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Four native West Virginians were recognized for outstanding service to higher education during Marshall University's annual Honors Convocation Monday evening (April 24). Pictured with MU President Dale F. Nitzschke, center, are from left, Speaker of the House of Delegates Robert "Chuck" Chambers; West Virginia College of Graduate Studies President James W. Rowley; A. Michael Perry, chairman of Marshall's Institutional Board of Advisors, and Thomas L. Craig Jr., member of the West Virginia Board of Regents.

MU Commencement will be held May 13

Marshall University will award nearly 1,700 degrees in Commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 13, at the Huntington Civic Center.

The program, open to the public, will begin at 11 a.m. Students completing their course requirements last summer, last December and this month are eligible to participate in the 1989 Commencement. Registrar Robert H. Eddins said students are scheduled to receive 1,252 undergraduate degrees, 399 graduate degrees and 38 Doctor of Medicine degrees.

Because final examinations have not been completed, the figures could vary slightly, Eddins said.

He said 22 students will graduate summa cum laude (highest honors), 50 magna cum laude (high honors) and 91 cum laude (honors). Fifty-one students will complete their two-year degree programs with honors.

President Dale F. Nitzschke will preside over the ceremonies. The Rev. William Buchanan, minister of Huntington's First Baptist Church, will deliver the invocation and benediction.

The Commencement address will be delivered by Henry G. Cisneros, mayor of San Antonio, Texas. Governor Gaston Caperton will present welcoming remarks. Both Caperton and Cisneros will receive honorary doctoral degrees.

The honorary degree recipients will be presented by

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Department gets grant

Marshall University's Department of Biological Sciences has received a $16,000 grant to survey the upland areas of the New River Gorge National Park (NRGCP) for amphibians, reptiles and mammals, according to Dr. Thomas K. Pauley, associate professor and chairman of the department.

The grant from the United States Park Service will be administered through the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources' Natural Heritage Program.

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Pauley will be the project director. Dr. Mary Etta Hight, Dr. Michael Seidel and two graduate students from Marshall's Department of Biological Sciences will work with Pauley in compiling a list of species found within the park territory, documenting the species' habitats, and assessing the status of each species.

"It is important to study the wildlife within the park's boundaries in order to formulate proper and intelligent management plans and obtain the information necessary to assess the impact of park development projects," said Pauley.

The biologists will utilize a variety of methods to accomplish their task. They will do research on species through literature, museum collections, interviews with wildlife experts, and field work.

**Adults in Transition workshop will be held**

A five-day workshop for adults who want to examine their career options, personal strengths and learning skills will be held at Marshall University May 15-19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

"Adults in Transition" will be offered free of charge to adults who are unemployed or employed part-time and looking for full-time work, single heads of households who lack job skills, and persons who need employment because of divorce, separation or the death of a spouse, according to Janice McNearney, special projects coordinator in Marshall's Community College.

Topics will include career exploration, personal development, educational assessment, computer literacy, study skills and financial assistance.

Participants must have a high school diploma or the equivalent.

To register or obtain further details contact Ms. McNearney at Marshall University's Community College, 696-3016.

**Commencement planned**

Dr. Alan B. Gould, provost. Students receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees will be presented by deans of their respective colleges and schools within the university.

Five doctoral degrees, awarded in a joint program with West Virginia University, will be conferred by Dr. John E. Jones, vice president for health sciences at WVU.

Also making brief remarks will be Thomas L. Craig Jr., member of the West Virginia Board of Regents; A. Michael Perry, chairman of the Marshall Institutional Board of Advisors, and Mrs. Beatrice N. Orr, president of the MU Alumni Association.

Eddins said a reception for graduates and their families and friends will be held in the Civic Center's Suite A immediately following the ceremonies.

"This study will be important to the future of the national park," said Pauley. "We will survey wildlife in the park itself and in surrounding counties. We will identify all of the species in the park and those species that might use the park land for certain activities such as feeding or breeding.

"The park service must have this knowledge before they can develop the area. We will include in our study activities that could harm the wildlife in the region or areas that might be particularly sensitive to development."

Specific objectives of the grant are:

--To accumulate the most up-to-date listing of all vertebrate species which occur or are likely to occur in the NRGNP.

--To review the status and known habitat requirements of the listed species.

--To select representative examples of habitat types within the area for field surveys.

--To conduct field surveys for species on which little information is available or for those that are questionable with regard to occurrence in the gorge area.

--To produce a report outlining the upland vertebrate fauna of the NRGNP with special emphasis on reptiles, amphibians and small mammals. The report will include documentation on all species caught or observed during fieldwork as well as the species habitat requirements, emphasizing site specific data for the gorge.

"The purpose of the National Park Service is to conserve the scenery, the natural and historic objects, and the wildlife in national park lands and provide for the enjoyment of the land and wildlife in such a manner as to leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations," said Pauley.

"This study is essential to accomplish that goal," he said. "We will utilize the latest technology, such as aerial photography, along with good old-fashioned legwork to get the job done. The New River Gorge in southern West Virginia is a beautiful area that should be preserved for the future."

**Excused absences...**

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

**APRIL 13-15-Men's Track Team.**

**APRIL 14-Renee Peterson, Donita Pepper, Marcya Cain, Moncherie Brown, Renee Taylor, Tamara Eubanks, Shawn Jackson, Cassandra Gilliam, Latonya Adams.**

**APRIL 17-26-Tim Dolin, Maribeth Brooks, Pam Kohl, Pete Plybon, Kendra Samson, Cindy Stout, Shawn Powell, Andi Nance, Kristy Stratton, Ed Heaberlin, Barbara Brandt.**

**APRIL 21-Steve Riley, Tony Watkins, Dee Massie, Chris Gibson, Lee Biais, Tim Channell.**

**APRIL 25-MAY 1-Vickie Adkins, Nancy Eplin, Debbie Harris, Rhonda Yoho.**

**MAY 4-Andrew Lockwood, Beverly Mairs, Charles Montgomery, Alan Snyder, Gordon White, Carolyn Baird, David Junker.**
Journalism School will honor alumni

The Marshall University journalism alumni will honor six of their own members and University President Dale Nitzschke at an awards dinner Saturday evening.

Six graduates of the Marshall journalism program will be honored as Distinguished Journalism Alumni by the School of Journalism Alumni Association. Photographs of the six will be placed on the "wall of fame" in the Marvin Stone Library at the School of Journalism.

Dr. Nitzschke will be named as the first honorary alumnus of the school. He will speak to the alumni at a 7 p.m. dinner at the Holiday Inn University. Before the dinner there's to be an open house at the School of Journalism in Smith Hall from 5 to 6 p.m. and a reception at the Holiday Inn from 6 to 7 p.m.

The six Distinguished Journalism Alumni include public relations expert Larry Ascough, author and book dealer Nelson Bond, U.S. Navy Vice Admiral Paul Butcher, the late sportscaster Gene Kelly, Marshall's director of university relations C.T. Mitchell, and Herald Dispatch columnist Dave Peyton Sr.

Ascough received a B.S. from Marshall in 1963 and an M.A. in 1966. He worked for the West Virginia Department of Education, then the New York Department of Education, and since 1969 has been with the Dallas public schools. He heads the public affairs office of the Dallas schools, an office with more than 100 employees and a five million dollar budget. Through his writing and his consulting work he has become known in most states as a highly effective public relations expert for school systems.

Bond, a member of Marshall's class of 1934, wrote seven books, three plays, six motion pictures, fifty network television plays, and hundreds of other works. He is best known as an author of fantasy stories, but he wrote humor, science fiction, and many other kinds of stories. Starting in 1969, he became a well known and highly respected dealer in antiquarian books.

Paul Butcher, upon graduating from Marshall in 1953, was commissioned an ensign in the Navy, which he had joined in 1948. He served on eight ships, commanding four of them. He commanded two task forces and held several command positions on shore. Last December he was appointed commander of the Military Sealift Command.

Kelly, who died in 1979, was a member of the Marshall Class of 1941. After serving in the Army Air Corps he became a sportscaster in Indianapolis in 1946. In 1950 he became a play-by-play announcer for the Philadelphia Phillies. He moved to the Cincinnati Reds broadcast booth in 1962, then to St. Louis broadcasting Cardinals football games in 1964. In 1965 Kelly became sports director and sportscaster at Philadelphia's new Channel 48.

Mitchell received his B.A. in journalism from Marshall in 1953 and his M.A. in 1970. He held several editorial positions on the Williamson Daily News, the Huntington Advertiser and the Huntington Herald-Advertiser before 1972, when he became director of informational services at Marshall. In 1976 he took his present position, director of university relations. Mitchell is a founder and former board chairman of Green Acres Center for the developmentally handicapped.

Peyton is a 1970 graduate of Marshall. He has worked for the Huntington Publishing Company more than 20 years. He edited the editorial page of the Huntington Advertiser, wrote two syndicated columns, and is now a columnist for the Herald-Dispatch. He is a student of folk culture and the co-author of eight computer books.

University expands express mail service

Overnight express delivery service available to Marshall University departments has been expanded to include Airborne Express, according to William J. Shondel, director of purchasing and materials management.

The university's Receiving Department now offers express delivery through UPS, Emory/Purolator, Federal Express, and Airborne Express.

Shondel said Airborne Express is offering guaranteed next day service in the morning for as little as $8 up to one-half pound.

To obtain further details contact the supervisor in the respective Receiving Department.

Dr. du Verglas resigns

Dr. Gabrielle du Verglas, executive director of the Autism Training Center at Marshall University, has resigned her position, effective July 1. She has directed the program since its inception in 1984.

"After five years at Marshall University, I decided to move on to pursue other professional endeavors," Dr. du Verglas said. "Establishing and directing the Autism Training Center has been a professional challenge which required an enormous amount of energy and time commitments. When I accepted the position, it was my intent to stay in Huntington for three years. I believe that I have accomplished some of the things I wanted to do and it is time for me to attend to other professional opportunities."

"Under Dr. du Verglas' direction, the Autism Training Center has become a nationally recognized project," MU President Dale F. Nitzschke said. "We will initiate steps immediately to have her successor in place this summer."

Dr. du Verglas said she was considering other opportunities and would announce her future plans later.

Library schedule set

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will be closed May 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, June 3, 4, 10 and 11, according to Josephine Fidler, interim director of libraries.

The library will be open May 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. other days through June 9.

Regular summer hours will begin June 12. The library will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fridays from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 5 to 10 p.m.
Med School graduation ceremonies scheduled

Traditional graduation events for the Marshall University School of Medicine’s Class of 1989 include a visit from an American Medical Association vice president with special expertise in rural health issues.

M. Roy Schwarz, M.D., the AMA’s assistant executive vice president for medical education and science, will present the Last Lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at the Huntington Museum of Art. His topic will be “The Future of Medicine.”

While at the University of Washington, Schwarz was the founding director of the WAMI program, a regionalized medical education program designed to meet the educational and service needs of four largely rural northwestern states. Rural health care is among his research interests, as are cellular immunology, transplantation and radiation biology, experimental medical education, and the use of communications satellites in education and health care.

School of Medicine Dean Charles H. McKown Jr., M.D., will speak at the Investiture Program, set for 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, at the Huntington Civic Center. That event will also include the traditional hooding ceremony and oath-taking, presentations of awards to students and faculty, and remarks from MU Provost Alan B. Gould.

The two events, and their receptions, are open to the public.

Math competition set

The 11th annual Marshall University Mathematics Competition will be held Monday, May 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Smith Hall.

High school students from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky will compete for $600 in cash prizes provided by the Marshall University Foundation, according to Karen Mitchell of the university’s Department of Mathematics.

The competition winner will receive $200, the second place finisher $125, the third place finisher $75 and the fourth place finisher $50. Participants who finish in fifth through 10th places will each receive $25.

Ms. Mitchell said students will participate in a three-hour examination designed to test mathematical creativity, insight and expression.

“The problems will call for a great deal of mathematical knowledge and the solutions will be judged on the basis of clarity of expression and the level of mathematical sophistication,” said Ms. Mitchell.

Several activities have been planned for the students who have been invited to spend Sunday night at the university.

Winners of the competition, sponsored by the MU Mathematics Department and Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honorary, will be notified by mail after the tests have been judged.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Mathematics Department, 696-6482.

Robert E. Norman, left, graduate student in biological sciences at Marshall University, received a plaque and $100 cash award for the best student paper presented at the recent meeting of the West Virginia Academy of Science in Lewisburg. His paper, “Effects of artificial lake destratification on the benthic macroinvertebrate populations in Beech Fork Lake, West Virginia,” was a result of a project he conducted under direction of Dr. Donald C. Tarter, right, who presented the award at the Academy of Science meeting. Norman, who came to Marshall from Glenville, is employed by the Water Resources Division of the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.

Martino receives grant

Dr. Ronald L. Martino, associate professor of geology at Marshall University, has been awarded a $1,950 grant from the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey to support 1989 summer research on the stratigraphy and paleoenvironments of the coal-bearing Kanawha Formation.

A related paper written by Martino titled "Trace Fossils from Marginal Marine Facies of the Kanawha Formation (Middle Pennsylvanian) West Virginia" will be published in the July issue of the Journal of Paleontology.

Martino also has had another paper focusing on the paleoenvironmental distribution and significance of the trace fossils in the Kanawha Formation accepted for presentation at the International Geological Congress this July in Washington, D.C.

A member of the Marshall faculty since 1979, Martino received his bachelor's degree from Bucknell University and his master's and doctoral degrees from Rutgers University.

Conduct Committee meets

(The following report on the April 14 meeting of the Marshall University Student Conduct and Welfare Committee was submitted by Karen L. McComb, secretary.)

The Student Conduct and Welfare Committee met April 14 at 3:15 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2E10.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. A report from the Financial Aid Advisory Committee was given.

New business included:
1. Recognition of student organizations (Student Action for a Vital Earth and MU Emergency Medical Services Club).
2. Tabling action on the application for recognition from the Outback Wilderness Club and returning the application to the club for modification.
3. Approving a policy presented by the Student Travel Abroad Subcommittee (to be sent to the Faculty Senate).
4. Amending and approving recommendations from the Code of Conduct Subcommittee (to be sent to the Faculty Senate).
Marshall faculty/staff achievements

The following faculty members from the Department of Biological Sciences attended the 64th annual meeting of the West Virginia Academy of Sciences held April 1 at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg: Drs. DAN EVANS, RALPH TAYLOR, TOM WEEKS, TOM PAULEY (two papers), DONALD TARTER (paper), JIM JOY (two papers), MARCIA HARRISON (poster), MARY ETTA HIGHT (paper), WAYNE ELMORE (poster), MIKE LITTLE (paper). The following graduate students presented posters or papers at the meeting: KIMBERLY RUGGLES, LISA BURGESS, ROBERT NORMAN, MARK WATSON, LAURA MILLER, DOSHIA WEBB, and HONGGANG LIU. NORMAN was selected as the winner of the best student paper award ($100).

Dr. MARC A. LINDBERG, associate professor of psychology, has had an article titled "The Development of Attribute Dominance in the Knowledge Base" accepted for publication in the Journal of Genetic Psychology, the oldest refereed journal in developmental psychology in America. He also has been invited to present his research and theories on developmental differences in eye witness testimony at the conference on "How Suggestible is Children's Memory?" He will be one of 10 presenters at the conference being sponsored by Cornell University and the American Psychological Association to develop position papers for the Journal of Applied Cognition and Law and Human Behavior.

Dr. NEIL ARNESON, assistant professor of social studies education and director of Marshall's Center for Economic Education, and Ruthann Arneson, lead teacher at the Early Learning Child Care Center, presented a section of the program for the 40th annual Southern Association on Children Under Six Conference held April 13-16 at Richmond, Va. Their presentation was titled "A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned: How a Five-Year-Old Learns to Save." The theme of the conference was "Reflections and Visions: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

The following faculty members and students from the Department of Biological Sciences attended the 50th annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists held April 5-8 at the Hilton at University Place, Charlotte, N.C.: Dr. DAN EVANS, Dr. TOM PAULEY, Dr. WAYNE ELMORE (poster), Dr. DONALD TARTER (two papers), KIMBERLY RUGGLES (paper), MARK WATSON (poster), HONGGANG LIU (paper), DOSHIA WEBB (paper), KEVIN HOWERTON, DAVID HUNT, FRANK BORSUK, MEE YOUNG CHOI, LISA BURGESS, and JON REID. TARTER served as section chairman of the session on Aquatic Ecology.

Graduate students ALVIE E. QUALLS II, TAMMY DONAHUE, and ALICE WHITE of Huntington recently attended the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students conference held at the University of Miami. QUALLS, president of the MU Graduate Student Council, presented a paper titled "The Marshall University Graduate Student Council: A Case Study in the Development of a Graduate Student Organization." QUALLS was instrumental in founding the Graduate Student Council and recently was accepted at the University of Tulsa College of Law.

Dr. MICHAEL E. SEIDEL, professor of biological sciences, authored two papers which have been accepted for publication: "Variation in turtle myoglobins (subfamily Emydinae: Testudines) examined by isoelectric focusing," co-authored by former MU student M. Dale Adkins, in the Journal of Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology, and "Growth and population characteristics of the slider turtle, Trachemys decussata, on Grand Cayman Island" in The Journal of Herpetology.

Dr. HAROLD T. MURPHY, professor and chairman of the Department of Modern Languages, and Dr. MARIA TULIA GOMEZ-AVILA, assistant professor of modern languages, recently participated in the fifth annual South Point (Ohio) High School Language Fair. MURPHY made a slide presentation on Latin American artifacts in the Museum of America in Madrid. GOMEZ-AVILA judged a poetry recitation contest between students from South Point, Ironton, Holy Family and Barboursville high schools.

Dr. W. BLAKER BOLLING, associate professor of management, attended the annual meeting of the West Virginia Conference of the American Association of University Professors held April 15 at West Virginia State College. He was elected treasurer of the organization for the 1989-90 year.

Dr. BRADFORD R. DeVOS of the Department of Music attended the spring meeting of the Alleghey Chapter of the American Musicological Society held at Morgantown April 15. DeVOS, who just completed a two-year term as chapter president, was elected to a three-year term as chapter representative on the National Council of the society.

Dr. WILLIAM PALMER, associate professor of history, has had an article titled "Oliver St. John and the Legal Language of Revolution in England, 1640-42" published in The Historian, Vol. 51, 1 (February 1989), pages 263-282.

Dr. BARBARA GUYER, professor of special education and director of the H.E.L.P. (Higher Education for Learning Problems), was the keynote speaker at the North Carolina Orton Dyslexia Society conference held in Morehead City, N.C., April 6-7. Her topic was "The Dyslexic College Student—Techniques for Survival." She also presented a session titled "Teaching Techniques for the Adolescent and Young Adult Dyslexic Student."

Dr. JOAN T. MEAD, associate professor of English, delivered a paper titled "Poe, 'Pym,' and Plagiarism" in a session devoted to American Literature at the American Culture Association meeting held April 8 in St. Louis, Mo. She also has had a paper titled "Two Sea Songs in 'Moby-Dick'" accepted for publication in a late summer edition of Melville Society Extracts.

CAM BRAMMER, assistant professor of speech, and Dr. CRAIG MONROE, professor of speech, designed and directed training programs on "Communication, Conflict, and Dealing with Difficult People" for the West Virginia State Department of Health at Huntington State Hospital April 14 and 21. MONROE has been informed that his manuscript titled "Interactive Effects of Gender upon Conflict between Supervisors and Difficult Subordinates: A Log-linear Analysis" has been accepted for presentation to the Speech Communication Association in San Francisco, Calif., next November.

Dr. PAULF. LUTZ, assistant professor of social studies, presented a paper titled "Theodore Roosevelt's Southern Strategy: Real or Imagined?" at the 31st annual meeting of the West Virginia Historical Association meeting held April 7-8 at Marshall.
Stern attends Saudi Arabian exhibit

Dr. Allan Stern, associate professor in Marshall University's Division of Specialized Allied Studies, likes to promote the university and his department in the usual ways, but also likes to try some unusual ways.

That is the reason Marshall was the only college or university represented in the recent "ProTech '89" safety and security exhibition held at the Al-Harthy Exhibition Center in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Stern explained that he found out about the Saudi Arabian show and other international exhibits and trade shows while attending the National Safety Congress meeting in Orlando, Fla., where Marshall was the only higher education institution with a display.

The booth he the exhibition was donated by the Al-Harthy Exhibition Company and the transportation costs were covered by the American-Arab Affairs Council.

"The actual cost to our program was nominal," said Stern. "Now we have to wait to see what develops from the seeds we planted during the exhibition.

"I made quite a few good contacts with people at the show and have several letters to write to people to explain what we are doing at Marshall and how we might be able to help them," explained Stern. "Besides recruiting students, there is a chance that we can make arrangements for some consulting opportunities, develop faculty exchanges, and provide workshops for developing countries."

Stern passed out more than 200 brochures on the MU safety program and numerous articles of information about the university, degree programs, and vocational technical adult education.

While at the exhibition, Stern recorded a 10-minute radio program for broadcast after the exhibition and was interviewed by local newspapers.

"We let people know there is a university in West Virginia that offers a degree in safety and can develop workshops and safety programs to meet specialized needs."

Stern also spoke to the dean of King Faisal University about exchange and cooperative programs. He said the university officials seemed very receptive to the idea.

"The bottom line is to open the door to opportunity, which is what I'm trying to do," he said. "We may or may not get any response, but we know we won't get anything if we don't try."

Fulks will present workshops in Logan

Dr. Danny Fulks, a professor in Marshall University's Division of Teacher Education, will conduct two workshops on classroom motivation, professional development and teaching strategies for teachers and students in the Logan County area this summer.

Courses offered during the first session will include:
- Classroom Motivation (CI 418) with three credit hours for undergraduates who have been admitted to Marshall.
- Classroom Motivation (CI 518) with three graduate credit hours, certificate renewal or inservice hours.
- Professional Development (CI 560) for credit toward certificate renewal and inservice hours or for no credit.

Courses during the first summer workshop will begin Friday, May 12, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Logan County High School and continue on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through June 2-3.

Courses offered during the second summer term will include:
- Democratic Teaching Strategies (CI 580) for three hours of credit, suitable for master's programs with adviser approval.
- Special Topics (CI 480) for three credit hours of undergraduate work.
- Professional Development (CI 560) for credit toward certificate renewal and inservice hours or for no credit.

Courses during the second summer workshop will begin Monday, July 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Logan County High School and continue July 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31 and Aug. 1.

Teachers and students may enroll in one class during each session. There will be a $180 registration fee for each course, payable to the Logan County Board of Education.

Enrollment will be limited to 30 persons in each class.

To obtain further details about the courses or registration contact Dr. Danny Fulks at Marshall University, 696-2883.

Faculty invited to meeting

The Faculty Senate Blue Ribbon Commission on Racial and Cultural Diversity will hold an open forum for faculty on Wednesday, May 10, at 10 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge, according to Dr. Robert Sawrey, associate professor of history.

Faculty members are urged to attend the meeting to share with the commission views on issues related to the hiring and retention of minority faculty, efforts to create an atmosphere of social and political justice on campus, the appointment of a new vice president responsible for these and related matters, and other pertinent issues.