr. DONALD WILLIAMS. Dr. RICHARD LEMKE, Dr. LARRY STICKLER and several students also attended the conference.

Two research papers co-authored by Dr. NICOLA ORSINI, associate professor of physics, have been quoted in the textbook, "Aeronomy of the Middle Atmosphere" (second edition) by Guy Brasseur and Susan Solomon. The book was published by D. Reidel Publishing Company, Dordrecht, Holland. The book has an international editorial board and is used in many major universities throughout the world offering atmospheric physics programs.

Dr. CRAIG MONROE, professor of speech, served as one of three reviewers of manuscripts submitted to the Communication Theory and Methodology interest group for presentation to the 1991 convention of the Eastern Communication Association.

Dr. MARIA-TULIA GOMEZ-AVILA, assistant professor of Spanish, has had a paper titled "Aproximacion linguistica al poema 'OH LLAMA DE AMOR VIVA' de San

Juan de la Cruz" accepted for presentation at the Congreso Internacional de Semiotica del Texto Místico which will be held in June at the University of L'Aquila, Italy.

Dr. GARY O. RANKIN, professor and chairman of the Department of Pharmacology, and Dr. MONICA A. VALENTOVIC, associate professor of pharmacology, recently presented papers at the third North American ISSX meeting held Oct. 21-25 in San Diego, Calif. RANKIN's paper was titled "Effect of Buthionine Sulfoximine on N-(3,5 Dichlorophenyl)succinimide Metabolite Nephrotoxicity." Dr. VALENTOVIC's paper was titled "Comparison of the Direct Renal Toxicity of Dichloroaniline Isomers." RANKIN also presented a paper titled "Autocoid Modulation and N-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)succinimide-nephrotoxicity" at the International Meeting of Renal Disposition and Nephrotoxicity of Xenobiotics held Oct. 7-10 at the Universities of Wurzburg, Germany.

Dr. MARK A. SIMMONS, assistant professor of pharmacology, recently presented a paper titled "Effect of Intracellular GDPBS on the responses to LHRH, muscarine and substance P in bullfrog sympathetic neurons" at the Society of Neuroscience meeting held in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. JOHN L. SZAREK, associate professor of pharmacology, recently presented a paper titled "Nonadrenergic Relaxation Responses in Isolated Rat Airways" at the Chicago Lung Conference on "Mediators and Modulators of Lung Disease: Focus on Peptides" held at the Chicago Athletic Association.

Thirteen faculty from Marshall attended the 10th annual session of the West Virginia FACDIS (Faculty and Course Development in International Studies) International Studies Consortium held Nov. 8-10 at Lakeview Conference Center in Morgantown. During the Friday banquet, Dr. CLAIR W. MATZ, professor of political science and director of the MU Center for International Studies, was honored as one of the five "founding fathers and mothers" of FACDIS. Dr. CAROLYN KARR, professor of education, is the MU institutional representative to the FACDIS Steering Committee. Those attending the meeting included: Dr. ROGER L. ADKINS and Dr. CHANDRA G. AKKIHAI of the Economics Department; Dr. M. JAMIL CHAUDRI of the Computer Science Department; Dr. MARIA-TULIA GOMEZ-AVILA and Dr. MARIA CARMEN RIDDEL of the Spanish Department; Dr. STEVEN WINN of Sociology; Dr. CAROLYN KARR, Dr. F. STEVE RIDDEL, Dr. MAHLON C. BROWN, CHARLES F. GRUBER, and Dr. PAUL F. LUTZ of the Social Studies Department; Dr. CLAIR W. MATZ of the Political Science Department, and ROBERTA WALTERS of the MU Institute for the Arts.

Dr. LINDA SPATIG, assistant professor in Educational Foundations, has received notification that a paper titled "Teaching Social Foundations to Undergraduates: The Importance of Instructor's Educational Training" will be published in the 1991 spring issue of Educational Foundations. The paper was co-authored by Dr. ROBERT BICKEL, associate professor in Educational Foundations and Educational Administration.