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Library consultant applauds new hi-tech facility

Formerly dean of libraries at the University of Michigan and Arizona State University, Riggs is a native Virginian. He currently serves as vice president for information services and university librarian at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

In addition to being one of the most high-tech libraries in the United States, the Drisko Library is also very user-friendly," Riggs said. "Marshall has created a piece of architecture for building its huntington campus.

Riggs was particularly impressed with the ability to combine beauty and usefulness. "This is a beautiful facility which is also very efficient," he added. "Every design aspect was well planned with students as the main priority.'

When compared with other hi-tech libraries, the Drisko Library stands out. "I have assessed libraries around the world, and the Drisko Library is one of the most advanced facilities that I have seen," he said. "On a national level, Marshall's library compares favorably with libraries at schools that have send students to the University of Kentucky, the University of Southern California, Purdue University and the University of Michigan."

In addition to its immediate impact, the Drisko Library will have long-term effects as well, according to Riggs. "This facility will enhance student recruitment and attract quality faculty members for years to come. Through this investment, Marshall University has established itself as an academic leader."

Whitehead receives Distinguished Service Award

Ashland Inc. Foundation President Charles Whitehead is the latest recipient of the University's John Deaver Drinko Distinguished Service Award. Whitehead was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the university and civic accomplishments at the university's annual dinner. Elizabeth Drisko Honors Convocation in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

Among his accomplishments is the development of the Curtin G. Woodson Foundation in Huntington, W.Va., a scholarship program for black minority students in education. He also orchestrated the funding for the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

Service planned for Grace Bennett

A funeral service has been planned later this month at Lakeswood Park Cemetery in Rocky River, Ohio for Dr. Grace Bennett, professor emeritus at Marshall University and former chair of the Department of Home Economics (now Family and Consumer Sciences), who died January 21. Bennett was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated from Cleveland State University in 1945 with a bachelor of science degree, received her masters degree in Foods and Nutrition from Ohio University in 1947, and her Ph.D. in Foods from Purdue University in 1957.

In the 1940s she served as staff chemist for the Stouffer Corp. She taught for several years at Penn State University and then at Purdue before coming to Marshall in 1965. Her appointment that year as Chair of the Department of Home Economics came at a time when very few women served as department heads.

Her efforts resulted, among other things, in the establishment of the Marshall dietetic internship program for the first time.

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Whitehead is the latest person to receive this honor. A native of Clarksville, Miss., Whitehead grew up in Lincoln Heights, Ohio, where he completed elementary school. He attended Hughes High School in the Cincinnati Public School system and was the first African-American elected captain of a football team in the city of Cincinnati.

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For more information about Charles Whitehead and the Distinguished Service Award at Marshall, contact the John Deaver Drinko Academy at MU. (304) 696-3183.

Training workshop offered May 13, 14

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"This training workshop is for faculty who wish to apply for approval to offer a writing intensive class, which meets the new university requirement for WAC classes," said Okey Napier, of the WAC office.

Courses so designated will involve various kinds of activities which include writing, including for example "writing to learn assignments which teach critical thinking skills, "learning to write" assignments which teach writing as a multi­draft process, and collaborative learning exercises with peer editing and group writing."

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MU recognized as one of nation's top electronic course developers

Marshall, along with Stanford University and the University of Georgia, was recently recognized as one of the country's most prominent developers of electronic courses.

For his role in the development of Marshall's e-courses, Brian Morgan has been appointed to a world-wide advisory board for WebCT, a software tool used at MU to offer electronic library courses.

"It is an incredible honor to be a member of this board. I am very proud to be part of such a diverse group of individuals from around the world," Morgan said. "I feel that my experiences will allow me to serve everyone in developing support and training materials that will benefit all users of WebCT."

WebCT is a tool that allows non-technical users to create sophisticated World Wide Web-based educational environments. It can be used to create entire on-line courses, or to simply publish materials that supplement existing courses.

MU currently offers nearly 300 courses that make use of the WebCT software, including 40 courses offered totally on-line, with the plans to offer nearly 60 courses by the fall.

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B'nai B'rith Scholarship presented

The annual presentation of $500 for the B'nai Britsh Scholarship at Marshall University was made on Feb. 17 at MU's Huntington campus. Dr. Lynne Mayer, assistant vice president, accepted the check from three B'nai B'rith representatives: Herman Glaser, Isaac Lerner and David Glick. Picture are, from left; Glaser, Lerner, Mayer, and Glick.

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WVU Tuition waivers available

West Virginia University tuition waivers for the Summer 1999 terms are available through the Marshall University Graduate College Office, according to Charlene R. Hawkins, records officer in the graduate office.

The National and former staff members are eligible for waivers, with a maximum of six credit hours for the summer. The application deadline is Tuesday, March 30.

Gilbert completes APGO program

"This first class of scholars has made us all very proud," said William Herbert, M.D., chairman of the APGO/Solvay Pharmaceuticals Educational Scholars Advisory Committee. "They have laid the groundwork for a highly successful program and we look forward to continuing the precedent they have set with the next class of scholars."

When the APGO, established in 1962, is a non­profit association dedicated to promoting excellence in women's health care education by providing an exchange of information on programs of study, teaching methods and research activities among gynecologic and obstetric programs.

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