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President to give 'State of University' address

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley will deliver his second "State of the University" address during the university's first general faculty meeting of the fall semester on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 4 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Robert D. Sawrey, president of the MU Faculty

Senate, said the meeting's agenda will include the introduction of new faculty members by their department chairs, nominations for and election of replacements on the Institutional Hearing Panel and other business.

A welcome reception in honor of new faculty will be held in Marco's in Memorial Student Center following the meeting.



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Author will discuss works on campus

Hilma Wolitzer, author of five novels and four books for children, will read from her works at Marshall University on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 8 p.m. in the Erickson Alumni Center, 1731 Fifth Ave.

She also will discuss her work and respond to questions on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 11 a.m. in the Hoffman Room in Marshall's James E. Morrow Library.

Both presentations will be open to the public free of charge.

Art Stringer of Marshall's English Department said Wolitzer's recent novel, "Silver," was called "a winner" by USA Today and her previous books including "In the Palomar Arms" and "Hearts" received excellent reviews from such publications as the Washington Post.

Wolitzer has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts and received the prestigious Award in Literature from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

She has taught at the University of Iowa Writers Workshop, Columbia University and New York University and served as a featured writer at the Breadloaf Writers' Conference.

Her short stories have been published in several magazines including Esquire, The Saturday Evening Post and Ms.

Wolitzer's visit to Marshall is part of the university's Birke Visiting Writers Series sponsored by the Birke Fine Arts Symposium, the MU College of Liberal Arts and the Marshall English Department.

Copies of Wolitzer's books will be available at the reading and the Marshall University Bookstore.

Nominations sought for honorary degrees

The Marshall University Functions Committee is accepting nominations for honorary degree awards which will be presented by the university during the 1993 Commencement.

Nominees may be persons of national or international stature, according to Dr. Carl S. Johnson, chairman of the Functions Committee. He said it is desirable, though not required, that nominees have some connection with West Virginia or Marshall University or have attained eminence in a field important to the university.

Each nomination should include a comprehensive biographical profile of the nominee which presents, at minimum, the following information: nominee's full name, date and place of birth, home address and telephone number, education, professional experience, documentation of eminence, and relationship and/or service to Marshall University, West Virginia or the nation.

Nominations should also include the name, address and telephone number of the person submitting the nomination.

The deadline for submission of nominations will be Wednesday, Sept. 30. Nominations should be submitted to Carl S. Johnson, University Functions Committee, 113 Jenkins Hall.

Hampton faculty to perform

Four members of the Hampton (Va.) University music faculty will perform at Marshall University on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Wallace Clark, clarinet; Robert Ransom, trumpet; Marilyn Thompson, soprano, and Leslie Neal-Williams, piano, will perform works by classic and contemporary composers during the free concert.

The program is being presented as part of a reciprocal partnership between Marshall and Hampton universities to enhance cultural and racial diversity.

The four musicians will meet with Marshall music students on Tuesday, Sept. 15, and conduct masterclasses.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-3117.

Barnett resigns as MU grants officer

Dr. C. Robert Barnett, professor of health, physical education and recreation and director of grants and research development at Marshall University, has resigned as director of grants and research development, according to Dr. Alan B. Gould, vice president for academic affairs.

Barnett resigned to devote more time to teaching and to serve as assistant chairman of the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and coordinator for Physical Education.

"This is a time in the grants operation at Marshall when the university really needs to move up to the next step, which requires a full-time grants officer," said Barnett, who split his time between teaching and the grants office. "I don't want to give up teaching because, frankly, that's why I'm here."

In 1985, the year Barnett was named grants officer, Marshall received \$3.7 million in grants. Under his direction the university's grant total rose each year. This past year the university received more than \$14 million in grants.

Criminal Justice career fair planned

The 1992 Criminal Justice Career Fair will be held at Marshall University on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Municipal, county, state and federal agencies, private businesses, volunteer agencies, law schools, graduate schools and other professional schools will participate in the fair, according to Dr. Margaret Phipps Brown, chairwoman of Marshall's Criminal Justice Department.

Brown expects approximately 50 to 60 agencies to send representatives to the event, which will be open to the general public and Marshall students and alumni. Each agency or school will be recruiting career personnel or students.

"The fair is intended to be an informal setting to give people the opportunity to gain information about the agencies, which will be recruiting for current employment positions, as well as future career openings," said Brown.

The fair is being sponsored by the Marshall Criminal Justice Department and Alpha Phi Sigma national criminal justice honor society.

Persons who would like further details about the fair or agencies that would like to participate in the program can contact the Marshall University Criminal Justice Department, 696-3196.

Newsletter deadline

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.

"Obviously I'm proud of the fact that we increased the funding for grants over the past few years from around \$2 million to \$14 million," Barnett said. "However, I'm more proud that we doubled the number of projects submitted by faculty and the number of projects that were funded."

Barnett was quick to credit the faculty and the support of the Marshall administration for the tremendous improvement in grant funds received by the university.

He said faculty members began to have more success in obtaining grants, which spurred others to submit applications and seek grant funds. Grant workshops and seminars also were held for faculty and staff members.

Barnett said prior to 1985 some of the university's schools and colleges had not received any significant grants. He said those same units now are receiving grants in the range of \$100,000 to \$200,00.

"What made it work was the cooperation of administration and faculty," said Barnett, a member of the Marshall faculty since 1972. "It was rewarding and the experience really contributed to my professional growth. It was tremendously rewarding because of the kind of positive response made by so many people."

Barnett said it was fortunate timing that he was leaving the grants office now because he just received word that the university's last grant proposal was going to be funded in the amount of \$125,000. "It's nice to go out on a positive note," he said.

The university currently is conducting a search for a grants officer.

Safety exam to be topic

A free seminar on "The Certified Safety Professional (CSP) Examination" will be held at Marshall University on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2E11.

Ferrel Eaves of Ashland Petroleum Company will be the guest speaker and discuss several topics including basic aspects of the CSP examination, qualifications for taking the examination and length, depth and benefits of the CSP test.

The program, open to the public free of charge, is being sponsored by the Marshall University Safety Technology Program and the West Virginia Student Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

To obtain further details contact Marshall University's Safety Technology Program Office, 696-4664.

Translations available

English translations of foreign research papers and patents (more than 14,000 titles) are available for \$35 each from the Library of Congress, National Translations Center, Washington, D.C. 20541, according to Dr. Bryan Larsen, chairman of Marshall University's Research Committee.

To obtain further details contact the National Translations Center, (202) 707-0100.