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# Homecoming activities will be held Oct. 27-28

"Live the Magic" will be the theme for Marshall University's 1989 Homecoming celebration on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28.

Homecoming '89 will offer a variety of traditional and new activities for Marshall alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends.

The Athletic Department will hold induction ceremonies for its Hall of Fame at 6 p.m. Friday in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center. Tickets for the banquet will be \$15 per person.

Alumni Association events will get underway with "An

Evening With Marshall Friends" on Friday in the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom from 9 p.m. to midnight. The Full Tilt Band will provide music from the '50s through the '80s.

The cost of the reception will be \$7 per person. A cash bar and designated drivers will be available during the reception.

A new event, a reunion breakfast for the Class of 1984 and the graduating Class of 1989, will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student

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### Brown and Rankin receive Med School positions

Dr. Patrick I. Brown of the Marshall University School of Medicine has been named the school's associate dean of academic and student affairs, and Dr. Gary O. Rankin has been named associate dean for biomedical graduate education and research development.

The appointments were announced by Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., Marshall vice president and medical school dean.

"Both Dr. Brown and Dr. Rankin have been valued

members of our faculty for several years, occupying leadership positions in their respective fields and within the School of Medicine," McKown said. "They represent examples of the very finest professionals in medical education, and we're extraordinarily fortunate to have them and be able to keep them at Marshall contributing to the state's medical education needs."

Brown, who joined the Marshall faculty in 1975, became the medical school's associate dean for student affairs in 1983 and has served as chairman of the Department of Anatomy since 1986. He will continue as interim chairman of that department until a successor is found.

He received his bachelor's degree from Murray State University, a master's degree from the University of Kentucky, and his Ph.D. degree from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Rankin, chairman of the Department of Pharmacology  
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Patrick Brown



Gary Rankin

### MU Legal Assistant Program gets approval

The Marshall University Community College Legal Assistant Program has received approval for five years from the American Bar Association, according to Glenn E. Smith, coordinator of the program.

A legal assistant is a highly trained paraprofessional with specialized skills who works under the supervision of an attorney. Legal assistants do research and writing, client interviewing, case investigations, case preparation and filing and other duties to assist attorneys.

Legal assistants work for large and small law firms, individual attorneys, businesses, industries and government agencies.

Established in 1976, Marshall's Legal Assistant Program has grown from approximately 10 students to more than 260, including students in the program's off-campus facility located at the West Virginia State Police Academy at Institute.

Smith said more than 400 institutions throughout the United States offer legal assistant programs, but only one-fourth of the programs have received ABA approval,

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### Honor Day scheduled

Approximately 1,000 students from high schools in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky are expected to take part in Marshall University's National Merit Semi-Finalist and Honor Graduate Day on Thursday, Nov. 2, according to MU Admissions Director James Harless.

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# Legal program receives ABA approval

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which is similar to accreditation. Marshall has the only ABA approved legal assistant program in West Virginia.

"ABA approval is very important in this field, particularly when students seek employment in other states," said Smith. "It identifies the program as one that has met the high standards of the American Bar Association. That means something, especially when you go out of state where employers might not be familiar with Marshall."

Students in Marshall's two-year program take 67 hours of credit classes. At least 27 hours are taken in law classes, with the remainder being a diverse curriculum including English, criminal justice, computer science, economics and electives.

Many of Marshall's legal assistant students go on to take the university's four-year baccalaureate degree program in criminal justice or go on to law school, according to Smith.

The Legal Assistant Program has three full-time faculty members and a number of local attorneys who teach classes on a part-time basis.

The off-campus program was established at the State Police Academy in order to serve the high demand for legal assistants in the Charleston area, explained Smith.

Job opportunities are expanding in the field, with starting salaries for legal assistants approximately \$15,000 to \$17,000.

"It is projected this will be a fast-growing field in the 1990s," Smith said.

Marshall's program was initially planned in conjunction with the West Virginia Bar Association, following guidelines set forth by the American Bar Association.

"Five-year approval from the ABA proves that our program is viable and our graduates will be able to compete in the field," said Smith. "It reinforces our feeling that we offer an exceptional legal assistant program."

To obtain further details about Marshall University's Legal Assistant Program contact the MU Community College, 696-3646.

## Homecoming activities will be held Oct. 27-28

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Center.

Reservations will be required for the complimentary continental breakfast for reunion class members and their guests.

Former student body presidents and their guests will be invited to a breakfast sponsored by the MU Student Government Association at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Presidents Dining Room in Memorial Student Center.

Campus tours will begin departing from Memorial Student Center at 9 a.m. Saturday.

"Lunch-Under-the-Tent," the pre-game celebration, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Prindle Field across from Fairfield Stadium.

The lunch menu will include chili, hoagies, soft drinks and beer. WRVC Radio, the official alumni station, will provide music during lunch.

There will be a \$5 charge for the lunch festivities. The first 300 women attending Lunch-Under-the-Tent will receive complimentary pom-pom corsages from Archer's Flowers.

Marshall's Thundering Herd will take on the Virginia Military Institute Keydets at 1:30 p.m. at Fairfield Stadium.

After the game, there will be a dance at the Huntington Civic Center from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. City Heat will provide the dance music and light show. The cost of the dance will be \$12.50 per person.

To obtain further details about Homecoming '89 activities contact the Marshall University Office of Alumni Affairs, 696-2523 or 696-3134.

## Brown/Rankin get posts

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since 1985, joined the school's faculty in 1978. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi.

Both Brown and Rankin have received numerous awards from Marshall's medical students. They also are both members of the honorary society Phi Kappa Phi.

## Honor Day scheduled

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Participants will receive information on academic opportunities offered by Marshall, scholarships, student financial aid and other topics of interest to college-bound students. School counselors and parents also are welcome to attend the event.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m. in Memorial Student Center when MU President Dale F. Nitzschke welcomes the students to the Marshall campus. The day will end with a luncheon in honor of the students at noon in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Harless said the university started National Merit Semi-Finalist and Honor Graduate Day in 1972 to inform academically gifted students about special programs offered at Marshall.

To obtain further details about National Merit Semi-Finalist and Honor Graduate Day contact the Marshall University Admissions Office, 696-3160.

## Award deadline extended

The Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia has announced that it has extended the deadline for nominations for the West Virginia Professor of the Year Award to Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Nomination forms are available in the Marshall University Provost's Office.

# Lawson named ITVS associate director

A man whose television and film directing and producing work has been shown throughout the United States as well as in England will assume new duties as associate director of instructional television services at Marshall University, Provost Alan B. Gould has announced.

Adrian C. Lawson, formerly senior producer/director for instructional television at the university, will have responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the ITV services in his new role, according to H. Keith Spears, director of instructional television and distance learning and new chairman of the Department of Speech at Marshall. Spears will continue as ITVS director.

## Comedy to be presented by MU Artists Series

"Driving Miss Daisy," Alfred Uhry's acclaimed comedy hit, starring Rosemary Prinz and Ted Lange, will be presented Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Directed by Charles Nelson Reilly, who will accompany the cast to Huntington, the play won the 1988 Pulitzer Prize.

Ms. Prinz portrayed Penny on the soap opera "As the World Turns" for 12 years and has starred in approximately 50 plays throughout the country. Most recently she starred in "Steel Magnolias" in New York City.

Lange is best known as the genial bartender on the "Loveboat" television series. He also has starred in many plays, ranging from "Hair" to "Othello."

Reilly is an award winning actor and television personality who has directed several plays including "The Belle of Amherst" with Julie Harris.

Tickets for the Marshall Artists Series performance will be \$16 and \$20. Full-time MU students will be admitted free of charge. Youth 17 and younger will be admitted for half-price.

To order tickets or obtain further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

## Reception scheduled

Dr. Wlodzimierz Ogryczak recently was named as the first recipient of the H. Paul Kizer Eminent Scholar Chair in Computer Sciences, according to Dr. Robert P. Alexander, dean of Marshall University's College of Business.

The position was created through a grant from H. Paul Kizer of Beckley and matching funds from the West Virginia Board of Trustees.

A reception in honor of Ogryczak will be held Thursday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Preceding the reception, at 1 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37, Ogryczak will discuss some of his research for computer science faculty and students and interested persons.

The reception and discussion will be open to the public free of charge.

Spears termed Lawson highly qualified for the position, citing his extensive experience in public television production, instructional television and freelance work.

Dr. Gould added, "We are fortunate to have a person of his ability already at Marshall. He certainly has the experience to continue and to expand the increasingly important role of instructional television at the university in better serving the educational needs of Marshall and the region."

Lawson has been a part of the instructional television staff for the past 10 years, playing a key role in the many productions in a program that has significantly expanded its services in recent years. This includes instructional television courses delivered throughout the state via satellite transmission and greater use by the School of Medicine for instruction.

"I welcome this new challenge and opportunity in an instructional service that is gaining greater use and acceptance by educators," Lawson said. "We are proud of our achievements, but we know we have just begun to tap the potential of teaching via television. It's very exciting."

The new associate director of ITVS was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., but moved to South Point, Ohio, near Huntington when he was seven. He was graduated from South Point High School. He attended Marshall University, studying broadcasting.

He has more than 17 years' experience as a television/film producer and director. He began his television career with WPBY-TV, public television station in Charleston/Huntington, where he worked for seven years. He has been associated with instructional television at Marshall for 10 years.

His work in television production ranges from cinematography/videography through live broadcasts. One of the many highlights during that time was a film he co-produced, filmed and edited for the Huntington Museum of Art titled "New American Glass: Focus West Virginia." It was purchased by museums in the United States and United Kingdom.

Lawson has worked extensively with university professors, physicians, administrators, and staff members, and government officials in developing television productions at the state and national levels. He also has numerous credits on a freelance basis, including projects locally and in the New York market.



Adrian Lawson

## Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled "Black Women's Survival Skills: Personal and Professional Development for Black Women" on Wednesday, Oct. 25, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

To obtain further details contact the Women's Center, 696-3112.

# Leidy gets three-year \$165,000 grant

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has provided a three-year, \$165,000 research award to John W. Leidy Jr., M.D., Ph.D., to study whether deficiencies in a growth-related hormone contribute to obesity.

Leidy, a physician/researcher at the Marshall University School of Medicine and the Huntington VA Medical Center, said scientists already know that two hormone problems play roles in obesity: too much insulin and too little growth hormone. Leidy's study will try to find out whether low levels of a third hormone – which triggers the release of growth hormone – may also contribute to weight problems.

"By understanding why growth hormone is decreased, we may be able to develop strategies for changing growth hormone production in obesity," he said.

## *NCAA will review MU situation Feb. 2-4*

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Committee on Infractions is expected to review allegations involving the Marshall University men's basketball program during a meeting scheduled Feb. 2-4, 1990, in Coronado, Calif., MU President Dale F. Nitzschke announced today.

Nitzschke said he had received a letter from S. David Berst, NCAA assistant director for enforcement, notifying him of the probable dates of the Committee on Infractions review.

Following a university-initiated investigation, Marshall submitted a report to the NCAA last May which listed a series of 10 possible infractions of NCAA rules involving the men's basketball program.

Nitzschke said he, Director of Athletics Lee Moon and Faculty Athletics Representative Dorothy Hicks will attend the February meeting.

## Self-esteem to be topic

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor three seminars under the title "Women and Self-Esteem" during November, according to Donnalee Cockrille, coordinator of women's programs at Marshall.

Seminars will be held on Thursdays at noon in Prichard Hall Room 143 and will be open to the public free of charge.

The programs have been designed to help participants arrive at a richer definition of self-esteem and a better understanding of the negative impact of socially constructed gender roles, explore the forces in intimate relationships and larger systems that serve to erode women's self-regard, and address the challenge of helping women restore self-esteem and move toward mutually enhancing relationships.

Programs are: Nov. 9, "Struggles with Authenticity, Competence and Self-Regard in Women's Lives"; Nov. 16, "If Looks Could Kill: Body Image, Appearance and Self-Esteem," and Nov. 30, "Finding the Woman Within."

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.

The idea is not a new one, he said, noting that "growth hormone boosters" have been promoted as a rapid-weight-loss gimmick.

"The therapies advertised in newspapers to 'melt away' fat or 'turn on the master gland' have never been proven by scientific evidence," he said.

"Growth hormone by itself probably has only a small effect on weight," he explained. "Early clinical studies showed that although growth hormone promotes muscle retention during fasting, it has little effect on weight loss."

Nevertheless, learning more about the deficiency of growth hormone in obesity might help doctors take better advantage of the relationship between insulin and growth hormone, Leidy said. In addition, there are cases in which even a small "edge" can make a difference for dieters.

"The biggest battle in weight loss is not necessarily losing the weight but keeping it off," he said. "Most studies show that for people who lose a significant amount of weight over three to six months, many individuals gain the weight back over a period of two to five years. This is where something like growth hormone or another hormone might make a difference."

The problem is a timely one, since national figures show that about 20 percent of American adults are obese. Both West Virginia and Kentucky exceed the national average, Leidy added. A Centers for Disease Control study indicated that 24 percent of West Virginians and 22 percent of Kentuckians are overweight.

"Obesity is a major health problem," he said. "It is associated with a number of diseases that cause early death: high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, heart attacks and even some cancers. The ultimate result is that on the average overweight people die earlier."

"Although a low growth hormone level is probably only one of many factors involved in obesity, treatments that correct that problem – in combination with other therapies – might help make a difference," he said.

## Health program planned

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor a Self-Care Seminar titled "Alcohol and Compromises" on Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

Donnalee Cockrille, coordinator of women's programs at Marshall, will discuss the victimization of women who drink alcohol and how to decrease the risks.

To obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs, 696-4800.

## *Newsletter deadline set*

Items for the Marshall University Newsletter must be submitted to the University Relations Office by 10 a.m. Tuesday in order to be published the following Thursday.

Lengthy material, or material requiring special treatment, should be submitted as early as possible. Lengthy material submitted Tuesday morning may not be published until the following week.

# Governor to address ACLD conference

West Virginia Governor Gaston Caperton will deliver the keynote address for "Crossing the Mountain (Part III)," the annual conference of the West Virginia Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, which will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3-4, at the Heart-o-Town Holiday Inn in Charleston. The conference is being co-sponsored by Marshall University.

Caperton will make his presentation titled "How I Have Succeeded as a Dyslexic" on Friday during the

conference's opening banquet from 7 to 9 p.m. Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke will introduce the governor.

Workshop leaders will include Alice Koontz, an instructor at Johns Hopkins University and a teacher at the Jemicy School, who is a nationally known lecturer and author, and Joyce Steeves, a research associate at Johns Hopkins, who is a nationally recognized speaker and mathematics specialist.

Sessions on Saturday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. will include: "Reading, Writing and Spelling for the LD Elementary Child," "Teaching Math to the LD Secondary Student," and a "Parents Panel."

A luncheon will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. After lunch college students with learning disabilities will make a presentation on Marshall University's H.E.L.P. (Higher Education for Learning Problems) program.

Afternoon programs will include: "Teaching Written Language to the LD Secondary Student," "Teaching Math to the LD Elementary Student," "LD: A Family Crisis," "Backwards: The Riddle of Dyslexia," and "All Children Learn Differently."

Registration fees for the full conference will be \$55 for WVACLD members and \$60 for non-members. Registration fees for only the banquet will be \$25. Fees for just Saturday will be \$40 and \$45.

To obtain registration information or further details contact Dr. Barbara P. Guyer, associate professor and director of H.E.L.P. at Marshall University, 696-2851

## Tyson will be honored by MU Alpha Tau Omega

Marshall University's chapter of Alpha Tau Omega will name its fraternity house Tyson Hall in honor of Dr. A. Mervin Tyson, professor emeritus of English at Marshall, during a ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 10 a.m. at the house located at 1429 Fifth Ave.

Tyson, who served as Alpha Tau Omega adviser for many years, joined Marshall's faculty in January 1959 as professor and chairman of the Department of English. He served as dean of the former College of Arts and Sciences and director of writing and retired in 1977 as vice president of academic affairs.

His service to Marshall has continued since his retirement. He has been editor, writer and consultant for university documents and catalogs and served as director of institutional self-study reports for the past four North Central Association accreditation visits.

Dr. Patrick I. Brown, professor and associate dean of academic and student affairs at the MU Medical School, Alpha Tau Omega alumnus and president of the National Interfraternity Conference, said Tyson's support of the MU Alpha Tau Omega chapter has been outstanding.

He said Tyson continues to be active in the fraternity's affairs and serves as an excellent role model and mentor for Alpha Tau Omega members.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony, which will be held during the university's Homecoming activities.

## Waivers available

The deadline for West Virginia University tuition waivers for the spring of 1990 will be Oct. 31, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of Marshall University's Graduate School.

Applications for full-time faculty and staff members are available in the MU Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.

Applicants will be eligible for up to six hours of graduate waiver credit.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 696-6606.

## Women's Center program set

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a series of four programs under the title "Affairs of the Heart" on Tuesdays throughout November, according to Donnalee Cockrille, coordinator of women's programs at Marshall.

Each program will be held at 3 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143 and will be open to the public free of charge.

Programs are: Nov. 7, "Problems of Loneliness"; Nov. 14, "When the Relationship Ends"; Nov. 21, "Love Addictions," and Nov. 28, "Love/Marriage."

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.

## Band festival slated Oct. 21

Twenty-three bands from high schools in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky will participate in the Tri-State Marching Band Festival at Fairfield Stadium Saturday, Oct. 21, beginning at 10 a.m., according to Dr. Richard Lemke, director of bands at Marshall.

Marshall University's Big Green Marching Machine will present an exhibition at 4:20 p.m. and the awards presentation will take place at 4:35 p.m.

Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. Profits from the festival go to the Marshall University Band Scholarship Fund.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Band Office, 696-2317.

# Families will be focus of conference

The Cabell County Interagency for Preschool Handicapped, the Cabell County Parent-Educator Resource Center and Marshall University's College of Education will sponsor a conference titled "Focus on Families" on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3-4, at the Holiday Inn Gateway in Huntington.

Conference chairman Dr. Robert Angel, associate professor and coordinator of Marshall University's Preschool Handicapped Program, said the purpose of the conference is to get parents of handicapped children together with professionals in the field to share ideas and information.

"The conference should be beneficial to parents,

## Procurement program set

The Southern West Virginia Federal Procurement Symposium will be held at Marshall University on Monday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center, according to Diane Coe, marketing and data systems specialist for Marshall University's Procurement Technical Assistance Center.

The purpose of the symposium is to provide opportunities for representatives of small businesses in the region to meet with government agencies and federal contractors to discuss contracting and subcontracting.

"It will help government agencies expand and update source/bidder lists, identify possible contractors and ultimately place a reasonable portion of their purchases with these businesses," said Ms. Coe. "It also will allow prime contractors to identify potential sources of subcontractors and act as a forum for prime and potential subcontractors to discuss work matches."

Sponsors of the symposium are Marshall University's Small Business Development Center, the Huntington Corps of Engineers, the Small Business Administration and the MU Procurement Technical Assistance Center.

The symposium will be open free of charge to anyone interested in working with the federal government or a prime contractor in services or manufacturing.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Procurement Technical Assistance Center, 696-6787.

## Grad School Fair planned

Marshall University's Placement Center will hold its second annual Graduate and Professional School Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Reginald Spencer, director of placement services, said the fair will be a good opportunity for Marshall students considering graduate or professional school to get first hand information from school representatives.

Approximately 27 schools participated in last year's fair.

Spencer said he would like faculty members, particularly those who teach junior and senior level courses, to alert students about the fair.

To obtain further details contact the Placement Center, 696-2370.

educators, psychologists, counselors, speech and language pathologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists and other care providers," said Angel. "It is important for professionals to get together with families to understand the goals, hopes and expectations of families with handicapped children."

Angel said new research, materials and ideas will be presented to enhance the skills of both parents and professionals working with handicapped children during the conference which is open to all interested persons.

There will be a registration fee for the conference, but parents of handicapped children can receive stipends to cover the fee.

To obtain registration information or further details contact Dr. Robert Angel at Marshall University, 696-2340.

## Excused absences . . .

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

OCT. 5-7—Rhonda Yoho, Sherry Nash, Jennifer Day, Becky Lycan, Lana Plymale, Scott Ransbottom.

OCT. 9—Melodie Jermont, Troy Bennett, Vanessa Martin, Rebecca Gardner, Staci Morgan, Edgar Froe, Kyme Coleman, Nicole Johnson, Maritza Davis, Monte Washington, April Dabney, Delongelo Brown, Charles McGregor, Valerie Wynes, Michelle Moore, Kevin McHenry, David Hall, Moncherie Brown, George Turks, Courtney McPherson, Nicole Jackson, Marcya Cain, Tonya Fortune, Lisa Martin, Norman Franklin, Thomas Simmons, Candi Smoot, Henry Albritton.

OCT. 11—Soccer Team.

OCT. 13—Soccer Team.

OCT. 13-14—Tim Dolin, Andrea Nance, Shawn Powell, Andy Hayden, Kristy Stratton, Steve Latiff, Jesse Hingson, Joyce Merritt, Cindy Stout, Ron King.

OCT. 20-22—Troy Bunton, Stan Chapman, Dori Epperly, Bruce Hammond, Jenni Homan, Sarah Justice, Tina Lucas, Christy Lycan, Amy Parsons, Beverly Smith.

## Personnel personal

Marshall University Faculty and Staff:

I want to thank, on behalf of the Yeager Scholars program, all of the members of the faculty, staff and administration who went out of their way to help us in making this year's Yeager Symposium a most successful event.

We could not have done it without help from staff in Buildings and Grounds, Parking, the Memorial Student Center, the Marriott Food Service, the Graphics and Publications area, the staff in University Relations, the crew people from University Theatre, and from all the faculty who went out of their way to make the symposium events part of their classwork, and who attended the speeches themselves.

Thanks again,  
William N. Denman  
Director, Yeager Scholars