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A $130,000 grant has been awarded to the Marshall University Department of Journalism by the Frank E. Gannett Newspaper Foundation for the establishment of the university's first endowed faculty chair, a Gannett Distinguished Professorship in Journalism.

**A personal farewell...**

"Many of you will be leaving the campus for the summer, and some of you will be leaving the community in a few days.

"To say goodbye is very difficult under the very best of conditions.

"I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and to thank the many people for their well wishes on my retirement.

"I will have completed 35.25 years service in West Virginia educational institutions. During these years I have enjoyed many pleasant relationships with those I have served under, those I have served with, the administrators, faculty and staff.

"I am very grateful for their many acts of kindness to me. Thank you all for making things worthwhile."

—Fred Smith
Personnel Officer

**Disability insurance premium is finalized**

The following notice regarding the adjusted premium for the new group total disability benefits insurance policy has been released by Charles Evans, director of personnel:

"We have been advised by the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America that the adjusted premium for Marshall University Policy No. D-1350 has been established at $5.78 per month per employee. This adjusted final monthly premium rate is well within the $6.00 per month per employee which was estimated at the time the enrollment of employees was initiated.

"The $5.78 premium rate is retroactive to the February, 1974 deductions. Therefore, it will be necessary to collect the difference between $5.02 and $5.78, or 76 per cent per participating employee for three months. The payroll adjustments for the retroactive payments will be reflected in the May payroll deductions.

"Many factors influence the establishment of a premium rate for Disability Benefits Insurance. Among these factors are age, sex, basic annual salary, length of employment, type of employment, and the number of eligible employees participating in the plan.

"As of April 1, 1974 we had 850 eligible employees with 659, or 78 per cent participating in the Marshall University plan. Of the 659 participants, 283, or 43 per cent, are faculty, and 376, or 57 per cent are non-faculty. If a larger percentage of eligible employees were participating in the plan, the premium rate per month per employee would have been less than the $5.78.

The fringe benefits package now available to Marshall employees includes Retirement Benefits, Social Security, Hospital and Major Medical Insurance, Life Insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, Workmen's Compensation, and Unemployment Insurance.

**Welcome newcomers...**

Welcome these newcomers to Marshall University:
CAROLE B. MOSKETTI, secretary in the Student Teaching Center; ALFIE JUSTINE FRANCE, post office clerk; MRS. OPAL LEADMAN, custodian, and JOYCE A. CAMPBELL, secretary in the Speech Department.
Welcome aboard.
Faculty and staff achievements, activities

DR. DAVID FIELDS, assistant professor of mathematics, spoke at Winfield High School this month on the topic "Pythagorean Triples."

An instructor certificate in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation has been presented to ED PRELAEZ, assistant professor of physical education, by the American Heart Association. PRELAEZ participated in classes April 17-20 at the YMCA in Huntington for the certificate.

Six members of the MU Department of Economics attended the second annual meeting of the Mountain State Economics last week in Morgantown. Attending were DR. JOSEPH S. LA CASCIA, department chairman; DR. RAMCHANDRA G. AKKIHAL, associate professor; GEORGE B. CORRIE, associate professor; NICHOLAS C. KONTOS, assistant professor; DR. C. PRAKASH PATHAK, assistant professor, and DR. WILLIAM S. WESTBROOK, associate professor. Dr. La Cascia is president of the organization. DR. LYMAN A. DREWRY, Dean of the College of Business and Applied Science, chaired a session on industrial studies at the conference.

Note to faculty

Reminder: Faculty caps and gowns have arrived at the Marshall Bookstore. The Bookstore management requests that you pick them up at your earliest convenience.

Positions open

CLERK-TYPIST: For the Office of Student Financial Aid. Must be able to type 60 words per minute, shorthand at 100 words per minute. Ability to handle confidential information, meet students needs by responding to questions regarding student aid. Contact Dennis J. Montrella, Director of Student Financial Aid, Old Main 124, tele. 696-3162.


ASSISTANT COORDINATOR: Marshall University Office of Career Planning and Placement. Serve as liaison placement officer. Assist in recruiting, employment counseling, career seminars, etc. M.A. in counseling or student personnel with placement experience preferred, A.B. or B.S. considered. Application deadline May 15. Contact Rognald A. Spencer, placement coordinator, Prichard Hall, 696-2370 or 696-2371.


Marshall University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.
ODK initiates 15 new members

Formal initiation of 15 Marshall University students into the Beta Lambda Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa national honorary leadership fraternity was conducted last Friday.

ODK recognizes and encourages achievement and excellence in scholarship, athletics, student government, social and religious affairs, publications speech, music, drama and other arts.

Students initiated include:
- Seniors, William Allen, Rodney Barbour, Michael D. Moore, Paul Ryker, Burrell Shields and John P. Stevens, all of Huntington; Edwyn Boyd, Wheeling; Thomas Doss, St. Albans; Reginald Oliver, Huntsville, Ala., and Charles E. Wright, Charleston.
- Juniors are Edwin Novak and Steven Haeberle, Huntington; Jeff Duncan, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., and Edwin Naylor, Oakland, Md.
- One graduate student, Mark Miller of Prestonsburg, Ky., also is being initiated.
- Additional members of the university community being initiated were Marvin E. Billups, assistant dean of students and director of the Human Relations Center; Joseph C. Peters, vice president for business affairs, and Dr. E. S. Hanrahan, professor of chemistry.
- President Barker received an honorary membership.

Mrs. Bobbitt honored

Mrs. Margaret S. Bobbitt, reference librarian, will be honored May 30 at 7 p.m. at a retirement dinner at the Colonade Room of the Hotel Frederick.

Members of the University community are invited to attend the dinner, honoring Mrs. Bobbitt for 42 years of service to Marshall. Further information may be obtained from Josephine Fidler or Jane Brugger, 2320.

Students excused

The following students were excused from classes April 29 and 30 to attend the West Virginia Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association conference:
- Ellen Hatfield, William McComas, Danny McQueen, Leslie Myatt, William Owens, William Ralston, James Stratton.