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MU faculty and staff invited to campus picnic

Marshall University Faculty and Staff:

Last year's Marshall University Campus Picnic was so successful in bringing faculty, staff and students together in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship, we have decided to continue the activity and hold the second annual campus picnic on Friday, Sept. 22, from 3:30 to 7 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center Plaza and adjacent areas.

All Marshall faculty and staff members and their immediate families are invited to attend the picnic, along with Marshall students, for an afternoon of fun, games, prizes and activities that will bring us closer together as we begin a new academic year at Marshall University—a year that will see the campus and higher education in West Virginia undergo many positive changes.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you on Sept. 22, even those of you who seemed to take such joy last year in putting me in the water at the dunking booth, which by the way we are planning to have again this year.

Sincerely,
Dale F. Nitzschke

Boehm appointed VP for advancement

Dr. Edward G. Boehm Jr., associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at Texas Christian University, has been appointed vice president for institutional advancement at Marshall University.

Announcement of the appointment was made Monday, Aug. 28, by MU President Dale F. Nitzschke. The new vice president succeeds Dr. Keith L. Scott who accepted a similar position at Northern Arizona University July 1.

As vice president for institutional advancement, Boehm will be responsible for Marshall’s development, alumni affairs and university relations operations. He also will serve as executive director of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., which raises and administers private contributions in support of the university.

Nitzschke said Boehm was selected from a field of about 20 candidates ranging from the East Coast to Hawaii.

"Ned Boehm made a tremendous impression on all those who encountered him during his interview sessions on the Marshall campus last month," Nitzschke said. "We believe he has demonstrated he has the energy, the dynamic personality and the appropriate background to make an outstanding vice president for institutional advancement. I’m very pleased he has"

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University sets goal for United Way drive

Competition and education are the key elements in the 1989 campus fund drive for River Cities United Way, according to Dr. Jane C. Fotos, campaign coordinator.

"We want to generate some spirited competition among our divisions and departments in supporting the United Way. Last year, our divisions’ participation ranged from 72% to only 2%, Fotos said. "We realize the percentage of givers reported is low because some give elsewhere. Some employees don’t donate through the Marshall campaign because their spouses give at their places of employment.

"But, we must show the community that Marshall personnel really care. We all need to give through the campus campaign. We ask the community to support Marshall and we must demonstrate our support to the community," Fotos continued.

During the 1988 campaign, Marshall employees donated $41,000. "We had 391 employees and 27 retirees contribute. That was only 26 percent of our employees participating. We can do much better," Fotos said.

"This year our goal is $45,000." (Continued on page 2)

Award nominees sought

Nominations for the fourth Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award at Marshall University must be submitted to the selection committee by Sept. 18, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, assistant provost.

All full-time faculty at or above the rank of assistant professor who have completed three or more years of service at Marshall are eligible for the award, which includes a $3,000 cash prize.

Nominations can be made in a short, dated letter stating the nominee’s name and department, along with reasons supporting the nomination. The committee cannot accept anonymous nominations, so legible signatures should be included on the nomination letter.

Nominations should be sent to: The Reynolds Committee, c/o Rainey Duke, Provost’s Office, Old Main Room 110. The deadline for nominations will be Sept. 18.
Med School Alumni Weekend planned

Five medical alumni and a former dean are on the agenda for the School of Medicine's third annual Alumni Weekend Sept. 8-9.

The weekend's events include an alumni/faculty reception Sept. 8, two educational events Sept. 9, a luncheon and a tailgate party before the Marshall/Morehead State football game.

Dr. Robert W. Coon, dean of the Med School from 1976 to 1985, will be honored at the Saturday luncheon. At the luncheon, school officials will unveil a portrait of Coon painted by Huntington artist Adele Thornton Lewis. The portrait will be hung in the school's Robert W. Coon Medical Education Building, located in the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Five School of Medicine alumni will participate in the continuing medical education events associated with the Alumni Weekend.

Four alumni will make presentations during "grand rounds" meetings just before the luncheon. Dr. Elaine Young, now chief resident in dermatology at University Hospital in Cincinnati, will speak with Marshall's Dr. Robert Walker on dermatology and family practice.

United Way goal set

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The 1989 Marshall University United Way Task Force is creating incentives to spur on the competition. Prizes will be announced later.

Fotos said lack of information about the United Way and its agencies is one reason some employees do not contribute to the campaign. "We must educate our personnel about the vital services these agencies provide to our community." Information on United Way agencies will be available at the campus picnic on Sept. 22.

The theme for this year's campaign is "Be a Hero! Give to the United Way!"

Captains will coordinate the campaign in each division. Members of the 1989 campus United Way Task Force are: Alan Gould, Academic Affairs; Ray Welty, Administration; Jack Daniels, Athletics; Herb Karlet, Finance; Susan Peyton, Institutional Advancement; Karen Bledsoe and Elizabeth Devereaux, School of Medicine; Lynne Mayer, President's Office; Ken Slack, retired faculty and staff; Tracy Hendershot, students; Don Robertson, Student Affairs; C.T. Mitchell, and President Nitzschke.

Chairmen of the standing committees are Robertson and Skip Lutz, Incentive System; Mitchell, Letters, and Peyton, Publicity.

Reference services scheduled

The Reference Department in James E. Morrow Library will observe the following hours for reference service until further notice, according to Josephine Fidler, interim director of libraries at Marshall:

Sunday--5 to 10 p.m.; Monday through Friday--10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturday--noon to 5 p.m.

The reduced hours for reference service will be temporary until three or four positions are filled in the Reference Department, according to Ms. Fidler.

Regular library hours will remain the same.

Dr. Robert Keeover, an assistant professor of neurology and psychiatry at West Virginia University, will present an evaluation of organic psychosis.

Dr. Kevin Yingling, chief resident in medicine at University Hospital in Cincinnati, will speak on "Aching Hearts and Aching Minds: Evaluation of Depression and Anxiety in Patients with Chest Pain."

Dr. Tim Canterbury, now a Huntington surgeon, will speak on surgery for breast cancer.

The keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Dr. William Neal, professor and chairman of pediatrics at WVU. Dr. Martha Mullett of WVU also will be a guest speaker.

Dr. Joe Evans, an MU alumnus who is now a member of Marshall's pediatrics faculty, will speak during the afternoon continuing medical education program. His topic will be issues in day care.

Other speakers will include Dr. George Irons of the Mayo Clinic and several members of the Marshall University faculty: Dr. Howard Aulick, Dr. Mitchell Berk, Dr. Carl Gruetter, Dr. Bryan Larsen, Dr. Ned Moss, Dr. Maurice Mufson, Dr. Gary Rankin, Dr. Vernon Reichenbecher and Dr. John Walden.

All indoor events will be at the Radisson Hotel.

Additional information is available from the Department of Radiology, 429-6741.

Boehm appointed VP

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agreed to assume this position—a job that is vital to Marshall University's continued progress."

A native of Washington, D.C., Boehm earned his bachelor's degree in education from Frostburg (Md.) State University in 1964. At Frostburg, he was president of his sophomore, junior and senior classes and participated in varsity soccer and track. He received his master's and doctoral degrees from The American University, Washington, D.C., in 1970 and 1977, respectively.

He joined the staff of Texas Christian University in 1979 as dean of admissions and later served as assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management before assuming his present position in 1986.

Boehm served in several positions at The American University from 1968 to 1979, including two years as director of university development. He was selected for the President's Award for Outstanding Service to American University in 1977.

He began his career as an educator in 1964 as a teacher at North Bethesda Junior High School in Rockville, Md.

Boehm is the recipient of a number of honors and awards, including election as a trustee of The College Board in 1987. He is a 1979 recipient of the Frostburg State University Distinguished Alumni Award and has been listed in "Community Leaders of America," "Men of Achievement," "Who's Who in the South and Southwest," "Who's Who in the East," "International Who's Who of Intellectuals," "Dictionary of International Biography" and "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

He is married to the former Regina Evans and they are the parents of two sons, Evan and Andrew.
Indian professor visiting university

Professor D. Vable of Ajmer, Rajasthan, India, will be a visiting scholar at Marshall University throughout September, according to MU Provost Alan B. Gould.

During his visit to Marshall, Vable will make presentations in classes and speak to small groups or organizations about Indian culture and politics.

He was the founder and, for the past 25 years, principal (president of the Dayanand (D.A.V.) College in Ajmer, one of the largest graduate schools in Rajasthan.

In 1956 Vable was an exchange scholar in the United States. He has lectured at Stanford University, Indiana University and the University of California, Berkeley, as well as in England and several other European countries.

Vable, who is the father of Mrs. Indu Sharma of Huntington, is the author of two books and numerous articles for professional publications and journals.

“We are very pleased to have a scholar of Professor Vable’s caliber on our campus,” said Gould. “His experience and insights will be valuable for both our students and faculty.”

Vable will have an office in the university’s Yeager Suite on the second floor of Old Main.

Arrangements to schedule Vable for classes or brief presentations may be made by contacting Professor Clair W. Matz of Marshall’s Center for International Studies, 696-2465.

Rhodes awards available

Applications are being accepted from students who wish to apply for Rhodes scholarships for graduate study at Oxford University in England beginning in October. The scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to 32 outstanding students from the United States who have demonstrated academic ability and leadership potential.

The deadline for applications will be Oct. 23. To obtain application forms or further details contact Dr. E.S. Harrahan, Marshall University College of Science, Old Main Room 119, or call 696-2372.

Health walk/fair set

Marshall University’s offices of Student Health Education Programs and Recreational Sports and Fitness Activities will sponsor a Wellness Walk and Fair on the Memorial Student Center Plaza Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Participants will be able to take part in the Wellness Walk around the MU campus and participate in a variety of wellness activities free of charge, according to Carla Lapelle, coordinator of student health education programs.

Other activities will include free blood pressure checks, body composition estimates and samples of healthy foods from Marriott Food Service. Participants also will be able to sign up for Marshall’s ongoing Wellness Walk Program and take advantage of other campus and community resources. A number of prizes will be given away during the walk and fair.

The activities will be open to the public. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Student Health Education Programs, 696-4800, or the Office of Recreational Sports and Fitness Activities, 696-2943.

Parking meters moved to campus lots F-S-G

The parking meters that have been placed in the front row of parking lots S, F and G were moved from the lot across from Memorial Student Center as part of a plan proposed in the spring of 1988 by the Physical Facilities Committee and approved by the Faculty Senate and MU President Dale F. Nitzschke to avert the need for a parking fee increase.

Steven Mewaldt, chairman of the Physical Facilities Committee, said that without some action, a fee increase would have been necessary because of the 150 parking meters being removed from the Fifth Avenue lot due to construction of the Fine Arts Building.

The loss of revenue from the 150 meters would have been disastrous to the parking fund, he said.

The move has resulted in the reduction in the number of parking permits that can be issued on these lots, but the loss of income from these permit spaces, will be small compared to the loss that would have occurred if the meters were not moved.

“While no one is happy about these changes, the good news is that no continuing permit holder will have to have their parking lot changed because of the meters,” Mewaldt said. “We hope that the only inconvenience will be that permit holders may occasionally have to park one row further back.”

The change was to be made in the summer of 1988, but because of construction delays on the Fine Arts Building, the parking meters did not have to be changed until this summer.

If you have questions or suggestions, you may address them to Mewaldt or other members of the Physical Facilities Committee or the Faculty Senate.

Videoconference slated

A videoconference titled “Moving Toward the 21st Century” will be presented at Marshall University Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, assistant provost at Marshall.

This presentation will be the first of four videoconferences in the package “Today in Education,” which will be made available to state colleges and universities through funds set aside by the West Virginia Board of Directors and West Virginia Board of Trustees for faculty development.

Persons who would like to attend the presentation should RSVP to the MU Provost’s Office, 696-5442.

D. Vable
Preschool program receives approval

A new Preschool Handicapped option in Marshall University's Special Education master's degree program has been approved by the West Virginia State Board of Trustees and the West Virginia Board of Education, according to Dr. Robert S. Angel, coordinator of the Preschool Handicapped Program.

The goal of the program will be to train highly qualified personnel to work with handicapped and at-risk children from birth to age 6 and also work with the children's families, said Angel.

"This program, the only one of its kind in the area, has been developed in response to state and federal mandates requiring educational programs for preschool children with handicaps and those who are at risk to develop a handicapping condition," Angel said.

Courses in the university's departments of Special Education, Early Childhood Education and Educational Foundations will be integrated into the Preschool Handicapped Program.

Peggy Malcomb, clinical instructor in the program, said it was developed in response to the need for more certified teachers in the discipline. "We did a needs assessment and found there were only two teachers certified in preschool handicapped programs in this area," she said, "so you can see there will be a great demand for certified teachers.

"County school boards currently are required by law to serve children 3 to 5 years old who have severe handicaps," explained Ms. Malcomb, "soon they will be required to serve children with moderate and mild handicaps and those preschoolers considered to be at risk."

Schools and other agencies have offered some services to these preschool children and their parents for several years, but the teachers have not necessarily been certified or specifically trained for teaching preschool handicapped children.

Ms. Malcomb said persons who do not have teaching degrees such as social workers, nurses and counselors also will be able to enroll in the program.

Students will be able to get a master's degree in the Preschool Handicapped Program and teachers will be able to take classes for certification purposes.

Classes currently are available in the program developed through a grant from the United States Department of Education.

"I'd like to encourage anyone interested in teaching preschool children with handicaps to contact us," Ms. Malcomb said. "We really need highly trained teachers who can provide leadership right from the beginning to develop quality programs that will satisfy the new mandates coming from the federal and state legislatures."

To obtain further details about Marshall University's new Preschool Handicapped Program contact Angel, 696-2854, or Ms. Malcomb, 696-2878.

M.U.R.A.L. Center will offer tutoring service

The Marshall University Reading and Learning Center (M.U.R.A.L. Center) will offer a fall semester tutoring program for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Participants will attend two-hour sessions each week, beginning Sept. 11 and continuing through Dec. 7. Several schedules have been developed to allow participants to arrange convenient meeting times.

The program is open to all students experiencing academic difficulties in their school curriculums, including students in regular classroom placements as well as those in certain special education settings, according to Dr. Robert J. Evans, co-director of the M.U.R.A.L. Center.

Students will receive one-to-one attention or tutoring in small groups depending on the participants' needs. The tutoring will be done by Marshall University College of Education students under the close supervision of College of Education faculty members.

Testing for learning problems also will be available during the program.

The cost of the program will be $100 per student for the tutoring sessions. There will be an additional $25 charge for the testing program.

To obtain application forms or further details call 696-2340 or contact Dr. Robert J. Evans at Marshall University, 696-2853.

String quartet to play

The Montani String Quartet, resident quartet of the West Virginia Symphony, will present the first of four scheduled concerts at Marshall University on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Season subscriptions for all four concerts will be $20 for adults and $12 for students. Tickets for individual concerts will be $6 and $4.

Tickets will be available in the Marshall University Music Department and at the door prior to the concert.

Other concerts will be held Nov. 1, Jan. 24 and March 7.

A discussion on the works to be played during each concert will be held at 2 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall the day of the performance. The discussions will be open to the public free of charge.

Bledsoe to be in charge of historical materials

Kathleen E. Bledsoe, formerly assistant librarian in the special collections department of the Edmon Low Library at Oklahoma State University, has been named assistant professor/librarian II at Marshall University, according to Josephine Fidler, interim director of libraries at Marshall.

Ms. Bledsoe will be responsible for the local history and regional materials known as the West Virginia Collection at Marshall's James E. Morrow Library.

A native of Plymouth, Ind., Ms. Bledsoe received her bachelor's degree in history and her master's degree in library science from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Prior to working at Oklahoma State University, she performed volunteer work at libraries in Kentucky, Texas and West Germany.

Ms. Bledsoe has a daughter, Elizabeth, who will be a student at Marshall this fall, and a son, Greg.