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News Letter

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Gannett Foundation award

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.

The grant was announced by N. S. Hayden, president and publisher of Huntington Publishing Co. The Huntington Advertiser and the Herald-Dispatch are members of the Gannett newspaper group.

The grant includes \$100,000 in Gannett Co., Inc. stock and gifts of \$5,000 for each of six years. The funds will be used to supplement the state salary of the person chosen for the professorship.

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 good bye and to thank the many people for their well wishes on my retirement.

"I will have completed 35.28 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

Hayden noted the debt of the Huntington Publishing Co. to the Department of Journalism. "Many of our top newsmen, including both managing editors and both editorial page editors, are graduates of Marshall," he said. "We hope the establishment of this chair will help encourage the pursuit of excellence that we at the publishing company see in the journalism department."

President Barker responded, "We are delighted with this generous gift and are most appreciative. I view this as a great opportunity to make Marshall's journalism program even stronger. We will take full advantage of that opportunity."

Dr. Deryl R. Leaming, chairman of the department of journalism said, "This grant will enable our department to compete nationally in hiring a person with top credentials and this will strengthen our program."

The Gannett Foundation has given more than \$4.8 million in cash or Gannett stock since 1961 in support of journalism education.

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 month 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.

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 PRELAZ, assistant professor of physical education, by the American Heart Association. PRELAZ participated in classes April 17-20 at the YMCA in Huntington for the certificate.

A series of visitor tapes was recorded recently by ROBERT A. JUNAS, instructor in journalism, for the U.S. Army Corps

Fifth book by Slaatte due for publication

Howard A. Slaatte, chairman of the department of philosophy, has authored a fifth book, "Modern Science and the Human Condition," scheduled for publication this week.

The latest book, a paperback, centers on three sets of philosophical questions relating to the nature of scientific thought: questions about knowledge, questions about nature and questions about morality.

"Modern Science and the Human Condition" presents to the reader the philosophical problem of knowledge and the existential perspectives both of the scientist and the philosopher.

The book is the third in a series known as Intelman Books, published by Visual Education of Santa Barbara, Calif., and edited by Herbert Budek.

Dr. Slaatte is completing his ninth year at Marshall University, his eighth as chairman of philosophy. Formerly a professor at McMurry College and Temple University, he has done graduate study in psychology, theology and philosophy at North Dakota University, Drew University and Oxford University in England.

A past president of the West Virginia Philosophical Society, Dr. Slaatte has been listed in numerous biographical source books. He also is a minister in the West Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Previous books written by Dr. Slaatte include "Time and Its End," "The Pertinence of the Paradox," "The Paradox of Existentialist Theology," and "Fire in the Brand."

Teel scholarship continued for '75

William J. Maier Jr. of Charleston, president of the Sarah and Pauline Maier Scholarship Foundation, Inc., has announced that the foundation will continue for a third year the \$500 John W. Teel Scholarship at Marshall University.

The award is made for the paper of highest literary quality written in an English composition course at Marshall during the academic year. The next award will be for the 1974-75 academic year.

The Maier Foundation established the award in 1972-73 in honor of John W. Teel, assistant professor of English, in recognition of his article, "Freshman English in the Age of Revolution," which was published in *The National Review*.

Dr. Jack R. Brown, chairman of the department of English, praised the Maier Foundation for establishing and continuing the scholarship because "the awards in composition provide a real incentive to students to do their best work and provide also evidence that the world outside the classroom really does care about the use of our language."

of Engineers' locks and dam projects on the Ohio River from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati.

DR. EUGENE HOAK, professor of speech, presented an illustrated lecture to the Lawrence County, Ohio, Conference of Lay Speakers earlier this month on "Challenges of the Lay Speaker." Dr. Hoak also taught an advanced class of adult church school teachers at the First United Methodist Church in Huntington.

DR. JOHN GOODWIN, associate professor of Bible and religion, addressed two classes in speech at Huntington East High School on the topic, "Zoroastrianism."

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. AKKIHAI, 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.

CLERK-TYPIST: Office of the Dean, College of Business and Applied Science. Applicants must have typing skills and experience with office equipment. Principal duties involve typing, filing, record keeping and use of office machines. Acquaintance with key punching desirable and acquaintance with shorthand ideal. Previous office experience and training desirable. Employment effective May 13. Applications must be submitted by May 8. Applications available in Prichard Hall 413.

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 Reginald A. Spencer, placement coordinator, Prichard Hall, 696-2370 or 696-2371.

SECRETARY: Office of Institutional Research. Applicants should be accomplished typists. Shorthand desirable. Position effective June 1. Contact Office of Institutional Research, 696-3648.

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.

New bibliographies

The following bibliographies have been compiled by the Reference Department of the James E. Morrow Library:

Bobbitt, Margaret S., "Woman and Her World, A Bibliography." Books and periodicals published since 1970, available in the James E. Morrow Library, compiled by Margaret S. Bobbitt, reference librarian, with the assistance of Agnesann Martin, audio librarian, and Elizabeth J. Hill, government documents librarian. 122 p.

Paul, Isabel, "Witchcraft and Demonology," a selected bibliography of materials available in the James E. Morrow Library.

Green, Carol, "Censorship," a selected bibliography of current material, 1970-73, available in the James E. Morrow Library. 7 p.

Mrs. Bobbitt honored

Mrs. Margaret S. Bobbitt, reference librarian, will be honored May 30 at 7 p.m. at a retirement dinner at the Colonnade 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.

Library books due

All library books are due in the James E. Morrow Library, according to Dr. Kenneth Slack, director of libraries.

Books may now be renewed for summer use. Overdue charges will be due on all books not returned or renewed on or before May 9.

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.