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# NEWSLETTER

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## Activities planned for King holiday

Marshall University, the city of Huntington and the Huntington chapter of the NAACP will sponsor several activities in conjunction with the observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, Jan. 21, according to Dr. Nell C. Bailey, vice president/dean for student affairs at Marshall.

Activities actually will begin Sunday, Jan. 20, with the presentation of "Let My People Go," a performance of dance, music and drama based on the poem by James Weldon Johnson retelling the biblical Exodus, at 7:30 p.m. in Marshall's Old Main auditorium.

Following the performance by a special company drawn from the Avodah Dance Ensemble and the Louis Johnson Dance Theatre Ensemble of the Henry Street Settle-

ment of New York City, a discussion on social justice and freedom will be held featuring Dr. John N. Vielkind, associate professor and chairman of philosophy at Marshall; Rabbi David E. Wucher of the B'nai Sholom Congregation, and the Rev. Larry Patterson of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church.

On Monday, Jan. 21, a Freedom March symbolizing Dr. King's ideals and the great need for freedom, justice, equality and human dignity in the community, state, nation and world will be held.

Persons interested in participating in the march should assemble at the Ninth Street Plaza on Fourth Avenue promptly at 5:30 p.m.

The march will proceed east on Fourth Avenue to Marshall University and then south on Hal Greer Boulevard to the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church where the Rev. Dr. R.F. Smith, minister of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, will make a presentation titled "Cost of Community."

Various community leaders and dignitaries will take part in the program and make brief remarks. A program of music and recitations from King's works also will be presented.

Prior to the benediction, a special choir composed of representatives from several churches will sing "Let There Be Peace."

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## Fotos named interim dean of Nursing School

Dr. Jane C. Fotos has assumed responsibilities as interim dean for the Marshall University School of Nursing, according to Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., MU vice president for health sciences.

Dr. Fotos, an associate professor of nursing, will serve as dean until a 14-member search committee fills the position on a permanent basis. Dr. Carolyn S. Gunning, who served as dean since July 1988, resigned to become dean of nursing at Texas Woman's University in Denton.

A member of the Marshall faculty since 1981, Dr. Fotos received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Marshall, a master's degree in nursing from the University of Cincinnati and a doctorate in higher education from West Virginia University. She also holds degrees in sociology and counseling.

Dr. Fotos currently serves as chairman of the Cabell Huntington Health Department board of directors and is on the district board of directors for the West Virginia Nursing Association. She is listed in the 1990-91 edition of "Who's Who in American Nursing."

The following individuals will serve on a search committee for a new dean of nursing: Dr. Diana Parnicza, associate professor, MU School of Nursing, chair; Peggy Baden, assistant professor, MU School of Nursing; Karen Stanley, assistant professor, MU School of Nursing; Dr. Barbara Davis, associate professor, MU School of Nursing; Jonathan Brown, director, Learning Resources Center, MU School of Nursing; David Bailey, interim director, continuing medical education, MU School of Medicine; Sharon Ambrose, assistant executive director, St. Mary's Hospital; Jean Worley, director, nursing/inpatient

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## More holidays granted

Marshall University will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, according to Interim President Alan B. Gould.

Gould also accepted Staff Council's recommendations concerning the observance of three additional holidays which were granted to state employees by the governor.

The university will be closed in observance of Good Friday on March 29, Memorial Day on May 24 and 27 and Independence Day on July 4 and 5.

## Public can give input

Marshall University and Woolpert Consultants, the firm retained to assist the university in the preparation of its Campus Master Plan, will observe open office hours for the public on Tuesday, Jan. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Memorial Student Center, Room 2E10.

Dr. K. Edward Grose, vice president for administration at Marshall, said the public is invited to visit the office to ask questions or voice concerns during the open office hours.

# Jazz Festival to be held Jan. 24-26

Three full days of jazz in Smith Hall will highlight the 22nd annual Marshall University Jazz Festival which will be held Jan. 24-26, according to Dr. Ed Bingham, director of jazz studies at Marshall.

Featured guests will include:

-- William S. Cole, an ethnomusicologist with a specialization in the history of jazz and former professor at Dartmouth College, who will make presentations on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. in Smith Hall, Room 154 and Jan. 24 and 25 at noon in Memorial Student Center, Room 2W22.

-- Chris Vadala, a saxophonist who performed on tour with the Chuck Mangione group, will perform with the MU Jazz Ensemble on Jan. 26 in Smith Recital Hall.

-- Professional musicians: Jim Rupp on drums, George West on trombone, Jim Boitos on saxophone, Hank Marr on bass and Roger Hines on piano.

The professional musicians will perform on Jan. 25 at

## Lodge honors Reffeitt

The Great Council of the United States, Improved Order of Red Men, has conferred its highest honor on Kenneth R. Reffeitt of Huntington, national treasurer for the past eight years.

The rank of past great inchoonee (past national president) was conferred at the patriotic fraternal order's biennial session held recently at the Sheraton-Tara Hotel, Danvers, Mass.

Reffeitt, a Marshall University staff member, is only the third West Virginian to receive this title in the 143-year history of the national lodge, oldest fraternity of American origin and teaching. The first was the late Thomas W. Dunfee, great inchoonee, 1942-1944. Charles W. Hesson of Huntington was great inchoonee, 1980-1982. All three have been members of Huntington's Mohawk Tribe No. 11.

Honored for meritorious service, Reffeitt served as editorial consultant for the official history of the order published earlier this year. The order's history documents the group's descent from the Sons of Liberty and the Tammany Society. He has been a member and recording secretary of Mohawk Tribe since 1960 and has been grand secretary of the state lodge for the past 25 years.

At the session Reffeitt was re-elected as national treasurer. He was invested with the gold regalia once worn by Mr. Dunfee, gift of the late Mrs. Wylie (Chloe) Dunfee. It was presented by Hesson at the convention's closing session.

Reffeitt, gifts and exchange librarian at Marshall's James E. Morrow Library for the past 18 years, is a 1972 graduate of the College of Education at Marshall.

He served six years as a member of Staff Council, two years as the representative of the classified staff to the Institutional Board of Advisors and two years to the Advisory Council to the Board of Regents. Currently he is chair of the University Appeals Committee and serves as cataloguer of the Rosanna A. Blake Library of the Confederacy.

8 p.m. and teach clinics throughout the festival.

Thursday's opening concert will feature jazz bands from Capitol University and Morehead State University at 8:45 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

High school and college jazz bands from throughout the Tri-State will participate in the festival.

To obtain a complete schedule or further details contact the Marshall University Music Department, 696-3117 or 696-3147.

## King activities set

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The program will end with the congregation singing "We Shall Overcome."

All of the activities will be open to the public free of charge.

"I think everyone should consider taking part in the program this year," said Dr. Bailey. "With the world situation being what it is, I think it is more important than ever that we remember the ideals which Dr. King stood for. However, this year's activities should be more than a celebration commemorating the birth of Dr. King, it should be a time to remember the past and a time to consider the future."

To obtain further details about the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday activities contact the Marshall University Office of Student Affairs, 696-6422.

## Interim dean named

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outpatient surgical services, Cabell Huntington Hospital; Roberta Marie Nepple, chief, nursing services, VA Medical Center; Joe Mulloy, director, Huntington State Hospital; Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean, MU Graduate School; Delores Ward, MU nursing student; and Laura Darby, MU nursing student.

### Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thank you for the expressions of condolences and flowers which you sent on the passing of my mother.

My family and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness during this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,  
Lisle G. Brown

# MU Hall of Fame being established

The first inductees into a new Marshall University Hall of Fame are expected to be announced this spring, according to MU Interim President Alan B. Gould.

"Although we've had an Athletic Hall of Fame for several years, we believe there are a number of people who deserve to be recognized in a university-wide Hall of Fame," Gould said. "These will be people who,

## *H.E.L.P. sponsoring show to raise funds*

Marshall University's nationally recognized H.E.L.P. program (Higher Education for Learning Problems) has a unique problem of its own. It has become so successful that it has outgrown its facilities and has had to turn away deserving students who need H.E.L.P.

The solution to the problem is to build a new facility--which creates the problem of funding a new building.

However, instead of relying on the state for \$550,000 which will be needed for a new building, the H.E.L.P. program is going to sponsor a professional variety show.

The show, featuring some well-known entertainers and local performers, will be held Sunday, Jan. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Huntington Museum of Art. There will be no admission charge.

It might seem like an ambitious idea, but approximately \$340,000 already has been raised and an architect's drawing of the proposed building has been submitted.

The variety show is just one more way to raise some of the money needed for the new building.

"I'm hoping for a good response from the community," said Yvea Duncan, coordinator of diagnostics for the H.E.L.P. program. "I really am. There will be no admission charge, but we will be taking donations. We're hoping that people will attend and bring their hearts and checkbooks with them."

Deborah Wolfe of Huntington, Mrs. America 1984, will be one of the performers and others will be coming from as far away as New York.

Ms. Duncan said the performers will be providing their services free of charge and also will be paying their own expenses. Several of the performers will be students who utilize the services provided by the H.E.L.P. program.

"Everyone has been great. They realize that this is a very important cause. Some of these people receive more than \$3,000 per performance and they're going to do everything for free just to help out. I think we will have a great show.

"You know, it breaks my heart when we have to look at someone and tell them we can't accept them because we don't have room. It's very important that people have an open mind and an open heart. Every year, because of space limitations, we're having to turn away people who with our help could successfully complete college. Heaven knows what kinds of gifts we're missing out on."

A reception will be held immediately following the variety show. To obtain further details contact Ms. Duncan at Marshall University, 696-6252.

through their lives and actions, have had a lasting impact on Marshall University beyond the area of sports."

Gould also announced a five-member Marshall University Hall of Fame Committee: William L. Redd, Huntington attorney; Dr. Walter C. Felty, a retired faculty member; Mrs. Nancy L. Francis, a former president of the Society of Yeager Scholars; Dr. Virginia D. Plumley, a senior member of the faculty, and C.T. Mitchell, executive assistant to the president and director of university relations.

Gould said the Marshall president also will serve as an ex-officio member of the committee. He said he had appointed Mitchell, who developed the project, as the first chairman.

Tentative plans call for the Hall of Fame to be located in the first-floor corridor of Marshall's historic Old Main. It will include portraits of those selected, along with plaques outlining their contributions.

Gould said the committee will accept nominations for Hall of Fame membership from both the campus and the general community. He said tentative plans call for selection of four inductees during each of the first two years with one to four to be selected in each succeeding year. Groups may be honored as well as individuals or couples, he said.

"We believe there are quite a few people who may be qualified for recognition in the Hall of Fame," Gould said, "and we believe the committee well may select the maximum of four inductees during each of the first five years, at least."

He said nominations may be mailed to Mitchell in care of the Marshall President's Office. They should include biographical information about the nominee, his or her current address, reasons the nominee should be considered, and the name, address and telephone number of the person submitting the nomination.

Gould said the project had been approved by the university's Institutional Board of Advisors.

## 'Record' now on CD

The Government Documents Department of Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library has been selected to participate in a pilot project regarding the use of the Congressional Record on CD-ROM.

According to librarian Sara B. Staats, the Government Printing Office has provided the full text of the 1985 Congressional Record (99th Congress, first session) on two compact discs.

The purpose of the project is to determine the easiest, most efficient way for the public to access the Congressional Record. The test period will run from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15.

Faculty, staff and students who are interested in the project can contact the Government Documents Department on the second floor of the library, 696-2342, or the Reference Department on the first floor, 696-2334.

The discs are available at the reference desk and the reader is located in the Reference Department.



# Wilson announces retirement from SON

Laura Lee Wilson, associate professor of nursing at Marshall University, has announced her retirement from the university after 24 years as a member of the School of Nursing faculty, according to Dr. Jane C. Fotos, interim dean of the School of Nursing.

Ms. Wilson, who was honored during a reception held Dec. 12 at Guyan Country Club, received a diploma in nursing from the St. Francis General Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, Pa., a bachelor's degree in nursing education from the University of Pittsburgh, a master's degree in sociology from Marshall and a master's degree in nursing from Ohio State University.

Prior to accepting a position at Marshall in January 1967, she served as an instructor and staff nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington and as a staff nurse at George

Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., Ohio Valley General Hospital, Steubenville, Ohio, the University of Pittsburgh, Weirton Steel Company, and the Visiting Nurse Society in Philadelphia, Pa.

While at Marshall, Ms. Wilson served on a number of committees and advisory boards.

She has been a member of the American Nurse's Association, the West Virginia Nurse's Association, the National League for Nursing, the American Public Health Association, the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators, the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Nurses, the Cabell Huntington Health Department, Goodwill Industries, and the Coalition for the Homeless.

A native of Wellsburg, W. Va., Ms. Wilson also has written several research papers on nursing and health related issues.

"Laura Lee has been a valuable, contributing member of the School of Nursing faculty, particularly in community health, for more than 20 years," said Dr. Fotos. "She will be greatly missed by her colleagues and School of Nursing students."

## Music classes offered

A variety of music classes for children and adults are being offered by the Marshall University Department of Music through its Music Preparatory Program.

Classes include: Music for Moppets I and II for children four and five years of age, Fun with Music for first and second grade students, beginning and intermediate piano for all ages, beginning voice and beginning guitar for high school students and adults, beginning percussion for junior and senior high school students, and a preparatory class in theory for high school seniors planning to major in music.

Private lessons are available in piano, voice, organ, guitar, violin, viola, cello, string bass, percussion, brass and woodwind instruments.

A course titled "Mozart Revisited" will be held on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. for seven weeks beginning Feb. 5.

The course will be taught by Dr. Paul Balshaw, dean of the College of Fine Arts, and will include a concert by Jerold Siena.

The Music Preparatory Program also offers a musical ensemble experience for junior and senior high school students.

To obtain further details contact Mike McMillen, coordinator of the program, at 696-3168.

## Recitals to be held

Two joint recitals will be presented this weekend by Marshall University students who are candidates for bachelor of arts degrees in music education.

Melissa Stewart of New Haven on clarinet and Christie Reynolds of Chesapeake, Ohio, on flute will present a joint recital on Friday, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Jennifer Murrell of Hilliard, Ohio, on tuba and Veronica Dee Massie of Chesapeake, Ohio, on trumpet will present a recital on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

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

## Quartet to perform

Mozart's "Divertimento in D Major K. 125A (136)," "Quartet" by Ruth Crawford-Seeger and "Quartet in A minor, Op. 51, No. 2" by Brahms will be performed by the Montclair String Quartet of the West Virginia Symphony at Marshall University on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$2 for students, \$5 for Marshall faculty and staff, or \$20 per family. To obtain further details contact Dr. Wendell Dobbs at the MU Music Department, 696-2359.

## Art exhibit scheduled

Works produced by Marshall University undergraduate art students during 1990 will be exhibited in Birke Art Gallery through Jan. 31.

The works were entered in the Art Department's fourth annual juried student exhibition.

Winning entries will be announced and prizes will be awarded on Friday, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. in the gallery.

The public is invited to attend the awards ceremony and the exhibition.

## Choral Union forming

The Marshall University Choral Union is accepting new members for its spring season which will feature Mozart's "Coronation Mass" and the Faure "Requiem."

Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening at 7 p.m. To obtain further details contact David Castleberry at 696-3127.