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Meet-the-Scholars nominations due

The Marshall University Meet-the-Scholars Program Committee has announced the guidelines that will be used to select award recipients and is currently accepting nominations for the next award, according to Dr. Christopher L. Dolmetsch, committee chairman.

An ongoing program, Meet-the-Scholars is designed to bring distinguished Marshall faculty members together with citizens of the Tri-State region. It is meant to acquaint the community with the breadth and depth of academic expertise available on the Marshall campus.

The award, which consists of an inscribed plaque and a $1,000 check, will be presented two times a year during each regular academic semester to an outstanding Marshall scholar. The award will be presented during a special evening reception at the home of President Dale F. Nitzschke.

Award recipients will be selected by the Program Committee on the basis of the following criteria and procedures.

I. General Guidelines: Announcement of the schedule and criteria for selection will be made the previous semester with a reminder published in the Newsletter at the beginning of the new semester.

Nominations may be made in writing by any faculty member and are to be submitted to the vice president for academic affairs by no later than the end of the third week of classes in the semester.

Nominations should include the following credentials: a current vita, brief statement of current research or artistic activity, and one supporting letter from another faculty member in the case of self-nomination. All materials received will remain active for a period of one year from the date of receipt. If a sufficient number of nominations is not forthcoming, the committee may make its own nominations.

After nominations are submitted and the closing date for nominations has occurred, the committee will reduce the nominations to five, with no more than two people per college or school. The committee may elect in the final stages of deliberation to invite nominees to discuss their credentials further.

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Faculty meeting set

There will be a general faculty meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 4 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, chairwoman of the University Council.

The agenda will include: the identification of new faculty members by their department chairs; an update and timetable on the Faculty Senate proposal by Simon Perry; a presentation of the Meet-the-Scholars checks to Gary Rankin and David Woodward by Keith Scott; presidential remarks by Dr. Nitzschke; nominations for vacancies on various university committees, and other announcements.

President Nitzschke will host a reception in the Memorial Student Center Coffeehouse immediately following the meeting.
Scholarships available

Dr. Clair W. Matz, director of Marshall University’s Center for International Studies, has announced two different scholarship funds that Marshall students should be made aware of.

The government of Japan is once again offering the Monbusho Scholarship to qualified students who want to study at the graduate level in a Japanese university during the 1987-89 academic years.

Applicants must be college graduates, under age 35, willing to study the Japanese language. Applicants should have some previous familiarity with the language, but need not be fluent.

The award will cover transportation, school fees, lodging and maintenance for one or two year programs.

The deadline for applications will be Sept. 12, 1986.

Matz also said that students of Hispanic origin may apply for the next round of scholarships offered by the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

The purpose of the scholarships is to assist students in completing their higher education. Awards are made to undergraduate and graduate students.

To be eligible, applicants must be United States citizens, have completed 15 hours of college work and be enrolled in college in the fall of 1986, with plans to attend in the spring of 1987.

The application period will end Oct. 5, 1986.

To obtain details about these scholarships contact the Center for International Studies, 696-6412.

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informally their research or artistic activity.

By the end of the seventh week of the semester the committee will have reduced the nominations to two people from whom the award recipient will be selected. All nominees will be kept informed of their status as the deliberations proceed. Any member of the committee may be nominated for this award, but in the event this occurs, the member under consideration will not participate in the committee’s deliberations.

II. Specific Criteria: The following criteria will be applied in the selection of the award recipient.

A. General:
1. The criteria will be weighed in accordance with the professional standards in the particular field.

2. During the course of its deliberations the committee may elect to consult with recognized experts in the nominee’s field.

3. While teaching as a criterion will not be considered for this award, the percentage of time that the nominee spends teaching may be a relevant factor because time left for research/artistic activity may be affected.

4. While the committee will strive to adhere to its stated standards, it may have to consider other factors and exceptions as particular cases arise.

B. Research Criteria:

Specific activities to be considered include: publications—peer-review papers, articles and books; regional, national and international meetings—invited papers and papers presented will carry the most weight, but the chairing of sessions and attendance also are worth noting; professional awards; patents; grants—dollar amounts will be weighed according to the field.

C. Artistic Criteria:

Specific activities to be considered include: composition—literary, musical, choreographic, theatrical and visual arts; performance; directing or conducting; production; design.

Artistic criteria include: publications, exhibitions, performances, broadcasts, published reviews, public and professional recognition, juried competitions, professional awards, fellowships, grants and commissions (with the understanding that these may well be in smaller dollar amounts than those in the sciences).

The fall deadline for nominations/applications will be Friday, Sept. 19.

Have You Herd?

Attention—Employees who make contributions to the West Virginia State Teachers Retirement.

Effective July 1, 1986, the employee’s contribution to the West Virginia State Teachers Retirement will automatically be tax sheltered. This is in compliance with House Bill 2022.

What does this mean for the employee?

The amount of income earned that is reported to the federal and state government will be six percent less than it actually is, thus the amount of money the employee pays taxes on will be less.

As of July 1, 1986, an individual terminating from the university has the option of receiving their final payroll check in a lump sum payment or the option of remaining on the payroll until their leave is exhausted.

The first option allows departments to refill the position immediately while the second option allows the individual to receive benefits until the end of the month of the last day they are on the payroll. The employee must make this decision, not the employing department. An Election of Termination Pay Form must be completed by the terminating employee. The form is available in the employing department.

If you have a question pertaining to personnel or employee benefit matters you would like to have answered contact Paul Michaud, director of personnel, 207 Old Main.

Choral rehearsal set

Marshall University’s Choral Union will hold rehearsal for J.S. Bach’s “Magnificat” on Monday, Sept. 8, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Smith Music Hall Room 150.

Dr. Joseph E. Line, Choral Union director, said all past members, Marshall students, faculty and staff, and area singers are invited to attend the Sept. 8 rehearsal.

Choral Union regularly meets on Monday evenings for rehearsals which will continue until the “Magnificat” performance Dec. 7-8.
Coffey named assistant vice president

William E. Coffey, who has served a dual role with Marshall University and the West Virginia Board of Regents during the past year, has been appointed assistant vice president for academic affairs at Marshall.

Announcement of the appointment was made by MU Vice President for Academic Affairs Carol A. Smith.

Coffey’s responsibilities will include oversight of the processes of faculty planning and recruitment, faculty evaluation and faculty promotion, tenure and merit pay. He also will initiate faculty development programs and will oversee an enrollment management program.

During 1985-86, Coffey served half-time as associate director of research for the Board of Regents and half-time as assistant to the Marshall vice president for academic affairs. In addition, he headed Marshall’s Legislative Affairs Committee.

“I am very pleased that Dr. Coffey will be working as the full-time assistant vice president,” Dr. Smith said.

“His experience, his administrative talents and his familiarity with Marshall operations will be an asset to the Office of Academic Affairs.”

Coffey said he will continue to assist the Board of Regents on a voluntary basis as director of faculty development programs. He also will continue to serve as chairman of Marshall’s Legislative Affairs Committee.

Coffey joined the Marshall faculty in 1969 and rose to full professor rank in the Department of Social Studies prior to his selection in 1984 for special administrative training through the American Council on Education’s Fellows Program. During his 1984-85 fellowship, he worked with the chancellor of the New Jersey Department of Higher Education.

A former Marshall representative to the Board of Regents’ Advisory Council of Faculty, he also is a former president of both the Marshall and the West Virginia units of the American Association of University Professors. Prior to joining the Marshall faculty, he served three years as an assistant professor of history at Potomac State College. He also has served two years as a visiting associate professor of history at the American University in Cairo.

A native of Charleston, Coffey received his bachelor’s degree with highest honors from West Virginia University, where he also earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. He was a National Defense Education Act (NDEA) Fellow for three years.

Parking renewals due

It is time to renew parking permits for Marshall University controlled parking lots, according to Bonnie Lytle, assistant director of public safety.

Renewals may be made in person or through campus mail when payment, parking area, current vehicle make and license number are sent to the Parking Office, 1819 5th Ave. Parking rates are $20 for half a year or $40 per year, except in area H where rates are $30 and $60.

Ms. Lytle would like to remind faculty and staff members who are issued two permits under one parking fee that only one vehicle at a time may be parked in a campus lot.

Theatre auditions set

Auditions for the Marshall University Theatre production of “Fiddler on the Roof” will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 2-3, at 6:30 p.m. in Old Main Theatre, according to Dr. Elaine A. Novak, professor of theatre.

The production, which will run Oct. 8-12, is being co-produced by the Music and Theatre/Dance departments.
Matz investigates Mexican programs

Dr. Clair W. Matz, director of Marshall University's Center for International Studies, recently returned from a familiarization tour of Mexico where he investigated programs designed for students who are interested in studying Spanish in that country.

The tour covered 11 institutions in Mexico City, Puebla, Morelia and Cuernavaca.

"As a consequence of this tour, I feel I am better prepared to make recommendations and give advice to students who want to study Spanish in Mexico, while living with Mexican host families," said Matz.

Speech workshop set

Marshall University's Department of Speech, through the Center for Applied Communication, will sponsor a workshop titled "Communication, Conflict, and Dealing with Difficult People" on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 8:30 a.m. in Smith Hall.

The daylong seminar has been designed to help participants understand different styles of conflict, manage conflict better and improve relationships, according to Dr. Mark G. Borzi, assistant professor of speech at Marshall and director of the Center for Applied Communication.

"If improperly handled, conflict can destroy personal and professional relationships," said Borzi. "However, if properly managed, conflict can lead to creativity, innovation, better decision making and stronger, healthier relationships. The workshop will help participants manage conflict in such a manner."

The Center for Applied Communication is the training and consultation component of the MU Department of Speech. It provides public and private organizations professional assistance on a wide range of communication needs.

Continuing Education Units will be available for the workshop which is limited to 30 participants. To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Speech, 696-6786.

New copy center opens

Old Main Copy Center officially opened Monday, Aug. 25, in Old Main 14-B. Georgia Childers, graphic services supervisor, said the center, formerly part of the print shop in Old Main, will provide improved quick-copy service to students, faculty and administrators.

The copy center is equipped to give crisp, black images on almost any color and weight paper, according to Mrs. Childers. Other services include collating, offset stacking, folding and stapling. Prices will be the same as those charged for copy center services since 1980.

"We believe our customers will enjoy the bright, new copy center," said Mrs. Childers. "Of course the print shop will improve some, too, because the printers will have more room in which to work. They've really been cramped."

Graphic Services also operates a copy center in the Community College basement.

The 11 institutions offered a wide range of programs for the study of Spanish, according to Matz. "Several of the schools offered four-week programs that dealt extensively with learning the language and practically guaranteed that students would have a good working knowledge of Spanish by the end of the course," Matz said. "Others also dealt with literature, art and cultural subjects."

Marshall's Center for International Studies was established to promote study abroad by students and faculty and to internationalize the Marshall curriculum and cultivate a constituency for international education.

"We believe that in this day and age, people are not fully educated unless they have been exposed to another culture," said Marshall President Dale F. Nitzschke. "The Center for International Studies will work toward the day when most, if not all, Marshall University students will have some cross-cultural experience during their education here."

To obtain further details about study opportunities in Mexico or information about the Center for International Studies contact Dr. Clair W. Matz at Marshall University, 696-6412.

Gould heads Regents B.A.

Dr. Alan B. Gould, dean of Marshall University's College of Liberal Arts, has been named acting director of the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree program at Marshall.

Gould, who will continue to serve as dean of the College of Liberal Arts, has been a member of the MU faculty and administration for 16 years. The Huntington native earned his A.B. degree in history, with honors, in 1961 and his M.A. in history in 1962, both from Marshall. He received his Ph.D. in history from West Virginia University in 1969 and joined the Marshall faculty that fall.

He has held a number of positions at Marshall and recently served as an assistant to the president for special projects and acting vice president for academic affairs.

Developed by the West Virginia Board of Regents, the RBA degree is an innovative program for adult students. Offered by the state system's four-year institutions, it incorporates a flexible program of course work combined with credit for work or life experience.

Gamma-Chi honored

Marshall University's Gamma-Chi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta international history honorary has received a Special Commendation Award in the society's Best Chapter Contest, according to Dr. Charles V. Bias, faculty advisor for Gamma-Chi.

The Marshall chapter competed in category four which included chapters on campuses with enrollments of 8,000 to 12,000 students.

"The award certainly speaks highly of the caliber of Marshall's students, the interest and support of the History Department faculty, and certainly the interest and support of the administration in recognizing and supporting academic excellence and achievement," said Donald B. Hoffman, Phi Alpha Theta international secretary/treasurer.