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'Outstanding Professor' nominees sought

Nomination applications for "Outstanding Professor of the Year," an award to be given by the newly-formed Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia, are now available in the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, Old Main 110.

Nominations may be submitted by any individual or group–inside or outside the institution–familiar with the work and accomplishments of the nominee.

To be considered, the nominee must be a full-time employee of any public or private degree granting institution in West Virginia and hold academic rank of assistant professor or higher.

Selection of an "Outstanding Professor of the Year" will be made by the Merit Foundation's board of directors based on the following criteria: innovation, creativity and effectiveness in teaching, service and professional leadership.

The award, expected to range between $5,000 and $10,000, will be made in the spring. Deadline for nominations is March 1.

The Faculty Merit Foundation was formed earlier this fall by 22 prominent West Virginians as a private, nonprofit organization to assist public and private higher education.

The officers are Edward H. Greene of Huntington, president; Dr. Virginia Hofreuter of Wheeling, vice president, and Dr. Ben L. Morton of Charleston, secretary.


Clover culture finds go on exhibit Sunday

Artifacts from an Indian Village dating back roughly to 1600 A.D., which were uncovered by Marshall University's Archeological Field School last summer, will be on display in the Birke Art Gallery Nov. 11-14.

The finds, archeological traces of a Clover Component settlement, a subdivision of the Fort Ancient Culture, include bones, shells, pottery, broken tools – both of flint and of stone – and clay effigy heads. Also unearthed were traces of European goods brought into the settlement by traders.

The exhibit will open Sunday, Nov. 11, with a brief slide presentation on the Clover Culture at 1:30 p.m. in Smith Hall Auditorium narrated by Field School Director Nicholas Freidin. A public reception will follow with the gallery remaining open until 6 p.m.

Work on the dig, located on farm land owned by Dr. Lincoln Polan Sr. on Rt. 2 near the Mason County Line, was funded in part by a Historical Preservation Grant from the Cabell County Historical Landmarks Commission.

According to Dr. Freidin, there are similarities between the Fort Ancient Tribes and the Shawnees. "The Clover Component has been known about since the 1920s and 1930s and three settlement sites have been found in the mid-Ohio Valley, from here to Cincinnati," he said.

The exhibit is designed to provide a glimpse into the lives of the Clover people. Supplementing the Marshall finds will be pieces from the Huntington Galleries' J.J. Adams Clover Collection, Freidin said.

Also on display will be one of three skeletons unearthed during the summer – the remains of a 15-year-old female found intact in a flat burial plot. The group of eight undergraduate students and two graduate assistants also discovered two other graves, one which contained the skull and bone fragments of an infant and another still be to excavated.

Spring term waiver forms now available

A limited number of graduate tuition waivers for Marshall University's Spring Term will be available, according to MU Graduate School Dean Robert F. Maddox.

In line with the West Virginia Board of Regents Policy Bulletin 49, priority will be given to faculty and staff of the state's colleges and universities and to West Virginia residents, Dr. Maddox said.

A small number of waivers will be awarded to non-resident students. Academic merit will be the major consideration in awarding the waivers, according to Maddox. If students are interested in being considered under financial need, they should see Ed Miller, student financial aid director.

The forms for graduate tuition waivers are available from the Graduate School and will be accepted in the Graduate School Office through Dec. 10.

The waivers cover tuition, registration, Higher Education Resources and Faculty Improvement fees, but not the Student Activity Fee which must be paid by the recipient, Maddox said. Students, who held Fall waivers, must reapply for the Spring waivers to be considered.

Professional tuition waiver forms may be obtained from the School of Medicine Dean's Office in the Medical Education Building at the VA Medical Center. They are to be returned to that same office for processing.
'Creative Experience' to explore fine, folk arts

The Creative Experience, the final program in the Marshall University College of Liberal Arts' series, "The West Virginia Experience: Varied and Vital," will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Huntington Galleries.

The program will explore the roles of fine and folk arts in shaping the state's cultural heritage through discussion of the similarities and dissimilarities of both forms. The series was developed by MU Vice President for Academic Affairs Alan B. Gould as part of the observance of the 10th anniversary of the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia, which provided financial support.

The program will include a discussion and visual as well as musical demonstrations of the fine and folk arts, including a performance of "Appalachian Folk Tale," a work by MU Composer-in-Residence Paul Whear.

Panelists will include College of Fine Arts Dean Paul A. Balshaw, moderator; Michael I. Cornfeld, professor of art; Dr. Bradford DeVos, professor of music; Dr. John E. Dolin, associate professor of art; Rebecca Stelling of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History, and Whear, Humanities Foundation Board member Philip E. Cline of Huntington will present an overview of the Foundation's activities. The program, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by a reception.

'Glass Menagerie' to open four-night run on Wednesday

The second production of the season by Marshall University Theatre will be Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie," which opens in Old Main Auditorium Wednesday, Nov. 14, and continues through Saturday, Nov. 17.

Directed by Dr. N. Bennett East, chairman of the Theatre/Dance Department, the cast members are experienced in MU Theatre productions. Scene design is by Bruce Greenwood.

"The Glass Menagerie," according to East, has been recognized as the play that firmly established Williams as one of America's foremost playwrights. It explores the relationships of the Wingfield family in the height of the depression, with the misery of these years serving as background for relationships within the Wingfield household.

Reserved seat tickets are available now at $3.50 each. Reservations may be made through the Box Office, Old Main Basement 23, or by calling extension 2306.

Marshall University to host fall conference of state RAs

Marshall University will be the host site for the West Virginia Student Personnel Association's Resident Advisors Subcommittee fall conference Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10.

Between 75 and 80 resident advisors and residence life staff members from all over West Virginia are expected to attend the two-day sessions designed to promote the sharing of ideas, according to MU Assistant Director of Residence Life Gary Kimble, who is conference coordinator.

"The meetings will help us to find out what's happening on other campuses across the state, what programs are working and what problems exist," Kimble said. Kimble also is the immediate past president of the West Virginia Student Personnel Association.

Flute Ensemble to perform

The Marshall University Flute Ensemble will perform in Smith Recital Hall Monday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

The ten-member ensemble under the direction of Dr. Deborah Egekvist will perform works by Bach, Marcello, Boismortier, Verdi, McGinty, Tull, Purcell and Gibbs.

Dolmetsch named to new committee

The following report of University Council actions was submitted by Sam Clagg, chairman.

The University Council met on Oct. 31 and conducted the following items of business:

1. Selected Dr. Christopher Dolmetsch to represent the University Council on the committee to develop policy for the reduction or discontinuance of existing programs. The group is to develop a procedure for the termination of tenured faculty members' appointments in cases of financial exigency. Dr. Dolmetsch will welcome constructive suggestions from any member of the Faculty.

2. Considered the possible conflict of interest with a member of the Athletic Committee and determined that no problem existed.

3. Decided that nomination forms for the "Outstanding Professor of the Year" award by the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia would be made available through the Office of the Academic Vice President. Announcements relative to the award would be carried in the Newsletter.

4. Selected Professor Carolyn Hunter as the Council representative to maintain liaison with the Committee to Study Student Fees, which is now a sub-committee to the University Council.

Whear to lecture on Monday

"The Care and Feeding of Musical Ideas," a lecture by Dr. Paul W. Whear, will be presented in Smith Recital Hall at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14. The event, co-sponsored by Delta Omicron and MENC, is open free to the public.

Whear, professor of music and composer-in-residence at Marshall, has written several works including "High Flight," a ballet with narration based on a poem by a World War II pilot. He also is conductor of the Huntington Chamber Orchestra.

Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

OCT. 29-30-Tina Steffee;
NOV. 1-Soccer Team members;
NOV. 1-3-Jennifer Waterman; Women's Volleyball Team members;
NOV. 1-4-Thundering Herd Football Team members;
NOV. 2-3-Cross Country Team members.