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MU neighbor becomes greatest individual giver

A woman who was Marshall University's neighbor for 70 years has become the university's greatest individual contributor with a gift of nearly \$400,000, MU Provost Olen E. Jones Jr. announced this week.

Jones said Miss Ima V. Blake, who died Nov. 9, 1982, left a trust fund of \$398,962.62 with annual proceeds from the fund to be used for scholarships for male students at Marshall. She was 91 years old at the time of her death.

"As a conservative estimate, the Ima Blake Scholarship Fund could generate at least \$40,000 a year," MU Acting President Sam Clagg noted. "This will provide assistance to a great many Marshall students in the years to come. Marshall University and its students certainly owe a debt of gratitude to this woman who was our friend and neighbor for so many years."

Proceeds from the trust fund are to be forwarded to

the Marshall Foundation by May 1 each year, leaving the principal intact to generate additional funds.

Miss Blake, who had lived at 1830 Third Avenue since 1912, had provided rooms for Marshall students for many years, Jones said. "She often said she liked Marshall and she liked the students and wanted to do something for them," he added. "She certainly has done that."

Under the trust agreement set up with the First Huntington National Bank, Miss Blake stipulated that earnings from the trust fund should be to help "single male students at Marshall University living in West Virginia designated by the president of Marshall University... as being worthy of receiving scholarship assistance..."

Jones said he had first become aware of Miss Blake's interest in the welfare of Marshall students in the late

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M. P. Shawkey Room will be dedicated on Friday

Following an 11-year absence, the name of Morris P. Shawkey will be restored to the Marshall University campus in ceremonies beginning at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Nov. 11).

At that time, MU Acting President Sam Clagg will formally dedicate a room in Memorial Student Center as the Morris P. Shawkey Room in recognition of the former Marshall College president who served from 1923 to 1935.

The event, open to the public, will take place 50 years from the date of the dedication of Shawkey Student Union, Nov. 11, 1933. The old Student Union was demolished in the late summer of 1972 following completion of Memorial Student Center.

"President Shawkey stands out as one of the strong leaders in Marshall's history," Clagg noted. "We believe it is most appropriate that his name be restored to the campus in a meaningful way."

He said the campus Physical Facilities and Planning Committee had approved renaming of the Special Dining Room in Dr. Shawkey's honor. The room will feature a large original portrait of Shawkey, along with a collection of memorabilia from the old Shawkey Student Union.

The dedication program also will include a tribute to Dr. Shawkey by Dr. Kenneth Ambrose, chairman of the Physical Facilities and Planning Committee, and brief remarks by Cecil J. Ferguson, manager of the Student Union from 1934 to 1945, and W. Don Morris, manager of the Student Union from 1945 until his retirement in 1978.

Clagg said more than 250 invitations have been sent to various officials, participants in the 1933 dedication, Shawkey-era faculty members and to others known to have a special interest. Among those planning to attend is Morris C. Shawkey of Galloway, Ohio, son of the



SHAWKEY PORTRAIT HUNG

Bruce Greenwood, left, auditorum manager, and James Morris-Smith, assistant technical director, position the portrait of former MU President Morris P. Shawkey which will hang in the Shawkey Room of Memorial Student Center. The room, which has been known as the Special Dining Room, will be formally dedicated in a 10 a.m. ceremony tomorrow (Nov. 11). Faculty and staff members are encouraged to attend. (MU photography by Rick Haye)

former Marshall president.

Also to be recognized are Huntington attorney David

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WVLA recognizes staff of MU's Morrow Library

Marshall University Libraries Director Kenneth Slack and the James E. Morrow Library staff have been singled out by the West Virginia Library Association (WVLA) for their leadership role in library automation.

In a resolution adopted at its recent convention, the WVLA, noting that the MU library was the first college or university library in the state to computerize its circulation and cataloging systems, extended its thanks for the library's contribution to the state library system and the profession.

"We have been extremely proud of the library staff's efforts and are most pleased to see their work recognized by their colleagues," MU Provost Olen E. Jones Jr. said. "Over the years, Dr. Slack and the staff have worked hard to provide the best library services possible and to keep abreast with the latest ways of improving access to the library's resources," he added.

"There is no way I could ever claim credit for this recognition, as it is solely a result of the staff members' efforts," Slack said. "If it weren't for their enthusiasm in accepting the challenge of learning this exciting new

technology, none of this would have been possible," the libraries director added.

"There are two other people who have been instrumental in bringing all of this about," Slack said. "It was the provost—Olen Jones—who found the funding for our Hewlett Packard 3000 computer and the software packages, and West Virginia State Library Commissioner Fred Glazer helped us find the right computer package for our needs," he said.

Last summer, library staff members began feeding the computer card catalog records of library holdings which had been integrated into the OCLC (Ohio College Library Center) system since Marshall joined the 3,000-member library consortium in 1978.

More than 80,000 of these records are now in the computer, according to Slack, and next week another 40,000 or so records of holdings acquired prior to 1978 will be added.

"By Thanksgiving, the system should be up and running so that our students can access card catalog files on video display terminals," Slack said.

OSU professor to lecture, hold workshop on art criticism

Art criticism will be the topic for a lecture and workshop by Dr. E. Louis Lankford to be presented next week under the auspices of the Art Department with assistance from the MU Foundation's Distinguished Lectureship Program.

Lankford, an assistant professor at Ohio State University, will discuss "A New Method of Art Criticism: Structured Components for the Discovery of Meaning in Works of Art" at 7 p.m. in Birke Art Gallery Thursday, Nov. 17.

At 10 o'clock Friday morning in Smith Hall 621, he will conduct a two-hour workshop on "Art Criticism in Educational Contexts: Uses, Limits, Exercises."

VIP Forum scheduled Nov. 17 to debate recent military crises

"Why Are the American Marines in Lebanon and Central America?" will be the topic for the second Vital Issues Program (VIP) forum for the 1983-84 academic year, according to Dr. Jabir A. Abbas, MU professor of political science and VIP coordinator.

The forum will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, in Harris Hall 134 and will feature an interdisciplinary discussion of the historical, military, political and ethical rationales.

"Participation in the forum debate is open to the public," Abbas said.

EMERITUS MEETING

Artist Chick Ripper will be the speaker for the Marshall University Emeritus Club's noon luncheon meeting Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the UpTowner Inn. All persons holding emeritus status or retired from Marshall, as well as their spouses or guests, are invited to attend.

Deadline of Dec. 1 set for educational assistance forms

MU staff educational assistance applications for the spring semester must be filed in the MU Foundation Office no later than Dec. 1, according to Arlene Conner, Public Safety officer and chairman of the staff educational benefits committee.

Applications from persons applying for graduate tuition waivers are not being accepted for this program at this time, Ms. Conner said.

Notification of awards will be made before the fee payment deadline and applicants are asked not to pay registration fees until notified of their award. "This will simplify and speed up the reimbursement process," the chairman said.

Students to benefit

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1960s when he was serving as dean of students and later as assistant to the president.

"Miss Blake's attorney, W. Stanley James, and I discussed her wishes and he worked with both Miss Blake and the university in determining the best way in which to guarantee her wishes would be met," Jones said. "Finally, in June, 1974, the trust agreement was set up with First Huntington National Bank as the administrator."

Born April 17, 1891, in Cabell County, Miss Blake was preceded in death by her only sister and was survived by several cousins. She was a member of Twentieth Street Baptist Church and its Philathea Sunday School Class.

Dr. Michael Little wins post

Dr. Michael Little, assistant professor of biological sciences, was elected to the Commencement and Honorary Degrees Committee to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Claire Horton from the faculty. The term expires in 1985. The election results were announced by the Registrar's Office.

Nobel Prize winning author to speak here next week

The 1980 Nobel Prize for Literature recipient Czeslaw Milosz will lecture at Marshall University Nov. 16-17 as part of the Birke Writers Series, sponsored by the MU English Department.

At 8 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, Milosz will present a poetry reading with commentary in the Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. Following the program, there will be an open reception for the internationally recognized poet, novelist, essayist and critic.

At 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, in Memorial Student Center 2W22, he will informally discuss the status of poetry today. Both events are free and open to the public.

Milosz, who is the first of three noted authors slated to appear on the Birke Writers Series, was originally scheduled to speak on campus last month, but that appearance had to be postponed due to illness, according

NOTICE

Effective Jan. 1, employees' monthly payments for health and optional insurance will be divided equally between the first and second pay for each month.

Latin American politics topic for OSU professor's talks

The Latin American political situation will be the topic to be discussed by Grinor Rojo of Ohio State University's Romance Languages and Literature during his campus visit next week.

Rojo will speak at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, in Harris Hall 137 before a social studies class of Charles F. Gruber, assistant professor, and at 2 p.m. to Dr. Clair Matz's political science class in Smith Hall 433.

Rojo also will present a lecture in Spanish on the Artistic Literary Movement Known as Modernism for Dr. Harold Murphy's Spanish class at 11 a.m. in Smith Hall 409.

The lectures are open to anyone interested.

MCIE meeting on Tuesday

The Marshall Council for International Education (MCIE) will meet at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Campus Christian Center with Jill D. Bulthuis, International Center director at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She will talk informally with MCIE members in an attempt to gather information on Marshall's programs for international students. Her visit as a consultant for the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs has been underwritten by the United States Information Agency.

THOUGHT...

To sit alone in the lamplight with a book spread out before you, and hold intimate converse with men of unseen generations—such is a pleasure beyond compare.

—Yoshida Kenko

to Dr. Barbara Brown, MU professor of English and Birke Writers Series coordinator.

"We hope that all of those people who were disappointed by the postponement earlier will mark their calendars for these two opportunities to hear this distinguished writer," Dr. Brown said.

Also scheduled on the series are Canadian novelist, poet and critic Margaret Atwood on March 20-21, and Southern novelist, short story writer and playwright Peter Taylor on April 16-17.

The Birke Writers Series is funded through the Birke Fine Arts Symposium under the Marshall Foundation and by the Arts and Humanities Division of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History.

Established in 1974 by the William D. Birke family of Huntington, the Birke Symposium has brought an outstanding array of actors, writers, poets, artists and musicians to Marshall's campus.

U Theatre presents drama on drug abuse

"A Hatful of Rain," by Michael V. Gazzo, a drama which explores the relationships within a family ravaged by drug abuse, will be presented by Marshall University Theatre Nov. 16-19 in Old Main Auditorium with curtain at 8 p.m.

The second production of the season, the play is directed by N.B. East, professor and chairman of the Theatre/Dance Department, with scene design by Bruce Greenwood, auditoria manager and technical director.

Dan Henthorn, New Martinsville senior, Yvea Duncan, Logan senior, Greg Icehower, Winfield freshman, and Robert Miller, Madison junior, are cast in the roles of Johnny, Celia, John Sr. and Polo Pope.

Other players are Paul E. Reynolds, Boomer sophomore, Greg Hupp, Parkersburg freshman, Randy Williamson, Crum sophomore, Barbara Brandt, Barboursville sophomore, and Steve Hesson, Huntington sophomore.

Assistant directors are Ed Heaberlin, Huntington junior, and Hesson.

The play's action centers around a young man whose serious war injuries have left him addicted to drugs. The playwright explores the impact the addiction has on the family—probing the beliefs and attitudes of the characters as they come to grips with guilt, blame and understanding.

Reservations for "A Hatful of Rain" may be made at the MU Theatre box office, Old Main B 23, or by calling 304-696-2306. All seats are reserved.

Civil Service director's speech taped for playback Wednesday

A tape recording of a speech by West Virginia Civil Service Director Jane Ann King before the Board of Regents Advisory Council of Classified Employees will be played for interested MU staff employees at noon Wednesday, Nov. 16, in Memorial Student Center 2W37.

Following her discussion, Ms. King responded to questions from the classified employee representatives, according to Ray Welty, MU representative to the Council.

MU faculty and staff achievements, activities. . .

DR. HOWARD ADKINS, professor of geography; DR. MACK GILLENWATER, Geography Department acting chairman; CHARLES STEPHENS, associate professor of geography, and Rick Brown, graduate student, attended the second annual Appalachian Geographer's Conference held Oct. 21-22 at Pipestem State Park. Adkins was selected to chair the ad hoc committee hosting the 1986 SEDAAG meeting in Charleston. Gillenwater presented a paper, "Coal Mining Nomenclature: A Case of the Pocahontas (WV) Field." Brown read a paper entitled "Consideration for GIS Integration and Modeling."

JUNE KILGORE, Art Department chairman, was one of six artists to receive a cash award in the 52nd annual Exhibition of the Allied Artists of West Virginia. The jury selected an acrylic on linen piece, "Throne Room:

Energy Space," of hers for the award. She also has an oil stick and acrylic on paper, "A Diptych: Space Slash/Ancient Fall," in the exhibit. Of the 38 works on exhibit, 13 are by eight MU artists. The exhibit at Charleston's Sunrise Art Gallery will continue through Nov. 20.

DR. DOROTHY HICKS, professor of physical education, received the Honors Award at the West Virginia Association of HPERD convention in Charleston, Oct. 28-30. She also attended the annual convention of the Midwest Association for College and University Physical Education, held recently at Marshall, Ind., where she presided at one session. She is a member of the association's board of directors and program committee.

DR. STEBBINS B. CHANDOR, Pathology Department chairman, led three workshops on immunopathology and moderated an assembly on that topic at the American Society of Clinical Pathologists' meeting, Oct. 17-20 in St. Louis. He is chairman of the society's Council on Immunopathology. Chandor also attended three events held in conjunction with the society's meeting: the Conference for Pathology Residency Program Directors, the Association of Pathology Chairmen annual meeting, and a session of the editorial board of Laboratory Medicine.

Hatha Yoga class offered

Marshall's Student Health Programs Office will offer a six-week Hatha Yoga class from 4:45 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning Nov. 15, in Gullickson Hall 210. The instructor will be Dr. Elaine Baker, associate professor of psychology. The class is free to MU students, but there will be a \$6 fee for nonstudents. Additional information may be obtained by calling extension 2324.

Accomplishments. . .

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H. Daugherty and Marshall library archivist Cora Teel, Clagg said. Daugherty's late father, Duncan W. Daugherty, was attorney for the group which built the Shawkey Student Union and was one of the leaders in the construction effort. David H. Daugherty, a former Marshall student body president, rescued the 1933 dedication plaque from the Student Union when it was being demolished. Several months ago, he presented it to Mrs. Teel for the Marshall archives.

Mrs. Teel told Acting President Clagg of the gift and their discussions led to the proposal to establish a Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

Built in the midst of the Great Depression, Shawkey Student Union was considered a model for such student recreational structures. A private corporation was established after students voted to assess themselves a special fee to build a student union in 1931. The corporation then sold bonds to help finance the construction and furnish the building. Built by M.W. Zinn, the Student Union cost \$23,481, with an additional \$2,600 being used to furnish it.

Shawkey served as president during Marshall's formative years as a degree-granting institution, the first four-year bachelor's degrees having been initiated in 1920. Under his leadership, the College of Arts and Sciences was established, joining Teachers College as Marshall's principal academic components. He obtained accreditation from two regional accrediting associations and laid the foundation for establishment of the Graduate School.

He was responsible for construction of James E. Morrow Library and acquisition of the building which was to serve the Music Department for many years. He also initiated several buildings which were to be completed during the administration of his successor, including Laidley Hall, Hodges Hall and Jenkins Hall.

Percussion ensemble concert

The MU Percussion Ensemble, directed by Ben Miller, assistant professor of music, will present its fall concert Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Fee waiver information due

Marshall University faculty and staff who are interested in West Virginia University fee waivers should contact Dr. Robert Maddox in the Graduate School and indicate the number of hours they will need for the Spring Term.

SGA leaders to conduct memorial service on Monday

A Memorial Sunrise Service for those who died in the 1970 air tragedy will be conducted by Marshall University's Student Government Association at 7 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, on Memorial Student Center Plaza.

On Nov. 14, 1970, a chartered airliner carrying 75 MU football players, coaches, administrators, students and friends from the community crashed at Tri-State Airport, killing all on board.

The Rev. Edward L. Carter, who was one of nine team members who did not make the flight, will be the guest speaker. He will be introduced by Jim Forbes, memorial service committee chairman. The memorial wreath will be presented by Michael L. Queen, Student Government president, and Michael A. Brison, Student Government vice president.

The Rev. R.F. Smith, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and chaplain of the current football team, will give the invocation. Music will be provided by the MU Brass Quartet and University Choir. The brief program will conclude with selections played by School of Fine Arts Director Paul A. Balshaw on the C.I. and Marie Thornburg Carillon.