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School of Medicine gets accreditation

The Marshall University School of Medicine has received full accreditation for the maximum seven-year period from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, MU President Dale F. Nitzschke announced today.

"We're tremendously pleased by both the granting of accreditation and by the very thoughtful report prepared by the four-member survey team which visited us in March," Dr. Nitzschke said.

"One of the team's conclusions really summed things up in a nutshell," he said. "It said, and I quote, 'Overall, the survey team was impressed with the enthusiasm the student body showed for the program and the performance of the students as indicated by Board scores and their ability to match the residencies of their choosing. It seems the School is meeting its mission of educating young people from Appalachia who are strongly committed to serving people of their region with both excellence and compassion.'"

Nitzschke said the strong accreditation results also are "a positive reflection on Marshall's affiliated hospitals. "We could not be where we are today without a strong, supportive medical community," he said. "Our students derive enormous benefits from the experience they receive through the VA Medical Center, St. Mary's Hospital, Cabell Huntington Hospital, River Park Hospital and Huntington State Hospital."

Strengths cited by the LCME in its report included:

* the collective commitment to give rural West Virginia students the opportunity to address the region's healthcare needs;
* the students' and faculty's "enthusiastic and exceptional cohesive commitment" to the school's mission;
* continued strong community support for the school;
* continued strong support of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs through the Huntington VA Medical Center;
* good clinical resources; and
* the joint endeavors of the medical school and community hospitals.

The survey team described the medical school's student support service as "highly personal and caring"; its financial aid program through the main campus as "exceptional"; and its computer learning center as "state of the art."

It also described School of Medicine Dean Charles H. Marshall this semester.

A native of Auckland, New Zealand, Wilson received his master's degree from Auckland University and received his doctoral degree from Oxford University where he was a joint winner of the Gilbert Campion Award.

He has been a professor and lecturer at Canterbury University and Manchester University and has been a Commonwealth Fellow at St. John's College, Cambridge; a Visiting Fellow at Australian National University; an Academic Visitor at the London School of Economics, and a Visiting Fellow at Magdalen College, Oxford. He also served as a Nuffield Domini Traveling Fellow.

Wilson was honored as a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.


Wilson is co-authoring another book titled "Military Command on the Western Front: A case study of the career of General Sir Henry Rawlinson, 1914-1918" which (Continued on page 2)

Historian will occupy Marshall's Drinko Chair

Dr. Trevor Wilson, professor of history at the University of Adelaide, Australia, will be the fourth occupant of Marshall University's John Deaver Drinko and Elizabeth G. Drinko Distinguished Chair in Liberal Arts, according to MU Provost Alan B. Gould.

Internationally known for his work on the World War I period, Wilson is teaching courses on "Europe at War, 1914-1918" and "War in the Twentieth Century" at

Scaggs named to board

Prominent southern West Virginia businessman Neal W. Scaggs of Logan has been appointed a member of Marshall University's Institutional Board of Advisors, according to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke.

The appointment was made by the University of West Virginia Board of Trustees on Nitzschke's recommendation.

"Neal Scaggs has demonstrated his leadership both in the world of business and in community affairs," Nitzschke said. "I'm confident he will make a major contribution to Marshall University as a member of our Board of Advisors and I'm very pleased he has agreed to accept the appointment."

A native of Logan, Scaggs is president of Logan Auto
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is scheduled to be published in 1990.
He also delivered the keynote lecture for the Conference on the First World War held in 1988 at Texas A&M University.

"We are very pleased Dr. Wilson was able to accept

Lifestyle lecture set

Dr. S. Boyd Eaton, author of the best-selling novel, "The Paleolithic Prescription," will present a lecture on how to develop a healthier lifestyle for the Marshall Artists Series on Monday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Eaton will discuss back-to-basics advice on developing a healthy lifestyle and explain why our Stone Age ancestors were in some respects healthier than people today because of their diets.

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

Orchestra to perform

Marshall University's Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Michael McArtor, will present its first concert of the season on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Dr. Elizabeth Reed Smith, assistant professor of viola and violin, will be the featured soloist. She received degrees from the Yale School of Music and the Eastman School of Music and has received numerous awards including the Columbia Philharmonic Orchestra Young Artists Competition Award.

Dr. Smith has performed with the Corning Philharmonic Orchestra, the Heidelberg (Germany) Festival Orchestra and the Yale Philharmonic Orchestra, and has participated in programs throughout the United States and Europe.

The concert, which will combine the talents of community musicians and Marshall faculty and students, will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Music Department, 696-3117.

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Parts. He is a Marshall alumnus, having earned his B.B.A. degree in 1958.

The Institutional Board of Advisors, composed of seven lay members and four Marshall representatives, is established by state law and has a significant voice in matters of budget, construction planning, university organization, mission and academic programs. The board also forms the core of the search committee when it is necessary to select a new president.

the Drinko chair this semester," said Gould. "He is one of the foremost historians in the world on the subject of the First World War and is internationally recognized as an authority on the history of that important period. Our students and faculty will benefit from Dr. Wilson's experience and expertise."

The university's distinguished liberal arts chair was made possible through a $1 million contribution from Marshall alumnus John D. Drinko and his wife, Elizabeth, who reside in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

A native of St. Mary's, W.Va., Drinko is senior managing partner of Baker and Hostetler, one of the nation's largest law firms headquartered in Cleveland.

Previous occupants of the Drinko chair at Marshall have been Dr. Norman A. Graebner, one of America's leading historians; Dr. C. Anthony Broh, a Marshall alumnus and well-known political scientist, and former United States Senator George McGovern.


Sculptor visiting MU

Sculptor Debra Sherwood will discuss her work on Monday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Marshall University's Birke Art Gallery.

Ms. Sherwood, who will be in-residence at Marshall through Nov. 15, explores non-traditional techniques and new ideas about clay in figurative sculptures.

Her work will be on display in the gallery through Nov. 10.

A native of Los Angeles, Sherwood received her bachelor's degree from Moorhead (Minn.) State University and her master's degree from the University of Washington.

She will work in the studio each day of her residency. The studio will be open to the public Fridays or by appointment during the residency.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Institute for the Arts, 696-3107.

Professor to lecture

Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr., W.E.B. DuBois Professor of Literature at Cornell University, will visit Marshall University on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 13-14, according to Dr. Donna J. Spindel, director of Marshall's Honors Program.

He will participate in an honors class, "Literature of Apartheid," which will be open to the public on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. in the Hoffman Room in James E. Morrow Library. His presentation will be on "Zora Neale Hurston and 'The Signifying Monkey.'"

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Honors Program Office, 696-5421.
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McKown Jr. as uniquely qualified to lead the school at this time, and praised the recent selection of two department chairman, Dr. Berel Held and Dr. Joseph Werthammer.

McKown said he, too, was pleased with the report. “We couldn’t help but be delighted,” he said. “The survey team scrutinized us with great thoroughness, and we think it’s a measure of our success that what they saw most clearly were the things we consider most important: the medical school’s unique rural mission, its highly talented and committed faculty, strong support from the university and the community at large, and its truly remarkable students. It all adds up to an outstanding educational experience with a very distinct flavor of what the future holds for medical education.”

McKown said he also was pleased that most of the areas of concern the LCME cited are things that have since been resolved or which the school already is working actively to correct. He believes the medical school will be in an even stronger position when the LCME does an interim site visit, expected in early 1992.

“This has been a year for great change and potential change for Marshall and the state of West Virginia, and the site visitors were right in the middle of all the speculation surrounding that change — would the state confront its fiscal problems, would the Carnegie Report be used to create an even stronger medical education system, would President Nitzschke choose to remain at Marshall,” he said. “They were concerned, and rightly so, that if these issues were allowed to continue unresolved in the long term, they could limit our school’s effectiveness. Obviously, those have been resolved, and all resolved favorably to our medical school.”

The survey team expressed concern about what it termed inadequate state funding, but also pointed the medical school toward a source of funding the school had not realized was available, McKown said. “The site visitors indicated that our affiliated hospitals can seek funding on our behalf to help support residency training,” he said.

The school continues to aggressively work on improving library resources, obtaining a new ambulatory care facility, and re-accrediting residency programs in psychiatry, pediatrics and obstetrics/gynecology, three other concerns expressed by the survey team, McKown said.

In addition, the school wants the School of Medicine to make certain administrative changes in the faculty practice plan and publish its already-established guidelines for handicapped applicants to the school.

“All in all, we found this to be an extremely positive report,” McKown said. “Obviously, the accrediting agency did, too.”

Curriculum to be topic

A videoconference titled “Interdisciplinary Teaching in the Core Curriculum” will be presented at Marshall University Thursday, Nov. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

“Many higher education institutions have been confronted with the need to review, and frequently modify, their general education curriculum,” said Dr. Rainey Duke, assistant provost.

“This program will focus on the needs and problems arising from the development and instruction of interdisciplinary courses, including race, gender and human identity; alternatives in teaching methodology; the visual dimension in learning; developing new textual materials, and grading and evaluation,” she said.

To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Provost’s Office, 696-5442.

Campaign goal is $45,000

Contributions for Marshall University’s United Way fund drive should be sent to campaign captains by Nov. 6, according to Dr. Jane C. Fotos, campaign coordinator.

The university’s goal for 1989 is to raise $45,000 which will be distributed to 40 agencies and organizations that provide needed services to the Huntington region.

“We need to show the community that Marshall University personnel really care,” said Dr. Fotos. “We ask the community to support Marshall and them do. So this is a way for us to demonstrate our support for the community.”

Only 26 percent of Marshall’s employees made contributions to the MU United Way campaign last year. “I know we can do better,” Dr. Fotos said.

She challenged university departments to try to match the performances of the administration division and the finance division which already have tripled the number of contributors and the amount given from last year.

Dr. Fotos also wants to remind employees about the incentive program in which contributors will be eligible for a variety of prizes including two season basketball tickets, a dinner cruise on the West Virginia Belle, tickets for Artists Series performances, and a weekend at the Radisson Hotel.

The Marshall department or division that contributes the most (based on a formula that includes number of employees, percentage of employees making contributions and amount of contributions) will receive one graduate assistantship for the 1990-91 year.

To make a contribution or obtain further details contact the United Way captain for your division or contact Dr. Jane Fotos, 696-3352.

Student receives award

Joanie Warner of St. George, a freshman art major at Marshall, had two watercolor paintings accepted in the Forest Festival Exhibition in Elkins.

She also was the recipient of the Seneca Trails Artists Guild Student Award.
Marshall Faculty Senate holds meeting

(The following report on the Sept. 28 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Senate was submitted by Joseph Stone, secretary.)

The meeting was held Sept. 28 at 4 p.m. on the 8th Floor of Smith Hall.

Thirty-five senators were present for the meeting.

Absent were: Chuck Roberts, Susan Ferrell, Dorothy Hicks, Shirley Lumpkin, Kay Wildman, Andrew Burger, Prathapa Chandran, Susan DeMesquita and Dewey Sanderson.

The meeting was called to order by Kathryn Chezik. Joseph Stone acted as secretary.

The chair welcomed the new senate and asked each senator to introduce himself/herself.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

The parliamentarian (Christopher Dometsch) made a brief report.

The chair reported on actions taken by the Executive Committee since the last meeting:

1. Appointment of liaison senators.
2. Appointment of Bylaws Subcommittee.
3. Discussed with the president the merger of the Office of Affirmative Action and Personnel. The Executive Committee did not object to the merger but expressed its concerns to the president.
4. Discussed and forwarded to the senate its recommendation for election procedures to be used in filling the vacancy in the vice presidency.

The chair discussed with the senate the recommendation of the Executive Committee for election procedures for the vacancy in the office of vice president. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the senate adopted the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The chair opened the floor for nominations for the position of vice president. The nomination of Ken Guyer was moved and seconded. A motion to close the nominations and elect Ken Guyer by acclamation was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Steve Mewaldt, chairman of the Physical Facilities Committee, reported on the changes which were made in the parking lots and installation of parking meters on several campus lots.

Such changes were necessitated by the loss of parking spaces due to construction of the Fine Arts Building.

He also informed the senate that the Physical Facilities Committee would be discussing a new policy on smoking during the coming year and encouraged the faculty to provide the committee with input.

The chair placed before the senate recommendations from the Graduate Committee and the Research Committee.

The Graduate Committee recommendation was passed and will be placed before the April meeting of the general faculty for approval and, if approved, will be forwarded to the faculty for ratification and inclusion in the Faculty Constitution. The recommendation was that the faculty advisers to the Graduate Student Council be given non-voting membership on the Graduate Committee.

A motion to approve the Research Committee recommendation to adopt an application form for the Queen Foundation for Faculty Development was duly made and seconded.

Various members of the senate expressed concern about the ambiguous wording contained in the recommendation. Concern also was expressed over the need to include rank and degree in the application.

The question having been called, the senate approved the recommendation as submitted by voice vote. The division of the house having been called, the chair requested a vote by the show of hands. The tally showed 13 for and 17 against, three voting present. The motion to approve the recommendation was defeated.

The chair referred the recommendation to the Research Committee.

Bob Sawrey presented a report from the ACF. He informed the senate of the formation of a task force by the Board of Trustees to study and recommend to the legislature an appropriate faculty salary schedule. Also, the task force will discuss resource allocation models.

Sawrey also discussed changes in CR & F options available to new retirees.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the senate approved the following motion:

The Board of Trustees shall be advised that the faculty of Marshall University should be given maximum flexibility in determining how their individual retirement funds are invested and the method of its return at the time of retirement.

The chair recognized Herb Karlet who presented an outline of the 1990-91 budget request to the Board of Trustees.

The chair announced that the previous ratification attempt for various amendments to the constitution had failed due to a lack of faculty participation. The chair urged each senator to spur voter participation in the upcoming election.

Ms. Chezik announced that the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Legislature will visit Marshall University on Nov. 9-10.

She requested volunteers from the senate to serve on the Yeager Scholars Steering Committee and on the Bylaws and Judicial Review Committee and requested volunteers from the faculty to serve on the Core Curriculum Committee.

The chair announced that PEIA has been requested to visit our campus for an open forum with the faculty. No response to the request has been received.

Carolyn Hunter was recognized and spoke on behalf of the 1989-90 annual fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Noon seminar scheduled

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled "Understanding Women's Diversity and Commonalities" on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

To obtain further details contact the Women's Center, 696-3112.
MU Parents' Weekend will be held Nov. 10-11

Marshall University's sixth annual Parents' Weekend will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11.

The weekend has been designed to acquaint parents with the Marshall University campus and its academic, physical and social structures, according to Linda Holmes, director of alumni affairs at Marshall.

Activities will begin with registration from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday in Memorial Student Center. There will be a reception for participants from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the home of MU President Dale F. Nitzschke.

Saturday’s activities will begin with horse and buggy tours of the campus at 9 a.m. A brunch will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in Marco’s in Memorial Student Center. Parents and guests then will be able to attend the Marshall-Western Carolina football game at 1:30 p.m. at Fairfield Stadium.

Parents' Weekend is being sponsored by the Student Organization for Alumni Relations at Marshall.

To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Alumni Affairs, 696-2523.

Health series continues

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor a Self-Care Series program titled “AIDS and People of Color” on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

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

The Huntington Foundation has given the Marshall University School of Medicine a $42,600 matching grant which will allow the school to extend a state-of-the-art computer network to students and medical researchers, according to Dean Charles H. McKown Jr.

The announcement was made Oct. 28 at a news conference with Gov. Gaston Caperton, who was touring the school’s Department of Academic Computing with MU President Dale Nitzschke as part of National Computer Learning Month.

The Huntington Foundation provided the funds to purchase a device, called VitaLink, which will allow students and faculty at the Coon Medical Education Building to send and receive computer transmissions by a microwave satellite system.

Jan I. Fox, chairman of academic computing for the medical school, said the project was the result of a united campus-wide effort. “Setting up this network has taken the concerted efforts of people in all areas, from the library to the MU Computer Center to the medical school,” she said.

“Marshall truly has some of the most advanced educational computer communications capabilities in the United States, and its leading-edge position can be traced directly back to the foresight of the planners who set the system up and the cooperation of the many campus groups which link into it,” she added.

Ms. Fox said the VitaLink system will allow medical researchers and students to readily tap into a number of computerized information and networking services, including a worldwide academic network.

“Right now we have researchers who are using this network to communicate regularly with colleagues in France and Chile – free of charge – as part of research projects,” she said. “With the new system, more people will be able to take advantage of this kind of opportunity.”

The VitaLink system will complete phase one of a four-part communications plan to bring the physician in the field into total contact with the resources available to physicians in medical centers, Ms. Fox said.

McKown said this is not the first time Huntington Foundation support has allowed the medical school to launch innovative programs.

“The Huntington Foundation has been one of our very strongest supporters in the private sector,” he said. “Its support in funding the Hanshaw Geriatric Center, for example, was very instrumental in allowing the medical school to become a significant source of care to our region’s elderly people.”

McKown said that the foundation’s support provides some “extras” for the school, but notes that these extras are not luxuries. “They are actually vital in permitting us to continue our growth toward excellence,” he said. “The relationship is a mutually beneficial one, since both the Huntington Foundation and the school of medicine are so firmly committed to improving health care.”

The Huntington Foundation was created in 1984 to return to the community money generated by the sale of Huntington Hospital to the Hospital Corporation of America. Its officers and trustees are Frank E. Hanshaw Jr., Dr. Winfield C. John, Kermit E. McGinnis, C.H. McKown and former governor Cecil H. Underwood. George Wallace Jr. is executive director.
Marshall faculty/staff achievements

Dr. LESLIE PETTEYS, assistant professor of music, presented a lecture/recital titled “The Mystery of Bubbling Spring” at the national meeting of the College Music Society held Oct. 13 in St. Louis. She also conducted an adjudication workshop for the state meeting of the West Virginia Music Teachers Association held Oct. 29 in Morgantown.

Dr. DERYL R. LEAMING, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, has been elected to another term on the national board of directors for the Society of Professional Journalists. He recently completed one term on the board and was re-elected at the association’s annual meeting held in Houston, Texas. In addition to serving on the board, he is director of Region 4 which includes Ohio, Michigan, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Dr. MICHAEL R. MOORE, associate professor of biochemistry, presented an invited seminar at the Department of Biochemistry at West Virginia University on Sept. 26. The seminar was titled “Growth Related Effects of Progestins in the Human Breast Cancer Cell Line T47D.”

Dr. JOHN N. VIELKIND, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Philosophy, participated in the 23rd annual Heidegger Conference held May 26-28 at the University of Notre Dame. He served as a moderator for a session. He also served as moderator for a session at “Heidegger: Phenomenology, Ontology, Poetics—Contemporary Perspectives: An International Conference Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Martin Heidegger” held Sept. 21-24 at the Crown Center for the Humanities at Loyola University of Chicago.

Dr. FRANK J. MININNI, associate professor of philosophy, Dr. SARAH B. FOWLER, assistant professor of philosophy, and Dr. JOHN N. VIELKIND, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Philosophy, attended the 28th annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy held Oct. 12-14 at Duquesne University. In addition, VIELKIND was moderator for the annual meeting of the Nietzsche Society (which met concurrently with SPEP) on Oct. 14. This year’s theme was “Nietzsche: Mythos and Logos.” VIELKIND has been a member of the program committee of the Nietzsche Society for the past three years.


Education to be topic

A videoconference titled “Current Issues in West Virginia Higher Education” will be presented at Marshall University on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, assistant provost.

The West Virginia secretary for education and the arts and the chancellors of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors will discuss the implications of the new governance structure for public higher education. Other topics will include the latest developments on assessment in higher education, teacher education and NCATE accreditation, and priorities for faculty development programs in West Virginia.

To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Provost’s Office, 696-5442.

Excused absences...

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

OCT. 6—Due to incorrect information submitted to the MU Newsletter the following students previously were listed under Oct. 9 excused absences: Melodie Jermont, Troy Bennett, Vanessa Martin, Rebecca Gardner, Staci Morgan, Edgar Freo, Kyme Coleman, Nicole Johnson, Maritza Davis, Monte Washington, April Dabney, Delongelo Brown, Charles McGregor, Moncherie Brown, Courtney McPherson, George Turks, Nicole Jackson, Marcya Cain, Tonya Fortune, Lisa Martin, Norman Franklin, Thomas Simmons, Candli Smoot, Henry Albritton.