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Dear Faculty and Staff:

At this joyous and wonderful time of the year, I would like to thank all of you for the support you have given me the past few months since I was named interim president of Marshall University.

As provost, and now as interim president, I feel I have been privileged to see the good work and great effort all of you put forth to make Marshall University the fine institution it has become. Believe me, your work has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of Mary Nell and our sons. They, too, realize the great lengths many of you go to in order to make my job easier.

We would like to wish all of you and your families a joyful holiday period and a new year filled with happiness and good fortune.

Sincerely,
Alan B. Gould

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Larsen receives grant

Dr. Bryan Larsen of the Marshall University School of Medicine has received a $90,000 grant through Johnson & Johnson’s highly competitive “Focused Giving Program” for his research in microbiology.

Among the 36 researchers receiving grants this year through the Johnson & Johnson program were several Nobel Prize winners. Grants are approved for only one out of every eight proposals submitted, according to the company.

In addition to the three-year Focused Giving Program grant, Johnson & Johnson has awarded Larsen a $28,000, (Continued on page 2)

Check distribution set

Paychecks for the period ending Dec. 31 will be distributed from the Payroll Office, Old Main Room 205, on Monday, Dec. 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to Barry A. Beckett, associate comptroller.

Entry to Old Main will be available from the south entrance adjacent to Northcott Hall.

You should be prepared to show your university identification card in order to pick up your check.

If someone else will be picking up your check, you must notify the Payroll Office in writing prior to Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Checks that are not released on Dec. 31 will be distributed to departments on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

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FORMER MARSHALL PRESIDENT HONORED

Former Marshall University President Robert B. Hayes was presented a Distinguished Service Award Thursday (Dec. 6) for his contributions to the university. Making the presentation was MU Interim President Alan B. Gould. Hayes, who served as Marshall president from 1974 to 1983, was honored at a campus reception marking the close of his 25-year Marshall career at the end of the current semester this month. He came to Marshall as dean of the College of Education in 1965 and has spent the last seven years as a professor in that college. Hayes plans to assume a high-level administrative position at Warner Southern College in Lake Wales, Fla. Feb. 1.
MU Academic Planning Committee meets

(The following summary of the Nov. 13 meeting of the Marshall University Academic Planning Committee was submitted by Peggy Baden.)

The Academic Planning Committee met at 4:35 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 240. Eight voting members and two non-voting members were present. Four voting members and 13 non-voting members were absent.

Blaker Bolling chaired the meeting and Peggy Baden acted as secretary.

The Oct. 4 minutes were approved as written. However, after reading the Greenbook, the chair did not request a new representative from the Medical School as that member had not missed three meetings during the present academic year. The minutes were approved as written.

Minutes of the Oct. 18 meeting were approved as written with the inclusion that APC met at 4:43 p.m.

Mission Statement:
Leonard Deutsch reported on the chancellor's

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six-month contract for related research.

Larsen, a professor in the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Microbiology, is studying the immune system's response to a certain toxin produced in yeast infections. In his laboratory at MU, Larsen discovered that the toxin, called gliotoxin, suppresses the immune response. His Focused Giving grant will be used to further the study of gliotoxin's effect on the infection-fighting abilities of white blood cells. He also will investigate how gliotoxin affects the infected individual's ability to produce antibodies.

"I believe that this research will not only help us in obtaining a fuller understanding of how this microorganism causes disease but will also give us some new insight into the immune response itself," Larsen said.

Larsen was invited to attend Johnson & Johnson's Fourth Scientific Symposium Nov. 27 at the company's headquarters in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Previous recipients of Focused Giving grants will present their findings to the 1990 winners at that time.

The Johnson & Johnson grant program was established in 1980 to encourage basic biomedical research, the company said.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Your kind expressions of sympathy are deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lawrence Smith

academic affairs meeting and conference call. Concerns regarding Marshall's Mission Statement were: identify the centers of excellence, the role of the Community College, academic admission requirements, residence hall capacity, Medical School discrepancies, and the mission statement should be "lean and clean."

The interim president wants to have APC members meet with the chancellor to discuss the Mission Statement.

Proposed Objectives:
The chair has not had a meeting with the interim president regarding the objectives for the Academic Planning Committee. The committee discussed that the Senate should give APC objectives.

Martin Faigel moved to have the chair draft a letter to the Senate president stating that the APC will review the implementation of the Mission Statement, and inviting Kathryn Chezik to attend an APC meeting to discuss the committee's role and function as viewed by the Senate. Michael McArtor seconded the motion, which passed.

Policy Bulletin Number 11:
The chair discussed a memo from Rainey Duke via Kathryn Chezik stating that "APC now has sufficient time to do a thorough review of Policy Bulletin 11 and make any suggested changes."

Discussion followed regarding Policy Bulletin 11. The chair requested that committee members bring their Greenbook to the next meeting in order to discuss Policy Bulletin 11.

Philosophical Statements of the General Education Task Forces:
Shirley Lumpkin discussed the seven task forces from the General Education committees.

She distributed draft copies of the philosophical statements from six of the task forces. The task force on integration was not available for review.

The philosophical statements should reflect: What should Marshall University students be required to achieve in general education in order to graduate?

Ms. Lumpkin requested that members review the drafts and submit suggestions to her by Nov. 23.

She explained that a workshop will be scheduled on Jan. 8-10, 1991, from 8 a.m. to noon. A $50/day stipend will be given to those members attending. There will be a unified philosophical statement developed from the workshop. She requested that APC members who plan to attend the workshop notify her.

Letters of Intent:
Letters of intent to develop a doctoral program in VTAE and a masters of science in Training and Development were received by the chair.

Nicola Orsini approved APC to send a letter of endorsement to both programs stating that they may send a letter of intent to the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded and passed.

Marshall University Five-Year Plan:
Discussion followed regarding review of MU's five-year plan.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.
Massey gives $12,000 to MU Campaign

The Massey Foundation, based in Richmond, Va., has contributed $12,000 to The Campaign for Marshall to benefit Marshall University’s Society of Yeager Scholars, according to Dr. Edward G. “Ned” Boehm Jr., MU vice president for institutional advancement.

“The Massey Foundation and the A.T. Massey Coal Co. have been generous in their assistance to Marshall University,” Boehm said. “This is their fifth consecutive year to make a significant contribution. We truly appreciate their support. Their generosity has a positive impact not only on the university, but on the community as well.”

Previous Massey contributions have been in support of the College of Business and the H.E.L.P. (Higher Education for Learning Problems) program, Boehm said.

The Massey Foundation was established in 1957 by the family of A.T. Massey, founder of the coal company which bears his name. The foundation traditionally has supported educational projects in the Appalachian coal fields.

Joan Massey is a member of the national board of directors of the Yeager Scholars program. Her husband, E. Morgan Massey, is chairman of the board of the A.T. Massey Coal Co.

The innovative Society of Yeager Scholars annually recruits and enrolls outstanding students for a rigorous academic program centered upon interdisciplinary seminars and which includes the development of a proficiency in a foreign language. The program is named in honor of aviation hero Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager, a retired Air Force brigadier general.

Nominations being taken for state award

The Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia is accepting applications and nominations for its $10,000 Professor of the Year award, according to a spokeswoman for the group.

The annual award recognizes an outstanding professor from a West Virginia college or university based on his/her teaching experience, academic credentials, community service and interaction with students. The foundation also recognizes and rewards outstanding innovation and creativity in teaching and professional leadership.

Applications for the award are available in the Marshall University Provost’s Office. The deadline for submitting nominations will be Jan. 31, 1991.

Applicants may be nominated by college administrators, faculty peers, students and former students.

In addition to the award, two other faculty members will be recognized and presented checks for $1,000 each.

Dr. Robert Walker, chairman of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the Marshall University Medical School, was the 1989 award winner.

Humanities grants available

Information pertaining to 1991 Humanities Center Fellowship Awards is available in the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

The awards are open to West Virginia teachers, college and university faculty and independent scholars who desire to complete independent research projects.

Fellowships of up to $2,000 are awarded to provide support for individual, indepth research within a humanities discipline. Collaborative research proposals will be considered.

The deadline for submitting applications will be Jan. 2, 1991.

MAS offers package

The Marshall Artists Series has created a special package of four major spring events that will be available through Dec. 21, according to Celeste Winters Nunley, MAS director.

In addition to the package will be “Romeo and Juliet,” presented by The Acting Company of New York on Feb. 21; Stephen Sondheim’s Tony Award winning musical, “Into the Woods,” on April 2; the Kingston Trio on April 18, and a performance by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra on April 22.

Tickets for the four-program package will be $45, $55 and $65.

Ms. Nunley said the package price offers a substantial discount over the cost of tickets if purchased separately for each program and also offers participants a better seat location since individual tickets will not be available until two weeks before each performance.

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

Personnel personal...

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

After nearly 26 years it is time that I conclude my service to Marshall. These have been good years and I leave with many fond memories.

Most of all, I want to thank each of you for your friendship and support.

It was your support that made it possible for us to accomplish some things while we have been here. It has been your friendship which has made the experiences and time enjoyable.

Thank you,

Bob Hayes
Marshall faculty/staff achievements

For the second consecutive year, Dr. E.S. HANRAHAN, dean of the College of Science, is working as a volunteer scientist-partner for the Bell Atlantic-American Association for the Advancement of Science Institute for Middle School Science and Technology Teachers. The institute is a model program of inservice education and materials development in communications and information technology for middle school and junior high school teachers. It provides a comprehensive, year-long enhancement program for approximately 40 teachers in the Middle Atlantic region. HANRAHAN and other scientists and engineers who live near institute participants serve as partners in a variety of activities.

Dr. ELIZABETH REED SMITH and Dr. LESLIE PETTEYS of Marshall’s Department of Music recently presented a violin and piano recital at Murray (Ky.) State University as part of the Quad-State String Festival. They also presented a recital at the University of Charleston on Nov. 17.

DAN MARTIN, assistant professor in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department was a keynote speaker for the recent West Virginia Athletic Director Association meeting. His topic was “Recognition of and Intervention in Anabolic Steroid Abuse In High School Athletes.”

Dr. DANNY FULKS, professor of education, recently presented a paper titled “Developing an Autonomous Learning Environment for Minorities” at a workshop sponsored by the Nevada Humanities Committee and the Nevada Gaming Commission. The purpose of the conference was to enhance learning opportunities for Native Americans from the Navajo family. He also presided over small group sessions on learning centers in elementary schools.

Dr. SUSAN DeMESQUITA, associate professor of physiology, recently presented a paper titled “Effect of yohimbine on the sleep-wake pattern of lean and obese Zucker rats” at the Society of Neuroscience meeting held in St. Louis, Mo. She also recently published a manuscript titled “Pulmonary function in Commercial Glass Blowers” with Dr. NANCY J. MUNN, associate professor of medicine, and Dr. STUART W. THOMAS JR., professor of psychology, in Chest and had a paper titled “Sleep and respiratory patterns in the Djungarian hamster” with AISSA AGCANAS MARTIN, a Marshall graduate, and Dr. Michael G. Tannenbaum, assistant professor of biology at Northeast Missouri State University, published in Physiology and Behavior.

Dr. DONALD C. TARTER, professor of biological sciences, was the co-author of a paper titled “Discovery of the central mudminnow, Umbra limi (Kirtland), in the Greenbottom Wildlife Management Area, Cabell County, West Virginia.” The paper was presented at the Ohio River Basin Consortium for Research and Education by MINDY YEAGER, a biological sciences graduate student. The research was supported by the Wildlife Division of the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.

KENNETH E. BLUE, associate dean for student affairs, and QUEEN E. FOREMAN, director of affirmative action and human resources, presented a workshop titled “Ready or Not: Diversity is an Issue” at the 1990 annual conference of the West Virginia Association of Student Personnel Administrators held Oct. 29 at Canaan Valley. They also presented a workshop titled “Building Strength Through Diversity” at the West Virginia Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action annual conference held Nov. 13 at Morgantown.

Dr. MAURICE A. MUFSON, professor and chairman of the Department of Medicine, recently had two articles published reporting on his research. “The occurrence, testing characteristics and patterns of HIV-1 and HIV-2 Western blot indeterminate sera in low risk populations in West Virginia and pre-AIDS Africa” was co-authored by A.H. SCHINDZIELORZ, formerly of John Marshall Medical Services, and ROBERT B. BELSHE, formerly of the MU Medical School, and was published in the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (42:460-464, 1990). “A subgroup-specific antigenic site in the G protein of respiratory syncytial virus forms a disulfide-bonded loop” was co-authored by MUFSON’s collaborators at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, and was published in the Journal of Virology (64:5143-5148, 1990). MUFSON had an abstract titled “Antigenic analysis of bovine respiratory syncytial virus (BSV)” presented by Dr. John Baker of Michigan State University at the 71st annual meeting of the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases held Nov. 6 in Chicago. Co-authors of the abstract were Baker, G. McKay, a Marshall Medical School student; R. STANEK, who recently received a master’s degree from Marshall; W. Underwood and L. Velcier. MUFSON also served as a visiting professor in medicine at the State University of New York, Health Sciences Center, in Brooklyn Nov. 16-17. He spoke at Medical Grand Rounds on “Vaccines for Your Patient and You” and presented a research seminar titled “Recent Developments in the Antigenic Characterization of the Structural Proteins of Respiratory Syncytial Virus.”

Dr. KEITH E. BARENKLAU, associate professor and program director in Safety Technology, conducted a safety conference for members of the Cumberland (Md.) Area Labor Management Committee on Dec. 17. The program covered areas of responsibility in workplace safety for supervisors and workers. The conference, attended by 135 participants, was held at Allegany Community College. Topics included practical risk management topics as they relate to workplace safety, accident investigation and safe behavior reinforcement techniques.

JOSEPHINE FIDLER, director of libraries, and SARA STAATS, government documents librarian, participated in the joint conference of the Southeastern Library Association and the Tennessee Library Association held Dec. 4-8 in Nashville, Tenn.