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Nobel Prize winner to present lecture

Dr. James M. Buchanan, the 1986 recipient of the Alfred Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, will lecture at Marshall University on Sept. 30, according to Marshall President J. Wade Gilley.

Currently advisory general director of the Center for Study of Public Choice and Harris University Professor at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., Buchanan will speak to a political science class prior to delivering a public lecture. His visit is sponsored by The John Deaver Drinko and Elizabeth G. Drinko Distinguished Lecture Series.

The public lecture, "Markets, Politics and the Rule of Law," will begin at 3 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105.

Buchanan received the Nobel Memorial Prize for his contributions to the theory of political decision-making and public economics. He has devoted nearly 40 years to development of the contractual and constitutional bases for the theory and is the leading researcher in the field that has come to be known as "public choice theory."

A widely published author, Buchanan is known for his books, monographs and numerous articles in scientific journals. Probably his best-known work is "The Calculus of Consent" (1962) in collaboration with Gordon Tullock, with whom he established the Center for Study of Public Choice in 1969.


The Distinguished Lecture Series was made possible through a gift from John Deaver Drinko and his wife, Elizabeth. In 1987 they established a Distinguished Chair in Liberal Arts. Later they provided funding for the lecture series to allow Marshall students and the community greater access to outstanding scholars. A 1943 Marshall graduate, Drinko is senior managing partner of Baker & Hostetler, one of the nation's largest law firms, headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, and with offices in seven other cities.

Sixth Yeager Symposium will focus on education

"How Can We Save American Education?" will be the theme of Marshall University's sixth annual Yeager Symposium which will be held Oct. 6-16.

Sponsored by Marshall's Society of Yeager Scholars and C&P Telephone Company, the program will present a variety of ideas about national education reform, according to Laura Jo Smith, a Yeager Scholar and symposium coordinator.

Smith said during the symposium leading educational reformists from throughout the United States will address the problems facing the nation's educational system.

Jonathan Kozol, an educator in inner-city schools and award-winning author, will be the principal speaker. A former Rhodes Scholar and Rockefeller and Guggenheim fellow, Kozol has studied and been involved with such pressing social issues as segregation, homelessness and problems inherent in the modern American educational system.

His books include "Death at an Early Age," "Rachel and Her Children," "Illiterate America" and "Savage Inequalities."

Other lecturers will include George Beck of C&P Telephone, Charles Thompson of the University of Louisville, Howard O'Cull, executive director of the West Virginia School Boards Association, and Chester Finn, author and member of the President's Education Policy Advisory Committee.

All of the following presentations will be open to the public and begin at 7:30 p.m.:
- Tuesday, Oct. 6, George Beck, Smith Hall Room 154;
- Thursday, Oct. 8, Charles Thompson, Smith Hall Room 154;

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Foundation officers elected

David Fox Jr., vice chairman and secretary-treasurer of McJunkin Appalachian Oil Field Supply Co., was re-elected president of The Marshall University Foundation Inc. during its annual meeting on Sept. 15.

Fox, who first became a member of the Marshall Foundation in 1974, attended Marshall 1939-41. He is a former president of the Marshall Alumni Association and served two years as the Foundation board's first vice president prior to being elected president.

Other officers re-elected for 1992-93 are Nancy L. Francis, first vice president, and Ronald L. Hooser, second vice president; John J. "Jack" Klim Jr., secretary, and Leland W. Thornburg, treasurer.

Dr. Edward G. "Ned" Boehm Jr., Marshall vice president for institutional advancement, was re-appointed Foundation executive director, and Sherry H. Asbury was re-appointed Foundation manager.
Faculty Development Committee meets

(The following report on the Sept. 11 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Development Committee was submitted by Steve Shuklian, secretary.)

With a quorum of the committee present, Pamela Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

The meeting began with announcements. Barbara Kayes is the new member of the committee from the School of Nursing. She replaces Robin Walton. Robert Rowe, from the College of Fine Arts, has returned to work on the committee after spending the 1991-92 academic year on sabbatical.

Gardner said she had received a memorandum from Betty Cleckley stating that the Office of Multicultural Affairs has money available for funding multicultural and social justice projects. The memorandum also included guidelines for applying for these funds.

Midori will perform

Midori, considered one of the brightest stars in the world of classical music, will perform for the Marshall Artists Series on Friday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

The 21-year-old Japanese violinist has been called one of the century’s most gifted artists by critics and musicians including master violinist Isaac Stern. She began her career with the New York Philharmonic under the direction of Zubin Mehta in 1982. Since then she has performed with such artists as Leonard Bernstein, Yo-Yo Ma, Andre Previn, Mehta and Stern.

Midori has appeared on numerous television programs including “The Today Show,” “The Tonight Show,” “Good Morning America,” “CBS Sunday Morning,” “The MacNeil-Lehrer Report” and various network programs in France, Germany and the United Kingdom.

To obtain ticket information or further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

Symposium scheduled

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-- Tuesday, Oct. 13, Jonathan Kozol, W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center;
-- Wednesday, Oct. 14, Howard O’Cull, W. Don Morris Room;
-- Friday, Oct. 16, Chester Finn, W. Don Morris Room.

Yeager scholars chose the topic and planned and organized the symposium, according to Martha Woodward, executive director of Marshall’s Center for Academic Excellence.

Dr. Daniel Babb, chairman of the Steering Committee of the Society of Yeager Scholars, said the symposium sponsors hope to raise the educational awareness of parents, teachers, school administrators and the general public.

To obtain further details contact the Society of Yeager Scholars at Marshall University, 696-6763.

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“We’re very fortunate that the officers agreed to serve a second term,” Boehm said. “They worked with Marshall President J. Wade Gilley during his first year on campus and they are well aware of his plans for the university.”


Newly elected to the 50-member Foundation are L. Thomas Bulla, president of Charleston National Bank; James R. Bailes, Huntington attorney, and John O. Allen, vice president and general manager of Inco Alloys International Inc. Re-elected as members were: Earleen H. Agee, James G. Call, McGinnis, R.G. Miller Jr., Jack E. Moore, Polan, Porter, Neal W. Scaggs, Thomas F. Scott, Simmons, Thompson, Thornburg, and VanZandt.

William G. Powers was honored with emeritus membership status in recognition of his longtime service to the Foundation.

The Marshall University Foundation Inc. was established in 1947 as a non-profit, educational corporation to solicit, receive and administer private gifts in behalf of Marshall University.
Freshman enrollment up 4.8 percent

Although the numbers of West Virginia high school graduates declined 7 percent over the last two years, Marshall University’s full-time Freshman Class enrollment climbed 4.8 percent this fall, according to figures released by the university. Full-time freshmen increased from 2,577 last fall to 2,702 this semester, or 125 students. A total of 3,604 freshmen are enrolled this fall.

Overall, the university’s enrollment remained stable at 12,687 students, compared with 12,744 at the same point last year, a difference of less than one-half of 1 percent.

Marshall continues to be an overwhelmingly West Virginia-oriented university in terms of enrollment with 86 percent of its students coming from within the state this fall. Once again, all 55 West Virginia counties are represented in the student body.

The College of Science, bolstered by new and renovated facilities, showed the greatest enrollment increase, up 19 percent overall and 21.3 percent in full-time students.

“Given the decrease in West Virginia high school graduates, coupled with some very significant increases in student costs, we’re pleased -- and a little surprised -- that our enrollment held its own this fall, MU President J. Wade Gilley said. “In fact, to be on the safe side we put together our 1992-93 budget on the basis of a possible major decline in enrollment and, in turn, a drop in revenue from student fees.”

Other programs showing enrollment increases are the College of Liberal Arts, the School of Nursing, the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree, the Community and Technical College and the School of Medicine.

The major decrease was in the College of Business at 23 percent, believed to be a reflection of current economic conditions. Minor decreases also occurred in the colleges of Education and Fine Arts and the Graduate School.

Although overall graduate enrollment declined 2.3 percent, full-time graduate enrollment is up 9.4 percent. And while the Community and Technical College showed an overall increase of 4 percent, its full-time enrollment rose 17.9 percent.

Overall, the university’s full-time enrollment is up 1.7 percent.

Gilley also noted enrollment of African American students increased 2.4 percent to 455, or 3.5 percent of the student body. “Increasing the numbers of minorities is one of our major goals,” Gilley said, “and while I am pleased we are showing some progress, I hope we can redouble our efforts during the current student recruitment period.”

Foreign film scheduled

“L’Atlante” will be the next foreign film shown by the Marshall Artists Series on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 3 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

The film, which captures Paris and the Seine with a haunting, lost-world evocativeness, has been restored from its original 1934-version with 10 minutes of added footage.

Tickets will be $5. Full-time Marshall students with valid identification and activity cards will be admitted for half-price. To obtain further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

Newsletter deadline set

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.
Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. KEY SUN, assistant professor of criminal justice, has had an article titled “Existential Perspective and Morality (A Comment on Vandenbegan)” accepted for publication in the American Psychologist. It is scheduled to appear in the December 1992 or January 1993 issue. SUN also has had an article titled “The Distinctions between Cause and Reason for Hate Crime” accepted for presentation at the 1992 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology which will be held Nov. 4-7 in New Orleans.

Dr. MICHAEL E. SEIDEL, professor of biological sciences, participated in a symposium on turtle systematics and evolution during the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles held Aug. 2-4 in El Paso, Texas. He presented a paper titled “Monophyly and generic level relationships of a restricted Emydidae.”

YETTA EVANS, purchasing assistant, attended the higher education construction purchasing workshop hosted Aug. 11-12 by Marshall University’s Purchasing and Materials Management Department. She received instruction about all aspects of purchasing construction and architectural services for higher education institutions.

Wellness Walk planned

A “Wellness Walk” will be held on the Marshall University campus Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., according to Carla Lapelle, coordinator of student health education programs at the university.

Activities, which are open to the public, will revolve around the Memorial Student Center Plaza and begin with registration at 11:30 a.m.

Representatives from Marshall’s Department of Family and Community Health will be available for blood sugar tests; representatives from the MU Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation will provide cholesterol testing; the Student Nurses Association will check blood pressure, and representatives from the American Heart Association, the Cancer Society and Women’s Health Services of Cabell Huntington Hospital will be available to answer questions and provide informational materials.

Demonstrations also will be held to provide information on the correct way to walk for exercise and the proper shoes to wear. Marriott will provide water and healthy snacks for participants.

Door prizes including walking shoes, T-shirts and gift certificates will be awarded. Participants must walk at least one mile to be eligible for door prizes.

If it rains on Sept. 29 the Wellness Walk will be postponed until Oct. 7.

The program is being sponsored by the Office of Student Health Education Programs and the MU Department of Human Resources.

To obtain further details contact Lapelle at Marshall University’s Office of Student Health Education Programs, 696-4800.

Dr. WILLIAM A. MC Dowell, professor of counseling and rehabilitation, co-authored an article titled “Job Stress—Nursing” with Dr. Roberta L. Messner of the VA Medical Center. The article was published in the September/October 1992 issue of Vibrant Life. McDowell also served as the keynote speaker for the 4-H State Conference held in August.

Dr. THOMAS J. MANAKKIL, professor of physics, was invited to present a paper titled “A Look at Physics Education in a Developing Country” at the national meeting of the AAPT held Aug. 10-15 at the University of Maine in Orono. This was at a session on Physics Teaching Around the World sponsored by the International Committee on Physics Education.

Dr. MICHAEL LITTLE, professor of biological sciences, was co-author of “Ribosomal RNA gene site polymorphism in Bufo teresris” which was published in Cytogenetics and Cell Genetics (57:1991). The work was co-authored with Darcy Foote and Dr. John Wiley of the East Carolina University School of Medicine.

Dr. JOHN L. HUBBARD, professor of chemistry, participated in a review of nuclear medicine research projects supported by the U.S. Department of Energy during a session held Aug. 11-13 in Chicago. Under review were pharmacology projects related to boron neutron capture therapy, a technique potentially useful in treating inoperable tumors of the brain and other vital organs. He also had a paper titled “Synthesis and H-1 NMR Spectra of Some 1-Aryl-2,5-pyrrolidinediones” published in the Journal of Heterocyclic Chemistry (Vol. 29, pp. 719-721, July 1992). Co-authors of the paper are Dr. GARY D. ANDERSON, professor of chemistry; Dr. GARY O. RANKIN, professor and chairman of pharmacology, and JOHN M. CARL III, former undergraduate research student.

Dr. JEANANN BOYCE, associate professor of technical education, made a presentation on “Technology for the Year 2000” for approximately 400 school teachers and administrators during a staff development conference held Aug. 26 in Barbour County.

Auditions to be held

Auditions for Lerner and Loewe’s well-known musical, “Brigadoon,” will be held Monday, Sept. 28, from 3 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center. Persons who want to audition should enter the building on the Sixth Avenue side of the building at the ramp entrance.

Auditions are open to Marshall students, faculty and staff. There are roles for 50 actors, singers and dancers. Singers should be prepared to sing one minute of the song of their choice. Singers should provide their own music. An accompanist will be provided. Dancers should wear appropriate clothes and shoes that will permit dancing.

To obtain further details contact Linda Eikum-Dobbs, vocal director; Donald A. Williams, conductor, or Elaine A. Novak, stage director.