

# Chapter IX.

## University Activities

### Alumni Association

The objective of the Alumni Association is to promote the interests of Marshall University and to establish a mutually beneficial relationship between the University, its alumni and all other appropriate constituencies of the University, in order that higher education in West Virginia and this nation might be ultimately improved.

The Alumni Association is administered by a thirty member Board of Directors, ten of whom are elected annually by the active membership to serve three year terms. The Board membership also includes club and constituency representatives who are chosen by and represent alumni living in their respective geographical regions or areas. The activities of the Association are coordinated by the Office of Alumni Affairs located in the Erickson Alumni Center (1731 5th Avenue) . The Erickson Alumni Center was made possible since 1990 by a generous gift from the late Charlie O. Erickson. The Center is the “home away from home” for all alumni and friends. The Association sponsors many events/activities but the two major campus events are homecoming and alumni weekend.

Faculty and staff members, including non-alumni, are encouraged to become “active” members of the Alumni Association. Non-alumni are welcomed as “Friends of Marshall.” The Association encourages campus-wide involvement and invites faculty and staff to participate in all activities. Effective January 1, 1987, the Alumni Association dues structure, which originated in 1972, was eliminated. All graduates or attendees of Marshall are members of the Alumni Association, but to be an “active” member one must make an annual contribution (gift of your choice, no set membership fee) to the Marshall University Foundation, Inc. An active membership begins the date of the gift and is valid for a calendar year.