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# NEWSLETTER

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## Center for Academic Excellence formed

Marshall University is establishing a Center for Academic Excellence which will encompass the university's Society of Yeager Scholars, Honors Program and John Marshall Scholars program, according to Dr. Alan B. Gould, vice president for academic affairs.

Martha C. Woodward, currently assistant director of the Yeager Scholars program, will serve as executive director of the Center for Academic Excellence beginning Aug. 15.

"We see this as a significant step in elevating the activities, performance and importance of all of the university's honors programs," said Gould. "What is more signal,

or significant, to a university than trying to do what it can to honor scholarship? That ought to be central to any institution."

Under the Center for Academic Excellence, the Society of Yeager Scholars and the Honors Program (including the John Marshall Scholars) will each have their separate governing units that will work with the executive director.

The Yeager program will retain its board of directors and steering committee chaired by a faculty member. The Honors Program will retain its Honors Council also chaired by a faculty member. Both units will retain separate budgets.

Specific duties and guidelines have been established for all of the governing bodies, chairs and the executive director.

The executive director will coordinate the programs, prepare budgets for both programs and execute policies and procedures for the programs as established by the respective committees. The director also will implement recruiting procedures, coordinate and supervise

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Woodward

## Research & economic center reorganized

Declaring Marshall University's research and economic development programs "of vital importance not only to the university but to the entire region," MU President J. Wade Gilley announced a major reorganization of Marshall's Center for Research and Economic Development.

Gilley also said he was going to establish an office for himself at the center's building in downtown Huntington and named a veteran MU professor, Dr. W. Donald Williams, to head the new organization on an interim basis.

He said Williams, chairman of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, has agreed to fill the newly-established position of vice president for research and economic development while a search is conducted nationally for a permanent vice president. Williams will not be a candidate for the permanent position.

"After reviewing our research and economic development programs over the past few months, I have decided a reorganization will be helpful in positioning those programs to realize their full potential for Marshall University and the entire state and region," Gilley said. "I'm grateful that Don Williams, whom I've known and respected for many years, has agreed to work with me in this effort," he added.

As the interim vice president, Williams will oversee a wide range of programs, most of which are housed in a former bank building five blocks west of the Marshall campus.

Gilley said the current head of the programs, Dr. Robert F. Maddox, will continue to serve as an executive assistant to the president and will retain ties to one of the center's principal programs, the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing Systems. Maddox will act as a consultant to the Byrd Institute and will assist

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## Committee to study arts

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley announced appointment of an Arts Study Committee to review academic programs in the university's College of Fine Arts and provide guidance in their future development.

Kay Goodwin, member of the West Virginia Board of Trustees, will serve as committee chair. College of Fine Arts Dean Paul Balshaw will be co-chair.

"Marshall University has an outstanding tradition in the fine arts," Gilley said. "With completion of the first phase of the Fine and Performing Arts Center, we now have an excellent facility in which to showcase the arts. With the assistance of the committee, I believe we can take the arts at Marshall University to an even greater level of excellence."

Also serving on the committee are Maestra Rachel Worby, music director of the Wheeling Symphony; Charles "Tom" Butler, director of the Huntington Museum of Art; Huntington businessman David Cook, who has been active in community theatre work as actor and director, and Ms. Sally Carey, a community leader who has been active in the arts.

Student members are Eileen Woods, senior painting major; Michele Goodson, senior acting/directing major,

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seminars, symposiums and special honors programs, and serve as an adviser for students in all honors programs.

Gould stressed that all involved groups participated in the planning of the new Center for Academic Excellence.

"At first, there may have been some apprehension on the part of those involved in the separate programs," explained Gould. "There was probably some fear that one program might be stressed or favored over the other programs. However, I think having everybody, including students, involved in the initial planning phases dissolved those fears. I think everyone realizes this will be good for all of the honors programs and the university as a whole. The honors programs will retain their individual identities, but also be able to interact with the other programs."

Since both the Society of Yeager Scholars and the Honors Program have offices in the same area on the second floor of Old Main, Gould said some renovation work probably will be done so all honors students will have access to a computer room and study and lounge area.

"We would like to do something to bring the whole unit together and look on the physical space in that area

as being interactive," he said.

"There is so much potential for what can be done through the Center for Academic Excellence," said Woodward. "It is extremely encouraging because the president, the vice presidents, the MU Foundation, the students and the chairs of the Yeager Scholars and Honors programs all are supporting the new concept and everyone is committed to making it work.

"This first year is going to be a learning process, a sifting-out process, and we're all going to have to work hard to make sure the Center for Academic Excellence reaches its potential," she said.

Although the university's various honorary organizations will not be included in the Center for Academic Excellence, Gould said the university recognized the good work conducted by the organizations and the many faculty members involved with the honor societies.

"This is a new concept for Marshall," Gould said. "I look at it as a first step, a significant step, in bringing together the core of the scholarship activity at the university. I think the university will be stronger as a result of the establishment of the Center for Academic Excellence."

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in securing additional cooperative agreements with the Department of Defense and other agencies of the federal government. He also will continue to work with the Keith-Albee Theatre restoration project, for which \$4.5 million in federal funds has been allocated.

Gilley said Maddox, a tenured professor of history, also will join other qualified Marshall administrators in teaching part-time.

"Dr. Maddox has been especially effective in working with federal officials to make the Byrd Institute a reality," Gilley said. "His efforts have brought millions of dollars into our programs and I'm very appreciative of the work he has done -- and will continue to do."

Under the new organization, the Center for Research and Economic Development will be administered through three divisions:

- The Byrd Institute
- The Institute for Regional Development
- The Division of Research and Contract Development Administration.

The Marshall University Research Corporation (MURC) will serve as the fiscal agent for the state-funded Institute for Regional Development and for the Division of Research and Contract Development Administration. The Byrd Institute is funded through federal grants and private contributions and contracts.

Gilley said Ron L. Schelling, currently director of sponsored projects, will serve as both director of the Division of Research and Contract Development Administration and interim administrative officer of the

MURC. William A. Edwards, currently director of the Center for Regional Progress, will be interim director of the Institute for Regional Development.

The search for a director of the Byrd Institute is nearing completion and an appointment will be announced soon, Gilley said.

He also announced several changes on the Research Corporation's Board of Directors. Incorporated as a private, non-profit organization, MURC receives and administers grants and private gifts in behalf of the university's economic development and research programs.

Maddox, Schelling, MU Vice President for Academic Affairs Alan B. Gould and Mark A. Chandler, CPA, from Scott Depot, will leave the MURC board. Joining the board will be MU Vice President for Finance Herbert J. Karlet; Dr. James Hooper, who occupies the Weisberg Chair as distinguished visiting professor of computer and information science, and the university's general counsel, F. Layton Cottrill Jr.

"Our outgoing and continuing board members have done an excellent job for us and I commend them for their service," Gilley said. "At the same time, we're anticipating an equally effective performance by the new members."

Continuing members of the board are Gilley, Ashland Oil executive Frank P. Justice Jr., Huntington attorney Marc Williams, MU College of Science Dean E.S. Hanrahan and James S. Williams of Huntington, retired labor official.

## School of Journalism gets reaccreditation

The W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Marshall University has been approved for renewal of full accreditation by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC).

MU President J. Wade Gilley was notified of the unanimous vote of the council in a letter from ACEJMC President John M. Lavine. The organization's next examination of the program will take place during the 1996-97 academic year, Lavine noted.

"We're very pleased the School of Journalism and Mass Communications again has received full accreditation at the national level," Gilley said. "Historically, journalism has been recognized as a very strong Marshall program. We intend to work to maintain that reputation."

The accrediting committee cited "a dedicated, committed and hard-working faculty" and "outstanding student morale" following its examination of the MU program.

ACEJMC currently accredits programs at only 93 colleges and universities. Marshall's program has been accredited since 1977.

The school, directed by Dr. Harold Shaver, has 12 faculty members and about 450 students in six undergraduate sequences and one graduate degree program.



### Maier Foundation Completes \$1 Million Pledge

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley, center, receives a check for \$250,000 from Ed H. Maier, president of The Sarah and Pauline Maier Foundation of Charleston. The check, earmarked for Marshall's Society of Yeager Scholars program, was the last installment on a \$1 million challenge grant issued by Maier in 1988. The requirements of the challenge were that The Marshall University Foundation Inc. generate gifts to match the Maier grant on a \$2-for-\$1 basis. With Gilley and Maier is Dr. Edward G. "Ned" Boehm Jr., Marshall vice president for institutional advancement. (Marshall University Photo by Melissa Limle)

## Moore receives grant to study cancer

Through a National Cancer Institute grant totaling nearly \$400,000, a Marshall University School of Medicine professor is trying to shed light on how hormones spur the growth of certain breast cancers.

Dr. Michael R. Moore, professor and interim chairman of biochemistry, is heading up the three-year, \$381,000 project which began this spring.

The answers could affect treatment for the one in nine women who will develop breast cancer in their lifetimes. In West Virginia alone, more than 300 women died from the disease in 1990.

Specifically, the study seeks to show how a normally occurring female hormone, progesterone, increases the growth of certain breast cancers, Moore said.

He will look at a specific gene that is involved in growth of normal and cancer cells. The project will try to show how progesterone stimulates the activity of this gene.

"There are many well-studied effects of estrogen, another natural hormone, on breast cancer, and this project offers an exciting new opportunity to explore the effects of progesterone," he said.

Moore challenged conventional scientific wisdom in 1987 when he reported that progestins, the "family" of hormones which includes progesterone, can stimulate breast cancer growth. "At that time, scientists widely believed that progestins inhibited breast cancer growth,"

he said. "We at Marshall were the first to show that the growth of breast cancer cells was being stimulated by progestins alone."

The current project's findings could ultimately have implications for breast cancer treatment.

"It has been known for many years that estrogen stimulates growth of some breast cancer cells, so one routine treatment for many patients is anti-estrogen medication," Moore said. "This is not always completely effective, and we at Marshall have proposed that adding anti-progestins to the medication might help patients more."

In fact, he said, a recent French study showed that anti-progestins do inhibit tumor growth when used alone, and another European study is testing them in combination with anti-estrogen medication.

Some of the experiments in this project will tap new research capabilities brought to Marshall University through the EPSCoR program. Through this program, certain substances which would have had to be made in other laboratories can now be made at Marshall.

EPSCoR, the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, is a multi-million-dollar program offered by the National Science Foundation and matched with state funds. It has allowed Marshall to install state-of-the-art research equipment, increase faculty expertise in molecular biology techniques, and add two faculty members and several graduate students.



# Hensley named COLA assistant dean

Dr. Frances S. Hensley, associate professor of history at Marshall University, has been appointed assistant dean of the university's College of Liberal Arts, according to Dr. Deryl R. Leaming, dean of the college.

Hensley will devote half-time to her new duties and continue to teach half-time in the Department of History.

She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in social studies from Marshall and received her doctorate

in history from Ohio State University in 1981.

Hensley joined the Marshall faculty as an instructor in social studies from 1972 to 1977. She joined the university's Department of History in 1983.

She has been active in various university affairs, serving on the MU Board of Advisors, the Board of Regents Advisory Council of Faculty, the MU Faculty Senate, the Faculty Salary Committee, the Faculty Personnel Committee, the Chancellor's Committee on Academic Excellence, the Multicultural Commission, the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, the Women's Center Advisory Board, the 1990-91 Presidential Search Committee and the 1989 Provost Search Committee.

Hensley also has served as faculty adviser to Phi Alpha Theta and has been involved in several professional and community organizations.

"I am delighted that Dr. Hensley has agreed to accept the position," said Leaming. "Dr. Hensley is marvelous with students. Since this job will call for her to give most of her time to students, I know she will do an outstanding job as assistant dean. I look forward to working with her."

## Chamber 10 concerts set

Several concerts have been planned throughout June in conjunction with the 10th anniversary of the Chamber 10 Music Festival sponsored by the Marshall University Music Department and the Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District.

"Fontana and Flute," consisting of the Fontana Trio and guest flutist Kristie Finney, will perform free concerts on Sunday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at the Ritter Park Amphitheater and on Monday, June 15, at noon at the First Presbyterian Church in Huntington.

The performers include Reed Smith on violin, Suzanne Barber Veiga on cello and Leslie Petteys on piano.

"Fontana and Flute" also will perform for a Chamber 10 fund-raiser on Tuesday, June 16. Details about the June 16 concert can be obtained by calling the MU Music Department, 696-3117.

The Fontana Trio will present a free musical program on Saturday, June 20, at 9 p.m. during the West Virginia Day celebration at Ritter Park.

"Les Six," a newly formed ensemble, will present three concerts.

The ensemble will give free concerts on Sunday, June 21, at 7 p.m. at the Ritter Park Amphitheater and on Monday, June 22, at noon at the First Presbyterian Church.

"Les Six" will perform at the Huntington Museum of Art on Tuesday, June 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets for the museum concert will be \$5 for the general public and \$2 for senior citizens. Admission will be free for MU employees and students with valid identification cards.

The ensemble includes Reed Smith and Laura Hodgkin on violins, Eric Williams on viola, Suzanne Barber Veiga on cello, Donald Williams on clarinet and Leslie Petteys on piano.

"Breve," a costumed Renaissance ensemble from New York City, will present a free concert on Sunday, June 28, at 7 p.m. at the Ritter Park Amphitheater.

"Breve" also will present a program for the Chamber 10 finale on Tuesday, June 30, at 8 p.m. at the Huntington Museum of Art. Tickets for the finale will be \$5 for the general public and \$2 for senior citizens. Marshall employees and students with valid identification cards will be admitted free.

Chamber 10 is partially supported by funds from the Birke Fine Arts Symposium and the Marshall University College of Fine Arts.

To obtain further details about Chamber 10 programs contact the Marshall University Music Department, 696-3117.

## INROADS on campus

Between 60 and 70 of the brightest minority high school students from throughout West Virginia and portions of Ohio and Virginia will be on the Marshall University campus June 14-20 for the 1992 West Virginia INROADS Pre-College Summer Institute.

The purpose of the institute is to expose talented minority students to the college experience and the world of business and industry, which is the focus of this year's program, according to Ralph D. Miller, operations manager for INROADS/West Virginia Inc.

While at Marshall, the students will take courses in subjects related to careers in business, engineering and science. They also will participate in a number of educational and social activities throughout the week.

To obtain further details about the program contact the INROADS/West Virginia office in Charleston, 345-2494.

## Committee to study arts

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and Jeffrey Crum, graduate piano major.

Faculty serving on the committee are Michael Cornfeld, Department of Art chairman; Elaine Novak, director of Marshall University Theatre, and Wendell Dobbs, associate professor of music.

"I believe Marshall University needs to be a center for the arts and humanities in southern West Virginia," Gilley said. "The arts should permeate the university's curriculum and we should identify and nourish a few programs which offer the potential for achievement and recognition at a national level. I am confident this committee can provide the guidance we need."

# Staff members honored for years of service

The eighth annual Marshall University Service Awards Luncheon for MU staff members was held Thursday, June 4, in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Special awards were presented to persons with 35, 30, 25, 20 and 15 years of service to Marshall and retirees.

Persons who received awards at the luncheon included:



**Fifteen years of service, left to right: Janet Dudley, Charlotte Hardin, Mary Tweel, William Shondel, Linda Holmes, L. Marie Billy, Rachel King, Judy Watters, Thomas Lovins, Joyce Ray and Jack Shafer.**

## Music classes forming

Several music classes for children are being organized this summer by the Marshall University Music Preparatory program, according to Mike McMillen, director of the program.

"Music for Moppets" for children 4 to 6 years old will be held from 10 a.m. to noon June 22-26 and July 6-10.

"Music for Elementary Boys and Girls" will be held from 10 a.m. to noon June 29-July 3 and July 13-17.

A piano readiness class for children 5 to 7 years old also will be offered.

Private lessons in piano, voice, guitar, woodwinds, brass, percussion, violin and other stringed instruments are available.

To obtain further details contact the Music Preparatory program office, 696-3168.

## Library hours set

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will be closed July 3, 4, 11 and 12.

Regular summer operating hours will be observed July 5 and begin July 13 for the second summer term. Regular summer hours are: Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 5 to 10 p.m.



**Twenty years of service, left to right: Judith Smith, Emmett Dean, Nancy Filbert, Charles McKinney and Barbara Ransbottom.**



**Willidean Chapman, left, was honored for 25 years of service; Shirley Dyer was honored for 30 years of service, and Floyd McSweeney was honored for 35 years of service.**



**Retirees, left to right: Richard Vass, Mary Covington, Eloise Johnston, Wilbert Roy Thomas.**

# Election held at last faculty meeting

(The following report on the April 30 general faculty meeting was submitted by Dallas Brozik, secretary of the Faculty Senate.)

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President Robert Sawrey at 4 p.m.

The Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award was presented to Dr. Violette Eash. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Mahlon Brown.

## Library Committee meets

(The following report on the April 28 meeting of the Marshall University Library Committee was submitted by Bonnie Douglas, secretary.)

The Library Committee met April 28 with Dr. James Douglass chairing. Ten members were present. Six members were absent.

Douglass presented the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed move of the Health Science Library as submitted by representatives from the various colleges, schools and departments at the university.

Alan Gould stated that several people had contacted him about their concerns related to the proposed move. He stated that he had discussed these problems with Dr. Charles McKown.

It was decided that the reports from all areas would be compiled into a comprehensive report during the summer. McKown will be sent a copy of the report and be asked to meet with the Library Committee early next fall to discuss the issues in the report.

An election of officers for the coming year was held. Robert Angel was elected president. Robert Gerke was elected secretary.

Josephine Fidler gave a report on activities of the library and discussed the proposed new library building plans.

Tim Balch presented a report on the revision of Policy Bulletin #36 which would create a new category of personnel known as academic professionals, as well as faculty and staff.

Members of the committee were opposed to changing the current system.

## Music festival planned

Marshall University's fifth annual Wind and Percussion Festival for high school band students and instrumental music teachers will be held on campus June 15-19, according to Michael McArtor of the Marshall Music Department, director of the festival.

Concerts will include the following:

-- West Virginia Symphony Brass Quintet on Tuesday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Ritter Park Amphitheater.

-- Festival Gazebo Band on Wednesday, June 17, at noon at the Ninth Street Plaza in downtown Huntington.

-- Festival Faculty Recital on Thursday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Marshall's Smith Recital Hall.

-- Festival Symphonic Band with guest conductor Gary Barton on Friday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Ritter Park Amphitheater.

There will be small admission fees ranging from \$2 to \$5 for all concerts except the free Gazebo Band program.

Proposed amendments to Article VI, Section 13.B; Article VI, Section 3, and Article VI, Section 5.C of the Constitution of the Marshall Faculty Senate were brought before the general faculty for discussion. Ballots will be circulated to the faculty.

Steve Mewaldt and Ben Miller were nominated for the Institutional Board of Advisors. Ballots will be circulated.

**(Results of the election were announced as follows. Steve Mewaldt was elected as the faculty representative to the Institutional Board of Advisors. All constitutional amendments passed.)**

Bert Gross was elected as the Marshall University representative to the Advisory Council of the Faculty to the Board of Trustees. Blaker Bolling was elected as the alternate.

Dr. Joan Adkins, Dr. Francis Aldred, Dr. Thomas Bishop, Dr. Mahlon Brown, Dr. John Dolin, Dr. Jack Jervis, Donald Wahlman and Dr. Paul Whear were recognized upon their retirements. Their contributions are much appreciated. They will be missed.

President Gilley addressed the faculty concerning the progress made during the past year and made comments concerning the upcoming year.

## Exhibitions scheduled

An exhibition of prints and four student exhibitions are on the schedule for the Birke Art Gallery this summer, according to Michael Cornfeld, chairman of the Marshall Art Department.

A print show curated by Peter Massing of the MU art faculty will run through June 19. The show will feature works by students and works from the Art Department collection.

Graduate students showing their work in partial fulfillment of requirements for master's degrees include: Sofija Smith, printing and sculpture, June 22-July 3; Rebecca Bias, ceramics, July 6-17; Karen Shaw, weaving, July 20-31, and Eileen McCarten, weaving, Aug. 3-14.

The gallery's summer hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Fitness camp slated

Marshall University's 16th annual Sports-Fitness Camp for children 6 to 12 years old will be held July 6-24, according to Sharon Stanton, assistant director of recreational sports.

The camp, which will be held Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon, has been designed to promote basic skills important for participation in sports.

During the camp, Marshall football coach Jim Donnan will conduct a specialty non-contact football program for youth 7 to 12 years old. The program will be held during the first and third weeks of the camp.

Fees will be \$15 per individual day, \$60 for a one-week session, \$110 for a two-week session, and \$130 for a three-week session. The fee for the special football camp will be \$75.

To obtain further details contact Stanton at Marshall's Office of Recreational Sports, 696-2943.