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Dr. Boyer convocation keynote speaker

Dr. Ernest L. Boyer, former U.S. Commissioner of Education, will be the keynote speaker at a day-long "West Virginia Convocation on Higher Education" in Charleston, Tuesday, March 26. Presidents of all the state's institutions of higher education, both public and private, are being invited to participate.

Joining Boyer on the program will be two other national leaders in higher education: Robert Atwell, president of the American Council on Education, and Richard T. Ingram, executive vice president of the Association of Governing Boards of Higher Education.

Plans for the convocation, to be held on the University of Charleston campus, were announced today by UC President Richard D. Breslin, West Virginia University President E. Gordon Gee, and Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke.

The event is being sponsored jointly by the Institutional Boards of Advisors of Marshall and WVU, and the University of Charleston Board of Trustees.

Dr. Boyer, currently heading a major study of higher education in the United States, will speak at 10 a.m. on

the topic, "Higher Education: Excellence--Our Challenge."

Dr. Atwell will be the luncheon speaker on "Matters of Excellence Pertaining to Presidential and Board Leadership."

An afternoon session, beginning at 1:30, will feature a general discussion based on Dr. Boyer's address. Serving as discussion leaders on the topic, "Excellence: West Virginia's Commitment to Education," will be Dr. Ingram and Dr. Leon H. Ginsberg, chancellor of the West Virginia Board of Regents.

The convocation will close with a 3:30 p.m. news conference in which presidents of all public and private colleges and universities in West Virginia are being invited to participate.

Also being invited to attend the convocation are members of the West Virginia Board of Regents and the three sponsoring institutional boards, legislative leaders, including chairmen and members of the Education and

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Ashland Oil contributes \$76,000 to MU

The Ashland Oil Foundation, Inc., has presented a gift of \$76,000 to Marshall University, MU President Dale F. Nitzschke announced. The major share of the Ashland Foundation's 1985 contribution—\$50,000—is designated for the "University's Greatest Needs" discretionary account.

The gift, which will be administered by the Marshall Foundation, was presented by Judy B. Dailey, president of the Ashland Oil Foundation.

"Historically, Ashland Oil, Inc. and the Ashland Oil Foundation have been at the top of the list of Marshall University's strongest financial supporters," Nitzschke said. "This commitment obviously is being continued and I want to express my deepest gratitude to President Dailey and the trustees of the Foundation for their outstanding support and for the confidence they have placed in Marshall University," he added.

The remainder of the \$76,000 award is earmarked for various scholarship funds and for programs in the College of Business, the Department of Chemistry and the School of Nursing, Nitzschke noted.

Nitzschke said he was particularly pleased that such a large share of the gift was designated for use at the discretion of the Marshall administration. "These funds permit us to take advantage of opportunities as they arise, to meet unanticipated needs and to develop programs we deem advantageous," he said. "This gives us some much-needed administrative and financial flexibility."



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Judy B. Dailey, president of the Ashland Oil Foundation, Inc., presents a \$76,000 check to William F. Agee, who accepted the gift in behalf of Marshall University. Agee is president of the Marshall Foundation, which will administer the funds. The major share of the gift was designated for the "University's Greatest Needs" discretionary account. (Marshall University photo by Rick Hays.)

Vigorous opposition pledged to student aid cuts

Despite President Reagan's proposed reductions, student financial aid programs still exist and reductions will be vigorously opposed, Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke said today.

"Just because these cuts have been proposed does not mean they will be going into effect," Nitzschke said. "Students need to be aware of this, and should continue to submit their applications for financial aid as they have done in the past."

Nitzschke said he had been advised by Allen W. Ostar, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), that members of

Congress from both parties have indicated there is little chance the President's proposed cuts in student financial aid will be approved.

"Unfortunately," Nitzschke said, "press reports of such proposed cuts in the past have been interpreted by students as if the cuts had already been made. Consequently, many did not apply for aid and gave up their plans to go to college. We're hoping this does not happen again."

He said AASCU is mounting a national campaign to oppose the proposed student financial aid reductions and, as in the past, expects to succeed.

MU faculty and staff achievements, activities. . .

DR. WILLIAM G. PALMER, assistant professor of history, has published an article, "Exploring the Diffusion of Enlightened Ideas in Prerevolutionary France: The Historical World of Robert Darton," in ***Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation*** (Winter 1985): 63-72.

DR. DONALD L. HALL, assistant professor of counseling/rehabilitation, has been named to the Region III Headstart Training and Technical Assistance Advisory Board. The board, located in College Park, Md., oversees the general provision of training and technical assistance services to Headstart programs in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

DR. CHRISTOPHER DOLMETSCH, assistant professor of modern languages, contributed a review of the recent-

ly translated novel by German author Alfred Doebelin, ***Tales of a Long Night: A Novel*** (New York: Fromm International, 1984), to the February issue of **CHOICE** (p. 212).

DR. JOAN F. GILLILAND, associate professor of English, has published an essay, "Is the World Well Lost? or, ***Beyond The Women's Room***," in ***The Road Retaken: Women Reenter the Academy***, edited by Irene Thompson and Audrey Roberts. The book, a Modern Language Association publication "explores the lives of women over the past forty years who interrupted their education for more than five years; it includes their problems in graduate school and the obstacles they faced securing academic appointments."

Theatre/Dance Prep Schools reschedule start of classes

Marshall University's Preparatory Schools of Theatre and Dance will delay the start of their classes until March 18, according to Director Mary Marshall.

"Our intent was to begin this month, but the heavy snowfall which closed the region's public schools also played havoc with our schedule," said Dr. Marshall. "This change will mean only one six-week term instead of the two terms as originally announced," she added.

The term will run through April 26. Cost per class will be \$60. Additional information may be obtained by calling Dr. Marshall at extension 6442.

Validation stickers available for campus parking permits

Second half payments for parking permits which expire Feb. 28, may be made in the Parking Office in the Public Safety Building, 1819 5th Ave.

Upon payment of the second half fee, a small sticker will be issued to validate the expired permit. This validation sticker must be placed next to the original decal in order for the permit to be valid during the second half.

For your convenience, payments may also be made through campus mail, and the validation stickers will be returned by mail. Checks should be made payable to Marshall University and sent to the Parking Office. Rates are \$20 for the second half for all areas except Area H, which is \$30 per half. If you renew through campus mail, please indicate your assigned parking area.

Report from ACF

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grievance procedures ending in binding arbitration.

During the legislative session, we will have daily reports of bill status through the "electronic mail" system—WVNET, CMS, SPIRES.

Budget Affairs

1. Many of you expressed interest in dental coverage. The Budget Committee suggested that the across-the-board portion of the "faculty improvement fee" be used to purchase single dental insurance coverage with the difference between single and family coverage being absorbed by those wanting family coverage.

2. A statewide plan is being devised to provide all faculty with disability insurance.

3. A resolution is being drafted to allow faculty members to teach and to receive compensation for instructional assignments on their own campus provided certain guidelines are followed. More on this later.

MISCELLANEOUS

P.B. 59 is followed in evaluating college and university presidents every four years. In my last report I included the ACF resolution that a faculty member be involved in the evaluation process and that the results be shared with faculty. Although P.B. 59 was rewritten, for some reason, the BOR did not include our resolution. We were also concerned that faculty know when the evaluation occurs. The BOR assured us that each campus would be informed prior to the evaluation which would include faculty input and the evaluation results would be shared with faculty.