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Society of Yeager Scholars formed

A "barrier-breaking" concept in higher education, the Marshall University Society of Yeager Scholars, was announced Monday at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., by West Virginia Governor Arch A. Moore Jr., Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke, and retired United States Air Force General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager.

Funded through state and private resources, the Society of Yeager Scholars is a business and education partnership that annually will provide full, four-year scholarships to 20 top-flight high school seniors from across the nation. The first group of students will be

named during Marshall's 150th anniversary celebration in 1987.

Yeager, the first man to fly faster than the speed of sound, said that his namesake scholarship program was only for the best students.

"It's going to be tough," said Yeager. "It's probably going to be painful for some. But by the time these special kids get through it all, they will have learned what it's like to push themselves to the limits of their capabilities, to maintain complete control at those limits over extended periods of time and to enjoy being out there on the edge where excellence resides.

"They will be exceedingly bright, well-rounded, sophisticated, ambitious and caring young men and women who will be fully prepared to take up the reins of leadership and make significant contributions to our nation," Yeager said.

Yeager Scholars will receive four years of extraordinary academic preparation, enrichment opportunities and personal development experiences, all at no cost, according to Nitzschke. This means that their tuition, fees, textbooks, room and board, and other college expenses will be paid, and they will receive stipends for incidental expenses and education-related travel.

"Each student will select a program of study and will be expected to become intensely involved in that program and demonstrate exceptional productivity," Nitzschke said.

"They will participate in the Honors Program each of their four years at Marshall to promote their intellectual development and foster interaction with other bright

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Black History Month activities scheduled

"The Spirit of Black America" will be the theme for a variety of activities at Marshall University throughout February to mark the observance of Black History Month.

Special events, displays and guest speakers will focus on a different subject each week during the month, according to Deidre Jones, a Marshall sophomore, who is serving as co-chairwoman of the activities which are being sponsored by the Marshall Office of Minority Students Programs.

"Black History Month is designed to provide information to all Americans about the cultural, educational, economic and political contributions of blacks to our nation," Jones said.

The week of Feb. 9-15 will feature "Arts and Culture." A tribute to black performers will be presented on Saturday, Feb. 15, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge. A variety of films will be shown at that time.

The third week, Feb. 16-22, will focus on "Education and Entertainment." A tribute to black women in entertainment will be presented by Jennifer Lewis, a Broadway performer, singer and dancer, on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 8:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

On Friday, Feb. 21, MU Professor Phillip Carter will administer a Black History Month test at 6 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105. The top three finishers on the test will receive cash awards. Movies will be shown Friday at 3, 7 and 9 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

The subject during the final week of the month will be "Blacks in Politics." The highlight of the week's activities will be a presentation entitled "The Only Black Magistrate" by Nancy Starks, a magistrate in the Kanawha County Court System, on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

All of the activities are open to the public. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Minority Students Programs, 696-6705.

Center to fete Anthony

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a Susan B. Anthony Birthday Open House, to commemorate the birth of the leader of the women's suffrage movement, on Friday, Feb. 14, from noon to 2 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

During the open house, the Huntington Chapter of the National Organization for Women will present its 4th annual Susan B. Anthony Award to a woman who has made a significant contribution to women of the Tri-State area.

Patricia Matters, coordinator of women's programs at Marshall, said that information about Susan B. Anthony will be distributed and refreshments will be served at the open house.

"It also will be a good time for faculty and staff members to meet Dr. Carol Ann Smith, our new vice president for academic affairs, since she is going to attend," Matters said.

The activities are open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.

Autism Center schedules reception

The Autism Training Center (ATC) at Marshall University will hold a special Legislative Reception in Charleston on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Heart-of-Town Holiday Inn, according to Dr. Gabrielle du Verglas, ATC director.

"The reception, which is listed on the Calendar of

ACLD will meet here

The Huntington Area Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (ACLD) will sponsor its annual conference Feb. 28 through March 1 at Marshall University.

The two-day conference will feature Lucia Karnes, a psychologist, therapist and internationally recognized authority in the learning disabilities field.

Dr. Tom McNeel, superintendent of West Virginia Schools, will deliver the keynote address. Sonya Mawhorter, an Ohio advocate for the learning disabled, and Gail Sines, a consultant and founder of the Sines Clinic for Mental and Developmental Disabilities, also will address the conference.

Topics to be covered during the conference range from general information regarding learning disabilities to the legal rights and emotional aspects of the learning disabled. There will be a material and idea exchange conducted by professionals from the elementary level to the college level.

Marshall will offer one credit of continuing education to those participating in the conference. To obtain further details contact Dr. Barbara Guyer, associate professor of education, 696-2340.

Surplus workshop set

The State Surplus Property Office will present an orientation and slide show concerning its functions on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22, according to William J. Shondel, Marshall University chief procurement officer.

The presentation is open free of charge to anyone interested in obtaining surplus supplies and equipment through the state agency.

"Of particular interest," said Shondell, "will be their comments about new equipment that is often available through them. In addition, the presentation will inform departments how federal surplus property can be obtained through the state office."

To obtain further details contact the MU Procurement Office, 696-3157.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to Marshall faculty and staff members for their expressions of sympathy and kindness following the death of my father. My family and I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Bertram W. Gross

Legislative Events, is being held to celebrate the two years of service the center has provided to autistic children and adults throughout West Virginia," said Dr. du Verglas. "It will give the ATC staff an opportunity to meet with legislators and the public to discuss the services we provide."

The center was established by an act of the West Virginia Legislature in 1983 to provide training, assistance and information to individuals with autism and to provide training to those who work with autistic persons throughout West Virginia.

Autism is a neurological developmental disability which typically appears during the first three years of age, and is characterized by deficits in communication and social skills, and by uneven or delayed rates of development in other areas.

The reception is open to the public. To make reservations or obtain further details contact the Autism Training Center, 696-2332.

CPR courses opening

The Marshall University Personnel Office and Staff Council will sponsor Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification and recertification courses during March and April, according to Paul Michaud, personnel director.

The courses are designed to provide participants with the ability to recognize heart attack symptoms and administer emergency cardiac care.

Certification courses will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for two weeks and participants will be required to attend each session. The classes will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. or from 6 to 8 p.m. on March 4, 6, 11 and 13.

Recertification classes will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. April 1 and 3.

Participation is limited to 20 for each certification course and 24 for the recertification course.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Feb. 14 and continuing through Feb. 28. Release time has been granted and employees are encouraged to attend.

Classroom assignments will be announced during the registration process. To register or obtain further details contact the Personnel Office, 696-6455.

Program nominees due

Applications and nominations for the Marshall University Meet-the-Scholars program must be submitted to the vice president for academic affairs by Friday, Feb. 28, according to Christopher L. Dolmetsch, chairman of the Meet-the-Scholars Committee.

Personnel personals. . .

Julie Bartram, a nurse supervisor in the Department of Medicine, gave birth to a daughter, Emily Therese, on Sunday, Jan. 26. The baby weighed eight pounds and six ounces.

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students. And like athletes, they will have coaches, faculty members who will be their mentors. These mentors, or Yeager Professors, will inspire and demand excellence and be totally committed to giving fully of themselves to support the Yeager Scholars assigned to them."

One of the highlights of the program will be its Distinguished Practitioner Lecture Series, which will feature outstanding achievers from all walks of life.

Arrangements are being made with many of the Distinguished Practitioners to provide Yeager Scholars with opportunities for meaningful summer employment, according to Joe Hunnicutt, a 1957 graduate of Marshall and one of the designers of the program.

Another aspect of the program will be the importance it places on personal development. "We feel that superior communication skills, understanding and appreciation of the arts, physical well-being, professional appearance and the ability to feel at ease in a variety of environments are vital to professional success," Nitzschke said. "Consequently, Yeager Scholars will maintain and develop these personal traits throughout their years at Marshall."

Upon graduation, Yeager Scholars will receive a medallion cast of K-MONEL, the super-tough alloy that

was developed by Inco Alloys International of Huntington for the airframe and skin of the barrier-breaking Bell experimental aircraft.

The medallion will symbolize excellence—the very best in mind, body and character that America can produce.

"The Society of Yeager Scholars was conceived to break the barrier of academic conventionality that too often limits the intellectual and social development of college students and prevents them from achieving excellence in their chosen career fields," Yeager said.

"This barrier," said Nitzschke, "exists in almost all institutions of higher learning because they are, by necessity, in the business of mass-producing graduates with assembly-line educations. But a young person with an assembly-line education in today's world has little chance of achieving true excellence in his or her career field—unless that young person happens to be extraordinarily gifted, like General Yeager.

"The world has grown much too competitive," Nitzschke noted. "The standards of excellence have risen too high. In today's world they can be attained only by young people who have much better educations than most of our colleges and universities are now providing."

Governor Moore said that the decision to announce the formation of the Society of Yeager Scholars in Washington was made because, "We want the nation to know that the state of West Virginia is committed to excellence in education."

"We want the nation to know that General Yeager and Marshall University also are committed to excellence in education, and that the Yeager scholarship program is open to any high school senior in the nation who can qualify for admission," Nitzschke said.

"If there is such a thing as 'the right stuff,' these students will be the ones who really have it," concluded Yeager.

Scholarship endowed

Somerville and Co., a Huntington certified public accounting firm, has established a \$5,000 endowed scholarship for Marshall University accounting students, according to MU Vice President for Institutional Advancement Keith L. Scott.

The endowment was funded with gifts from the company, from Glenn W. Hall of Huntington, managing partner of Somerville & Co. and from Frances E. Yost of Naples, Fla., in memory of her stepfather, N.G. Somerville.

Scott said the funds would be invested and the annual proceeds would be used to provide scholarships through the College of Business. Recipients will be selected by the university's Financial Aid Advisory Council.

Film screening set

John Fiedler, president of World Wide Productions for Columbia Pictures, will be on the Marshall campus Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15, to talk about the motion picture industry and screen a new film.

A 1973 graduate of Marshall, Fiedler formerly served as an administrator at Technicolor, Rastar Films, Tri Star and Paramount Pictures.

He will hold a question and answer session Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium and will hold a screening of a new, unreleased film, "Crossroads," on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Calendar change made

Marshall University Registrar Robert H. Eddins has announced one change in the 1986-87 academic calendar.

The deadline for submitting the final set of grades has been changed from Thursday, Dec. 18, at noon to Friday, Dec. 19, at 9 a.m.

Ordering dates limited

To assist Marshall University faculty and staff members in planning for the remainder of the year, the MU Financial Affairs Office has established the following cut-off dates, according to Harry E. Neel, vice president of financial affairs.

"Due to the fact that a new accounting system will be in its early implementation stages, it is imperative that we make every effort to adhere to this schedule," said Neel.

Friday, May 2, is the last day for receipt of orders against state appropriated accounts (3200-xx, 2840-xx) which require bids.

Friday, May 16, is the last day for receipt of orders against state appropriated accounts (3200-xx, 2840-xx) not requiring bids.

Friday, June 13, is the last day for receipt of orders against non-appropriated accounts (8600-xx, 8601-xx).

"We want to thank the faculty and staff for their understanding and patience as we improve upon our accounting system," Neel said.

To obtain further details contact Ted Massey in the Comptroller's Office, 696-6488, or William Shondel in the Purchasing Office, 696-3157.

Academic committee approves courses

(The following reports on the Dec. 10, 1985, and Jan. 21, 1986, meetings of the Academic Planning and Standards Committee were submitted by Corey Lock, secretary.)

December 10 meeting

Item one:

Correction and approval of October 29, 1985, minutes.

- A. Record Paul Balshaw as present.
- B. BSC 322 Principles of Cell Biology - new course - approved, but left out of minutes.
- C. ENG 483-488 should be ENG 485-488.

Item two:

Approved new courses:

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| FRN 240 | French Society and Life. |
| GER 240 | German Society and Life. |
| SPN 240 | Spanish Society and Life. |
| EDM 115 | Library Research Methods. |
| PE 686 | Behavioral Aspects of Wellness, Disease, Rehabilitation. |

Item three:

Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Academic Standards
Motion to leave WP-WF policy as is was approved.

B. Honors Council:

Joan Gilliland is the new director of Honors. Honors Convocation is scheduled for April 17, 1986.

Item four:

A statement from Dr. Allen Mori was read into the minutes.

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

January 21 Meeting

Voting members present: Dan Evans, Pete Barr, Marcum Waldron, Kathryn Wright, Giovanna Morton, David Woodward, Elaine Novak, Glenn Smith and Corey Lock.

Non-voting members present: Steve Lahoda, Bob Alexander, Paul Balshaw, Warren Lutz, David Wilkin and Carole Vickers.

Item one:

Minutes of meetings for November 19, November 25, and December 10 were approved.

Item two:

Subcommittee Reports:

A. Academic Standards:

Dr. Kim asked that PLS 401/501 Administration of Parks and Recreation be reviewed and that Dr. Kim of the Management Department meet with Dr. Williams of HPER to resolve areas of course overlap. Motion approved 8-0.

The Community College requested a change of wording in the catalog regarding hours needed when earning a second degree.

Currently, the catalog states: "A minimum of 20 additional hours after the receipt of the Baccalaureate or the Associate Degree will be required."

Proposed change: "A minimum of 20 hours in addition to the receipt of the Baccalaureate or the Associate Degree will be required." Motion approved 6-3.

B. Honors:

Discussion of the Yeager Scholar Program and the Honors Convocation was held.

C. Library:

Two items were discussed: (1) the need for additional library space; and (2) now that librarians have faculty status and rank, there needs to be clarification regarding committee work, research grants and other faculty activities.

D. International Education:

Dr. Clair Matz has become the director of International Education.

Item three:

New Business:

The University calendar was discussed. A motion was made to have final grades due in the Registrar's Office 48 hours after the last examination period. Motion approved 9-0.

Review of the *Greenbook's* description of the function of Academic Planning and Standards is needed. Past chair Giovanna Morton, past secretary Dan Evans, chair Glenn Smith, and secretary Corey Lock volunteered to determine if revisions are needed.

The issue of proxy votes was discussed. The committee decided to allow committee members to appoint proxies. However, a proxy cannot be appointed for more than two consecutive meetings. Motion approved 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40.

Excused absences. . .

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

JAN. 24-Jodi Adams, Cheryl Beverage, Deborah Bole, Aretha Franklin, Lisa Hindson, Sue Kepich, Melissa Knabe, Ingrid Mason, Robin Radcliff, Sonja Robson, Shelly Wallace, Michelle Withers and Jack Cox.

JAN. 31-FEB. 1-Dave Ball, Pat Banks, Steve Betz, Gary Cheslock, Scott Dorne, Rod Elliot, Todd Francisco, Tim Haley, Tim Hanshaw, Al Jones, Dave Marks, Donald McDowell, Rob Mitchell, Rob Pate, Dan Rechner, Fred Ryan, Richard Stewart, David Tabor, Mark Underwood and Bob Whitehead.

FEB. 7-9-Jodi Adams, Deborah Bole, Aretha Franklin, Lisa Hindson, Sue Kepich, Melissa Knabe, Ingrid Mason, Robin Radcliff, Sonja Robson, Shelly Wallace, Peggy Reed, Michelle Withers, Dave Ball, Pat Banks, Steve Betz, Gary Cheslock, Scott Dorne, Rod Elliot, Todd Francisco, Tim Haley, Tim Hanshaw, Al Jones, Dave Marks, Donald McDowell, Rob Mitchell, Rob Pate, Dan Rechner, Fred Ryan, Richard Stewart, Dave Tabor, Mark Underwood and Bob Whitehead.

Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women's Center will present a lunchbag seminar on "Sexual Harassment" on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

Carole Boster of the Huntington Human Relations Commission will lead the session. For further details contact the MU Women's Center, 696-3112.

"Time" is series topic

"Take Time to Make Time" is the title of the next Marshall University Self-Care Series program on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 11:30 a.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22.

The seminar will teach participants how to manage their time more efficiently. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Student Health Education Programs, 696-3111.

Position openings. . .

The Office of Personnel has announced the following campus job opportunities. Applications should be made directly to the Office of Personnel unless otherwise noted.

Laboratory/Medical Technologist II, Medicine, \$1,075 monthly, application deadline Feb. 21.

Administrative Assistant, Autism Training Center, Pay Grade 11, application deadline Feb. 21.

Instructor/Assistant Professor-Computer and Electronics Technology, Community College, application deadline Feb. 21.

Assistant Professor, Psychology, application deadline April 1.

Laboratory/Medical Technologist III, Microbiology, \$1,184 monthly, application deadline March 4.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Personnel Office, 696-6455.