Yeager will give Commencement address

Approximately 1,725 degrees are scheduled to be awarded at Marshall University’s 149th annual Commencement at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Huntington Civic Center.

Aviation hero Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager, a retired U.S. Air Force brigadier general, will deliver the Commencement address. A native of nearby Lincoln County, W. Va., Yeager became the first man to fly a plane faster than the speed of sound, breaking the “sound barrier” Oct. 14, 1947.

Marshall has established the Society of Yeager Scholars in his honor and will enroll the first students in the program in the fall of 1987. Twenty Yeager Scholars will be recruited each year from among the most academically-outstanding students in the nation. They will be provided an enriched academic program at Marshall and all of their college expenses will be paid.

Although General Yeager’s appearance is expected to attract a large crowd, Registrar Robert H. Eddins said the 8,000-seat Civic Center should be able to accommodate all who wish to attend.

Another highlight of the 1986 Commencement will be the awarding of the honorary Doctor of Pedagogy degree to Dr. Sam E. Clagg, who has been affiliated with Marshall since 1939 when he became a Marshall student.

In the ensuing years, Clagg has been a star football player, a coach, professor, chairman of the Department of Geography for 25 years, the first faculty member to serve on the West Virginia Board of Regents, chairman of University Council for many years and, for 10 months in 1983-84, acting president of the university.

Clagg, who is retiring this spring, will continue to serve as chairman of the Sesquicentennial Committee which is arranging the observance of the university’s 150th anniversary in 1987, as well as accepting additional volunteer assignments from President Dale F. Nitschke.

Degrees will be conferred by Nitschke to students who completed their academic work last summer and last December, as well as those expected to finish requirements during the current spring semester.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees will be awarded at Marshall for the first time with three students receiving the Ph.D. in Biomedical Science. In addition, five Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degrees will be awarded. Since the doctoral programs are offered in conjunction with West Virginia University, new professional degrees will be awarded.

Pulitzer Prize winner accepts Marshall post

A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist has accepted a position with the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism at Marshall University as Gannett Distinguished Professor.

He is George J. Lockwood, managing editor of the Milwaukee Journal.

Lockwood, 55, will assume the position at the beginning of the fall term in August, according to Dr. Deryl R. Learning, director of the School of Journalism.

Lockwood has been with the Milwaukee Journal for 29 years and has served in several editorial management positions. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1967 in the category of “Meritorious Public Service.”

He earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism and American studies from Syracuse University in 1953, and a master’s degree in journalism and political science from the University of Minnesota in 1957.

In addition to his work on the Milwaukee Journal, Lockwood has taught journalism as an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

“George Lockwood is exactly the kind of person we hoped would accept the position,” Learning said. “And he comes to the position with a lot of enthusiasm, ideas and excitement. I know he will add considerably to a faculty that is already strong.”

Lockwood is president of the Inland Daily Press Association, and is past president of the Inland Foundation, the Wisconsin Associated Press and the Milwaukee chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi.

“I’m very much looking forward to the challenge of teaching that the Marshall position offers,” Lockwood said. “I was highly impressed with the quality of the students, faculty and administration when I visited the campus. I see this as a special opportunity to help prepare tomorrow’s journalists for the information age. I can’t wait to start.”

He is married to Eileen Chamberlain Lockwood. They have four children: Audrey, a San Francisco business consultant; Cary, an engineering specialist with General Motors; Noah, a Hispanic studies major at St. Olaf College, and Jason, a language major at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Faculty receive awards

Marshall University has announced the winners of its 1986 Faculty Research Competition, recognizing seven faculty members in six fields of study.

The award winners were introduced by Dr. Robert F. Maddox, associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of the Marshall University Graduate School, at a recent luncheon held in their honor.

Dr. Robert B. Belshe, professor of medicine, won the research award in Medicine and Allied Sciences for his work on “Studies on the Prevention of Pneumonia and Group in Children.”

Dr. Donald C. Tarter, professor of biological sciences, received the Natural Sciences award for research on “Taxonomy, Ecology, and Low pH Tolerance of Selected Aquatic Insects and Fishes in West Virginia.”

There were two winners selected in the Social Sciences division. Dr. Steven P. Mewaldt, associate professor of psychology, received recognition for his research on “Cognitive Psychopharmacology—Human Learning and Memory.” Dr. David R. Woodward, professor of history, was honored for his book “Lloyd George and the Generals” and his work on “America and World War I: A Selected Annotated Bibliography of English Language Sources.”

In the Business category, Dr. Dinesh S. Dave, assistant professor of management, won the award for a series of papers on “Optimization in Production Planning and Inventory Control.”

Dr. William A. Wallace, professor of education, received the award in Education for research entitled “Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy—A Basic Issues Approach.”

Dr. David C. Duke, professor of history, was honored in the (Continued on page 2)
Dr. Anderson to retire

Dr. Sara E. Anderson, whose 20-year career at Marshall University included five years as dean of the College of Business, will retire at the end of this academic year.

Dr. Anderson came to Marshall in 1966, becoming chairwoman of the Office Administration Department, associate dean of the College of Business, interim dean and ultimately dean before asking to return to the classroom in 1983. She has since served as a professor of accounting.

Her contributions to Marshall included reactivating the Advisory Board of the College of Business. She served on such committees as the Graduate Council, Academic Planning and Standards Committee, the Physical Facilities and Planning Committee and numerous search committees.

She has conducted more than a hundred workshops and seminars for teachers throughout West Virginia and Virginia, as well as a number of statewide conferences. She has also served on committees evaluating the educational programs of high schools and colleges. In addition, she has published several professional articles and received grant funding to provide a series of professional development seminars.

Dr. Anderson has been widely involved in national, regional and local business organizations. She has been president of the Southern Business Education Association, an executive board member of the National Business Education Association, a regional advisor for Future Business Leaders of America, and president of the West Virginia Business Education Association.

She was twice president of the Huntington chapter of the Administrative Management Society, and also has been a member of the West Virginia Network for Small Business Development Centers, the West Virginia Council on Economic Education, the West Virginia Credit and Lending Rate Board, and the Business and the Humanities Association.

Her professional honors include the Diamond Merit Award (the highest service award presented by the International Administrative Management Society); the Outstanding Business Teacher of the Year Award from the West Virginia Business Education Association; the Business Teacher Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service from the Southern Business Education Association; and a certificate of appreciation from the Virginia Business Education Association recognizing outstanding achievement, skill and professional ability.

Excused absences...

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

APRIL 18—Men’s Track Team, Women’s Track Team.
APRIL 20-22—Golf Team.
APRIL 23—Women’s Track Team.
APRIL 24—Beth Heishman, Lisa Ledbetter, Dean A. Fuller, Michelle Rombow, Marilyn Cook, Melissa Dials, Becky Bennett, Cathy Trogdon, Tammy Jo Fullen, Melissa Reed, Jane Hill, Roberta Hardwick, Chip McMillian, Heather Mynhier, Lynette Niday, Heather Reed, Patricia Chambers, Gretchen Lyons, Karla Durst, Scott Lowe, Alice Tchou, Nora J. Loomis, Peggie Mullins and Mary Grace DePolo.
APRIL 25-28—Golf Team.
APRIL 30-MAY 4—Golf Team.
Grace Haeberle announces retirement

The woman who has guided, scheduled and assisted seven Marshall University presidents during the last two decades is planning to retire June 30.

Mrs. Grace I. Haeberle, administrative assistant in the President's Office, originally had planned to retire two years ago. Then, Dr. Dale F. Nitzschke assumed the presidency and convinced her to stay on the job to help him get his administration launched.

"It took a lot of persuasion to get Grace to forego her retirement plans," Nitzschke said. "I'm truly grateful to her for remaining with me for another two years because she has been extremely valuable. Replacing her is going to be difficult, if not impossible."

Shevory gets grant

Thomas C. Shevory, assistant professor of political science at Marshall University, has been awarded a $22,484 grant by the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia to organize, plan and direct activities associated with the West Virginia celebration of the bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

The dual purpose of the grant is to encourage humanities-oriented participation in West Virginia's observance of "Celebration '87," a yearlong national celebration to commemorate the birth of the Constitution, and to provide an office for the distribution of information concerning humanities projects related to the bicentennial activities throughout the state.

Plans are currently being formulated for the establishment of a statewide commission which will serve as an umbrella organization for bicentennial activities in West Virginia.

Shevory will serve as administrator of the commission and will direct the office which will distribute information about bicentennial activities and serve as a focal point from which various individuals and groups can be encouraged to participate in the special events.

An initial mailing, tentatively scheduled for July, will outline the celebration and a regularly published newsletter will be circulated to disseminate information and encourage development of high quality proposals to be submitted to the Humanities Foundation.

The newsletter will carry announcements of upcoming events, dates for grant proposal submissions, summaries of Supreme Court cases which involve the Constitution, biographies of important figures in the Constitution's history, reviews of books and articles on the Constitution and various other related subjects.

A speakers bureau will be set up to provide knowledgeable speakers to make presentations at schools, libraries and group meetings.

Shevory said he also is planning to submit a proposal for a major celebration to be held at the state capitol building in Charleston some time in September, 1987.

Conferences set on campus

The following groups and organizations will hold conferences or activities on the Marshall University campus this month.

The West Virginia Librarians will hold their 13th annual Library Skills Institute May 11-23.

The West Virginia Social Studies Fair will be held May 16-17.

The West Virginia Bankers School will be held May 18-23.

Mrs. Haeberle began her career with what then was Marshall College in 1945 as secretary to the athletic director. Earlier, she had worked with the federal government in Washington during World War II.

She moved from the Athletic Department in 1948 to become secretary to the registrar and director of admissions, resigning in 1953 when her son was born. She returned to campus in 1961 and worked part-time for six years in the Department of Education.

In 1967, she was asked to move to the President's Office by Dr. Stewart H. Smith and served with him until his retirement in 1968. Subsequently, she worked with Dr. Roland H. Nelson, Jr., president from 1968 to 1970; Board of Regents Chancellor Prince Woodard, who also served as acting president of Marshall for a brief period after Nelson's departure; Dr. John G. Barker, president from 1971 to 1974; Dr. Robert B. Hayes, president from 1974 to 1983; Dr. Sam E. Clagg, acting president for 10 months after Hayes resigned, and Dr. Nitzschke, who became president March 1, 1984.

She considers her job perhaps the most interesting on campus—and certainly one of the busiest. "Each president has been completely different, which helps to make the work interesting and challenging," she said. "All have been great to work with and I've enjoyed keeping in touch with them and their families during the years."

Asked to name her favorite, she responds with a smile.

Her responsibilities range from preparing correspondence to juggling the president's busy schedule, from arranging social activities to assembling the thick "book" of notes which guides the president through the annual Commencement program.

She considers her most important role, however, to be her day-to-day, almost constant contact with people.

"The demands on the president's time are overwhelming," she said. "He can't always respond immediately to all the requests that come in. I try to arrange and rearrange his schedule as necessary and let the callers and visitors know that we do care about them and their concerns. Somehow, we manage to work things out so that virtually everybody who wants to talk with him is accommodated."

A native of Portsmouth, Ohio, Mrs. Haeberle moved to Huntington when she was 14, graduated from Huntington High School and attended Marshall. She and his husband, Howard, have been married for 36 years. Their son, Steven, received his A.B. from Marshall, his doctorate from Duke University and now is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Noting she had gotten her first job at Marshall with just one telephone call, Mrs. Haeberle laughed, "It was easier to get in here than it is to get out!"

Four going to China

Four Marshall University professors have been selected for a six-week study trip to China under a grant from the United States Office of Education.

The four selected for the trip were Mahlon Brown, Charles Cruber and Carolyn Karr, all from the Social Studies Department, and Frank Aldred from the History Department.

The grant, which was secured by FADIS, a state-wide consortium for international studies, will allow 17 West Virginia educators to take an in-depth look at the history, art and culture of China.

Before the group leaves for China on June 6, they will take part in a weeklong workshop conducted by the University of Pittsburgh.
Faculty and staff achievements...

Dr. DANNY FULSKS, professor of education, has contracted with Learning '86 for two articles to be published this fall. The articles are "17 Ways to Make 1986 Your Best School Year Ever" and "Good Praise." Learning magazine is a trade publication for teachers with a circulation of 200,000.

Dr. HAROLD T. MURPHY, chairman and professor of modern languages, and MARIA CARMEN RIDDEL, assistant professor of modern languages, attended the 39th annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference held April 24-26 at the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

Dr. Dingman honored

Dr. Robert L. Dingman, professor in Marshall's Department of Counseling and Rehabilitation, has been named the Red Cross volunteer of the month for May, according to Red Cross Administrative Assistant Sandra Lewis.

Dingman spends his volunteer time working on disaster assignments and doing public speaking on behalf of the Red Cross.

He has been a volunteer for five years and trained in disaster preparedness and supervision, and also serves as chairman of the Disaster Family Service.

"It's hard to assess the amount of time Bob spends doing Red Cross work," said Lewis. "He may be asked to speak to an organization as a member of the Red Cross Speakers Bureau one evening a week, or he may work 12-14 hour days on a disaster assignment. Whatever the amount of time, he always gives his utmost and I'm pleased he received this honor."

Numbers computerized

The capability now exists to check a vendor's current registration number (FEIN) on the VAX mainframe computer, according to William J. Shondel, chief procurement officer.

To access the computer, log-on to the purchase order tracking routine and select number five from the main menu. In response to the prompt, enter only the vendor's name. The computer will display the current FEIN.

The Procurement Office will update the computer files as new vendors are registered and periodic updates from the state files will be made using magnetic tapes.

Those who do not maintain access to the purchase order tracking system should continue to purchase vendor registration books from Carol Skaggs in the university's Central Receiving Department.

To obtain further details contact the MU Procurement Office, 696-3602.

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The next issue of the Marshall University News Letter will be published June 12. The News Letter will be published biweekly throughout the summer terms. The deadline for submission of articles is 10 a.m. on the Tuesday before the publication date.

Letters of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

I would like to acknowledge with grateful appreciation your very kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy. Thank you for your donation to the Yeager Scholars program. I am sure Gene would have been, as I have been, deeply touched.

Sincerely,
Rachel Frum

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

Sincerely,
James Mann Family