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Staff Council elects officers



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Hawkins



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Marshall University's Staff Council recently elected administrative officers for the current year. Gloria J. Rickman, payroll clerk, was re-elected president. Charlene R. Hawkins, secretary in the Social Studies Division, was selected as vice president. Parliamentarian for this year will be Nina L. Barrett, an accounting clerk in the Comptroller's Office, and Peggy Theis, a secretary in the Radiology Department, has been elected secretary. Staff Council serves as an executive body for the staff, provides a forum for discussion and review of staff members' concerns, serves as a liaison between the university president and the staff, provides members for appropriate university committees and disseminates information pertaining to staff employees.

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September 5, 1986

Senator Paul Simon to visit campus

Senator Paul Simon of Illinois, a widely recognized advocate of international education, will speak at Marshall University on Friday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105.

Simon is visiting the Marshall campus to help the university celebrate the opening of its Center for International Education. An accomplished writer, Simon has published a total of 10 books including "The Tongue-Tied American" which advocates the need for Americans to know foreign languages in order to compete in the global business world.

When he was 19 years old, Simon became the nation's youngest editor/publisher when he purchased the Troy

(Ill.) Tribune in 1948. He sold the paper in 1966, along with a successful chain of 13 other Illinois weeklies, in order to devote full time to his public service and writing.

He was elected to the United States Senate in 1984. Prior to his election, he served in the United States House of Representatives, the Illinois House of Representatives, and served as lieutenant governor of Illinois.

As a senator his major areas of concern have included education, arms control, the judiciary and economic development.

"We are very pleased that Senator Simon is going to visit the Marshall campus," said MU President Dale F. Nitzschke. "He has been a leader in helping Americans understand the value of international education, which is one of the things we hope to accomplish through our new Center for International Studies. The center will greatly enhance Marshall's ability to prepare students for the kind of world they will live in."

Simon will be introduced by West Virginia Congressman Nick J. Rahall.

The senator's presentation will be open to the public free of charge. A reception in the Corbly Hall lobby will follow the address.

Shott Foundation makes \$100,000 contribution

The Hugh I. Shott Jr. Foundation of Bluefield, W.Va., has approved a \$100,000 contribution to Marshall University's Society of Yeager Scholars, according to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke.

The Shott Foundation is intended to benefit the people of southern West Virginia and western Virginia, according to Foundation Vice President Scott Shott. R.W. Wilkinson is president of the Foundation.

The man for whom the Foundation is named, Hugh I. Shott Jr., headed a company which owned the Bluefield Daily Telegraph, of which he was publisher for many years, as well as two television stations and two radio stations. Mr. Shott died last March.

"We're grateful to the members of the Board of Directors of the Shott Foundation for their endorsement and

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Faculty meeting scheduled

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.

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

Department receives \$31,418 grant

Marshall University's Department of Biological Sciences has received a \$31,418 grant from the Virginia Environmental Endowment to conduct an analysis of the historical trends in organic chemical deposition in Kanawha River sediments in an attempt to determine how the quality of the river water has changed over the past decades.

The research work will begin this month and will be led by Dr. Marcus C. Waldron and Dr. Alan R. White, both assistant professors of biological sciences.

Waldron said the techniques they will use in the study involve a new approach and could yield an historical profile of changes in pollution patterns in the Kanawha River.

"We will collect core samples of river sediments, then extract organic chemicals that are attached to the sediment particles and test the organic chemicals to see if they have certain biologically hazardous properties," said Waldron.

He said the technique employed will involve the Ames test, which is often used to determine carcinogenicity,

Davis named to post in minority programs

Maurice A. "Tony" Davis has been named coordinator of minority student programs at Marshall University, according to Dr. Nell C. Bailey, vice president for student affairs.

The Clarksburg native received his B.A. degree in youth services from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1981 and his M.A. in counseling and guidance from West Virginia University in 1982.

While at Wesleyan, Davis worked as a counselor and tutor for children at the St. Stephens Community House in Columbus, Ohio, and worked as a program coordinator at the Skybird Ranch, Inc., a group home for boys in Florence, Colo.

He served as a resident assistant at West Virginia University and worked in the school's Career Services Center. He also worked for the Valley Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center in Fairmont while enrolled at WVU.

After receiving his master's degree, he was employed as a field monitor in the Governor's Summer Youth Program in the Office of Economic and Community Development in Charleston, served as a parent supervisor and community liaison for the Pressley Ridge Youth Development Extension in Pittsburgh, and most recently served as a regional in-home therapist for the Family Service Network of the Appalachian Mental Health Center in Morgantown.

"Tony has accumulated a vast amount of counseling experience in the past few years and has coordinated programs for several agencies," said Bailey. "We are very pleased to have someone of his character and ability working in our program."

Reception scheduled

The Office of International Students and Scholars would like to invite Marshall students, faculty and staff to attend a reception to welcome new students and scholars on Friday, Sept. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

but qualified the Marshall study as only looking at mutagenicity. "We will be looking for properties that could lead to genetic changes as our primary indicator that the chemical is biologically hazardous. This type of study has never been done on Kanawha River sediments," Waldron said.

He cautioned that they will not be looking for human health data. "That sort of research would take a larger effort, but may be something that could be studied in the future."

Dr. White explained, "What we hope to be able to see is a change over time. By taking core samples that go deep into undisturbed sediments, we hope to look at chemical deposits that occurred back in the 1960s before regulations governed discharges into the river."

Sampling points have been selected to include areas both upriver and downriver from chemical plants in the Charleston area in order to compare the difference in the levels of mutagenic activity of chemicals present in the sediments.

"If the technique is successful, the research will serve to evaluate the impact regulatory restrictions and voluntary reductions of chemical discharges have had on river water quality," White said. "This evidence may also be important in the process of setting permissible levels of these substances in municipal and industrial effluents."

The Virginia Environmental Endowment is a non-profit, independent corporation organized for the purpose of improving the quality of the environment. The Endowment has a broad charter to seek out programs that actively involve people in developing solutions to environmental problems. In recent years the organization has provided more than \$600,000 to support water quality projects in the region.

Marshall University will match the grant with \$27,250 in support funding. The project will continue through December 1987.

Retirement funds sheltered

House Bill 2022, effective July 1, 1986, requires that all contributions to retirement plans, including TIAA-CREF and the State Teachers Retirement Fund, be treated as salary reductions, resulting in a current decrease in federal and state tax liability.

The tax sheltering of these contributions is mandatory for all employees, according to the Marshall University Payroll Office.

Birth announcements

Edward M. Dzierzak, director of health science libraries, and his wife, Deborah, have announced the birth of their second son, Jamie Stivers Dzierzak, born July 10. The baby weighed nine pounds and 14 ounces at birth.

Judy Watters, office manager in the Department of Family and Community Health, and her husband, Keith, have announced the birth of their second daughter, Bridget Hope. The baby was born Aug. 28 and weighed seven pounds and 9.5 ounces.

Rankin receives national recognition

Dr. Gary O. Rankin of the Marshall University School of Medicine is one of 50 U.S. faculty members selected for special recognition in *Change* magazine, a publication of the American Association for Higher Education.

Rankin, chairman of Marshall's Pharmacology Department, was among nominees from 322 colleges and universities.

"Gary's contribution to Marshall University has been simply tremendous, and I'm delighted that his efforts earned this national recognition," said MU President Dale F. Nitzschke. "He exemplifies the energy and enthusiasm that make Marshall a special place to be."

Change's profile on Rankin said:

"When Gary Rankin arrived at Marshall University in 1978, it was facing the monumental task of building a School of Medicine worthy of respect. Rankin played a

New forms available

The Purchasing Department has announced the receipt of the new Intra-University Departmental Transfer Voucher.

This form is for sale to the departments from the Receiving departments and will be sold in packages of 25, according to William J. Shondel, director of purchasing and materials management.

Shondel said the new voucher replaces two different office supply order forms used by the Central Receiving and the School of Medicine Receiving departments.

Departments may continue using the old forms until stocks are exhausted.

The new forms may also be used to purchase supplies which are not stocked in Receiving from the MU Bookstore, and will be used for miscellaneous fund transfers between departments totaling less than \$500.

Implementing the new form will speed the flow of fund transfers, said Shondel. To obtain further details contact the Purchasing Department, 696-3157.

Rhodes applications due

Applications are being accepted from students who wish to apply for Rhodes Scholarships for graduate study at Oxford University in England, beginning in October 1987, according to Dr. E.S. Hanrahan, dean of the College of Science.

Rhodes Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to 32 outstanding students from the United States who have demonstrated academic ability and leadership potential. The scholarships provide for a subsistence allowance in addition to payment of tuition and fees.

The deadline for applying is Oct. 27, 1986. Applications and further details may be obtained by contacting Dr. Hanrahan in the College of Science, Old Main Room 119, or by phoning 696-2372.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Your kindness at this time is more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can express.

Sincerely,
R. Dean Sturm

pivotal role in creating the school's curriculum and quickly established a highly active, well-funded research program in toxicology.

"At age 36, he has already earned student awards four times for excellence in teaching, has worked to enhance nontraditional students' success in health careers, and has served on thirty university and community committees (excluding graduate committees).

"For Rankin, 'there's no such thing as an impossible problem,' writes Dale F. Nitzschke, Marshall's president. 'Students, faculty members and administrators all want him in their corner.'"

In a separate article about the 50 saluted faculty, Rankin was quoted in a discussion of enthusiasm for teaching. "One of the most satisfying experiences I have ever had was watching those lightbulbs go on when a student finally understood a synthetic reaction or concept. To hear them say, 'Oh yeah, I see it now. It's so simple,' gave me real pride."

The Faculty Salute program was designed to honor educational leaders, persons whose commitment, courage and creativity "inspire and serve the entire campus community - and beyond." The program was sponsored by the American Association for Higher Education, *Change* magazine and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

A second West Virginian, Jack Byrd Jr. of West Virginia University, also was among the faculty members honored in the program.

Lunch seminars begin

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a series of lunchbag seminars on a variety of topics of interest to women on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

The seminars are open to everyone free of charge. Tea and coffee will be provided, but participants should bring their own lunches.

"Job Interviewing" will be the subject of the first seminar Wednesday, Sept. 10. Linda Olesen, assistant director of career planning and placement, will explain how to effectively prepare for an interview and go over the services offered by Marshall's Career Planning and Placement Center.

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

Shott contribution

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support of the Yeager Scholars program," Nitzschke said. "We are particularly appreciative of the efforts of John C. Shott, a member of the West Virginia Board of Regents, in bringing this about."

The Society of Yeager Scholars is named in honor of retired U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager, a native of nearby Lincoln County, W.Va., who became the first man to pilot an aircraft faster than the speed of sound.

The Society will enroll 20 of the nation's outstanding students each year, provide them with an enriched, four-year academic program at Marshall and underwrite all their college expenses. The first 20 Yeager Scholars will be enrolled for the Fall Term of 1987.

Marshall Vice President for Institutional Advancement Keith L. Scott said the Shott Foundation gift will be invested by the MU Foundation and annual proceeds will be used to underwrite expenses of a Yeager Scholar.

MU Council discusses faculty awards

(The following report on the Aug. 27 meeting of the Marshall University Council was submitted by Karen Klein, stenographer.)

University Council met at 3 p.m. Aug. 27 in the President's Conference Room. Guests present were: Gary O. Rankin, chairman of the Awards Committee; Abbey Dunlap, *Parthenon* reporter; Karen Klein, Dr. Rainey Duke's student assistant and stenographer; Frances Hensley, Board of Regents representative, and Don Williams, chairman of the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Meeting Time:

It was decided that Council meetings will begin at 2:55 p.m. and conclude by 3:55 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month and other Wednesdays as deemed necessary by the chair.

Awards Committee Report:

Dr. Gary O. Rankin, chairman of the Awards Committee, presented a summary of his committee's recommendations. University Council approved the committee's recommendation

Medical School opening ceremonies to be held

Opening exercises of the Marshall University School of Medicine will be Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The public is invited to attend the program, which will include presentations from MU President Dale F. Nitzschke and School of Medicine Dean Lester R. Bryant. Awards will be given to outstanding students and faculty.

Also making a presentation to students Tuesday will be the national president of the American Medical Student Association, Jeff Stolz. His presentation will be at 1:30 p.m. in Room 226 of the Coon Medical Education Building, located in the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Art exhibition opens

An exhibition of 40 original prints by 10 contemporary Japanese printmakers will be on display in Birke Art Gallery through Sept. 29, according to Susan Jackson, gallery director.

Circulated by the International Graphic Arts Foundation, the exhibit shows the resurgence of printmaking in Japan. Subject matter ranges from strong romanticism to humor and satire and portrays both the cultural traditions of Japan and the changes that are taking place there.

Birke Art Gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday evenings. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Art Department, 696-6760.

Deadline announced

Information for the *News Letter* must be submitted to the Office of University Relations, Old Main 102, by 10 a.m. each Tuesday to be included for publication each Thursday.

Lengthy material, or material requiring special treatment, should be submitted as much before the 10 a.m. Tuesday deadline as possible.

for a Faculty Hall of Fame and sent it to Keith Scott to seek funding.

A Distinguished Service Award, originally titled the Distinguished Professor Award, had previously been discussed. It was announced that funds for the award are available. The award will originate in the Dean's Council.

Rankin then presented a series of Endowed Faculty awards for Council's consideration. These included: a Community Service Award, the John Marshall Professorship, an Art Award, a Faculty Travel Award, and a Junior (non-tenured) Faculty Award. Council moved to accept these awards and criteria, recognizing that this is merely a working list, to be added to or revised as Keith Scott or a particular donor may see fit.

John Frassinelli indicated there was a positive response to the Gold Apple Award from the Student Government Association. He will take the issue back to the Student Senate for a formal decision and return a recommendation to Council.

Shirley and Marshall Reynolds Award:

A memo from Carol A. Smith, vice president for academic affairs, was read regarding the committee's actions thus far. Dr. Smith will report to Council again in November.

Recommendation from Budget and Appropriations Committee:

Don Williams, chairman of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, discussed a recommendation from his committee to facilitate the committee's task as stated in the *Greenbook*. The committee feels that it needs to be involved in the formulation of college budgets much earlier.

Following his presentation, it was moved that an amendment to the *Greenbook* be presented at the next faculty meeting. The amendment reads, "Budget and Appropriations Committee be allowed to monitor the deliberations of the deans and vice presidents when they initially formulate their budgets."

Faculty Status:

Dr. Duke presented a conflict between two prior Council decisions involving definition of faculty for purposes of standing committee membership. On March 19, Council approved the *Greenbook* definition of faculty as being at least half-time teaching. However, on April 16, Council accepted faculty classification as those employees included under HB 612 funding. Council moved to uphold the original decision of the *Greenbook* classification as criteria for faculty standing committees.

Benefit game scheduled

Marshall University School of Medicine students will play a benefit football game Sept. 7 for the Huntington Ronald McDonald House.

"Grids for Kids" will pit second-year medical students against the school's entering class. The game will be at 2 p.m. at Fairfield Stadium. Admission is \$1, and prizes will be awarded at halftime.

"There are a lot of physicians and medical students in our community who care about families and their children, and this is one way we can help them," said organizer Robert Anton, a second-year medical student. "The Ronald McDonald House is a really good project that is especially needed in this area."

Anton said groundbreaking on the house is scheduled for October.

More information about the game is available from Anton at 522-7946, Matt Zban at 525-6250 or Dave Hubbard at 736-0635.

Campus envelopes needed

The Marshall University Comptroller's Office is in need of campus envelopes. Offices that have extra campus envelopes have been requested to send them to Marie Spradling, Comptroller's Office, Old Main Room 203.