University receives $2 million gift

Marshall University’s championship football program received a major league boost Wednesday, Aug. 4, with the announcement of a $2 million gift—biggest in the university’s history—to support MU athletics.

Huntington businesswoman and philanthropist Joan C. Edwards announced the contribution is being made in memory of her late husband, James F. Edwards.

At the same time, MU President J. Wade Gilley reported the University of West Virginia Board of Trustees Wednesday approved naming the playing field in Marshall Stadium in Mr. Edwards’ honor. He said the field will be inaugurated as James F. Edwards Field during the Thundering Herd’s opening game of the 1993 football season, Sept. 4.

“I’m very pleased the Board of Trustees has voted to honor James F. Edwards,” Gilley said. “Mr. and Mrs.

Mead named interim dean

Dr. Joan Tyler Mead, professor and chair of the Marshall University English Department, has been named interim dean of the university’s College of Liberal Arts, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

Gilley said she will serve through the 1993-94 academic year, until next June 30. She succeeds Dr. Deryl R. Leaming who resigned to accept a position at Middle Tennessee State University.

“Joan Mead has been an effective chairwoman of a very large department over the past three years,” Gilley said. “Her department is nearly as large as one of the university’s colleges and in fact is larger than one of its schools. “Consequently,” Gilley added, “she has had successful experience in such essential areas as budgeting, personnel management and technology based educational innovations. I am confident she will do an outstanding job as the interim dean.”

Gilley said nominations were solicited from the departmental chairpersons in the College of Liberal Arts and from individual faculty members. Nine nominations were reviewed and seven individuals were interviewed for the interim appointment.

“Overall, I was very pleased with the caliber of those nominated for the position,” Gilley said. “I truly appreciated the cooperation we received from the depart-

Kirtley receives award

Karen Kirtley, project assistant in Auxiliary Services, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for July, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Kirtley has worked for the Auxiliary Services Office since October 1983. She previously worked for the university from 1974 to 1978.

She was nominated for the award by Nancy Dingess, main desk attendant in Memorial Student Center, and Ray Welty, associate vice president for administration.

In making the nomination, they praised Kirtley for initiating and coordinating the university’s recycling committee, serving as a liaison with the campus vending program, assisting in the administration of the campus-wide identification card program and her involvement in other
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He also revealed another major contribution is anticipated which would enable the university to reduce the debt on the Athletic Center even more, but declined to name the potential donor. "If this gift does, indeed, come about, it will represent another major step forward for Marshall athletics," Gilley said.

About a year ago, Mrs. Edwards contributed $1 million in support of the arts at Marshall and her late husband's will designated $1 million for MU School of Medicine scholarships.

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mental chairpersons and individual faculty members during this process."

Dr. Mead received her bachelor's degree in history from the University of Vermont and did graduate work in English at the State University of New York at New Paltz and the University of Kentucky. She received her master's degree in English from Marshall and her doctorate in American literature from Ohio University.

She also completed an educational technical writing course at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and received a grant in 1988 to attend a National Endowment for the Humanities summer research seminar on "The Theory of American Romance" at the University of Arizona.

Mead served as an instructor in the Marshall English Department from 1971 to 1979. Prior to rejoining the Marshall faculty in 1982 as assistant professor of English, she served as a teaching assistant and instructor in the Ohio University English Department.

During her tenure at Marshall, Mead has been involved with various university committees and organizations and has served as co-chairwoman of the Birke Writers Symposium, director of undergraduate and graduate curricula in the English Department, director of the thesis committee of the Blake Scholars program and served on the editorial board of the Bulletin of the West Virginia Association of College English Teachers. She became chairwoman of the English Department in June 1990.

Mead has been involved in many community and professional organizations and has been a member of the Modern Language Association, the Poe Studies Association, the American Culture Association, the National Council of Teachers of English, Phi Kappa Phi, the West Virginia Humanities Center and Phi Beta Kappa.

She has written numerous articles for professional publications and journals and also wrote a libretto for an opera, "The Devil's Disciple," scored by Dr. Paul W. Whear, a retired member of the Marshall Music Department. She co-authored with Dr. Joan F. Gilliland of Marshall's English Department a textbook, "Reasons for Writing," which was published by Prentice Hall.

Gilley said a search committee to recommend appointment of a permanent dean will be organized soon.

"The gift Mrs. Edwards announced today, along with the earlier contributions to Marshall, and $2 million awards in Mr. Edwards' will to the Huntington Museum of Art and the West Virginia Diocese of the Episcopal Church, brings to more than $8 million the amount this couple has designated for the benefit of the people and institutions of this area," Gilley said. "By any set of criteria, that's an amazing investment in our future. We at Marshall are deeply gratified for their generosity."

The funds left to the Huntington Museum of Art were designated for establishment of a nature conservatory. The gift to the Episcopal Church was earmarked for a home for the aged to be built in Cabell County. Mr. Edwards' will also left smaller amounts to the Marshall library, Cammack Children's Center and Stella Fuller Settlement.

"Each of the last two summers, Mrs. Edwards has told me of her desire to assist Marshall University," Gilley said. "Last summer I suggested two possibilities, one academic and one athletic, and she elected to contribute $1 million in support of our academic programs in the arts. This summer, I again recommended two possibilities, athletic and academic, and she chose to assist the athletic program this time. Her dedication to Marshall University and our community is unmatched."

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departmental activities.

During her tenure at Marshall, Kirtley has earned a Regent's Bachelor of Arts degree. She currently is working on a master's degree in education.

Kirtley will receive a plaque and $100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna, provided funds through a grant to establish the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.

The program has been designed to recognize outstanding performance by classified and non-classified staff at the university. Awards will be made to MU employees who have exhibited exceptional levels of work performance and displayed high regard and loyalty toward the university and their job responsibilities.

NEH stipends available

Guidelines and applications for 1994 NEH summer stipends are available in Dr. Sarah Denman's office, Old Main Room 110. The deadline for applications will be Oct. 1.
Hayes accepts another MU assignment

Who said retirement would be easy? Certainly not Robert B. Hayes.


Next thing anybody knew, he was in Florida, troubleshooting as the executive vice president of an ailing church-related college. That assignment successfully completed, Hayes and his wife, Katy, planned to come back to their home in Huntington in late summer of 1992 and start taking things easy.

Oops!

Hayes made the mistake of returning a call from MU President J. Wade Gilley and wound up serving as interim dean of the College of Business for nearly a year, finally turning over the reins to Dr. Calvin Kent two months ago. At the 1993 Commencement, he was awarded the title President Emeritus of Marshall in recognition of his accomplishments in behalf of the university. Now he was really retired.

Oops again!

Hayes will spend the next two years working on a part-time basis to coordinate the Marshall self-study project, according to Gilley. The self-study is the first step in the complex process of Marshall’s reaccreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The university’s current 10-year accreditation expires in 1996 and the voluminous self-study document must be submitted to North Central several months in advance of a visit from an accreditation team, probably in the early spring of 1996.

A large number of university faculty and staff members, students and administrators will be involved in the project through several committees and many subcommittees. Coordinating all that, as well as the writing of the final document, will be Hayes’ job.

‘‘Obviously, continuing accreditation is of utmost importance to the university and stands right at the top of our priorities,’’ Gilley said. ‘‘The self-study is the most important element in the reaccreditation process and I’m grateful that Dr. Hayes has agreed to coordinate that effort. His experience with accreditation, his ‘feel’ for Marshall University and his wisdom are of enormous value to us.’’

Hayes’ office is located in the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence on the second floor of Marshall’s Old Main.

Tredway dies at home

Dr. Richard Davis ‘‘Dick’’ Tredway, 60, associate professor in the Safety Technology Program, died Sunday, Aug. 1, at his residence in Kenova.

He was born April 5, 1933 in Martinsburg, a son of the late Charles T. Tredway and Elsie Patterson Tredway of Ceredo.

Tredway, a captain on the 1953 West Virginia University football team that went to the Sugar Bowl, received a bachelor’s degree in industrial arts and physical education from WVU in 1955. He received a master’s degree in school administration from Marshall in 1965 and his doctorate in education from WVU in 1972. He received a master’s degree in safety technology from Marshall in 1983.

Prior to joining the Marshall faculty in 1985, he was a teacher and coach in Wayne County, an instructor at West Virginia Institute of Technology and a professor and athletic director at West Virginia State College.

He was a member of many university and community organizations and was a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Ceredo.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Heck Tredway; one daughter and son-in-law, Melinda and Jeff Marino of South Charleston; two grandchildren, Melissa Marino and Ricky Marino of South Charleston.

Newsletter deadline announced

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. The Newsletter is published biweekly during the summer terms.

Contract awarded for Jenkins Hall project

On Wednesday, Aug. 4, the University of West Virginia Board of Trustees approved the award of a $1,860,000 contract to Reliable Mechanical Inc. for major work on Marshall University’s Jenkins Hall.

The Louisville, Ky., firm submitted the lowest of five bids on the project which calls for installation of a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system and upgrading of the electrical system.

Michael M. Meadows, MU director of facilities planning and management, said a pre-construction conference scheduled today (Aug. 12) will determine the starting date for the project, expected to require 10 months for completion.

With Jenkins Hall closed, offices of the College of Education have been relocated to other campus sites, principally Northcott Hall and a small metal building near Jenkins Hall.

Jenkins Hall was opened in 1937 and housed the Marshall Laboratory School until the mid-1960s. Since then, it has been headquarters for the College of Education.
Program designed for adult students

Marshall University will hold an Adult Student Seminar for adults who are thinking about returning to school or enrolling in college for the first time on Monday, Aug. 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

In conjunction with the program, sponsored by Marshall's new Center for Adult and Extended Education, the Student Affairs Office and the Enrollment Management Office, the university is announcing the establishment of an After-Hours Registration Center.

"We are excited about helping people who, for a variety of reasons, have had to postpone a college education," said Dr. Keith Spears, interim dean for adult and extended education. "We want to make a college education more accessible for those who may want to increase their skills or obtain a baccalaureate degree."

Marshall faculty members, administrators and advisers will be on hand to answer questions and discuss financial aid opportunities, admission procedures, registration and other topics related to starting or returning to school.

Prospective students with the proper admission credentials will be able to register for courses during the program which will officially open the university's new After-Hours Registration Center located in Old Main Room 121, according to Spears.

The center will be open Aug. 16 through Sept. 2 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to register adults and students taking evening classes. Dr. Warren Lutz, dean of enrollment management, said this is the first time Marshall has established a regular center for evening registration.

"This will provide registration opportunities for people whose jobs or other commitments make it difficult for them to come to campus during regular business hours," said Lutz. "The center will be specifically targeted for returning adults and evening students."

Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, interim dean of students, said adults and older students shouldn't be apprehensive about starting or returning to college. "Many adults are surprised how successful they can be when they return to school," she said. "These are the people who often set a high standard of accomplishment."

She said Marshall has an active Returning Student Organization and provides several programs to assist adult students with academics, career planning and other concerns facing older students.

The Adult Student Seminar will be open to the public free of charge. To register or obtain further details contact Marshall University's Adult and Extended Education Office, 696-4723, or the Student Development Center, 696-3111.

OSHA training planned

Marshall University’s Safety Technology Program will conduct three training sessions on the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard during August.

The workshops will be beneficial to nursing and medical school personnel and students and others who might have to work with or come in contact with blood, according to Dr. David Allan Stern professor in the Safety Technology Program.

Workshops will be held in Gullickson Hall Room 3-F. The workshop will be held Thursday, Aug. 12, at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 19, at noon.

There will be a $30 registration fee for the workshop. Stern said the workshop should last approximately one hour.

To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Safety Technology Program, 696-4664.

Photo exhibit scheduled

An exhibition of photographs by Dr. G.F. Kojo Arthur, associate professor in the Educational Foundations Department in Marshall University’s College of Education, will be on display in the university’s James E. Morrow Library throughout September.

Arthur said the exhibition, "Cloth as Metaphor: Textile Symbols from Ghana," is based on a study he is conducting on symbols and signs used in the writings of a so-called “pre-literate” society.

The study has been partially funded by a grant from the Office of the Vice President for Multicultural and International Programs at Marshall.

The exhibit will be displayed at the Huntington Public Library during November.

Employee achievements

Dr. BEN DICKENS, director of the Technical Education Program Improvement Center (TEPIC) in Old Main Room 307, was a presenter at the "Youth as Resources" session held during Shepherd College’s Washington Gateway Program. One hundred twelve West Virginia youth and counselors from throughout the state attended the program.

Dr. ROBERT S. KRIEBEL, assistant professor in the Adult and Technical Education Program, was selected as the West Virginia Business Education Association Collegiate Teacher of the Year during the association’s 18th annual Technical and Adult Education Conference held Aug. 5 in Charleston.

Dr. JOHN L. HUBBARD, professor of chemistry, had a paper titled "Formation and Instability of an alpha-Acetoxyborane" published in the Journal of Organometallic Chemistry (445: 7-9, 1993).

Dr. CRAIG MONROE, professor of communication studies, is the author of an article titled "Managerial Strategies for Dealing with Difficult Subordinates" which was published in the summer edition of The Southern Communication Journal.