Eminent Scholars program launched

Normally, Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke goes before the West Virginia Board of Regents to ask for money. Monday, he handed the board a check for $30,000 in private funds from the Marshall University Foundation.

The board will match the contribution with $30,000 in state funds to establish an account which ultimately will result in the creation of an endowed chair in Advanced Computer Technology at Marshall.

With Monday's action, Marshall became the first of West Virginia's higher education institutions to take advantage of a program enacted by the 1985 State Legislature to improve academic quality in the state's colleges and universities.

Under the Eminent Scholars Endowment Trust Fund Act approved by the Legislature last year, Marshall and the Board of Regents may make additional matching contributions of private and state funds until the special account reaches $150,000. At that point annual earnings from the invested principal will be available to supplement the state-funded "contract salary" allocated for a faculty position in Marshall's College of Business. This will enable the university to recruit an outstanding professor to fill the faculty position, Nitzschke said.

Nitzschke said Marshall will make additional contributions of private funds to the account as they become available, with the expectation that the Board of Regents will match those contributions with state funds.

"The Legislature has given us an excellent opportunity to combine private and state funds and do something very meaningful in the way of improving academic funds," Nitzschke said. "We believe Marshall University can assume the leadership in demonstrating the merit of this legislation and we plan to move just as quickly as we possibly can to do so."

Nitzschke said he was hopeful the Marshall Foundation and the Board of Regents could come up with the additional $90,000 needed to implement the project within the next few months. "It's entirely possible we could reach our $150,000 goal, accumulate a year's interest on that, and have the Eminent Scholar on our College of Business faculty by the 1987 Fall Term," he said.

Although the Legislature appropriated only $100,000 in state funds to the Board of Regents to initiate the Eminent Scholars Endowment Trust Fund, Nitzschke said that amount could grow rapidly in the years ahead.

"While the initial $100,000 may not seem to be much in the overall scheme of things, I'm sure the Legislature will be happy to provide much greater levels of funding if we in higher education act soon and effectively to get this program off the ground and demonstrate its worth," Nitzschke said. "We're excited about it at Marshall and we believe it ultimately can have a very significant effect on academic quality throughout the state system of higher education."

Nitzschke said the Eminent Scholar Chair in Advanced Computer Technology is important to Marshall in several ways. "We will be able to attract an outstanding professor to teach classes and, at the same time, to work with his or her colleagues in strengthening our overall graduate program in computer science—one of the most exciting and most necessary academic areas in today's rapidly-changing world.

"At the same time," he added, "the Eminent Scholar will be available to provide guidance and technical assistance to our Center for Regional Progress in its program to help stimulate economic development in West Virginia. We're excited!"

Nitzschke said he believed Marshall would be able to create endowed chairs in additional areas in the future under the Eminent Scholars Endowment Trust Fund.

Gould accepts new Marshall assignment

Dr. Alan B. Gould, a 16-year faculty member and administrator at Marshall University, has accepted a new assignment on the staff of President Dale F. Nitzschke.

Gould, who has served the past 15 months as acting vice president for academic affairs, will become assistant to the president for special projects, Nitzschke announced.

"The arrival of Dr. Carol Ann Smith, our new vice president for academic affairs, will permit us to use Alan Gould's many and outstanding talents toward accomplishing some very important objectives," Nitzschke said. "During the past 15 months, he has been much more than the acting academic vice president and has successfully undertaken a variety of special assignments at my request. I am pleased that he has agreed to work directly with me in an expanded role as an assistant to

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Theatre opens season

The Marshall University Theatre opens its spring performance schedule with "She Stoops to Conquer" by Oliver Goldsmith on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. in Old Main Theatre.

The play, which will run through Feb. 15, was written in 1773 and is known as one of the finest comedies written in English. It has been one of the most frequently performed comedies, appearing in almost every major repertory theatre in England and America since its initial performance, according to N. B. East, professor of theatre, who is directing the play.

The story revolves around the complications that arise when a young man is sent to the home of his future wife's family under the guise that the house is an inn.

Reservations may be made by contacting the MU Theatre Box Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., 696-2306. Admission is $4.
Council discusses insurance reduction

(The following report on the Jan. 29 meeting of the University Council was submitted by Rainey Duke, Chairwoman, and Bob Eddins, secretary.)

Dr. Duke opened the meeting by thanking those who participated in the Martin Luther King Day. She also noted that Phil Carter, assistant professor in the Sociology Department, was one of nine West Virginians to receive the "Living the Dream Award" presented by the Governor in Charleston on Jan. 20. A motion to write a resolution congratulating Dr. Carter for receiving the award was passed unanimously. Other agenda items included:

Proxy Voting: Council voted 7-2 to allow for proxy voting in Council meetings.

Grievance Changes: Cheryl Connelly, acting Affirmative Action officer, briefly explained recent revisions of the grievance procedure. Both revisions add time periods: in Sect. IX (E) (1) [Greenbook, p. 10], level one would have a 60-day period and in Sect. IX (E) (3) the level 3 revision would read: "If not satisfied with the resolution at level two, within 10 days of the decision by the academic dean..." Council, while approving the recommendations, suggested that the Faculty Personnel Committee should also be presented with the suggested changes in order to take action and allow for revision in the Greenbook. Dr. Duke will send a copy of Dr. Connelly's letter to Bob Sawrey.

General Liability: Jeff Ellis, safety coordinator for Marshall University, made a presentation concerning general liability insurance. His presentation reflected the current coverage that is available under the State Board of Risk and Insurance Management for all employees of the state of West Virginia. Mr. Ellis noted among the recent changes in the liability coverage is the fact the maximum coverage has been reduced on any one claim from $6,000,000 to $1,000,000. He further noted that on all claims against the state or agents of the state, the deductible is now $5,000 per incident on coverage.

Following Mr. Ellis' presentation, a general discussion was held. Some members suggested all faculty should carry personal insurance. The major concern was that this vital information be disseminated to the faculty as soon as possible. Among the suggested means for getting this information to the faculty was a faculty meeting at which time members of the State Board of Insurance and Mr. Ellis would be invited to make a presentation to the faculty. It was suggested that John Andes, a West Virginia University faculty member, is a known expert in the presentation of this insurance information and its importance. The Chair was requested to see if he would be available to address the faculty. This matter was of serious concern to all members of the Council present.

Dead Week - Faculty Committees: A motion to prohibit routine standing committee meetings during exam week was passed unanimously. Council also strongly recommended that collegiate committee meetings also be suspended, except in case of emergencies, during exam week.

Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia: The nominations for this $10,000 award must be made by April 1, 1986. Dr. Duke informed the committee that Alan Gauld has distributed the application forms to the deans who in turn should distribute them to the chairs and faculty. Application deadline is April 1.

Letter to Governor Moore: Dr. Duke distributed a letter which was sent to Governor Moore thanking him for the $1.3 million dollars which he told the Cabinet he restored to the budget when he discovered the "oversight" of having left it out. She updated Council on this point by noting that John McCuskey, commissioner of finance, claims he knows nothing of the restoration.

Special Recognition for Retirees: At a request from President Nitzschke, the chair asked Council members for suggestions of how special recognition may be given to retiring faculty and staff. Faculty members could submit suggestions to their Council representatives.

Business Women's Seminars: Dr. Duke made available to Council members a brochure put out by The Business Women's Training Institute indicating the dates and places of one-day seminars on "Communication and Image Skills for Today's Business Women." Dr. Nitzschke had indicated Marshall may pay the tuition for women selected to go. The closest seminars are Charleston (March 7), Cincinnati (Feb. 21), and Columbus (Feb. 20). Anyone interested in applying should contact Lynne Mayer.

Jon Reed's Visit: Council was reminded that Jon Reed, assistant attorney general, will address any faculty-related legal issues at the February 6 Cabinet meeting. Questions may be submitted to Cheryl Connelly, 320 Old Main.

The next meeting of University Council will be on Feb. 12 at 3:00 in the President's Conference Room (Old Main). Simon Perry, chair of the ad hoc committee looking at the Senate, will discuss the document the committee developed. Copies of the document will be sent to Council members in advance of this meeting.

Marshall professor to perform with quartet

Cellist James McWhorter, instructor of music at Marshall, will join the Charleston String Quartet for "Quintet in C Major, Op. 163" on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

A member of the Marshall faculty since 1979, McWhorter is the principal cellist for the Huntington Chamber Orchestra, serves as assistant principal of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra and directs Marshall's summer chamber music festival, Chamber 10.

He holds the D.M.A. degree from the University of Arizona, where he studied with Gordon Epperson, and received his Master of Music degree from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

The Charleston String Quartet, performing the third in a series of four concerts at Marshall, is comprised of Charles Sherba, first violin; Lois Finkel, second violin; Consuelo Sherba, viola, and Daniel Harp, cello.

Formed under the sponsorship of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra in 1982, the quartet was chosen for a fellowship to the Aspen Music Festival's Advanced Quartet Studies Program during the summer of 1985 and has been coached by members of the prestigious Julliard Quartet.

The ensemble, which also will perform "Quartet in d minor, Op. 71" by Arnold Schönböhm, has extended its concert schedule through major funding by the Sara and Pauline Maier Scholarship Foundation and the Arts and Humanities Division of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History. Additional funding has been provided through the C. Michael Paul Residency Program of Chamber Music America.

Tickets for the concert are $5 for general admission, $4 for senior citizens and $3 for youth under 18 and will be available at the door. Marshall students will be admitted free with a valid identification card. To obtain further details contact the Marshall Institute for the Arts, 696-3107.

Capitol trip planned

The President's Legislative Affairs Committee is planning a bus trip to the West Virginia legislative session on Tuesday, Feb. 25, for Marshall University staff members, faculty and students, according to Jill Chapman, a member of the committee.

"The purpose of the trip is to talk with legislators and inform them of our concerns," Chapman said.

Release time has been granted by President Nitzschke for the trip. However, due to high interest and limited space, reservations should be made in advance.

Any staff member who would like to go to the legislative session should contact Chapman at 696-3160 no later than Thursday, Feb. 13.

Comedy begins Feb. 10

The Broadway comedy, "Noises Off," will be presented Monday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre by the Baxter division of the Marshall Artists Series. To obtain further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.
State Senate passes Marshall resolution

(Following is the text of a resolution introduced by Senator Ned Jones (D-Cabell, Wayne) and approved unanimously by the West Virginia State Senate on January 28.)

Senate Resolution No. 10:
Recognizing Marshall University's twenty-fifth anniversary as a state university, with directive to the Board of Regents.

Whereas, In 1986 Marshall University celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary as a state university and within a year will observe its one hundred fiftieth year of service to the people of West Virginia, as well as its one hundred twentieth year as a normal school, the oldest teacher's preparation institution in the State; and

Whereas, Marshall University has been assigned a major role in the educational, cultural and economic development of the State of West Virginia; and

Whereas, Marshall University alumni number more than forty thousand individuals who have made significant contributions to the health, well-being and progress of the State and the nation; and

Whereas, Marshall University, according to the Board of Regents' data, ranks first among the major institutions of the State in the percentage of native West Virginians enrolled, and second in tuition costs, but eighth in the allocation of state dollars per student to public institutions of higher education; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:
That this body does herewith join with Marshall University in celebrating its twenty-fifth year as a university; and, be it

Further Resolved, That this assembly acknowledges the contributions of Marshall University to the welfare of the citizenry of West Virginia and recognizes its mission as one of the two main pillars of higher education in the State; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Senate here assembled, direct the Board of Regents to address the inequity that exists between Marshall University's mission and its rank of eighth in the allocation of state dollars per student to public institutions of higher education; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Chancellor of the Board of Regents and to the President of Marshall University.

Gould accepts assignment

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the president over the next few months," Nitzschke added.

Nitzschke said Gould's new assignment will continue through the current Spring Term and that plans call for him to return to his permanent position as dean of the College of Liberal Arts by June 1. Gould was not an applicant for the academic vice presidency. Dr. Emory W. Carr, chairman of the Department of Modern Languages, is continuing to serve as acting dean.

"The period immediately ahead, which includes the remainder of the legislative session and a number of other activities, presents a series of challenges and opportunities to advance Marshall University," Nitzschke said. "I'm looking forward to having Dr. Gould's help as we move to take advantage of those circumstances."

MU Woodwind Quartet schedules Feb. concert

The Marshall University Faculty Woodwind Quartet will present a concert on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Members of the group are Dr. Donald A. Williams, clarinet; Dr. Wendell Dobbs, flute; Theodore Heger, oboe, and Dr. Bradford DeVos, bassoon.

The performance will feature works by five musicians including "Quartet in D Major, op. 20,2" by Johann Christian Bach; "Quartet, op. 93" by Karl Goepfart; "Three Pieces for a Little Night Music" by Eugene Bozza; "Quartet for Woodwinds" by Richard Donovan, and "Suite sans pretention pour Monsieur de Moliere" by Jacques Chaillley.

The performance is open to the public free of charge.

Self-care seminar set

“Getting Together and Staying Together” will be the subject of the next program in the Marshall University Self-Care Series, sponsored by the MU Student Health Education Programs Office on Tuesday, Feb. 11, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22.

MU counselors Chris DeVos and Steve Naymick will lead the session. To obtain further details contact the Health Education Programs Office, 696-3111.

Athletic Committee hears NCAA report

(The following report on the Jan. 22 meeting of the Athletic Committee was submitted by Deryl Leaming, secretary.)

The Marshall University Athletic Committee met in the Big Green Room of Henderson Center on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1986, at 3:30 p.m.

Members present: Dorothy Hicks, Harry Sowards, Bill Westbrook, Lori Caldwell, Olive Hager, William Demmum, Don Williams, Mary Marshall, Marc Sprouse and Deryl Leaming.

Members absent: Ken Blue, Philip Carter, Tim Justice, Harry Neel and Ogden Thomas.

Guests present: Stephen Hensley and Jennifer Greer.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Marshall at 3:30 p.m.

Committee members agreed that future meetings would be on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

William Westbrook reported that Dennis Brachna has been hired as MU track coach and has begun his duties.

It also was announced that Martha Newberry has returned to Marshall as volleyball coach and will be working part-time in the SID office.

Dorothy Hicks gave an overview of the NCAA 1986 convention, outlining legislative proposals. She reported on the outcome of all major motions, and explained their significance to Marshall University athletics.

Harry Sowards noted that Athletic Director David Braine was no longer in favor of complimentary tickets for junior high schools and that he (Braine) has stopped the practice of giving out these complimentary tickets. Harry Sowards said it was his feeling that only a few of these tickets were being claimed, and he wondered whether or not the ill will created by not giving out a few tickets was worth the small amount of money saved.

The committee members agreed that an item agenda for the next meeting would be the question of who gets complimentary tickets. Members feel a need to understand the policy.

Olive Hager will present a preliminary budget report at the next meeting.

Marc Sprouse reported on the MMI tournament. He said it was very successful and the quality of teams participating has been discussed. The problem of getting bigger teams is that they demand bigger guarantees. Also, there are now more tournaments. Marc Sprouse reported that David Braine thinks he can get a name school for future years.

Marc Sprouse also reported that the Alumni Association will host a reception at the Southern Conference tournament at the Grove Park Inn on Saturday afternoon of the tournament.

Don Williams reported that a proposal for a football stadium is being worked on.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.
Personnel Office sends letter to senators

A letter from the MU Personnel Office has been sent to U.S. senators from Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia and to members of the Senate Finance Committee concerning the Tax Reform Act of 1985, which is presently before them for consideration, according to Paul J. Michaud, director of personnel.

The passage of the bill, as it now stands, will adversely affect those with TIAA-CREF retirement plans, according to Michaud. TIAA-CREF has expressed the feeling that a letter writing campaign would be an effective way to have the legislation changed.

If you wish to correspond with your senators or the Senate Finance Committee, feel free to contact Katharine Coffey in the Personnel Office, 696-6455, for information.

A copy of the letter which was sent to the senators follows:

On behalf of the Personnel Office of Marshall University in Huntington, WV, we are writing to you concerning the Tax Reform Act of 1985 which has been sent to the Senate for consideration.

We wish to express our concern about several points within the Tax Reform Act of 1985.

1. We oppose taxing TIAA-CREF and unnecessarily imposing, on private nonprofit organization pension plans, rules designed for profit-making organizations. Withdrawal of the tax exempt status accorded TIAA-CREF for over 65 years, would result in a reduction of retirement benefits to its members.

2. We also oppose any reduction in the maximum contributions to elective tax-deferred annuities, the placing of strict limitations on when and how such annuity benefits can be withdrawn, and the severe tax penalty on certain cash withdrawals.

Salaries for employees at colleges and universities are generally substantially lower than salaries for industry and profit-making institutions, thus, retirement benefits are lower for college and university personnel, therefore, taxing these benefits would be unfair and impose further inequities.

In conclusion, we ask your indulgence and your support of the above requests. We wish to continue to support higher education and make it an attractive atmosphere in which to work.

More courses approved

(The following report on the Nov. 25 and Dec. 10 meetings of the Academic Planning and Standards Committee was submitted by Corey Lock, secretary.)

November 25—Special Meeting

Item one:

- SPH 431/531 Advanced Video Production - new title and change in course description and prerequisite - approved
- SPH 432/532 Corporate and Instructional Video - new title and change in course description - approved.

Item two:

- Implementation of a new degree program at the master's level in Adult Fitness/Cardiac Rehabilitation - approved.

Item three:

- Approved new courses:
  - HEC 408/508 Nutrition in Cardiac Rehabilitation
  - HEC 433/533 Families: Agents of Recovery
  - PE 682 Preventative and Rehabilitative Physiology
  - PE 683 Cardiovascular Assessment
  - PE 684 Developing Exercise, Nutritional, and Behavioral Prescriptions
  - PE 685 Development and Administration of Preventative and Rehabilitative Medical Programs

Item four:

- A statement from Dr. David Woodward was read into the minutes.

Seniors to perform

Two Marshall University music students will present their senior recitals this week.

Jennifer Diane Booten, a senior from Williamson, will present her senior recital on the clarinet on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 5 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Sheri Kinder, a music education major from Huntington, will present her recital on the flute Thursday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The recitals are open to the public free of charge.

Faculty plan recital

Marshall music faculty members Dr. Wendell Dobbs, flute, and Dr. Kenneth Marchant, piano, will present a recital on Monday, Feb. 10, in Smith Recital Hall.

They will perform several pieces including "Three Romances, op. 94" by Robert Schumann, "Sonata, op. 36" by Gabriel Pierne, and "Sonata in A Major" by Cesar Franck.

The recital is open to the public free of charge.

Typewriters available

Electric typewriters are available for use free of charge to Marshall University faculty and staff members from the Community College Office Technology Division, according to Elma Chapman, director of Office Technology. The typewriters are university property and are to remain on campus.

To obtain further details contact Chapman or Bev Ball, 696-5431 or 696-5432.

MCIE meeting Feb. 13

The Marshall Council for International Education would like to invite interested faculty and staff members to attend its meeting Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Campus Christian Center, according to Judy Assad, MCIE president.

The meeting will begin with a social gathering and refreshments at 3:15 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 3:30. Maite Gobin, teaching assistant in the Modern Languages Department, will discuss her experience as a participant in the international education exchange this year at Marshall and her observations and perceptions of American higher education.

Investment seminar set

"Investment Strategies for Women" will be the topic of the next Women's Center lunchbag seminar on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at noon in Prichard Hall Room 143.

Barbara Hoef, financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc., will discuss factors to consider when investing money and how to choose an investment advisor.

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