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New scholarship program honors Erma Byrd

Six West Virginians will be awarded $1,500 scholarships at Marshall University each year under a new "Erma Byrd Scholars" program, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

The scholarship fund, honoring the wife of U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd, was created with proceeds from a community dinner at Marshall May 7 which paid tribute to the veteran lawmaker from West Virginia. Senator Byrd also was the principal speaker at the event, arranged by a committee headed by Banc One West Virginia Corporation Chairman A. Michael Perry.

Future fund-raising events are planned to enhance the scholarship endowment, Gilley said.

Two Erma Byrd Scholarships will be awarded each year to students from each of West Virginia’s three congressional districts. Gilley said. The scholarships are renewable if the students maintain 3.5 grade point averages in their Marshall work, creating the potential for 24 Erma Byrd Scholars on campus at any given time after the third year of the program.

Gilley said the scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement and potential for contribution to the state’s future. Erma Byrd Scholars will automatically become participants in the university’s Honors Program.

An Erma Byrd Scholarship Program Advisory Board will be appointed by Gilley, consisting of a chairperson, a representative from each of the state’s congressional districts and two members of the university faculty. Perry has agreed to serve as the first chairman, Gilley said.

In turn, the individual appointees from the congressional districts will be responsible for forming district committees to serve as recruiting/screening committees for the program with the Advisory Board making the final selections.

A highlight of the program will be an annual trip to Washington, D.C., for the Erma Byrd Scholars to learn more about the workings of government, visit some of the nation’s landmarks and meet with Senator and Mrs. Byrd. Gilley said.

"Over the years, Senator Byrd has made a remarkable contribution to the United States Senate and to West Virginia," Gilley said. "At the same time, in her quiet manner, Mrs. Byrd also has contributed greatly not only to the senator’s career but to the community."

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Equipment total from NSF reaches $2 million

Marshall University has received equipment worth $664,350 from the National Science Foundation, according to Charlotte Weber, executive assistant for federal programs at Marshall University’s Research and Economic Development Center.

The university obtained the equipment through the National Science Foundation’s warehouse clearance program in Lanham, Md. Marshall was permitted to participate in the federal program because of NSF grants held by Dr. Michael Norton, associate professor of chemistry; Dr. Michael Castellani, assistant professor of chemistry; Dr. Suzanne Strait, assistant professor of biological sciences, and Dr. Protip Ghosh, professor of geology.

Weber said the equipment will be utilized in research activities and in the classroom.

This is the fourth time in the past year Marshall has been permitted to participate in an NSF warehouse clearance program. Weber said the university has received nearly $2 million worth of scientific equipment from the National Science Foundation through its participation in the clearance programs.

"In the previous NSF warehouse clearance programs, the university received a large amount of computer equipment and specialized scientific instruments that our faculty and students utilize in their research efforts," said Weber. "In this clearance program, the majority of the equipment we received consists of computer-related items and equipment such as plotters and signal generators that will be used in the Engineering Department."

She said Marshall received eight VAX workstations, several computers and items such as printers, disk drives, monitors and laserdisc players.

The equipment currently is being distributed to the Marshall University Computer Center and various departments throughout the campus.

‘Gala 1994’ scheduled

A second gala to benefit the arts at Marshall University is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17, according to Marshall President J. Wade Gilley.

The university, assisted by a number of community leaders, held the first black-tie gala in 1992 when Marshall’s Fine and Performing Arts Center opened. The event cleared more than $100,000 for the university’s arts programs.

Gala 1994 will be led by chairperson Mrs. John P. (Jane) Boylin Jr., a community volunteer and part-time consultant for nonprofit agencies. She currently is chairperson of the Birke Fine Arts Symposium, vice chair of the Tri-State Arts Council, trustee and past president of the Huntington Chamber Orchestra, and on the advisory board of Read Aloud West Virginia.

Assisting Mrs. Boylin with the 1994 event will be co-chairpersons A. Michael Perry, who served as co-chairperson in 1992, and Mrs. J. Wade (Nan) Gilley, Mrs. John R. (Donna) Hall, co-chairperson for Gala 1992, is honorary chairperson.

The event features a reception, dinner, musical performance in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse of Marshall’s Fine and Performing Arts Center, and dessert following the performance.

"Marshall’s Fine and Performing Arts Center is an educational, creative, recreational and cultural center for not only the university but also for the community," Gilley said. "We are pleased that through these black-tie galas we can provide a festive cultural experience."
‘Gala 1994’ will benefit MU arts programs

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evening for the community while creating revenue for our arts endowment.

"Although fund raising is significant for the success of our fine arts program, the most important aspect is to celebrate the arts as we interact with the community to enhance the quality of life at Marshall University and in the community," Gilley said.

A number of community leaders from Huntington, Barboursville, Ashland and Charleston are involved with myriad details to make the evening a success, Gilley said.

Erma Byrd scholarships

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people of West Virginia. I’m very pleased we have this opportunity to recognize her contributions."

The first six Erma Byrd Scholars will be named this summer and will begin their Marshall studies in the fall, Gilley said.

Alcohol awareness event receives national honor

Marshall University has been selected as one of 10 award winners from colleges and universities throughout the United States in this year’s National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NCAAW) programming competition, according to Sharla Hofmann Meade, coordinator of Substance Abuse Education Programs at Marshall.

Meade was notified of Marshall’s selection by Dr. Edward H. Hammond, president of Fort Hays State University and national chairman of the NCAAW.

In a letter to Meade, Hays said, “I commend you for an excellent entry that exhibits creativity and a well-designed plan for curbing alcohol abuse on the college campus. Your selection indicates that you and your colleagues have made a strong commitment to one of NCAAW’s principal goals: to help students develop skills to make good decisions about alcohol that will last them a lifetime.

"It means that you appreciate the necessity for the educational community to get involved in promoting healthy lifestyles among year people today. It means that your institution believes that underage drinking is unacceptable and awareness through education is one of the best weapons we have to combat alcohol abuse. It is without a doubt that your efforts to increase alcohol awareness through National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week will make a tremendous difference on your campus."

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week is observed annually in October at Marshall and other colleges and universities throughout the country.

Meade said a variety of creative events and educational programs are held at Marshall each year to promote awareness about alcohol related concerns and help students make responsible choices about drinking.

Members of the Gala 1994 planning committee include: Connie Post, gala designer; Bobbie Trainor, design coordinator; Edward Bennett, floral design; Jane Herndon and Sally Love, entertainment; Frank Justice, fund raising; Joan Weisberg and Charles Whitehead, invitation list; Patsy Lansaw, invitations; Susan Miller, outside decorations; Sally Carey, poster; Nancy Lacy, program design; Allison Bias, publicity; Beverly Pofahl and Anne Maxwell, reception/dinner; Julienne McNeer, special guests; Nancy Hindsley, theatre tickets/seating; Sue Dransfeld, dinner/seating; Mary Hodges and Anita DeHart, ushers, and Joyce Frazier, valet parking.

Tickets for Gala 1994 range from $125 single to $5,000 for a reserved table seating eight. Seating is limited to 500.

Anyone interested in attending Gala 1994 may contact Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter, Marshall assistant vice president for institutional advancement, 696-6443.

Fulbrights available

Fulbright opportunities are available for university lecturing or advanced research in nearly 140 countries, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, associate vice president for institutional advancement.

Scholars in all academic ranks are eligible to apply, from junior faculty to professor emeriti. Applications also are encouraged from professionals outside academe, as well as from faculty at all types of institutions.

Awards range from two months to a full academic year. Many of the assignments are flexible. Openings exist in almost every area of the humanities, social sciences, natural and applied sciences, the arts and professional fields such as business, journalism and law.

The basic eligibility requirements for a Fulbright award are U.S. citizenship and a Ph.D. or comparable professional qualifications. For lecturing awards, university or college teaching experience is expected. Language skills are needed for some countries but most lecturing assignments are in English.

A single deadline of Aug. 1, 1994, exists for research and lecturing grants. Other deadlines are in place for special programs.

To obtain further details contact Denman, 696-3007.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you so much for your expressions of thoughtfulness and kindness during my recent hospitalization and recovery at home.

Your concern for me meant so much to my family and me. It will always be fondly remembered.

Sincerely,
Sheri McGhee
CAE/Honors
Begley gets DOE grant to conduct research

Dr. Richard D. Begley, associate professor and chairman of Marshall University's Engineering Department, has received a $10,290 grant from the United States Department of Energy to continue his research in computer environmental modeling this summer.

The grant will allow Begley to fulfill a summer faculty arrangement through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education at the Department of Energy's Morgantown Energy Technology Center.

WVCEE receives grant to expand stock game

The West Virginia Council for Economic Education has received a $2,500 grant from the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Securities Industry Association to assist in the council's operation of the Stock Market Game in West Virginia, according to Dr. Neil Arneson, WVCEE executive director and professor of social studies education at Marshall University.

The Stock Market Game is a 10-week simulation in which student teams invest a mythical $100,000 in stocks traded on the New York, American and NASDAQ exchanges. "By participating in the game, students learn about the stock market, our economy and current events," explained Arneson.

The grant will help the WVCEE expand the game into more West Virginia counties.

"We began the program in the fall of 1992 with three teachers," said Arneson. "This past spring we had 16 teachers in seven counties--Cabell, Lincoln, Putnam, Kanawha, Mercer, Harrison and Monongalia. We are interested in finding as many new teachers as possible to participate in the simulation. The game fits the curriculum of any of the middle or high school social studies, math or business courses."

Arneson said additional funds are needed to pay for postage, computer processing and team fees. "The council hopes to continue the involvement of private business to cover these expenses so as many students as possible in West Virginia can learn about the Stock Market Game," he said.

Teachers or businesses interested in participating in the program can obtain further details by contacting Arneson at Marshall University's Center for Economic Education. 696-6753.

'Harvard Yard' slated

The Marshall University Theatre will present "Park Your Car in Harvard Yard," a dramatic comedy by Israel Horovitz, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 28-30, at 8 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are $6 and are available at the Marshall University Box Office. 696-2787.

Professor Eugene Anthony will direct and perform in the two-person production.

The Department of Theatre/Dance has received a grant to present the show at several area high schools this fall.

The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education is a nationwide program that gives college faculty members the opportunity to conduct research at Department of Energy facilities.

Begley's research will focus on utilizing models to predict the amount and spread of contamination and its three-dimensional visualization using the latest computer technology in cases such as leaks in underground storage tanks or pipelines or any other means by which a contaminant is released to the ground.

He said the research is relevant to the mining industry because there are a lot of environmental consequences involved in the mining of coal and other minerals.

"It is difficult to actually look beneath the surface of the earth in cases where the ground is contaminated but by utilizing specialized computer programs we can predict the extent of contamination and show what it would look like in both two and three dimensions," explained Begley.

Introductory computer class offered by CTC

An introductory computer course will be presented by the Continuing Education Office in Marshall University's Community and Technical College on Fridays beginning July 22.

The six-class program will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 438 each Friday through Aug. 26.

Richard Hensley, director of continuing education, said the course has been designed for the beginning computer user. Students will be introduced to computer terminology and concepts and learn how to apply the computer through hands-on use.

There will be a $60 tuition fee for the program. To register or obtain further details contact the Continuing Education Office at Marshall University's Community and Technical College. 696-3113.

HS Library hours set

Marshall University's Health Science Library will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 15, and Monday, July 18. It will be closed Saturday and Sunday, July 16-17.

The library will resume its regular summer term hours on Tuesday, July 19, according to Randy Price, head of circulation at the library.

MU Newsletter deadline

The Marshall University Newsletter will be published on a bi-weekly schedule during the university's second summer term.

Items for the Marshall University Newsletter must be submitted to the University Relations Office by 10 a.m. Tuesday in order to be published the following Thursday. Lengthy items should be submitted as early as possible to ensure publication.
Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. WILLIAM B. RHOSTEN, professor and chair of the Department of Anatomy, Cell and Neurobiology at the School of Medicine, recently returned from a trip to Harare, Zimbabwe, where he attended a faculty development seminar sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange. The seminar emphasized development issues in Southern Africa, especially Zimbabwe. Among the topics discussed were the University of Zimbabwe Amendment Act and academic freedom, gender problems and AIDS-related diseases. RHOSTEN had dialogue with several officials from the University of Zimbabwe, members of its Department of Anatomy and Vice Chancellor G. Chavunduka.

Dr. KEITH E. BARENKLAU, professor and director of the Safety Technology Program, presented a refereed paper titled "Measurement of Ergonomic Programs" at the International Ergonomics Symposium held recently in Las Vegas. The two-day symposium featured presentations by ergonomic scholars and practitioners from Europe, the Far East and the U.S.

Dr. JAMES W. HOOPER, director of the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences, and Dr. AKHTAR LODGHER, associate professor of computer science and software development, participated in the "International Environmental Computing and Information Technology '94" conference held June 7-10 in Washington, D.C. Topics included environmental policy in transition, environmental risk assessment, environmental technologies, information visualization systems, natural resources and ecosystems, and international environmental issues. The conference participation was supported by a contract with the Department of Energy's Morgantown Energy Technology Center involving evaluation of three-dimensional visualization software and portable computer-based geographic information systems. HOOPER and Dr. DAVID CUSICK, professor of mathematics, participated in the "Cooperative Workshop on Curricular Integration in First-Year Science, Engineering and Mathematics Curricula" held June 17-23 in Estes Park, Colo. They attended as members of Marshall's Integrated Science and Technology Committee which is planning a new undergraduate degree program.

The workshop was sponsored by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology with funding from the GE Foundations and the National Science Foundation.

Dr. JOHN WALLACE, associate professor in Marshall's Management Department, has been awarded the Leadership Award for 1994 from the Tri-State chapter of the National Management Association. The NMA Newsletter credited WALLACE for holding several offices in the association, chairing the Huntington Infrastructure Task Force, organizing leadership classes for companies such as ACF, TransFab and Corbin, running the Small Business Institute, serving on the boards of the Foundation for Independent Living and the Huntington Area Labor Management Council and setting up the Tri-State Quality Council.

Dr. CLARA C. REESE, professor in the Department of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education, has had an article titled "Improving Attendance and Responsibility with Student Notebooks" accepted by McGraw-Hill Inc. for inclusion in a publication titled "Tested Teaching Ideas For Business Communication" which is expected to be ready for distribution in the fall. Penny Hoblyn, an editorial assistant for McGraw-Hill, told REESE in a letter that her article is a great contribution to business communication literature.

ROBERT BICKEL and LINDA LANGE of the College of Education are co-authors of an article titled "Opportunities, Costs and High School Completion in West Virginia: A Replication of Florida Research" which has been accepted for publication by The Journal of Educational Research. ROBERT KRIEBEL of the College of Education and BICKEL will be featured speakers at the Delta Pi Epsilon National Research Conference which will be held Nov. 10-12 in Philadelphia. Their presentation will be on "Quantitative Data Deficiencies and Qualitative Research."

Dr. THOMAS K. PAULEY, professor of biological sciences, will make a presentation on "The Impact of Habitat Disturbances on Amphibians in West Virginia" at the joint meeting of the Herpetologists League and the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles being held July 28-Aug. 2 at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga. He will discuss his research conducted during the past eight years to determine possible impacts of habitat disturbance on amphibians in West Virginia.

Dr. DEBRA TEACHMAN, assistant professor of English, has been elected to the West Virginia Humanities Council's Program Committee as a citizen member.

Dr. WILLIAM P. MARLEY, professor and director of the Human Performance Laboratory in the HPER Division, recently authored a keynote article, "Heart Rate Variability," which was published in Prime Care, a clinical newsletter for physicians and nurses in cardiac rehabilitation. He also made a presentation titled "Taking Charge of Your Health" to the St. Mary's Hospital Healthy Heart Support Group on May 9 and a presentation titled "Exercise and Nutrition: The Good Life" to the Cabell Huntington Hospital Cardi-Action Cardiac Support Group on June 20.

Dr. NEIL ARNESON, director of Marshall University's Center for Economic Education and executive director of the West Virginia Council on Economic Education, will represent West Virginia at the national consortium meeting for Workplace Economics being held July 14-17 in Bloomington, Ind. He said Workplace Economics is being developed as part of the tech-prep curriculum to demonstrate economic concepts in students' everyday lives as consumers and in the workplace. During the consortium, representatives from the Agency for Instructional Technology, the National Council for Economic Education and cooperating state systems of education will work on the development of course materials, teacher training programs and the distribution of the package during the 1995-96 school year.

Fellowships advertised

Residential fellowships for scholars are being advertised by the National Humanities Center, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the MU Graduate School.

Awards for September 1995 through May 1996 will allow humanists to study and exchange ideas with other scholars at the center which is located in the Research Triangle Park in North Carolina.

Stipends are determined by the NHC in negotiation with the fellows. The application deadline is Oct. 15, 1994.

To obtain further details contact the Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.