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MU NEWSLETTER

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Marshall Strings to be on 'CBS This Morning'

The Marshall University Strings, an 18-piece ensemble of string students and faculty members from the MU Department of Music, will be featured on the Oct. 17 broadcast of "CBS This Morning," according to Dr. Reed Smith, associate professor of violin/viola and director of the group.

The ensemble will perform Smith's arrangement of the program's theme song "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning." The performance, which will be seen nationwide, will be aired by local CBS affiliates at approximately 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17.

MU Safety Technology Program is accredited

Marshall University's Safety Technology Program has been accredited by the American Society of Safety Engineers, according to Dr. Keith E. Barenklau, professor and director of the program.

The six-year accreditation, effective retroactive to the 1992-93 academic year when the Safety Technology Program made its application, puts Marshall in an elite group of universities that have been accredited by the ASSE.

Barenklau said there are probably less than a dozen ASSE accredited safety programs in the country. "We are in some good company," he said, "with the likes of the University of Southern California, the University of Indiana, the University of Illinois and some other large prestigious institutions."

Marshall's graduate and undergraduate degree programs are included in the accreditation.

"This gives our department some bragging rights," said Barenklau, "but it gives a big advantage to our students."

Students who graduate from an accredited program are able to immediately sit for the Certified Safety Professional Examination. Undergraduates from non-accredited institutions must have three years of professional experience before they are permitted to take the examination. Students who receive master's degrees from non-accredited schools must have two years of work experience prior to taking the test.

"Certification is a big plus in the job market and it's to the point where it is becoming a requirement for many positions," explained Barenklau.

He said the job market is very good now and should continue to be good into the next century due to many new safety laws and regulations that have been put forth by federal and state governments.

"Our people do not have problems getting jobs," he said. "In fact many students have jobs before they graduate. In general, I would say the job market in safety is as good as or better than most technical fields and there are jobs in our geographical area."

Approximately 12 to 15 students now receive bachelor's degrees each year through Marshall's undergraduate program that was just started in 1989. Approximately 30 students receive master's degrees each year.

Barenklau attributed some of the rise in demand for safety professionals to large companies and industries that have

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Smith said CBS network producers originally scheduled an airdate in December but were so enthusiastic after viewing the Marshall University Strings video that they decided to move it up to be aired during the first week of "CBS This Morning's" new live studio audience format.

In the event of a breaking news story the song may be "bumped." It will be rescheduled for a later date if that happens.

The performance recently was videotaped on the Marshall campus in front of Old Main by local CBS affiliate WOWK-TV.

Students participating in the Marshall University Strings include: Jonathon Eddy (cello), Joel Hatfield (violin) and Kimberly Wilson (cello) of **Huntington**; Michael Cheshire (violin) of **Bridgeport**; Tricia Conley (violin) of **Clarksburg**; Danny Fox (bass) of **Rainelle**; Courtney Grimes (viola) of **Lavalette**; Alexa Icard (violin) of **Moundsville**; Jame McCumbee (viola) of **Barboursville**; Rhonda Mizok (violin) of **Wellsburg**; Scott Morrison (viola) of **Hurricane**; Lauren Overmoyer (violin) of **Milton**; Jocelyn Eikenburg (cello) of **Parma Heights, Ohio**; Mishelle Nutter (violin) of **Lebanon, Ohio**; Monica Egermayer (violin) of **Trelleborg, Sweden**, and He Jianjun (violin) of **Ningxia, China**.

Smith and Dr. Susan Tephly, assistant professor of cello/bass at Marshall, performed with the students.

Campaign pledges needed

Marshall University's United Way of the River Cities campaign is still accepting pledges toward its \$65,000 goal, according to Dr. Lynne Welch, chair of the MU campaign.

To date, Marshall faculty and staff members have pledged \$55,000. In order to reach the goal, the university still needs to raise \$10,000.

Welch said pledges are still coming in and the campaign committee is hopeful of reaching the goal.

The following employees received prizes in the drawing for the Marshall United Way Early Bird contest: Lynne Mayer won the weekend for two at The Greenbrier; Judith Sortet and Carole Vickers won football weekends for two for the Western Carolina and Citadel games.

Contributions and pledges can be sent to Robin Wilson, Prichard Hall Room 413.

CEO to be lunch speaker

John Mork, chief executive officer of Eastern American Energy Corporation, will be the featured guest for the 1995 Distinguished Speaker Luncheon sponsored by the Marshall University MBA Association on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at noon in the Erickson Alumni Center.

Luncheon tickets will be \$8. To make reservations or obtain further details contact Sue Ferrell, MBA secretary, at 696-2315. Reservations should be made by 11 a.m. Oct. 16.

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learned that safety is a major contributor to their bottom lines.

"It used to be that safety was considered a little humanitarian thing," he said. "Safety people walked around with long faces, carrying a box of Band-Aids and a few aspirin tablets, and patted people on their backs and told them to be careful. We now know a safety program can help a company be more competitive in the market place.

"Today, companies realize that safety has a profound impact on their profit margins and success. If you keep accidents from happening, you can use that money elsewhere. However, injuries are only one type of accident. The most costly accidents that happen to companies that are capital intensive are accidents that damage equipment. Damage to equipment is often the biggest bill companies have to pay."

Barenklau said Marshall students are taught how to control all types of accidental loss. "Injuries are only one type of loss," he explained. "You have to control damage to equipment and facilities, fire, industrial espionage and also be responsible for secu-

Al-Haddad receives grant

Dr. Hisham Al-Haddad, assistant professor of computer science, has been awarded a \$20,000 Research Initiation Grant from the NASA-West Virginia Space Grant Consortium for a project titled "Visual Illustration of Object-Orientation: A Tool for Teaching Object-Oriented Concepts."

Al-Haddad is developing a prototype of an instructional tool for teaching object-oriented programming.

The NASA grant monitor perceives the project as the beginning of the attempt to provide high quality computer-aided training on object-oriented technology in the university environment.

Student research assistants will participate in the development process as part of the project.

Walker and Chahryar get NASA grant for research

Dr. Dave Walker and Dr. Hamid Chahryar, associate professors of computer science, have received a \$20,000 NASA-West Virginia Space Grant Consortium award for their research project titled "Software Development for Enhanced Multiple-Stream FTIR Environmental Monitoring."

Their project involves the development of new spectrometer accessories capable of greatly improved industrial process and environmental monitoring.

Ashland Petroleum, headquartered in Ashland, Ky., and Viro-lac Industries of Waynesburg, Pa., also are participating in the project as industrial partners.

Lunchbag seminar slated

A lunchbag seminar titled "Self-Esteem--Discovering Your Own Worth" will be presented Wednesday, Oct. 18, at noon in Pritchard Hall Room 143.

The seminar is open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Office of Women's and Returning Student Programs, 696-3112.

ity. The profession has greatly changed over the years. Safety is now a very important consideration for businesses and industries."

Marshall President J. Wade Gilley presented a plaque recognizing the ASSE accreditation to Barenklau during an open house held recently in the program's new facilities located on the second floor of Marshall's Communication Building.

In a letter to Gilley, Dr. William Tarrants, chair of the ASSE Academic Accreditation Council, said, "It is a significant honor for your university and the Safety Technology Program to have this accreditation. This signifies an outpouring of academic respect from throughout the safety profession for what you are accomplishing for your faculty and students at Marshall University."

Barenklau said, "We couldn't have done this without the active support of Dr. Gilley, Dr. Gilley and his staff, the dean of the College of Education, and Lee Olson, head of the Human Development and Allied Technology Division, all have been in our corner and we're very grateful to them. Accreditation is just a good thing for everyone and will benefit our students."

Barenklau also acknowledged the help given to the Safety Technology Program by area businesses and industries. He said many local industries give equipment and support to the department.

To obtain further details contact the Safety Technology Program Office at Marshall University, 304-696-4664.

MU employee achievements

Dr. ROBERT BICKEL, Dr. SUSAN FERRELL and Dr. AIMEE HOWLEY of Marshall University's College of Education are co-authors of a paper titled "Teacher Salaries and Educational Policy in West Virginia." The paper has been accepted for publication by Educational Foundations.

Two Marshall University employees presented papers at a diabetes conference held Sept. 19 on the MU campus. The conference was sponsored by the Appalachian Diabetes Health Promotion Network. Dr. WILLIAM MARLEY, professor and director of the Human Performance Laboratory in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, presented a paper titled "The DCCT Perspective." NANCY STORCH of the School of Medicine and School of Nursing presented a paper titled "The Principles of Nutritional Management."

Dr. LYNNE WELCH, dean of the School of Nursing, recently served as an American Council on Education (ACE) Evaluator for Military Programs in Allied Health at Fort Sam Houston in Texas.

Several professors from Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications participated in the school's annual Hands-On Workshop presented Sept. 22 for students from 11 high schools in West Virginia and Kentucky. MARILYN McCLURE served as workshop coordinator. Leading workshops were GEORGE ARNOLD, RALPH TURNER, RANDY BOBBITT, JANET DOOLEY, DENNIS LEBEC, and MU students DEBORAH BLAIR of Chesapeake, Ohio, and SARAH FARRELL of Southbury, Conn. The workshop program was organized in 1993 in response to high school journalism advisers who said they wanted the Marshall School of Journalism and Mass Communications to offer an evening of intensive instruction at the beginning of the school year to teach the basics of journalism to their students.

Yeager Scholars program gets \$50,000 grant

Marshall University's Society of Yeager Scholars program has received a \$50,000 grant from The Coca-Cola Foundation, according to Marshall President J. Wade Gilley.

Gilley said the grant will allow students to learn science, the arts and history outside the confines of the classroom through field trips to Cedar Bog, Ohio, Canaan Valley, W.Va., Charlottesville, Va., and Washington, D.C.

"We appreciate The Coca-Cola Foundation's generosity," Gilley said. "'Expanded Horizons: The Coca-Cola Learning Experience' will provide these outstanding students, many of whom have had limited opportunities to learn through travel, with enriching field trip experiences. We also appreciate the assistance of John R. Hall, chairman and chief executive officer of Ashland Inc., in obtaining the grant."

Donald R. Greene, president of The Coca-Cola Foundation, sent the check to Hall, who serves as chairman of the Yeager board's development committee.

Recent China conference on women to be discussed

Marshall University's Model International Organizations Club will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations on Tuesday, Oct. 24, with a banquet featuring a speaker who attended the fourth U.N. Conference on Women held last month in China.

Dr. Lucy Jackson Bayles of the West Virginia Extension Service will discuss her experience at the conference in China during a banquet at the Holiday Inn-Campus Area, 1415 Fourth Ave. A reception will begin at 6 p.m. and the banquet will begin at 7 p.m.

Bayles will make a presentation titled "The World As Seen Through Women's Eyes: Reflections on the NGO & Fourth World Conference on Women."

The program will be open to the public. Banquet tickets are \$18.

To make banquet reservations contact Betty Cook at Marshall University, 696-6636. To obtain further details contact Jennifer Wells, president of Marshall's IOC, 697-7203.

Applications sought for two internship programs

The West Virginia Legislature is accepting applications for the Walter Rollins Scholars Program and the Legislative Services Graduate Student Intern Program.

Graduate students selected for internships will work during the 1996 legislative session in Charleston.

The application deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 31. Finalists will be notified by Nov. 14.

Information packets and applications are available in the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.

To obtain further details contact Dr. Troy Stewart or Joe McCoy in the Marshall University Political Science Department.

Martha C. Woodward, executive director of the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence which includes the Yeager program, said the field trips to Cedar Bog and Canaan Valley are opportunities to study two ecological areas.

"Cedar Bog is a wetland formed by glaciation and it lies in the path of a proposed four-lane highway," Woodward said. "By contrast, Canaan Valley is a large area of varying kinds of ecological development in a boom economic location. Discussions of environment and economic development, ethics and science, and more evolve from these trips. Student debates and scientific papers are part of the class outcomes."

Three or four professors will accompany the students on the trip to Charlottesville and Washington, providing a traveling classroom, Woodward said. "The group will visit Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, as well as the Smithsonian Institution, an art collection, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, a theater or dance production and other historic sites or museums as time or focus permits.

"The trip is a bonding experience between the students and the faculty with overwhelming historical, cultural and emotional values. It humanizes history and provides an in-depth experience involving all of the senses," Woodward concluded.

Former MU professor dies

Dr. Kenneth Karl Loemker, 89, former professor and chair of psychology and dean of men at Marshall, died Friday, Sept. 8, in Cabell Huntington Hospital.

He was born May 16, 1906, in Winslow, Ill., a son of the late Rev. Herman J. and Sophia Maria Bergman Loemker.

Loemker attended high school in Colesburg, Iowa, and received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago.

He was a resident of Huntington since he started working at Marshall in 1930. Loemker retired from the university in 1971.

He served as a captain in the Army during World War II. He was co-founder of the West Virginia Psychological Association in 1950 and was the organization's first president elect and second president. He was a fellow of the American Psychological Association. He served on the first board of examiners in psychology after the psychological licensing law was passed in 1970. He was a member of the First Congregational Church United Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Mullen Loemker. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Margaret King and son-in-law, Aubrey King, of Bowie, Md., and Jean Elizabeth Read of Huntington; four grandchildren, Christopher Charles King and Catherine Ruth King and Elizabeth Henning Read and Kathryn Anne Read; and his caregiver, Betty Watson of Huntington.

WAC workshop scheduled

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) brown bag lunch workshop on "Student-Instructor Writing Conferences" will be held Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 12:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 403.

All faculty are invited to attend regardless of whether they have had WAC training.

To obtain further details contact Lana Boggs, WAC assistant, 696-4650.

Faculty Senate discusses Senate Bill 547

(The following report on the Sept. 28 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Senate was submitted by Kay Wildman, secretary.)

Members present: Abramson, Blankenship, Desai, Stone, Bauer, Hall, Karickhoff, Lowry, Marley, Stern, Turner, Anthony, Jackson, Miller, Sporny, Dennison, Duke, Gripshover, Gross, Perkins, Rotter, Shaver, Spindel, Taft, Damron, Lester, Perry, Brown, Wildman, Cowell, Finver, Fox, Green, Guyer, Krasnow, Larsen, Reichenbecher, Simmons, Walker, Davis, Stotts, Castellani, Aluthge, Hubbard, May, Pupplo-Cody, Valluri, parliamentarian Denman, and several guests.

Members absent: Wilson and Rigsbee.

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Elaine Baker.

Minutes of the meeting held 5/11/95 were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presidential Action on Senate Recommendations:

All senate recommendations have been approved from last spring except the following:

SR-94-95-(107)214(FS): Fitness Center fee waiver--disapproved;

SR-94-95-(108)215(IS): Maximum teaching loads of 12 hours for Transition Institute faculty--disapproved;

SR-94-95-(112)219(EC): Recommended policy on accommodations for disabled students--still pending.

Parliamentary Procedure:

Baker referred to the list of terms included with the packet of materials sent out with today's agenda which provides guidelines for parliamentary procedures at senate meetings. Bill Denman was introduced as Faculty Senate parliamentarian.

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Senate Bill 547:

In order to fully fund the classified staff schedule and to provide faculty salaries at 95 percent of peer institutions in five years, a strategic plan must be submitted this year by each university to outline how that will be accomplished without additional state funding beyond 3.25 percent per year from the state legislature or with a 3 percent cap annually on additional student fees.

Strategies must be provided to cover the projected \$7.5 million shortfall. It is expected that restructuring within will drive the salary assumptions since personnel salaries comprise 80 percent of the budget.

All institutions in the state will be supplying their respective boards with projected revenues and expenses by Nov. 1. It is anticipated that any cuts will occur in the 4th and 5th years.

Simmons moved to expand the discussion by 10 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed. Several questions about the plan were directed to Dr. Gilley.

- Outsourcing--Another name for privatization; some possible options are security, mail, residence halls, etc. Currently, the campus bookstore and food service are privatized on Marshall's campus.

- Summer school--Could be an option but students pay a significant amount of summer school costs so savings would not be that much.

- Responsibility for decisions made--Input will be solicited from all constituencies on campus but each institution will then

present to the Board of Trustees its recommendations. If reductions in personnel become necessary, the first course of action will be attrition; the current turnover rate is 5 to 7 percent across the university.

- Course of action--After all data is collected and shared between boards, a common set of policies will evolve across all institutions that would be uniformly applied.

ACF REPORT

Caroline Perkins referred to three policies currently being formulated at the board level: guidelines for program change, citizenship and the curriculum, and college credit opportunities. A fourth topic still under discussion is the domestic partners policy. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

ELECTION OF LIAISON FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dan Cowell, Department of Psychiatry, volunteered for the position and was immediately elected by acclamation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Campbell, bookstore manager, was introduced after which he outlined plans and policies for the bookstore. He presented the floorplans for the renovation of the upper floor which will extend out toward Elm St. and should double the store's size. He would like to move toward education seminars such as copyright and other publishing issues. A book club (buy 12 and get one free) will be available and a faculty/staff appreciation day is planned in October.

Textbook adoptions are due Nov. 30. A question was asked concerning faculty discounts; they are no longer available. Campbell invited faculty input and looks forward to working with faculty and students to provide desired services.

Baker announced the following appointments as made by the Executive Committee at its last meeting: Senate Parliamentarian--Bill Denman; President's Athletic Advisory Board--Phil Carter, Patti Walker, John Wallace; Staff Council committees--Financial Affairs, Xinlong Weng; Planning Committee, Dolores Johnson; Physical Environment, Paul Lutz; Legislative Affairs, Dennis Lebec; Staff Athletic Committee, Don Cannon; Library Construction Committee (fall semester), Karen Baker.

The senate president announced that standing committees are beginning to meet for the year and some of the issues that will be coming before the senate are parking, salary distribution policy review, patent policy, and review/revision of the mission statement.

Baker then asked for senate input with regard to the continuing practice of liaison senators making short reports on committee activities. Four reports per meeting would result in just one committee report per semester by liaison senators. Perkins moved for continuance of the policy. The motion was seconded and passed.

Another practice in former years was the assignment of constituencies to individual senators to facilitate two-way communication. Perkins so moved and it was seconded. After much discussion, there was a call for the question. The motion was defeated by voice vote.

Agenda requests for future meetings included: parking, especially for graduate and teaching assistants; use of classrooms (dedicated versus general designations); Community and Technical College, teaching loads for Transition Institute faculty.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.