MU facility named in honor of Byrd

Marshall University’s “Factory of the Future” is being named the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing Systems, Marshall official Robert F. Maddox announced last Wednesday, April 11.

Maddox, executive assistant to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke for research and economic development outreach, made the announcement during a two-day Software Valley IX Conference in the Charleston Civic Center. He said Nitzschke had approved the recommendation to name the institute in Byrd’s honor.

Byrd, Maddox and Edward A. Miller, president of the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (NCMS), signed a certificate of agreement to formalize the cooperative program, finalizing the award of $2.9 million to Marshall for the project.

Maddox cited Byrd’s strong support of the “Factory of the Future” project as an initiative through the Software Valley Corp. “Senator Byrd has been particularly helpful in obtaining funding through the Departments of Defense and Commerce,” Maddox said. “His efforts, combined with the continued support of the state Legislature and the governor, have been instrumental in bringing this project to fruition.”

Maddox said nearly 80 companies currently are supportive of the institute through various types of contributions and expertise. “IBM has been a major contributor as well as Ashland Oil, Inc., Battelle Corp., MODCOMP and NUMERIDEX,” Maddox said. “This cooperative program utilizes not only private sector expertise, but the specialized expertise from many of West Virginia’s institutions of higher education.”

The Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing is comprised of four centers encompassing education and training, operations and technical service, information resources, and research and development.

“The thrust of Governor Caperton’s ‘Partnership for Progress’ campaign is for the government, industry and education to team together and serve as catalysts in changing the economy of our state,” Maddox said. “The institute is a prime example of how these partnerships can be successful.”

Library events planned

The Marshall University Library Associates will sponsor four days of activities, Monday through Thursday, April 23-26, in conjunction with the organization’s annual meeting and National Library Week, according to Dr. Kenneth T. Slack, former director of libraries at Marshall and executive secretary of the Marshall University Library Associates.

Activities will begin with the dedication of the room housing the Rosanna A. Blake Library of Confederate History (Continued on page 2)
reviewer for national and international scientific publications and has served as scientific adviser to the Dutch government on water pollution problems.

A native of Bluefield, W.Va., Tabor earned his B.S. degree from Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Cincinnati. He did post-doctoral work at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Cincinnati.

Tabor is collaborating with Marshall faculty and graduate students on an environmental research program to solve one of West Virginia’s most significant water pollution problems -- the location and identification of biologically hazardous chemicals in sediments of the Kanawha River.

Mrs. Lewis, who will receive the Distinguished Service Award, is a 1931 Marshall graduate, having earned her A.B. degree from the former Teachers College.

She grew up in Huntington and graduated from Huntington High School. While attending Marshall she was actively involved with the College Theatre Club. After moving to Oak Hill, she taught commerce at Oak Hill High School. She is a member of the board of directors of One Valley Bank of Oak Hill.

In 1969, Mrs. Lewis established a $250,000 endowed chair in Marshall’s College of Business.

A Huntington city councilman and former mayor, Alexander is dean of Marshall’s College of Business. He will receive the Alumni Community Achievement Award.

Alexander has been involved with many community service, university and professional activities. He is a former president of the MU Alumni Association and currently is president of the West Virginia Municipal League. He also is a member of the Resolutions Committee for the National League of Cities.


Alexander joined the Marshall staff in 1958 as director of career planning and placement. In 1969 he became an associate professor with the Department of Management and coordinator of the Student Advising Program. He was named department chairman in 1972 and dean in 1983.

Parkersburg businessman Charlie O. Erickson will be named an Honorary Alumnus of Marshall.

A resident of Mineral Wells, W.Va., Erickson is president of COE, Inc., a Parkersburg-based company with interests in real estate, land development and investment activities in West Virginia and other areas of the United States.

Erickson is well-known in West Virginia as a civic leader and philanthropist. He contributed a total of $325,000 to enable the Marshall Foundation to complete the purchase of the building which is being converted into an alumni center. The center is named in his honor.

Recognized as a pioneer in the cable television business, Erickson founded Durfee’s TV Cable Co. in 1959 and was company president until 1982. He continues to be active in the West Virginia Cable Television Association.

Erickson was born in McDowell County, W.Va., and was educated in West Virginia schools. He served for six years as mayor of Man, Logan County, W.Va., 1942-48.

He is owner and operator of two farms in the Burning Springs District of Wirt County for which he won the district Soil Conservation Service’s 1989 Conservation Farm award.

Erickson is involved with numerous community, cultural and professional organizations.

The 53rd annual Alumni Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, April 21, at the Radisson Hotel, 1001 3rd Ave., Huntington. A cocktail reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the hotel’s Grand Ballroom. The banquet will follow at 7 p.m.

For reservations and additional information call the Office of Alumni Affairs, 696-2523.

Library Associates to sponsor events

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on Monday, April 23, at 3 p.m.

Dr. James L. Robertson, C.P. Miles professor of history at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, will be the guest speaker for the dedication. His topic will be “Johnny Reb and The Fairer Sex: Love Life in the Confederacy.”

Robertson also will make a presentation titled “Why the Civil War Lives” Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge during the annual organizational meeting of the University Library Associates.

On Tuesday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. there will be an open house in the library’s Charles A. ‘Carl’ Hoffman Room. The focus of the open house will be on the importance of the history of the health sciences to physicians, medical students and people interested in the humanities.

During the open house, some of the collection’s rare books will be reviewed by Curator Lisle G. Brown and Dr. Maurice A. Mufson, chairman of internal medicine at Marshall’s Medical School.

The university’s James Wall Geology Museum will be rededicated on Wednesday, April 25, at 11 a.m. in the second floor gallery of the library.

Open house tours featuring the library’s black heritage resources will be conducted from 3 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 26. At 4 p.m. in the library’s Martin Luther King Media Room, Dr. Ancelia Bickley, retired vice president of West Virginia State College and a leader in black history research, will discuss her black heritage history project titled “Revisiting Black History along the Ohio River.”

Robert L. Lawson, director of continuing education at Marshall’s Community College, and Josephine Fidler, director of libraries, also will discuss plans for community involvement in acquiring more black heritage materials.

To obtain further details contact Slack at Marshall University’s James E. Morrow Library, 696-3097.
MU Graduate School to honor alumni

Marshall University's Graduate School will present Distinguished Graduate Student Alumni Awards during the Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 21, at 7 p.m. in the Radisson Hotel's Grand Ballroom, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

Award recipients will include:

-- Dr. Ralph Turner, M.A.J. 1969, representing the College of Liberal Arts. Turner is a full professor in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and has written numerous articles for journals and professional publications. He received his doctorate from Ohio University in 1982.

-- Vernon Baarman, M.B.A. 1970, representing the College of Business. Baarman has served as vice president of technology and manufacturing companies in Switzerland and Chicago and served as president of the Huntington Manufacturers Association. He also has been active in various community organizations and civic groups.

-- Dr. John H. Gibson, M.S. 1985, representing the College of Education. Gibson now serves as Marshall's head soccer coach. He received his doctorate from Ohio State University in 1985.

-- James B. Andrews, M.A. 1958, representing the College of Fine Arts. Andrews served as director of the Arts and Humanities Division of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History and the West Virginia Commission on the Arts from 1976 to 1988.

The award winner for the College of Science will be announced during the banquet.

Panhellenic Council 'thanks' faculty and staff

Marshall University's Panhellenic Council will sponsor three events designed to show appreciation for Marshall faculty and staff members, according to Amanda L. Harless, Greek Affairs graduate assistant.

Ms. Harless said the activities were planned because many students never take the time to say "thank you" to the faculty and staff and the Panhellenic Council feels that it is long overdue.

Three separate activities have been planned during Greek Week festivities.

A baby-sitting service will be provided on Friday, April 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22.

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided Wednesday, April 25, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobbies of various buildings. Delivery also may be arranged.

A car wash will be held Friday, April 27, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Burger King on Fifth Ave.

Faculty and staff members will be able to select one of the activities in which to participate. Faculty and staff should receive information and coupons for the events through campus mail.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Greek Affairs, 696-2284.

COS open house set

Marshall University's College of Science will observe National Science and Technology Week with an open house on Friday, April 27, from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Science Building Annex.

Several demonstrations and activities will be held throughout the afternoon. Topics such as laser holography, superconductivity, nuclear magnetic resonance and computer modeling will be discussed and explained through experiments and displays.

Dr. E.S. Hanrahan, dean of the College of Science, said there should be something of interest for people of all ages, including a chemical magic show.

The activities will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University College of Science, 696-2372.

Joint program planned by MU musical groups

Three Marshall University choral groups will join instrumentalists to present Mendelssohn's "Elijah" on Sunday and Monday, April 22-23, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The Marshall Choral Union and Chamber Choir, directed by Marian Dolan, will join the University Chorus, directed by Dr. Larry Stickler, for the performance of the popular oratorio which presents the story of the Old Testament prophet and his dramatic battle against the physical and spiritual drought of the Israelites.

Dr. Paul A. Balshaw, dean of the College of Fine Arts, will sing the title role. The leading soprano role will be performed by Karen Curran, a graduate student in vocal performance.

The tenor soloists will be Dr. Jeffrey Price, professor of music, and Dale Chambers, a junior from St. Albans. Mezzo-soprano soloists will be Johnna Call, a senior from Barboursville, and Kimberly Young, a sophomore from St. Albans.

Tickets for the performance will be $5 for adults and $3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased in advance in the MU Department of Music and will be available at the door.

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

Excused absences

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

APRIL 17-20--John C. Kinder
APRIL 18-20--Kim Hariston, Jodi Gillenwater, Janice Grandbouche, Kim Quaritere, Christy Creech, Katherine Tuk, Mary Martin
APRIL 18-22--James Hall, Delores Ward, Mary Thorburn
Faculty Senate passes recommendations

(The following report on the March 29 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Senate was submitted by Joseph Stone, secretary.)

The meeting was held March 29 at 4 p.m. in the eighth floor lounge in Smith Hall. Thirty-five senators were present. Absent were: Charles Cox, Lee Olson, Lois Blackburn, Frances Hensley, Mack Gillenwater, Pratnap Chandran, Dean Bruce, Judy Sortet, Rick Bady, Jim Douglass.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Kathryn Chezik, faculty senate president, chaired the meeting and distributed written announcements, including the following:

1. The university president approved 23 of the 24 recommendations passed Feb. 22. SR-89-90-81 (FPC) pertaining to reconstructing the university Calendar Committee was not approved.
2. Judy Sortet was named senate liaison to the Health Related Programs Advisory Council.
3. Mack Gillenwater was named faculty representative to the Task Force on Assessment.
4. Caroline Perkins was named to replace Charles Lloyd on the Senate Ad Hoc Committee.

Vice President for Administration Ed Grose reported on the progress in completing the Science Building. The senate approved motions opening the floor for discussion on the subject for 20 minutes.

Brad DeVos, chairman of the Graduate Committee, discussed the procedures used to determine graduate faculty status and answered questions from the floor.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the senate discussed a motion to return the policy concerning graduate faculty status to the Graduate Committee to re-evaluate the criteria and process used to determine graduate faculty status.

A motion to call the previous question was defeated by a voice vote. A motion to amend the main motion to provide for suspension of the use of the present criteria until the re-evaluation process is completed died for lack of a second.

The main motion passed.

The senate unanimously passed the following recommendations:

1. SR-89-90-16 (ASCR): Changes the following courses to Credit/Non-Credit: ACC 490, CIS 490, FIN 490, MGT 471, MGT 472, MGT 490, MKT 490.

The Senate considered SR-89-90-89 (GR) providing for changes in the Graduate Catalog. Virginia Plumley moved approval which was seconded. Upon motion duly made and seconded, an amendment was offered to delete "may" and substitute "shall" in line 16. The amendment passed.

A motion was made to delete lines 25 and 26, but the proposed amendment died for lack of a second. The main motion passed as amended.

The senate considered the following recommendations:
1. SR-89-90-90 (SCW) providing for mandatory orientation was defeated.
2. SR-89-90-91 (BL) dealing with internal senate procedures was passed.
3. SR-89-90-92 (BL) dealing with an amendment to Article IV, Section 2, of the Faculty Constitution was defeated by a vote of 10 for and 11 against.
4. SR-89-90-93 (BL) providing guidelines for open forums in the Faculty Senate was passed.
5. SR-89-90-94 (FPC) providing an official response to the National Research Council on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education concerning mandatory retirement for faculty was passed.
6. SR-89-90-95 (BL) recommending the addition of a non-discrimination statement in the Faculty Constitution was passed.
7. SR-89-90-96 (BL) recommending an amendment to Article IV, Section 1, of the Faculty Constitution concerning the calling of special Senate meetings was discussed. A motion was made to amend the recommendation by adding "as soon as practicable" to the recommendation. The amendment was passed and the main motion passed as amended.
8. SR-89-90-97 (BL) recommending changes in the election procedures as provided in Article VI, Section 5B, 5C and 5D of the Faculty Constitution was passed.
9. SR-89-90-98 (EC) recommending an addition to the Faculty Constitution to provide for a Faculty Development Committee (Article VI, Section 19) was passed.
10. SR-89-90-99 (RC) recommending approval of the application for Queen research proposals was passed.
11. SR-89-90-100 (EC) recommending changes in distribution and reporting of Faculty Senate minutes under Article IV, Section 4, was passed.

The chair will take all suggested constitutional changes to the next general faculty meeting for approval and submission to the faculty.

Bob Sawrey gave a report from the Advisory Council of the Faculty. He stated that as a result of polling of faculty on all campuses, the ACF will be gathering information on collective bargaining for faculty.

The chair accepted future agenda requests from the floor. Caroline Perkins requested discussion on organized and increased anti-gay activity on campus.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Rahall to attend event

The Marshall University School of Medicine will have a reception April 27 for Dr. Robert Walker, West Virginia’s Professor of the Year.

U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall is expected to attend the reception and issue a statement regarding rural health.

The reception will begin at 3 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Walker, chairman of the Department of Family and Community Health, was named Professor of the Year by the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia, which cited his dedication as a teacher, his work as an active physician, and his national leadership in addressing the health problems of rural people.
CARD Committee honors participants

The second annual Celebration of Cultural and Racial Diversity (CARD) was held at Marshall University on Wednesday, April 11, in Memorial Student Center.

Dr. Hazo Carter, president of West Virginia State College, presented a thoughtful, thorough and substantive keynote address on multicultural diversity, according to Dr. Betty Cleckley, vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall.

Planned and executed by the CARD Committee, under the direction of Thom Molohan, a sophomore in the

Theatre to present ‘Steel Magnolias’

The Marshall University Theatre production of “Steel Magnolias” will be presented Wednesday through Saturday, April 25-28, at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Robert Harling’s first play, “Steel Magnolias” has received critical and popular acceptance and was the basis for the movie of the same name.

The play is based on the actual relationship between Harling’s mother and his late sister.

Director Maureen B. Milicia said the play is concerned with a group of gossipy southern ladies in a small beauty parlor.

“‘The play is alternately hilarious and touching, and in the end, deeply revealing of the strength and purposefulness which underlies the antics banter of its characters. Harling has given his women sharp, funny dialogue as the play builds to a conclusion that is deeply moving,” she said.

Tickets will be $4 and will be available at the MU Theatre Box Office in Old Main, 696-2787.

Symphony will perform

Marshall University’s Wind Symphony will perform works by a variety of contemporary composers during a concert on Friday, April 20, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Under the direction of Michael McArtor, the symphony will perform works by Joaquin Turina, Jerome Sorcsek, Gordon Jacob, Herman Bellstead and Edward Elgar.

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

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

Art exhibit scheduled

Lelia Roine Rizzo’s works in papermaking, weaving and printmaking will be exhibited in Birke Art Gallery April 21-26.

A graduate student at Marshall, Ms. Rizzo is completing requirements for her master of arts degree in fibers.

The artist will be honored at a reception in the gallery on Monday, April 23, from 7 to 9 p.m.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Art, 696-6760.

College of Education, and supported by the MU Office of Multicultural Affairs, the CARD Celebration was a successful event.

One hundred fifty individuals, students, faculty and staff members were recognized for their interest and support of CARD.

In recognition of outstanding student and staff support, Tia Wheeler and Sharon Paulus were awarded plaques by the CARD Committee for their support of CARD events.

CARD activities for the past year covered a broad spectrum of areas and focus of discussion and exchange, including the Soul Food Feast, the Malcolm X Day Celebration, the Eastern High School Choir performance, the Women of Color and Men of Color workshops and the International Festival.

Dr. Cleckley said the interest in cultural and racial diversity, generated by the events, has led to plans for a continuation of cultural and racial diversity activities, including the annual culminating celebration.

Library Committee meets

(The following report on the March 30 meeting of the Marshall University Library Committee was submitted by Sara B. Staats, secretary.)

The Library Committee met Friday, March 30, at 1 p.m. with James Douglas, chairman, presiding. Ten members were present and six were absent.

The new representative of the Faculty Senate, Rudy Wang, was introduced.

Reports from the Library Building Committee and the director were received.

Josephine Fidler, director, reported that the positions of head of technical services and head of public services have been filled.

Martin Faigel, technical services, will begin in April.

Timothy Balch, public services, will arrive in May.

A confidentiality policy was discussed and the plans for National Library Week were described. National Library Week will be April 22-27.

The next Library Committee meeting will be held April 27 at 1 p.m.

Student recital slated

Amy Sue Smith, a senior from Cheylan, and Tony Dean, a senior from Oak Hill, Ohio, will present a dual recital on Thursday, April 26, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Ms. Smith, an alto saxophonist, will be accompanied by Peggy Johnston on piano. She will perform works by Eugene Bozza, Paul Creston and Amy Quate.

Dean, a clarinetist, will be accompanied by Wendy Keeney on piano. He will perform works by Niels Gade, Reine Calaco Orsorio Swabb, Telemann and Karl Stamitz.

Both students, completing degrees in music education, have performed in various musical groups while at Marshall.

The recital will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-3117.
Committee discusses mission statement

(The following report on the March 21 meeting of the Marshall University Academic Planning Committee was submitted by Glenn E. Smith, secretary.)

Voting members present were: Peggy Baden, Blaker Bolling, Carolyn Karr, Shirley Lumpkin, Michael McArtor, Glenn E. Smith, Carl Wolfe. Voting members absent were: Rick Bady, Samuel Januszkiwicz, Dallas McNab, Nico Orsini.

Ex officio non-voting members present were: Bob Alexander, Paul Balshaw, Leonard Deutsch, Josephine Fidler, Larry Froehlich, Carolyn Gunning, David Wilkin. Ex officio non-voting members absent were: Bill Belanger, Rainey Duke, Steve Hanrahan, Warren Lutz, Lynne Mayer, Ann Speer, Stuart Thomas.

Changes in Content of Mission Statement:
Carolyn Gunning expressed concern relative to the strength of the second commitment (graduate education) in relation to master’s degree level programs at Marshall University.

Chinese to be taught

A “Conversational Chinese” course will be held at Marshall University on Tuesdays, beginning May 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 414.

The course primarily has been designed for Marshall faculty and staff members who will be part of a delegation going to China this summer, according to Robert L. Lawson, director of continuing education at Marshall University’s Community College. However, the course will be open to the public, with enrollment limited to a total of 24 participants.

Persons taking the course will learn about daily conversational phrases and greetings, how to ask directions, how to find places, how to order food, ways to effectively use individual words instead of whole sentences and ways to employ situational conversation techniques.

Xiaohong Swain, a native of Beijing and a graduate of the Beijing Broadcasting Institute, will teach the six-session course.

Ms. Swain recently completed a master’s degree in journalism at Marshall and expects to receive a master’s degree in sociology from Marshall in August.

There will be no registration fee for the course. To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Continuing Education, 696-3113.

Auditions planned

Auditions for the Marshall University Theatre production of “Gigi” will be held Tuesday, May 1, at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

The play will be the first production of the summer season for the Marshall University Theatre and will be performed June 21-23.

Five women and two men will be cast for the play.
To obtain further details contact director Elaine Adams Novak, 696-2510.

The statement of commitment to graduate education was revised to include expression of the importance of proposed programs in relation to the needs of this region. The revision was accepted by a consensus of committee members present.

Paul Balshaw proposed a revision of the third commitment in the mission statement, dealing with expanding the body of human knowledge and achievement through research and creative arts activities.

Glenn Smith moved to accept the proposed revision. The motion was seconded and passed.

Minor revisions in other commitments were suggested, discussed and adopted by consensus.

Goals for Student Learning and Development:
After review and discussion of the sequence of student goals for learning and development, it was moved that goal six dealing with development of a mastery of literacy be moved to goal two in the list of goals. The motion was seconded and passed.

Paul Balshaw and Michael McArtor proposed goal seven dealing with aesthetic sensitivity be added to the list of student goals.

After discussion and modification, Glenn Smith moved that the goal statement, as revised, be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Programs and Priorities:
The section of the mission statement reflecting programs and priorities was discussed. Paul Balshaw proposed a revised introductory statement.

After discussion and subsequent revision the proposed introductory statement was accepted by consensus.

It was then decided that this section of the mission statement be revised in accordance with input from the deans and provost.

Shirley Lumpkin and Carolyn Karr were selected to act for the committee in incorporating these suggested revisions into the statement and finalizing the draft mission statement for submission to the Faculty Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Pianist will return for Marshall concert

Guest pianist Ray Thornton will present a recital at Marshall University on Tuesday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. A native of Point Pleasant, Thornton studied piano at Marshall from 1982 to 1986 and currently is a student at The Juilliard School in New York. He will perform works by Mozart, Brahms, Enrique Granados and Bela Bartok.

Thornton has performed throughout the east and has performed with the New York Youth Symphony.

He has been named assistant to Jane Carlson, professor of piano, chamber music and piano pedagogy at The Juilliard School.

The concert will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-3117.