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Dr. William E. Coffey named 1984-85 ACE Fellow

Dr. William E. Coffey, a Marshall University professor of social studies, has been named a 1984-85 American Council on Education Fellow, MU President Dale Nitzschke announced today.

Notification of Coffey’s selection as one of 35 such recipients nationwide was made earlier this month by ACE President J.W. Peltason.

“Dr. Coffey’s selection for this prestigious fellowship speaks well for the overall quality of Marshall’s faculty,” Dr. Nitzschke said.

“This is not the first time a Marshall faculty member has received national recognition and I am sure it will not be the last time. We should be proud not only of him, but also of ourselves,” Nitzschke said.

The fellowship program, established in 1965, is designed to strengthen leadership in higher education by identifying and preparing faculty and staff for administrative roles.

ACE fellows are assigned to college or university presidents and chief academic officers with whom they will study and experience a variety of administrative activities.

Nominated by their home institution, ACE fellows are selected on the basis of academic credentials and potential for administrative leadership, recommendations by professional colleagues, interviews with experienced administrators, and overall qualifications as measured against the program’s standards, according to Program Director Madeleine F. Green.

“I am deeply indebted to Provost Olen Jones and BOR Vice Chancellor David Powers for their nomination and their encouragement,” said Coffey. “I am looking forward to this exciting and challenging opportunity for professional growth,” he added. His assignment will be determined at a later date, according to Coffey.

A member of the MU faculty since 1969, Coffey currently is the elected representative from Marshall to the West Virginia Board of Regents Advisory Council of Faculty and has held major offices in the campus and state chapters of the American Association of University Professors.

Faculty election

Ballots for the general faculty election of standing committee members will be distributed today (March 29) and balloting will conclude at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 5.

Ballots must be cast in person in the appropriate academic dean’s office by faculty members and in the Provost’s Office by voting administrators.

Nominations for committee posts and representation to boards were made at the March 26 meeting as follows:

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE (Vote for two) Charles L. Jones, Stan Maynard and Steve Cody.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS (Vote for one) Donna Spindel, Billy Ray Dunn and Art Lepley.

INSTITUTIONAL BOARD OF ADVISORS (Vote for one) Elaine Baker, Lee Olson, Dan O’Hanion, William Paynter and Joe La Cascia.

BOARD OF REGENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL OF FACULTY (Vote for one. Highest vote getter represents, next highest to be alternate.) Virginia Plumley, Joseph Stone, Frank Aldred and Paul Bromley.

MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER BOARD (Vote for one) Phillip Prey and Sara Anderson.


HEARING COMMITTEE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR RANK (Vote for three) Clara Reese, Charles Bias, John Hubbard, William Radig and David Cusick.

HEARING COMMITTEE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR RANK (Vote for three) Cliff Schneider, Eleanor Terry, Charles Cox, Kathy Chezik and Morris Coats.

HEARING COMMITTEE, INSTRUCTOR RANK (Elected by acclamation) Donna Hamblin, Karen Mitchell and Jim McWhorter.
The BOR Advisory Council of Faculty has met three times since my last report in the News Letter.

The regular meeting of Feb. 24-25 in Charleston was devoted mainly to a status review of state legislation affecting higher education. Delegate Lyle Sattes, chairman of the House Education Committee, met at length with the ACF in order to discuss current bills.

Sattes represented the view currently held by the House leadership (including Charles Polan of the Finance Committee and Speaker Clyde See), that higher faculty salaries should be provided by increases in student fees. The ACF in turn reiterated its concern that the state must address the critical needs of higher education through its general revenue fund rather than through substantially higher student fees.

On March 7 the ACF held an extraordinary meeting in the state capitol with legislative leaders. The meeting's purpose was to push for final action on the higher education agenda. In retrospect the ACF sponsored legislative program of the BOR enjoyed modest success this year. Most significant was approval of the faculty salary schedule bill, which provides for minimum salaries by rank, a 7.5 per cent across-the-board salary increase, and several hundred thousand dollars for additional salary adjustments. The faculty improvement fee remains in place, as the House of delegates refused our request of a faculty/staff development fee to replace it. Some additional money was provided for the Higher Education Grant Program which benefits students.

The most recent meeting of the Advisory Council of Faculty was held on March 20-21 in Charleston and at West Virginia State College. The following actions were taken:

1. Approval of a survey to be circulated among faculty and staff employees to ascertain likely participation under a proposed statute to provide partial waiver of fees for faculty and staff members as well as their dependents who attend state colleges and universities.
2. Approval of a motion requesting West Virginia University to obtain cost and benefit estimates for a system-wide voluntary optical/dental insurance plan.
3. Approval of a motion requesting that the Board of Regents use all available personal services money to implement the minimum salary schedule to the fullest extent possible.
4. Approval of a motion requesting that the BOR withdraw its proposed program and mission changes for several state institutions and to consider such changes in accordance with the established planning procedures of the BOR.

Finally, a personal note. I am not seeking reelection this year as Marshall's ACF representative in order that I may accept an American Council on Education fellowship. I have enjoyed my association with the ACF, and I have been gratified by its rapid development of role and influence during recent months. I appreciate the valuable advice and support which I have received from numerous faculty and staff members.

Dr. William E. Coffey
MU representative
BOR Faculty Advisory Council

**Personnel personals. . .**

Ken and Stacey Chertow, children of Dr. Bruce Chertow, professor of medicine, recently have received recognition for athletic prowess. Ken, a wrestler at Huntington High School, was named the Huntington Elks' 1983 Athlete of the Year. He has won two national Junior Olympic titles and has been named the state tournament's outstanding wrestler twice. Stacey, a student at Cammock Junior High, won first place in the Class III U.S. Gymnastic Federation's state tournament. She was the first all-around competitor, and also was first on the uneven parallel bars and balance beam.

Proud of a family member's accomplishments? Is there a new baby at your house? Is there something else you'd like to share with your colleagues? "Personnel Personals . . ." is just the place. Send your information to Judith Casto, University Relations, Old Main 102.
Dr. Alvin Poussaint, associate dean of student affairs and associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard University Medical School, will deliver the keynote address for Marshall University’s Black Awareness Week observance at 8 p.m. tonight (March 29) in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center.

“Black Protest to Black Politics” will be the topic for this free, public lecture. A reception will follow in the Alumni Lounge.

Van Zandt Award proposals due in Grad School by April 16

Proposal applications are now being accepted by the Graduate School Office for the 1984 George W. Van Zandt Memorial Research Award, a $2,000 summer research grant given by Margaret Van Zandt Winn in memory of her father.

The following guidelines should be kept in mind when submitting a proposal:
1. It must be for a social science project with an international perspective.
2. It may originate from faculty in any department of the University.
3. The Research Board will make the final determination concerning which proposals qualify as social science.
4. It should be submitted in the style suggested by a form obtainable at the Graduate School Office.
5. It must be submitted by Monday, April 16.

Additional information may be obtained from the Graduate School Dean, Dr. Robert Maddox.

Nominations sought for Karen Thomas leadership award

Nominations from faculty and staff are being accepted by the MU Student Alumni Association for the Karen C. Thomas Leadership Award. The award is named for Marshall's former Alumni Affairs director who died last month.

Any student currently enrolled at Marshall, preferably full-time, who meets the following criteria may be nominated:
- Good academic standing; active in campus life; outstanding leadership skills; strong positive human relations qualities; belief in, and willingness to uphold, the alumni system; strong ties to Marshall with willingness to help other organizations recruit students to the university; overall pleasant personality and sense of humor; willingness and ability to work hard, and preferably a member of the Student Alumni Association.

The nomination forms, which are available from the Student Life Office, MSC 2W31, and the Alumni Affairs Office, MSC 2W19, must be turned in by April 5.

Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:
- MARCH 23-26 - MU Soccer Team
- MARCH 21-25 - MU Golf Team

POUSSAINT is the author of the 1972 best-seller “Why Blacks Kill Black” and “Black Child Care.” He has written numerous articles for lay and professional publications. He has served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Congressional Black Caucus.

“Forward Together: Common Purpose—Common Goal” has been the theme for this week’s activities, sponsored by the Minority Students Program Office.

MU faculty, staff achievements, activities

DR. JAMES W. HARLESS, admissions director, has been selected to chair the American College Testing Program (ACT) Committee on Corporate Development. The committee plans the annual meeting of the National ACT Corporation which is held in Iowa City, Iowa, in November. Harless has been a member of the ACT Corporate Board as the West Virginia higher education representative for nine years.

DR. KAREN LI SIMPKINS, assistant professor of sociology/anthropology, has been notified that her article, “Linguistic Use of Appalachian Oral History Tapes,” will appear in the Winter issue of Focus: Teaching English Language Arts, Vol. X, No. 2, pp. 46-49.

DR. C. ROBERT BARNETT, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, has an essay, “Spring Baseball,” appearing in the Spring 1984 issue of Goldenseal: West Virginia Traditional Life. Co-author of the piece was Lysbeth A. Barnett, management studies coordinator at Ashland (Ky.) Community College.

DR. JOSEPH WYATT, assistant professor of psychology, has been notified that his paper, “Classroom Interventions from 1963-1982: A Twenty Year Look at Important Differences in Published Research by Behavior Analysts, Regular Educators, and Special Educators,” has been accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of ETC: Education and Treatment of Children. Co-authors were Paula K. McCoy, MU graduate in psychology, and Robert P. Hawkins of WVU’s Psychology Department. Wyatt also will present a paper, “Treatment of Trichotillomania by Positive Practice, Competing Activities, and Response Cost,” at the May meeting of the Association of Behavior Analysts in Nashville. Steven Alessandra, MU graduate, is the co-author.

Nancy Hindsley’s mother dies

Graveside services were held Wednesday in Bluefield for Mrs. Mary Helen Payne, 87, who died March 26 after a long illness.

The mother of MU Cultural Events Coordinator Nancy P. Hindsley, Mrs. Payne was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Warren Payne, a well known coal executive. Mrs. Payne was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Bluefield and the Little Garden Club of Bluefield.

In addition to her daughter, she is survived by two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.
CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS... 

“Tintypes,” a musical journey through turn-of-the-century America, will be presented by the Barter Theatre Players at 8 p.m. Monday, April 2, in Old Main Auditorium as part of the Marshall Artists Series’ Student Division programming. 

Tickets for the performance are available from the Artists Series Office in Memorial Student Center and may be reserved by calling the office at (304) 696-6656. 

General admission tickets are $6 each for adults and $3 for youth age 17 and under. MU students with ID and Activity cards will be admitted free.

CAMPUS-WIDE BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on campus Tuesday and Wednesday, April 3-4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. All members of the Marshall community—faculty, staff, administrators and students—are encouraged to participate by giving blood.

HOLIDAYS AHEAD

Good Friday, April 20, will be observed as a holiday by Marshall University. There will be no classes that day and all administrative offices will be closed. Also, Monday, May 28, will be observed university-wide as Memorial Day.

DR. HEIMLICH TO SPEAK

The Marshall Artists Series’ Forum Division will present a lecture by Dr. Henry J. Heimlich at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in Old Main Auditorium. 

Heimlich, perhaps best known as the father of the Heimlich Maneuver which has saved thousands of lives of choking victims, will discuss "Scientific Innovations and Computers for World Peace.”

Admission will be by season membership or by general admission tickets at $5 each. MU students with ID and Activity cards will be admitted free. Part-time students, faculty, staff and youth age 17 and under may purchase tickets at half-price.

COUNT BASIE CONCERT APRIL 6

Celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, the MU Jazz Program will feature a special guest artist as part of the annual MU Jazz Festival scheduled April 5-7. 

Count Basie and his orchestra will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, April 6, at the Keith-Albee Theatre. 

The Basie concert is presented by the Marshall Institute for the Arts with funding assistance from the Music Department, Artists Series, MU Foundation, School of Fine Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. General admission tickets at $10 and $6 are available from the Institute, Old Main 112.

MOFFAT LECTURE FRIDAY

Dr. Herbert L. Bodman Jr., professor of Islamic history at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, will be the speaker for the Marshall University History Department’s 1984 Charles H. Moffat Lecture Series. 

Bodman will present a free, public lecture at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 30, in Corbly Hall 105 on “Lebanon and the Lessons of Vietnam.”

He also will address a dinner sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta history honorary at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Uptowner Holiday Inn. His topic will be “The Indian Ocean as a Muslim Sea.” Reservations for the $10 per plate dinner may be made by calling the MU History Department, (304) 696-6780.

STUDENT WORKSHOP PRODUCTION

“A Couple White Chicks Sitting Around Talking,” a comedy which explores the true meaning and value of friendship, will be presented Thursday, April 5, at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

Open to the public, the Marshall University student workshop production will be performed and directed by seniors Yvea Duncan, Logan, and Marjorie Fitzsimmons, St. Albans, under the general supervision of Dr. Elaine A. Novak, professor of theatre.

ART EXHIBIT OPENS FRIDAY

An exhibition by graduating senior art majors will open Friday, March 30, in the Birke Art Gallery, according to Michael Cornfeld, gallery curator. 

Seven commercial art majors and two art education majors will be represented by a variety of two and three dimensional works. The artists will be honored at an open reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the gallery. 

The Birke Gallery hours are 10 to 4 p.m. weekdays, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays, and 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays.

‘STAR TREK’ CREATOR HERE

Gene Roddenberry, creator and producer of the television series “Star Trek” will speak at Marshall University at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1, in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center.

Roddenberry’s campus appearance is sponsored by the Student Activities Contemporary Issues Committee in conjunction with the Munchcon IV science fiction conference.

Tickets will be available at the door. MU full-time students and children under age 12 will be admitted free. Part-time students, faculty and staff as well as children between 12 and 16 years of age may purchase tickets at $2 each. General admission for the public will be $4 per person.

Roddenberry will discuss “The World of Star Trek” and show scenes from the pilot for “Star Trek” and bloopers from the series.