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The opening of Marshall University's new Fine and Performing Arts Center will be celebrated with a lavish gala the evening of Oct. 3, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley.

He said the gala, designed as a fund-raising event to assist the arts at Marshall, will feature a performance by the Wheeling Symphony, directed by Maestra Rachael Worby.

Gilley said details of the gala are still being worked out by a “blue ribbon” committee, but that it will include a reception and tours of the new $13 million facility, first phase of a large fine and performing arts complex planned for the university.

Mrs. Donna Hall, Ashland, Ky., civic leader, and A. Michael Ferry, chairman of the University of West Virginia, are serving as chairpersons of the Gala Planning Committee, Gilley announced.

Actually, the gala will be the second of two “openings” being planned for the building, Gilley said. The first will be a University Theatre production scheduled to run Sept. 23-26.

"Marshall University now has one of the finest theatre facilities in the country,” Gilley said, "and we want to open it with appropriate flair. The Oct. 3 gala is going to be an unforgettable evening -- showtime at our showplace."

Because of the size of the orchestra, seating for the gala will be limited to 550. Seating for normal productions is 606.

"We hope to make the gala an annual fund-raising event for the arts programs," Gilley said. "We have a tradition of excellence in the arts at Marshall and we now have an outstanding facility. Increased private support should enable us to raise the arts here to a new level of achievement and recognition."

Other members of the planning committee and their subcommittee assignments are:

Rodger Vanatter, design coordinator; Ann Speer, entertainment; Patricia Agee, flowers and decorations; Frank Justice, fund raising; Joan Welsberg, invitation list; Patsy Lansaw, invitations; Jane Boylin, liaison with Wheeling Symphony; Kathryn Wright, outside decorations; Sally Carey, posters; Nancy Francis, program design;

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Board of Trustees and president of Key Centurion Bancshares, Inc., are serving as chairpersons of the Gala Planning Committee, Gilley announced.

Announcement of Porreca's appointment was made by Marshall President J. Wade Gilley. He said Porreca will assume his new responsibilities July 1.

"Since the Byrd Institute offers so much potential for the economic development of this region, we wanted to find the best qualified person possible to serve as its director," Gilley said. "With the appointment of David Porreca, I believe we have achieved our objective."

The Byrd Institute and the National Institute of Flexible Manufacturing are among a handful of pilot programs in the nation using computer assisted design and computer integrated manufacturing equipment to introduce small- and medium-sized businesses to "state of the art" technology. Manufacturing firms thus have an opportunity to lease time on the modern equipment to complete special orders or to decide if they need to purchase such equipment.

The Pennsylvania project was launched with state funds and is now self-sustaining. Marshall’s Byrd Institute is being funded with large federal and private grants.

Porreca, an engineering graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, also earned a master of business administration degree from Augusta (Ga.) College. A Dean’s List student, he also received awards for leadership at West Point. He earned three commendation medals during five years as a commissioned officer in the Army.

Porreca was a West Virginia resident from 1976 to 1985.

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Alexander accepts job to study health care

Dr. Robert P. Alexander, dean of Marshall University's College of Business since 1983, will head a major, comprehensive study of the Tri-State Area's health care industry as part of a new assignment announced by MU President J. Wade Gilley.

Effective July 1, Alexander will be designated Distinguished University Professor of Management. In addition to teaching six hours a semester in the College of Business, he will direct a study of the area's health care programs, facilities, needs and potential growth in behalf of the university's Center for Research and Economic Development.

The project will be funded through the Marshall University Research Corp.

"Health care has become one of the 'anchors' of the economy in this region," Gilley said, "and its growth potential appears to be excellent. We need to do a comprehensive study to determine how that facet of our economy can best be served by the university."
International programs to be studied

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley has announced the appointment of a task force to focus on international students and programs at the university.

Vice President for Multicultural Affairs Betty J. Cleckley will chair the task force. Dr. Clair Matz, director of the MU Center for International Studies, will be co-chairman.

"The 21st Century will present a radically different world than the one in which most of us have lived our lives," Gilley said. "I think it is essential that the entire Marshall University community understand the importance of a multicultural, international dimension in the education that all students, West Virginians and others, receive here."

He asked the International Students/Programs Task Force members to examine the current scope of Marshall's international programs and enrollment and to evaluate existing proposals to consolidate and strengthen such efforts.

He also asked the group to recommend a future strategy and organization in line with two objectives: (1) sufficient breadth of international activities to provide an array of programs and options contributing to the multicultural dimension of the university and, (2) a focus on two or three initiatives which lend themselves to a first-rate effort -- and impact.

"It is imperative that this university not only provide sound education in the cognitive areas, but also that we serve as an instrument of transition for our students to the larger and more diverse world of the next century," Gilley told the group.

Other members of the task force are:
- Monica Wang, coordinator of the university's International Students Program; Dr. George Arthur, chair of the MU Committee on International Education; Barbara James, coordinator of the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree program; Dr. Carolyn Karr, chair of Curricular and Instructional Support and Leadership Studies in the College of Education; Huntington resident Kathryn A. Goodman; businessman Robert Shell; Dr. Ramchandra Akkihal, director of graduate programs in the College of Business, and student Mahmoud Naa Naa.

Gilley asked the task force to submit a preliminary report by the end of September.

Byrd director selected

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serving successively as sales engineer and district manager of Ingersoll-Rand Co., an international manufacturer of construction and mining machinery in Charleston; president and chief executive officer of Mountaineer Euclid, Inc. of South Charleston, a major mining machinery distributor, and vice president of Peerless Block & Brick Co. of Charleston. He and his family made their home in Cross Lanes.

He moved to Pennsylvania in 1985 as president and chief executive officer of Anderson Mavor (USA) Ltd., a subsidiary of Anderson Strathclyde, international manufacturer of longwall mining machinery. He became chief executive officer of the National Institute of Flexible Manufacturing in 1989.

Arts Center to open

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Harry Wiley, public relations; John Green, reception; Julienne McNeer, student-conducted tours; Nancy Hindsley, tickets and seating; Mary Hodges, ushers, and Joyce Frazier, valet parking.

Announcement of plans for the gala was made at a news conference in the lobby of the new Fine Arts Center. Participating in addition to M. Maestra Worby, Mrs. Hall and Mr. Perry.
Employee awards program established

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

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

A committee appointed by the president will select an Employee of the Month each month. That person then will be eligible for the Employee of the Year award.

Employees of the Month will be presented a plaque and a cash award of $100. The Employee of the Year will be presented a plaque and a cash award of $300.

Any classified or non-classified staff member may submit an application or nomination for the award to the Department of Human Resources. Applications or nominations should be submitted by the fifth day of each month.

Each applicant or nominee must complete an application (available at the Human Resources Office) which identifies the employee’s job classification, years of service and the reason why the employee deserves the award.

To be eligible for the monthly award, classified or non-classified employees must work a minimum of 37.5 hours per week and be a non-probationary employee with at least one year of continuous employment.

Nominations must be made on the basis of one or more of the following criteria:

--Outstanding and sustained performance of assigned duties;
--Significant and positive impact on the university or community;
--Outstanding attendance record;
--Responsible attitude toward job duties;
--Special rapport with other employees and/or students.

During June of each year, the Employee of the Month committee will evaluate the 12 employees selected during July through June of the previous year and vote by secret ballot to determine the Employee of the Year.

The recipient of the Employee of the Year award will be announced during Marshall’s annual Employee Awards Dinner.

WOODSON INITIATIVE BEGINS

Odetta L. Owen of Huntington has been selected as the first participant in Marshall University’s Carter G. Woodson Faculty Initiative, a new program designed to increase the number of Marshall faculty members from underrepresented groups, according to Dr. Alan B. Gould, vice president for academic affairs.

"We established the initiative in response to increasing competition from colleges and universities throughout the country in seeking qualified minority faculty members," explained Gould. "We think this program will benefit the university and minority students who want to continue their educations."

The nominee should have a master’s degree or be nearing completion of a master’s degree, with the intention of completing a terminal degree program. A committee will select the participant who must be accepted in a program leading to a Ph.D. or terminal degree before being approved. Participants do not have to be Marshall alumni or attend Marshall.

The participant will be employed as a faculty member at Marshall at the instructor level. He or she will be given a six-hour teaching load and be permitted to work on a doctoral degree the remaining time. The person also will be provided tuition and assistance in order to attend summer school and work on the doctoral degree during the summer. If the applicant desires, an unpaid leave of absence will be granted to work on the doctorate, with the university providing assistance in obtaining grant and scholarship funding.

A mentor will be provided at the beginning of the program to advise and assist the participant.

At the end of three years a determination will be made as to the future employment of the participant.

If the participant has performed satisfactorily and is in agreement, he or she will be employed at Marshall at the rank of assistant professor and be placed on the tenure track. The person will be required to remain at the university for two years.

Owen received her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Marshall and recently received her master’s degree in communication studies from the university. While working on her master’s degree, she served as a teaching assistant in the university’s Department of Communication Studies.

SOM FELLOWSHIP APPROVED

The Marshall University School of Medicine has been approved to offer West Virginia’s first medical fellowship in the field of geriatrics.

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education has approved the program effective July 1.

The two-year training program will be offered through the Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Maurice Mufson, chairman of medicine, said the fellowship will provide a comprehensive approach to caring for elderly people, who make up more than a quarter of the nation’s population. It will prepare physicians to deal with the care and treatment of elderly patients as well to deal with their needs in terms of activities of daily living, occupational therapy recommendations, and rehabilitation, he said.

The two fellows will receive training in many settings, from Marshall’s Hanshaw Geriatric Center and hospitals to nursing homes and intermediate care facilities.
MU committee approves course changes

(The following report on the May 6 meeting of the Marshall University Academic Standards and Curricular Review Committee was submitted by Wendell Dobbs, chairman.)

After some discussion about ASCR’s recommendation from the last meeting to disapprove the withdrawal policy proposed by the School of Nursing, a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made, seconded and passed.

Report from Curricular Review Subcommittee

Dean Adkins, chairman of the subcommittee, reported that the committee had met on April 29 and recommends that the following course/program alterations be adopted:

**School of Medicine**
- Addition--SWK 250--Rationale--course provides strategies for social change via volunteerism.

APC holds meeting

(The following report on the May 7 meeting of the Marshall University Academic Planning Committee was submitted by Peggy Baden, secretary.)

Blaker Bolling chaired the meeting. Peggy Baden acted as secretary.

Minutes of the April 9 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Transferring, Creation and Elimination of Departments and Programs Between Colleges

Glenn Smith made a motion to approve the draft policy. Discussion followed regarding -3. The committee revised the wording. The draft also will include Policy Bulletin 23 and the policy bulletin regarding retaining faculty if the program is eliminated. Protip Ghosh moved to amend the motion. The motion was seconded and passed. The chair will send the policy to the Faculty Senate.

Section 13--Supplement to Mission Statement

The chair discussed his meeting with the president.

Shirley Lumpkin made a motion to accept the draft of Section 13. The motion was seconded and passed. Lumpkin requested that this be sent to the Faculty Senate for the May meeting. Blaker Bolling was to send a corrected copy to the Faculty Senate president.

New Business

Election

Kay Wildman made a motion to elect Blaker Bolling as chair of APC for the 1992-93 academic year. The motion was seconded and passed.

Wildman made a motion to elect Peggy Baden as secretary of APC for the 1992-93 academic year. The motion was seconded and passed.

Proposal for Doctoral in Psychology

Glenn Smith moved to table the proposal until September. The motion did not pass. Lumpkin made a motion to approve the letter of intent to plan for the doctoral in psychology. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

College of Liberal Arts

Change--ENG 101 and 102--Rationale--title and description changes to more specifically identify these courses.

Addition--ENG 302--Rationale--provide research/intensive writing course for transfers with less than six hours of English.

Addition--ENG 317 and 319--Rationale--new courses split former ENG 300 at a logical, more manageable historical division.

Addition--ENG 321 and 323--Rationale--same as previous addition.

Community and Technical College

Addition--MRT 208--Rationale--provide course to cover material included in national accreditation exam for medical record technicians.

Deletions--BUS 153, 154, 232, 244, 246, 275--Rationale--courses no longer taught or required.

College of Science

Changes--PS 109L, 110, 110L--Rationale--changes in course description.

Change--BSC 485-488--Rationale--courses altered from graded to CR/NC.

Change--CSD 101--Rationale--change of alpha designator to reflect new program. Content remains unchanged.


Deletions--GLY 453, 454, 415--Rationale--courses no longer being taught.

Addition--PS 210--Rationale--optional course for science and non-science majors to examine physical factors of environmental science.

Additions--CSD 119, 120, 222, 240--Rationale--phase-in of initial courses to replace CIS courses; part of overall plan for B.S. degree requirements.

Damron moved that these alterations be amended by endorsed by ASCR. The motion was seconded and passed.

Draft Policy for Transfer of Programs

Gomez-Avila moved that ASCR recommend that the following alteration be made to the policy: That the Faculty Senate president be notified at the beginning of deliberations for a transfer of program and then be involved in all discussions between deans and the vice president for academic affairs.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Elimination of Overloads

Concerning the trial period during the fall semester for the elimination of overloads, ASCR has instructed the chair to contact the vice president for academic affairs about the evaluative technique and schedule.

It is felt that reactions should be solicited from deans, chairs and students about the elimination of overloads and that these reactions be shared with ASCR by late September to allow sufficient time for review by ASCR and the faculty Senate.

Members voiced displeasure that the elimination of overloads issue was not shared with the Faculty Senate structure before being enacted for this trial period.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.
Wang receives $64,300 grant from NIH

Dr. Ruu-Tong Wang of the Marshall University School of Medicine has received a $64,300 grant from the National Institutes of Health to explore the way the sense of smell develops.

The research is an early but necessary step toward preventing some birth defects and even toward successful transplantation of brain tissue, according to Wang, an associate professor of anatomy and cell biology.

"The basic question is a very essential one for neuroscience, and that is to find out how specific the nerve connections in the brain," he said. "Does nerve cell A have to grow to B, or can it go to C instead? After an injury, if a regenerating nerve cell connects to the wrong target, can the system still operate properly?"

Professors going to China

Dr. Joseph Czerkawski of the Marshall University School of Medicine will participate in a delegation of sports medicine specialists to China and South Korea August 15-30.

Dr. Donald Shell of Marshall also was invited to take part in the expedition, which is part of the Citizen Ambassador Program of People to People International. It will be led by Harvard Medical School physician Lyle J. Micheli.

The team will meet with sports physicians, physical therapists, traditional Chinese therapists and athletes on stops in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Seoul.

People to People International was formed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 to foster goodwill and understanding between Americans and citizens of other nations.

Czerkawski, an assistant professor of family and community health, joined the Marshall faculty in 1990. Shell, who is participating in Marshall's sports medicine fellowship, is an instructor in family and community health.

SOM receives honor

The Marshall University School of Medicine has been honored as one of the top four medical schools in the nation in the percentage of graduates entering careers in family practice.

The American Academy of Family Physicians presented the Family Practice Department Achievement Award to Marshall's Department of Family and Community Health during the annual meeting of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine held in St. Louis, Mo.

The four schools each averaged more than 20 percent of their graduates entering family practice residencies between 1989 and 1991. Marshall's average of 24.4 percent earned it the bronze award. Silver awards, for averages above 25 but less than 30 percent, went to Mercer University, the University of North Dakota, and Wright State University. No school earned the gold award, given to schools with three-year averages above 30 percent.

In 1991, Marshall ranked No. 2 in the nation in the percentage of graduates entering family practice residencies.

"In order to approach all this, we have to study the normal pattern of nervous system connections during development," he said.

Aiding Wang in the project will be the Brazilian opossum, a rat-sized marsupial whose pups are born at a very early stage of development. They are born at an embryonic stage -- the human equivalent of four to six weeks after conception. They then attach themselves to the mother for further development.

Their nervous system is especially immature at birth. Working with the animals at various periods after birth, Wang will trace the development of the sense of smell.

The two-year project is funded by the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. The grant is the only study dealing with the chemosensory system that the institute is funding, Wang said.

WVU waivers available

Application forms for West Virginia University tuition waivers for the fall term are available in the Marshall University Graduate School Office, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

Full-time faculty and staff members are eligible for waivers.

Applications will be due in the MU Graduate School Office by Tuesday, June 30.

To obtain applications or further details contact the Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, 696-2816.

Contest winner announced

The winner of the monthly vending machine prize contest for May was Ramin Mirzakhani, a junior from Charleston, according to Karen Kirtley of the Auxiliary Services Office.

He received a hand-held vacuum cleaner.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you for your expressions of concern in the passing of our mother, Irene Horn. We are grateful for having been blessed with such a wonderful mother.

We will miss her and her wonderful sense of humor and positive view of life.

The three sprays from the faculty and staff in the Division of Human Development and Allied Technology, the COE Dean’s Office, faculty and staff, and the Marshall University faculty and administration were appreciated.

Your thoughtfulness touched us.

Thanks,

Lyle, Darrel and Lee Olson
Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. ANNA LEE MEADOR, associate professor in Marshall’s Accounting Department, has been selected as the "Woman of the Year" by the Huntington Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association. She was selected on the basis of business experience and accomplishment, ABWA participation, education and special interests. She will be considered by a national panel of judges for selection as one of the Top Ten Business Women of ABWA for 1993.

QUEEN E. FOREMAN, director of human resources, was selected as one of the recipients of the President’s Award in recognition of the leadership provided to the American Association of Affirmative Action’s Professional Training and Development Committee. The award was presented during the AAAA national conference held recently in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. BARBARA DAVIS, associate professor in the School of Nursing, presented “Consumer Emergency Care Satisfaction Scale: A Follow-up Study” at the Research and Implications for Clinical Practice Conference held May 4 at St. Mary’s Hospital.

Dr. CRAIG MONROE, professor of communication studies, is senior author of an article published in the March 1992 edition of The School Counselor, 39, 273-280. The article, “Communication Apprehension Among High School Dropouts,” was co-authored by Robert D. Burrell, a school psychologist in the Cabell County school system. Burrell received his master’s degree in psychology from Marshall in 1980.


Dr. MONICA A. VALENTOVIC, associate professor of pharmacology, was the principal author of an article titled “Renal accumulation and urinary excretion of cispilatin in diabetic rats” which was published in Toxicology (70, 1991, pp. 151-162). Co-authors were Laurie A. Scott, Elio Madan and Robert A. Yokel.

Dr. H. KEITH SPEARS, director for distance education and ITVS, recently made two presentations about the role of satellite television in higher education. He made a presentation titled “Making Changes for Better Educational Opportunities” at the 10th annual Conference on Nontraditional/Interdisciplinary Programs held May 12 at George Mason University. He made a presentation titled “Cooperative Uses of Technology in Higher Education” at the annual meeting of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting/Annenberg Foundation on May 14 at Columbia, Md.

Dr. WILLIAM B. ROTHEN, professor and chairman of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, recently presented a paper titled “Calbindin-D28K in autonomic ganglia of a mammal” at the annual meeting of the American Association of Anatomists held in New York City.

Marshall University President J. WADE GILLEY had an article titled “Faust Goes to College” published in the May/June issue of Academe, the national publication of the American Association of University Professors. The article contends that many colleges and universities are selling their academic souls in efforts to be included in “best college” lists. He also challenges the validity of rankings such as U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges.”

Dr. CHONG W. KIM, professor and chairman of the Management Department, presented an article titled “Management Policies Toward Working Couples: Current Practices in Different Countries” for the Pan-Pacific Conference IV held in Calgary, Canada, June 4-6. The article was published in the conference proceedings. Co-authors were Dr. Marjorie L. McNerney, assistant professor in the Management Department, and Dr. Robert P. Alexander, dean of the College of Business. KIM also chaired a conference session titled “Comparative Management.”

Dr. GARY O. RANKIN, professor and chairman in the Department of Pharmacology, recently had two papers published. “Renal Effects of N-(3,5-Disubstituted phenyl)-succinimides in the Fischer 344 Rat” was published in the Journal of Applied Toxicology. Co-authors were Vonda J. Teets, Hsinchung Shih, Kelly W. Beers, Derek W. Nicoll, Dianne K. Anestis, Patrick I. Brown and John Hubbard. “Nephrotoxic Potential of N-(3,5-dichloro-4-hydroxyphenyl)succinimide and N-(3,5-dichloro-4-hydroxyphenyl)succinimidic acid in Fischer 344 rats” was published in Toxicology Letters. Co-authors were Peter J. Harvison, Robert J. Griffin, Vonda J. Teets, Derek W. Nicoll and Patrick I. Brown.

JOSEPHINE FIDLER, director of libraries, and PAMELA FORD, catalog librarian and president of the West Virginia Library Association, participated in the 1992 spring conference of the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center held May 28-29 at Oglebay Park in Wheeling.

Dr. JOHN W. LARSON, professor of chemistry, attended the Canadian Chemical Conference held May 31-June 4. He presented a paper titled “Thermochronology of Vandalium in Aqueous Solutions and the Thermodynamics of Formation of Chromovanadate” during a symposium on “Recent Advances in Chemical Thermodynamics.”

Staff waivers available

Applications for classified staff undergraduate tuition waivers and financial assistance for the 1992 fall semester are available from Karen King in the MU Staff Council Office, Northcott Hall Room 209.

The Staff Council Office is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Applicants must be full-time, permanent Marshall employees; must not be receiving any other type of educational assistance; and must have completed the initial six-month probationary employment period.

The closing date for applications will be Monday, July 20.