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Senator Byrd will be Commencement speaker

A little more than 42 years ago, Robert C. Byrd was carrying a heavy load of classes, 22 credit hours, at Marshall College--and doing quite well, thank you. At age 33, he was a West Virginia state senator as well as a star student.

Twenty years ago, he returned to deliver the 1974 Commencement address at Marshall University and receive an honorary doctorate. By then he had become the Democratic majority whip, one of the top leadership positions in the United States Senate.

Now perhaps the most powerful individual in the U.S. Congress as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Byrd

will make another visit next month to speak at the 1994 Marshall Commencement, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley. The ceremonies are scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7, in the Huntington Civic Center.

"For a number of reasons, we're very pleased Senator Byrd has accepted our invitation to address the 1994 graduates," Gilley said. "He is, of course, an outstanding orator and a man of enormous intellect. He has made a singular mark on the history of West Virginia and wields tremendous influence on the course of the nation. I believe he has a great deal to tell our graduating students and I am confident they will be inspired by his remarks."

Since his last visit as Commencement speaker, Byrd has served as Senate minority leader and Senate majority leader. On assuming the Appropriations Committee chairmanship, he announced he would focus his attention on West Virginia's problems and he has used his influence effectively in generating additional economic opportunities for the state.

Byrd attended Marshall only one semester, the Fall Term of 1951-52, before turning his attention to a successful 1952 campaign for election to the U.S. House of Representatives. He also attended Beckley College and Morris Harvey College, now the University of Charleston, and received his law degree from American University. Reared in Sophia, Raleigh County, Byrd emerged from modest circumstances to hold more elective legislative offices than any other individual in West Virginia history.

"For good reason, Senator Byrd has become a monumental figure in West Virginia politics and in national government," Gilley said. "We are fortunate we will have an opportunity to see and hear a living legend in action at Marshall's graduation ceremonies next month."

Alumni to be honored



Allen



Stevens



Fox

A law professor, an insurance executive, and a tax consultant/educator will be honored Saturday, April 23, during the Marshall University Alumni Association's 57th annual Alumni Awards Banquet.

Dr. Ronald J. Allen, the John Henry Wigmore Professor of Law at Northwestern University, Chicago, will be recognized as the 1994 Distinguished Alumnus. Erland P. "Ernie" Stevens Jr., senior vice president of the Putnam Agency Inc. in Ashland, Ky., will receive the Distinguished Service Award, and Margaret "Peggy" Neel Fox, owner of two H&R Block satellite offices in Barboursville, W. Va., will receive the Alumna Community Achievement Award.

Allen, a 1970 Marshall honors graduate, earned his J.D. degree from the University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, and began his career as a visiting professor of law at the University of Nebraska in 1973. He taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo from 1974 through 1979 prior to becoming a professor of law at the University of Iowa, and later, Duke University. He also has served as a visiting professor at the University of Iowa and the University of Michigan, a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the University of Adelaide in Australia, and Distinguished Lecturer at Marshall for the Society of Yeager Scholars, of which he is a board member.

A specialist in constitutional law, Allen went to Northwestern in 1984 as a visiting professor of law and during that same year accepted the law school's offer to join the faculty as a professor.

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Drinko Center formed

American institutions, values and culture will be the focus of a new undergraduate education program at Marshall University, the John Deaver Drinko Center for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture.

The new undertaking was announced Thursday night, April 7, during a reception and dinner honoring John D. and Elizabeth G. Drinko, long-time Marshall supporters.

"The Drinko Center will enable us to study some of the basic characteristics of American society today, such as fragmentation, declining public confidence in government and the failure of individual citizens to accept responsibility," Marshall President J. Wade Gilley said. "We will have not only the opportunity to look at problems, but perhaps to help find some solutions. It's an exciting prospect."

The center will be built around a core of distinguished senior professors, according to MU Vice President for Academic Affairs Alan B. Gould. They will be recruited on the basis of distinction

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Marshall alumni will be honored April 23

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He was named the John Henry Wigmore Professor of Law in 1992.

A prolific writer, Allen has co-authored five books with Richard Kuhns, all published by Little, Brown & Co. A sixth book, "The Nature of Judicial Proof," is due to be published in 1995 by Princeton University Press. Allen also has published many articles in law reviews and professional journals.

Now a resident of Chicago, Allen is a native of Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife, the former Julie O'Donnell, are parents of four children.

Stevens, a graduate of Penn State University and American University, is being honored for his service to Marshall University. A member of Marshall's Choral Union since 1987, he and his wife, the former Ellen Mills, established a Marshall Choral Union Scholarship. They are members of The Marshall University Foundation Inc.'s John Marshall Society.

A volunteer for The Campaign for Marshall fund drive in the Ashland area, Stevens has been a long-time supporter of both academics and athletics. He is a member of the Big Green and is active with numerous community, professional and church activities.

Stevens earned the chartered property and casualty underwriter designation from The American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters Inc. in 1976. He has been associated with the Putnam Agency since 1977.

He has received various awards from the Ashland Jaycees, was

awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Union College in 1979 and was named Boss of the Year in 1986 by the Ashland Association of Insurance Women. Stevens is a native of Yonkers, N.Y. He and his wife are parents of three children.

Mrs. Fox, a Huntington resident, will be recognized for her 24 years of service to CONTACT Huntington, a 24-hour non-profit helpline. She was a charter member of CONTACT and has served as a telephone volunteer, senior worker, board member and chairperson of numerous committees. She also has been involved since 1973 with International LIFELINE.

Her additional community involvement includes service to her church, First Presbyterian Church of Huntington, in a number of capacities, including Stephen Minister Leader. She also has been active in the Parent-Teacher Association and the American Association of University Women.

A 1927 graduate of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., Mrs. Fox earned an M.A. degree in counseling from Marshall in 1958 and a B.S. degree in accounting in 1983.

Mrs. Fox was a math teacher and counselor at Ceredo Kenova High School for 18 years, retiring in 1973. She began a new career in 1974 as a tax preparer with H&R Block and in 1978 became owner of the H&R Block satellite offices from which she also operates an accounting business. She and her husband, Merrill W. Fox, are parents of six children.

The Alumni Awards Banquet begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 23, in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. For reservations, call the Office of Alumni Affairs, 696-2523.

Trustees approve plans

Plans to build an office and teaching center for the School of Medicine moved forward Thursday, March 31, with a unanimous "yes" vote from the University System Board of Trustees.

Cabell Huntington Hospital has agreed to collaborate with Marshall in constructing the 110,000-square-foot clinical building, which would be the cornerstone of a university medical center. Other components would include privately funded academic support space and Marshall's federally funded Center for Rural Health. Complete project costs are estimated at \$27 million.

The Trustees' approval was the first of two required, according to project director James Schneider, associate dean of the School of Medicine. The state Health Care Cost Review Authority, which must approve the hospital's participation, is expected to act on the proposal by early May.

"We're optimistic that HCCRA will agree this is a win-win project that will give patients easier access to health care, improve the teaching environment dramatically, and reduce duplication of services," Schneider said.

The Board of Trustees approved Marshall's proposal by a unanimous vote. Student representative Craig Kesner said the Advisory Council of Students had reviewed the proposal and given its unanimous endorsement as well.

Approval by HCCRA would allow Marshall and Cabell Huntington to finalize the overall design of the building and move on to room-by-room planning. Construction contracts could be put out as early as late fall, Schneider said.

The complex will be funded entirely by the hospital, the federal government and private sources, officials said. No state funding will be used.

Drinko Center formed

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as scholars and teachers and concern with broad intellectual issues involving American civic culture and politics. Appropriate other MU faculty members will be associated with the center as Drinko Center Fellows on a rotating basis. In addition, as many as 10 students, designated Drinko Student Scholars, will work with the center's professors on specific projects.

During the Thursday night dinner in the Marshall Stadium's Big Green Room, Gilley presented John Drinko a special medalion, the first John Marshall Medal for Civic Responsibility, in recognition of the nationally-prominent attorney's support of higher education at Marshall and a number of other institutions. Thursday morning, he announced at Marshall's Honors Convocation the annual event was being renamed the Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation in recognition of Mrs. Drinko's contributions.

The couple provided \$1 million to Marshall in 1987, endowing the Drinko Distinguished Chair in Liberal Arts. Six former Drinko Professors took part in the first Drinko Symposium Thursday afternoon, discussing "The Globalization of Higher Education."

The "Academic Celebration" will continue Thursday and Friday, April 14 and 15, when Marshall alumni Lonnie Thompson and Ellen Mosley-Thompson return to campus for a series of lectures. Research scientists with Ohio State University's Byrd Polar Institute, they are authorities on global warming. Lonnie Thompson will present a public lecture Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 374 of the MU Science Hall on "Evidence for Recent Global Warming." A reception will follow in the Science Hall lobby.

Broaddus to give COB anniversary lecture

J. Alfred Broaddus Jr., president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va., will present the Marshall University College of Business' 25th Anniversary Lecture on Wednesday, April 20, at 8 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown University.

Broaddus, who also is a member of the Federal Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve System, will discuss recent developments in money markets and the Federal Reserve's initiatives to contain inflation as well as his forecast for economic development in the region served by his bank.

Dr. Calvin A. Kent, dean of the College of Business, said Broaddus also will talk about the issues raised by the proposed changes in bank regulation advanced by the Clinton administration. "This proposed consolidation of bank regulatory functions would mark a major change in bank regulation in our country," said Kent.

President will give address

MU classified staff will hold election

An election for two classified staff positions will be held Thursday, April 21, at 3 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Classified staff members will be elected to fill a two-year term on the Advisory Council of Classified Employees and a one-year term on the Institutional Board of Advisors.

The Advisory Council is comprised of one classified staff member from each institution of higher education in the state. This body consults with and advises the Board of Trustees on matters of higher education in which the classified staff may have an interest.

The Institutional Board of Advisors is an 11-member board that reviews all proposals regarding institutional-wide policies prior to their implementation by the president.

Sherri Noble, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, is the lone candidate for the Advisory Council position. She has been employed at Marshall for 15 years and has been a member of various university committees. She currently serves as president of the MU Classified Staff Council.

Candidates for the Institutional Board of Advisors position are: Jonathan Brown, manager of the Learning Resources Center in the School of Nursing; James McKeny of the Plant Operations Division; Monica Shafer, an accounting clerk at the MU Bookstore, and Jan Weece of the Technical Education Program Improvement Center/ERIC Library.

Absentee voting will take place April 20 in Old Main Room 109. Absentee voting will be made available for the Medical Education Building and Doctors' Memorial Building. Provisions also will be made for night-shift workers to vote absentee.

Marshall President J. Wade Gilley will address the classified staff and the faculty at 4 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room. Members of the Cabell-Wayne legislative delegation also are expected to attend the meeting.

Release time (with approval of supervisors) has been granted by the president.

The presentation will be made during a breakfast meeting which will be open to the public. There will be a charge of \$8 for the breakfast and presentation.

A Richmond native, Broaddus received his bachelor's degree from Washington and Lee University where he was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Beta Kappa. Following his graduation, he studied in France under a Fulbright Fellowship where he received a graduate degree from the Center of Advanced European Studies at the University of Strasbourg.

After military service, he received his master's and doctoral degrees in economics from Indiana University.

Broaddus joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond research staff as an economist in 1970, was named assistant vice president in 1972, vice president in 1975 and senior vice president and director of research in 1985. He was promoted to president in 1993.

He has written a number of articles on banking and monetary policy and has lectured at several state banking schools and taught courses at the University of Richmond.

Broaddus is involved in various community organizations in the Richmond area and is vice chairman of the board of trustees of the Health Corporation of Virginia.

He is a member of the advisory boards of the Virginia Commonwealth University Center for Economic Education and the E. Clairborne Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond. He also is a member of the American Economic Association, the National Association of Business Economists and the Southern Economic Association.

To make reservations or obtain further details contact Sherry Adkins at Marshall's College of Business, 696-2311.

International event set

"Globalizing Marshall University" will be the theme for the university's 28th annual International Festival which will be held Sunday, April 17, beginning at 4 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center, according to Dr. Will Edwards, executive director of Marshall's Center for International Programs.

The festival will feature exotic foods, traditional music and dance and displays representing many different countries and cultures.

The exhibits and entertainment will be open to the public free of charge. Tickets for the food-sampling session will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children if purchased in advance, or \$7 for adults and \$4 for children if purchased at the door.

Edwards said the International Festival brings the Marshall University community and citizens from the Tri-State area together to share cultures and gives people the opportunity to celebrate and share their international heritage.

"This effort promotes understanding and awareness and reminds everyone of the increasing interdependence of all nations and peoples," he said. "Every individual is unique but also is a member of a larger community. All are invited to attend the festival."

To order tickets or obtain further details about the International Festival contact Lena Ji, 696-2379, or stop by the Marshall University Center for International Programs in Old Main Room 212.

NCAA self-study report being developed

Carrie Dias, an NCAA compliance representative, conducted an orientation visit at Marshall University last Friday, April 8, the beginning of a 12-month self-study of athletics at the university.

The purpose of the self-study is to obtain NCAA certification which is meant to ensure the NCAA's fundamental commitment to integrity in intercollegiate athletics. Athletics certification was approved for Division I institutions during the 1993 NCAA convention as a key component of the NCAA's reform agenda.

Linda S. Wilkinson, associate professor and chair of developmental and general studies in Marshall's Community and Technical College, is chairing the university's 14-member Self-Study Steering Committee.

She said the program is structured to achieve its goal in the

Trip will feature tour of two Russian cities

A unique opportunity to visit Russia, "Land of the Czars," is being offered this summer by Marshall University's Department of Economics, according to Dr. Alina M. Zapalska, assistant professor of economics.

Participants will spend 11 days and 10 nights, Aug. 3-14, touring Russia and visiting Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Students will be able to receive three credit hours during the tour studying subjects such as European culture through the art of Russia, European history through the history of Russia and European economy and politics through post-Soviet economy and politics.

The tour will feature on-site visits to Moscow's museums, exhibitions and monuments and will introduce participants to Russian/European artistic, cultural, economic and political developments from the medieval period to the present. Emphasis will be placed on Russian art, music and history.

"This trip will give participants the opportunity to take a magnified look at all of the sights and sounds that are living and breathing examples of centuries of history, architecture and folktales surrounding the powerful Czars and post-Soviet Russian history," said Zapalska. "Some of the challenges facing Russia today will be addressed through contacts and discussions with people who live there."

The cost of the trip will be \$1,350 which includes round-trip airfare from JFK Airport in New York, meeting service on arrival, transfers, Four-Star hotel accommodations (based on double occupancy) at Pribaltiyskaya in St. Petersburg and Cosmos in Moscow, three meals per day, two sightseeing tours in each city, English-speaking guides and security personnel, overnight trainfare from St. Petersburg to Moscow and land transportation by motorcoach.

Zapalska said the trip has been designed for students of all majors, faculty and staff and others who would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

The application deadline is May 6. To register or obtain further details contact Zapalska at Marshall University's Department of Economics, 696-3234 or 696-6492.

following ways:

--By opening the affairs of athletics to the university community and to the public;

--By setting standards which cover four basic areas: governance and commitment to rules, academic integrity, fiscal integrity, and commitment to equity;

--By putting tough sanctions in place for institutions that fail to conduct a comprehensive self-study or fail to correct problems.

NCAA athletics certification is intended to help an institution, not harm it, according to Wilkinson. She said an effective self-study program benefits the institution by providing a self-awareness and affirmation of athletic programs as well as providing opportunities for improvement.

Institutions that fail to conduct a self-study could face serious consequences including ineligibility for NCAA championships and possibly removal from active membership in the association.

In addition to the Steering Committee, four subcommittees have been formed. Wilkinson said the members of the Steering Committee and subcommittees will guarantee opportunities for input from appropriate campus constituent groups.

Members of the Steering Committee are: Winston Baker, director of residence services; Randy Bobbitt, instructor of journalism and mass communications; Jonathan Brown, manager of the Learning Resources Center in the School of Nursing; Keener Fry, associate director of athletics; MU President J. Wade Gilley; Edward Grose, vice president for administration; Dorothy Hicks, professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and Marshall's NCAA faculty athletics representative;

Kristin Butcher, president of the MU Student Government Association; Philip Modlin, associate professor of biological sciences; Lee Moon, athletic director; Louis Peake, president of the MU Alumni Association; David Schnase, MU's NCAA liaison and director of compliance in the Athletic Department; Barbara Boag, administrative aide in the Office of the Vice President for Administration, and Wilkinson.

Others who will serve as members on various subcommittees include: Robert Sawrey, professor of history and chair of the Honors Council; Carolyn Karr, professor of history; James D. Woodrum, assistant athletic director; Robert Eddins, registrar; Donna L. Mauk, director of Marshall's Student Athlete Program; Lorraine P. Anderson, instructor and interim director of undergraduate studies in the College of Business; Herbert J. Karlet, vice president for finance, and Nicole Wilkins, a student and member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

David Schnase, director of compliance and Marshall's liaison with the NCAA, will write the final self-study report.

COE dept. has machine for sale

A department in the College of Education has an A.B. Dick Mimeograph Stencil Printer Model 565 for sale, according to Dr. Roscoe Hale of the Division of Teacher Education.

Hale said the machine, purchased 7/7/92 for \$2,950, was used less than one year and is like new. The department is relocating and due to space limitations and usage the machine is no longer needed. It may be examined in Northcott Hall Room 202.

To obtain further details phone 696-2333 or 696-2892.

Alumni to discuss global warming studies

Two Marshall University alumni who have uncovered evidence of global warming through their study of glacial ice cores will share their findings with students, faculty and the public at Marshall University Thursday and Friday, April 14-15.

Dr. Lonnie G. Thompson and his wife and collaborator Dr. Ellen Mosley-Thompson, scientists with Ohio State University's Byrd Polar Research Center, are being sponsored by the Drinko Lectureship as part of the John Deaver and Elizabeth G. Drinko Academic Celebration that began April 7.

In addition to speaking to a number of Marshall classes and meeting with faculty and academic administrators, Thompson will give a public lecture, "Evidence for Recent Global Warming," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in the Science Building Room 374. A reception will follow in the Science Building lobby.

Thompson earned his bachelor's degree in geology from

Marshall in 1970 and his master's and doctoral degrees from Ohio State.

The coal industry was booming during Thompson's youth in Gassaway, W.Va. When he enrolled at Marshall, he was intent on a career as coal geologist. Not long after entering graduate school at Ohio State, Thompson made a trip to Antarctica where he helped collect ice samples and analyze their dust content. After that trip, his career plans changed.

He and Mosley-Thompson, who earned her B.S. degree in physics from Marshall in 1970 and received her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in geography (climatology) from Ohio State, are internationally known for their research that has provided the world's only archive of frozen climate records from the Earth's lower latitudes.

Very early in his career, Thompson determined ice core research in polar areas was not providing a clear picture of climatic changes. Parting company with most of his colleagues, he has concentrated on high-altitude glaciers in the tropics and subtropics, reasoning that those areas show a clearer picture of mankind's effect on the environment.

The researchers from the Byrd Polar Research Center, led by Thompson, are the only ones actively looking beyond Antarctica for global climate records.

Analyses of oxygen isotopes in core samples suggest that in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres climatic "changes have taken place recently, and they have been of a fairly large magnitude," Thompson said.

One of Thompson's and Mosley-Thompson's most provocative reports, co-authored with John Bolzan of the Byrd Institute, concluded that temperatures in central Asia have been warmer during the past 50 years than at any time since the last ice age.

Results from the Andes have been similar. His research found the first evidence of "unprecedented warming" taking place in tropical South America in the last decade.

"The evidence is very clear in the tropics and subtropics that warming is taking place," Thompson said. "Many of the glaciers in the tropics and subtropics have disappeared in the last century and the rate of change seems to be increasing. Whether this is the greenhouse effect or just natural variability in the system, you can still argue."

Professor to lecture

Alnoor Dhanani of Tufts University will make a presentation titled "Medieval Muslim Science" at Marshall University on Thursday, April 14, at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

The presentation, open to the public free of charge, is part of the "History of Science" lecture series being sponsored by Marshall's College of Science and the Office of Multicultural and International Programs.

To obtain further details contact Dr. James Moloney at Marshall University, 696-3045.

Writer will read works

West Virginia writer Valerie Nieman Colander will read from her works at Marshall University on Tuesday, April 19, at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

A graduate of West Virginia University, Colander is a poet and fiction writer. She is city editor of the Fairmont Times-West Virginian and also serves as co-editor of the new West Virginia literary journal, *Kestrel*.

Her poetry has appeared in journals such as *Poetry*, *New Letters*, the *New Virginia Review* and *West Branch*. A chapbook of her poems, "Slipping Out of Old Eve," appeared in a special edition of the journal, *Sing Heavenly Muse!*

Colander's short fiction has appeared in a variety of literary journals and has been recognized by a PEN Syndicated Fiction Award.

She received a prestigious National Endowment for the Arts Literature Grant in 1991 as well as a grant from The Kentucky Foundation for Women. In 1992 she received one of the new individual fellowships in literature granted by the West Virginia Arts and Humanities Commission.

Her presentation, open to the public free of charge, is part of Marshall's Visiting Writers Series sponsored by the MU College of Liberal Arts and the Department of English.

To obtain further details contact Art Stringer in the Marshall University English Department, 696-2403.

Fitness Festival slated

Project Well/Fit's "Preventive Health and Fitness Festival" will be held Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to noon in Marshall University's Henderson Center.

The MU Sports Science and Wellness Institute, St. Mary's Hospital and the Public Employees Insurance Agency are organizing the event.

Various national and local preventive health organizations will participate in the event which will feature PEIA and community health screening from 8 a.m. to noon; a seminar titled "Humor in the Workplace" at 10:45 a.m.; a lowfat cooking demonstration at 10 a.m. and a fun fitness walk at 11:30 a.m.

The event is open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Rick Robinson, Project Well/Fit coordinator, 696-2937.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

ROBERT BICKEL, GEORGE ARTHUR and LINDA SPATIG of the Educational Foundations Department are co-authors of a paper titled "Social Circumstances of the West Virginia Teachers' Strike of 1990." The paper has been accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems scheduled Aug. 4-6 in Los Angeles.

Dr. KENNETH AMBROSE, professor and chair of the Sociology/Anthropology Department, conducted an evaluation of the new sociology textbook, "Sociology, A Down-to-Earth Approach," for Allyn and Bacon. The book was used for the introductory sociology course at the West Virginia State Police Academy at Institute. It was provided to the academy at a savings of more than \$2,500. The text uses cross-cultural examples that help students have a greater appreciation of other cultures. This was the second time the MU Sociology/Anthropology Depart-

'View From Bridge' set

The Marshall University Theatre Department will present "A View From the Bridge" April 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

A drama by Arthur Miller, the play revolves around an uncle's obsessive love for his niece. Upon discovering that a young immigrant has fallen in love with his niece, the uncle desperately attempts to destroy the relationship. Blinded by his own simple-mindedness he refuses to see that the outward fatherly love may be cloaking a dark secret.

To obtain further details and ticket information contact the Marshall University Theatre Box Office, 696-2787.

ment has served as an evaluation site for textbooks.

Violinist ELIZABETH REED SMITH and pianist LESLIE PETTEYS of the Marshall Department of Music recently completed a six-state concert tour performing works by American composers. Their programs featured a Sonata for solo violin by MU Professor Emeritus PAUL WHEAR, commissioned by SMITH in 1993, and the Second Piano Sonata by George Walker. Other composers represented were William Bolcom, Amy Beach, Joe Venuti and Aaron Copland. Their performance at Hollins College in Roanoke, Va., was recorded by Virginia Public Radio and can be heard in southern West Virginia on WVTF-89 public radio. SMITH also performed WHEAR's Sonata at the Mid-Atlantic meeting of the College Music Society held March 25 in Greensboro, N.C.

WILLIAM L. REDD, associate professor in the Legal Assistant Program at Marshall University's Community and Technical College, has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the West Virginia State Bar. His term begins April 29. A Marshall alumnus, REDD has been a full-time faculty member in the Community and Technical College since 1989.

DAVID K. WALKER, associate professor of computer science, HAMID CHAHRYAR, associate professor of computer science, and JAMES W. MOORE, assistant professor of psychology, presented the research poster-demonstration paper, "Computer Science Lectureroom Demonstration Experiment in Event Counting," at the ACM/SIGCSE national meeting held March 7-11 in Phoenix, Ariz.

MU recitals scheduled

Guest artists and faculty members and students in Marshall University's Department of Music will present a number of concerts and recitals during April, according to Dr. Donald A. Williams, department chair.

All of the programs will be held in Smith Recital Hall on the Marshall campus. The schedule includes the following:

April 14--Marshall University Percussion Ensemble concert at 8 p.m.

April 16--Marshall University Choral Union concert at 8 p.m.

April 17--Marshall University Choral Union concert at 3 p.m.

April 19--Marshall University Orchestra concert at 8 p.m.

April 22--Jon Hill (guitar) and Matt Price (tenor) duo recital at 8 p.m.

All of the programs will be open to the public. Many of the programs will be presented free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-3117.

Reception for Arnold

Ramona Arnold will be leaving Marshall University April 22.

A reception in her honor will be held Thursday, April 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Arnold has worked at Marshall for 15 years, serving as manager of housing and for the past four years director of auxiliary services.

She and her husband, Pat, and son, Patrick, will be relocating in Sarasota, Fla.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Several weeks ago you received a note requesting assistance for Michael Tilson, a custodian at John Marshall Medical Services.

Michael, who suffers from leukemia, recently learned of a possible bone marrow match and he and his family are very optimistic.

I am happy to announce that our university community contributed \$1,200 to help Michael and his family with expenses.

Several staff personnel donated sick leave in lieu of money.

Michael wishes to thank each of you for your assistance and concern.

Sincerely,
Mack H. Gillenwater

(Editor's Note--Contributions still are being accepted to help Tilson and his family. Contributions can be sent to Gillenwater in the Department of Geography. Checks may be made payable to the University Functions Committee.)