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## MU faculty and staff achievements, activities. . .

DR. ROBERT F. MADDOX, professor of history, attended a meeting of the Coal Mine Research Association in Columbus, Ohio, on Dec. 7-8. He is co-author of a major oral history proposal for the association.

DR. WARREN W. WOODEN, associate professor of English, has been notified of the acceptance of his paper entitled "Rhetoric and Temptation: The Structure of Delilah's Discourse in Milton's 'Samson Agonistes'" for delivery at the 1980 meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association in Atlanta, Ga.

DR. MICHAEL E. SEIDEL, assistant professor of biological sciences, is the co-author (with Dr. Ronald Lucchino of Utica College) of an article entitled "Allozymic and morphological variation between the musk turtles *Sternotherus carinatus*, *Sternotherus depressus* and *Sternotherus minor*" which will be published in the journal *Copeia*.

MRS. LOUISE BAILEY, assistant professor of English, was a first place winner in the Herald-Dispatch essay contest on the topic "Hopes for the '80s." She received a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond. The contest, which had participants competing by age, drew 45 entries from people ranging from 11 to 81 years of age.

DR. ELAINE BAKER, associate professor of psychology, and DR. DONALD CHEZIK, professor and Psychology Department chairman, participated in the Masters and Johnson clinician-training workshop in New York City on Nov. 13-14.

DR. DONALD CHEZIK, professor of psychology and department chairman, attended the National Science Foundation Chautauqua on "The Nutritional Hassle in the U.S." held at Miami University on Nov. 19-20.

BONNIE J. LYTLE, administrative assistant/coordinator of traffic and parking, has an article "Parking Violators Get the 'Boot' at Marshall University—Immobilizers and Student Officers Prove to be Effective Means of Parking Control" appearing in the November/December 1979 issue of *Campus Law Enforcement Journal*, the professional publication of the International Association of College and University Security Directors. In addition to the article, there are several photographs taken on the Marshall campus.

## Marshall campus community touched by deaths of three

Funeral services were held earlier this week for two former faculty members—Mrs. Nancy Loptien of Ashland, Ky., and Mrs. Martha M. Zelnak Josephs of Kearneysville—and the father of Willadean Chapman, secretary to the College of Liberal Arts dean.

Mrs. Josephs, who taught in the College of Education's laboratory school from 1950 to 1957, died Jan. 12 in a head-on automobile collision near Harper's Ferry.

Her husband, Dr. Michael B. Josephs, sustained multiple injuries in the accident and is a patient in Jefferson Memorial Hospital, Charles Town. An associate professor of physical education and coach at Marshall from 1953 to 1969, he currently heads Shepherd College's Health and Physical Education Department.

Services for Mrs. Joseph, who earned both her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Marshall, were held Wednesday in Shepherdstown with burial in Elmwood Cemetery there. Survivors, in addition to her husband, include a daughter and two sons, one of whom attends Marshall.

**Mrs. Nancy Loptien**, who died Jan. 14, taught French at Marshall in the late 1940s and early 1950s and had her M.A. degree in French from Duke University. Funeral services were held Wednesday with burial following in the Ashland Cemetery. She was 78.

Survivors include a son and a daughter. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Loptien.

**William M. Chapman**, 80, of Milton died Jan. 14 in St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday with burial following in Woodmere Cemetery.

He was a retired Ohio River Co. employee. Survivors, in addition to his daughter, include his wife, Mrs. Eva Jane Blake Chapman; a son; two grandchildren, a great-grandchild, and four sisters.

## MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

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## J.H. Fletcher & Co. establishes scholarship

Marshall University's new John Marshall Scholars program has received a \$24,000 boost as a result of action by the J.H. Fletcher & Co. Board of Directors, MU Development Director Bernard Queen announced.

The board voted the gift in memory of James H. Fletcher, the company's founder, and his wife, Ruth L. Fletcher.

The \$24,000 check was presented by J. Robert Fletcher and William F. Fletcher, sons of the founder, to Philip E. Cline, member of the Marshall Foundation Board of Directors and President of the Alumni Association, at the company's recent Christmas party. J. Robert Fletcher is chairman of the Board of Directors and William F. Fletcher also is a member of the board. Cline is the company's vice president for finance and treasurer.

J.H. Fletcher & Co. operates two plants in Huntington, producing equipment for the mining industry.

The "James H. Fletcher and Ruth L. Fletcher John Marshall Scholarship" will be the second to be funded under the new John Marshall Scholars program, Queen said. The first was endowed with a gift from the Marshall Alumni Association.

The \$24,000 endowments will be invested and proceeds will be used to provide annual \$1,500 scholarships to academically outstanding students. Since the John Marshall Scholarship can be renewed, students selected

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## MU to recognize figures prominent in history of school

Marshall University plans to recognize three of the most prominent figures in the university's history, following the West Virginia Board of Regents' approval of a series of recommendations submitted by Marshall President Robert B. Hayes. They are:

—Naming the School of Journalism in honor of William Page Pitt, its founder and long-time chairman.

—Naming "Academic Building B," now nearing completion, for Lawrence J. Corbly Hall, the chief administrator of Marshall from 1896 to 1915, a pivotal period in the school's history.

—Renaming South Hall, in honor of James Holderby. The land on which Marshall was established was part of Holderby's Farm.

"Tradition is important to any university, and this is particularly true at Marshall," Hayes said. "Our university traces its origin back more than 14 decades and there have been many colorful, significant people who have emerged as Marshall grew to its present stature. Without their contributions, we would not be in a position to achieve the progress we are making today.

"We want to recognize our tradition at Marshall, and

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## Personnel personals . . .

**KITTY ALLEN**, University Theatre secretary, won first place in the Salads Division of the Silver Spoon Award Cook-off, sponsored by the Herald-Dispatch. The cook-off was held Saturday. The winning recipe was for a carrot and celery salad.

**SHERRI NOBLE**, secretary in the Provost's Office, is the mother of the Wayne County schools' champion speller, Kristy Noble. Kristy is an eighth grader at Vinson Junior High School.

Proud of a family member's accomplishment? Is there a new baby at your house? Is there something you'd like to share with your colleagues? The News Letter's "Personnel Personals" is another channel open to you. Send your information to Judith Casto, University Relations, Old Main 102.

## NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

TIMOTHY J. CALVERT, systems analyst, Computer Science; LINDA T. SMYTHERS, accounting clerk, Accounting; KENDRA K. BARKER, clerk, Mail Room, and TERRY L. BOOTH and JACK R. WILSON JR., police officers, Security.

Welcome to Marshall.

## Campus job openings . . .

The Personnel Office has announced the following campus job openings:

**Keypunch Operator II**, Computer Center, closes Jan. 21.

**Keypunch Operator III**, Computer Center, closes Jan. 21.

**Data Processing Production Controller I**, Computer Center, closes Jan. 21.

**Digital Computer Operator I**, Computer Center, closes Jan. 21.

**Data Processing Analyst II**, Computer Center, closes Feb. 11.

**Computer Programmer III**, Computer Center, closes Jan. 21.

**Recreation Supervisor**, Auxiliary Services, closes Jan. 21.

**Grounds Foreman**, Grounds and Labor, Jan. 21.

**Building Engineer Apprentice**, Mechanical Maintenance, closes Jan. 21.

Applications and information may be obtained from the Personnel Office, Old Main 207, or by calling extension 6455.

The following two openings have been announced at WMUL-TV and application may be made directly to the station general manager:

**Studio Supervisor** and **Senior Producer**, both close Feb. 15.



## \$24,000 FOR MARSHALL SCHOLARS

Chairman J. Robert Fletcher, left, and board member William F. Fletcher, center, present a \$24,000 gift from J.H. Fletcher & Co. to the Marshall University Foundation to be used in the John Marshall Scholars program. Accepting the check is Philip E. Cline, member of the Marshall Foundation Board of Directors and Alumni Association president. The gift will endow an annual \$1,500 scholarship for academically-outstanding students. It was presented in memory of James H. Fletcher, founder of the mining equipment manufacturing firm, and his wife, Ruth L. Fletcher. (Marshall University photo by Rick Hays)

## UNITED WAY

The campus United Way campaign is still under way, according to Dr. Clair Matz and Dr. Sallie Plymale, section co-chairmen for this year's campaign.

Information on the drive and pledge cards were distributed prior to the close of the Fall Semester; however, any faculty member or staff member who needs another pledge card or additional information concerning the new payroll deduction plan for employee contributions to the United Way and other agency campaigns may contact the section co-chairmen.

Matz may be reached at extension 6636 and Dr. Plymale at extension 3100.



## Dedication ceremony plans to be announced later

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build upon it," Hayes added. "The three people we have chosen to honor at this time have, in their various ways, been extremely important to the development of Marshall."

Professor Pitt, now living in retirement in Stuart, Fla., with his wife, Virginia, started the journalism program in 1926 and served as its chairman during most of his 45-year career at Marshall. He began the program with a single class of five students. At the time of his retirement in 1971, the program offered 43 classes and had an enrollment of more than 500 students.

Corbly Hall will recognize the first president of Marshall; all of his predecessors carried the title "principal."

When Lawrence J. Corbly took over as principal in 1896, Marshall College had 258 students. By 1907, when he was designated president, enrollment exceeded 1,000. During that same period, the library's holdings grew from 1,200 volumes to 7,000.

In 1907 he launched a reorganization aimed at raising the level of instruction and the academic quality of the institution. He added a year's work to the curriculum in

## Pianist Lorin Hollander to appear on Artists Series

Pianist Lorin Hollander will appear on the Marshall Artists Series' Baxter Series on Wednesday, Feb. 6 replacing Russian pianist Youri Egorov who was scheduled to appear on that date, Mrs. Nancy P. Hindsley, MU cultural events coordinator, announced today.

"We are delighted to be able to schedule such a brilliant and talented artist as Mr. Hollander in Mr. Egorov's place and are doubly fortunate that he could appear on the same date as the concert was originally scheduled," Mrs. Hindsley said. "Mr. Egorov has had to cancel several of his performances because of health problems," she added.

Tickets for the concert, to be held at the Keith-Albee Theater at 8 p.m., will be available from the Marshall Artists Series Office, Memorial Student Center Room 2W38, after Wednesday, Jan. 23. Tickets will be \$8 for balcony seats, \$10 for orchestra seats and \$4 for balcony seats for youths 17 years of age or younger.

MU students with valid Activity Cards will be admitted free and may pick up their tickets between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Jan. 23 in the lobby of the Student Center. After that date, they may be picked up in the Artists Series Office.

## Oklahoma SU team physician to lecture here on Wednesday

Dr. Donald Cooper, Student Health Services director and team physician at Oklahoma State University, will present a free, public lecture at Marshall University at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the Multi-Purpose Room, Memorial Student Center.

His topic will be "Drugs in America and the Athlete." Cooper's campus appearance is sponsored by the MU Athletic Department and the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

1911 and again in 1912, bringing Marshall two years beyond the secondary level.

"Marshall should be made a college in fact as well as official name," Corbly was quoted. He is credited for laying the groundwork for Marshall to become a bachelor's degree-granting institution in 1920.

Corbly, a native of Tyler County, left Marshall in 1915 to enter private business. He returned in 1925 as chairman of the German Department and also taught astronomy until his death in October, 1935, at the age of 73. His body rests in Huntington's Spring Hill Cemetery.

The name of James Holderby goes back to Marshall's first days as Marshall Academy. One of seven children of a couple who settled in nearby Guyandotte shortly before 1800, Holderby acquired large parcels of land that today comprise sections of Huntington.

On June 30, 1838, the year Marshall Academy was incorporated, Holderby sold one and one-fourth acres of land to the academy's trustees for \$40. The university's Old Main building is located on that site.

A provision in Holderby's deed to the trustees stipulated that the land could be used only for an academy or school.

"Marshall University might not exist today, or it might be located elsewhere except for James Holderby's foresight in drawing up the deed to the land on which Marshall was built," Hayes noted.

The Marshall president said the new designation for the School of Journalism had been recommended by the school's faculty. The names for the two buildings were based on recommendations from the university's Physical Facilities and Planning Committee, as well as the Marshall Advisory Board.

Plans for dedication ceremonies for Corbly Hall, the Pitt School of Journalism and Holderby Hall will be announced later, Hayes said.

## Dr. and Mrs. William Vest endow scholarship for student

Dr. and Mrs. William J. Vest of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of Huntington, have established a \$5,000 endowed scholarship at Marshall University, Dr. Bernard Queen, MU Foundation executive director, announced.

"The interest earned from the Thelma Y. and William J. Vest, D.D.S., Scholarship Fund will be used to assist West Virginia residents who graduate from high school with at least a B average to continue their education at Marshall," Queen said. "The endowment by the Vests is a most welcome addition to the university's scholarship program and we appreciate their generosity."

A native of Iaeger, Vest attended Marshall during the mid-1930s and played basketball under the late Cam Henderson. He earned his degree in dentistry from Emory University and practiced until 1957 at the Veterans Administration outpatient clinic in downtown Huntington. He later practiced at VA dental clinics in Lebanon, Pa., and Jacksonville, before retiring six years ago.

Mrs. Vest, a graduate of Huntington High School, earned her degree in home economics from Marshall in 1937. She is the sister of Kermit D. Yeater of Huntington, a former Cabell County Schools assistant superintendent.

## String residency program to begin Jan. 25

Concerts, open rehearsals, master classes, lecture-demonstrations for secondary school children and private, individual classes are scheduled for the Sequoia String Quartet during its residency program at Marshall University Jan. 25-Feb. 2.

The nine-day "Quartet-in-Residence" program is sponsored by the MU Institute for the arts through funding from the Arts and Humanities Division of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History, according to Dr. Michael Cerveris, Institute director.

The Sequoia String Quartet, a nationally-known chamber music ensemble, will hold its first local public performance at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, in Marshall's Birke Art Gallery, located in Smith Hall. Admission to the all-Beethoven program will be \$3 for the general public and \$1.50 for students.

## S.J. Bell is promoted to grants financial officer post

S.J. Bell, formerly internal auditor III in the Financial Affairs Office, has been promoted to grants financial officer for Marshall, according to MU Vice President for Financial Affairs Michael F. Thomas.

Her appointment was effective Jan. 1, Thomas said.

Ms. Bell's new duties will include: establishing account information, preparing billings and providing financial reports for all grants and contracts; directing the preparation of financial and accounting reports for all grants and contracts in compliance with federal and state laws, and assisting grant or contract applicants in drafting the financial aspects of proposals.

Ms. Bell's office is located in Old Main Room 202 and her extension is 6773.

## Dr. Thomas Berry Cobb to discuss options for energy

"Energy Options for the Future" will be the topic for a free, public lecture by noted scientist Dr. Thomas Berry Cobb at Marshall University on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Science Hall Auditorium.

Cobb, assistant vice provost for research and director of special projects at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University (BGSU), is a physicist with 10 years of combined experience in teaching, research and administration and is currently involved in energy research.

"We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Cobb here to discuss what is probably one of the most important issues of this century," said Dr. Ralph E. Oberly, chairman of the MU Physics and Physical Science Department.

## ABC newsman to speak

ABC News diplomatic correspondent Barrie Dunsmore will speak at Marshall University on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 8 p.m. in Memorial Student Center's Multi-Purpose Room.

Public general admission tickets will be available at the door at \$2 each. Marshall University students with Activity Cards will be admitted free. A reception in the Alumni Lounge will follow Dunsmore's speech.

The same day, the quartet will hold the first of several planned open rehearsals which string music enthusiasts from the area are invited to attend.

The open rehearsal schedule is as follows:

-Friday, Jan. 25, 1 to 3 p.m., Smith Hall Auditorium.

-Sunday, Jan. 27, 1 to 5 p.m., Smith Hall Auditorium.

-Tuesday, Jan. 29, 9 a.m. to noon, Smith Hall Auditorium.

-Friday, Feb. 1, 7 to 9 p.m., Smith Hall Auditorium.

A special open rehearsal or "coaching session" with the string section of the Marshall University Symphony has been scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, in Smith Music Hall Room 143.

A special public concert at the Huntington Galleries in conjunction with the opening of the Tri-State Artist Exhibition will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, in the Galleries Auditorium.

"This will be the quartet" closing performance and will feature works by Haydn, Berg and Debussy," Cerveris said. Admission to the concert will be \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students.

While on campus, the quartet, which is the "Quartet-in-Residence" at the California Institute for the Arts, will conduct presentations for Marshall music students, Cabell County elementary and secondary school students and Wayne County school students.

## James H. Fletcher pioneer in electrical engineering field

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for the honor can receive as much as \$6,000 over a four-year period of university studies.

"The John Marshall Scholarships will be not only our largest scholarships," Queen said, "but they will be our most prestigious. Recipients will be selected from among the most outstanding students to be found."

Born in Illinois in 1888, James H. Fletcher was a pioneer in the field of electrical engineering and was awarded patents covering automobile starting and lighting systems even before graduating from Armour Institute of Technology in 1911. He later was granted more than 20 additional patents.

He moved into the field of power generation and became associated with a firm of engineering consultants, heading the Underground Mining and Report departments. He established his own consulting practice in 1936 and played a major role in the development of a number of modern, mechanized mining installations. He was a leader in the field of rubber-tire haulage and in 1937 he organized J.H. Fletcher & Co. to manufacture equipment needed for this method of mine haulage. The company has remained a leader in development and manufacturing of increasingly sophisticated mining equipment.

He was married in 1914 to the former Ruth Lucille Farwell and their two sons now head the company.

"The Marshall Foundation is most indebted to the J.H. Fletcher & Co. and the Fletcher family for their support of the Marshall Scholars program," Queen said. "This scholarship will be a fitting memorial for an outstanding engineer and businessman, and for his wife who built an excellent reputation of her own as an outstanding elocutionist."