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# NEWSLETTER

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## Med School to test new AIDS vaccine

The Food and Drug Administration has approved a potential AIDS vaccine for testing at the Marshall University School of Medicine and the five other Vaccine Evaluation Units of the National Institutes of Health, according to Dr. Robert B. Belshe, director of Marshall's unit.

The proposed vaccine is the first to receive such approval. Manufactured by MicroGeneSys Inc., the

vaccine entered preliminary testing in August.

"Researchers hope that this vaccine, or others in earlier stages of development, will help prevent AIDS in healthy people," Belshe said. "The vaccines are not designed to treat AIDS."

He said testing at the Marshall center is expected to begin immediately. Twelve healthy, low-risk, heterosexual volunteers will receive either the test vaccine or, for comparison purposes, a substance other than an AIDS vaccine. Before-and-after blood tests will be taken to find out whether the vaccine causes the body to produce antibodies against the AIDS virus.

"Volunteers absolutely cannot get AIDS from this vaccine because the vaccine does not contain the AIDS virus," Belshe said. "The only side effects we expect are those typical of many vaccines: low-grade fever or soreness around the injection."

He said people interested in volunteering or finding out more about the study can call the Vaccine Evaluation Center office at 696-7097.

"From its testing, the National Institutes of Health has found highly encouraging immune responses in animals, with no adverse reactions," Belshe said.

The vaccine is created with the same type of technology which produces the hepatitis B vaccine. It is impossible to get AIDS from the vaccine because the vaccine

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## Activities planned in honor of King holiday

Marshall University and the city of Huntington will sponsor several activities in conjunction with the observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday on Monday, Jan. 18, including a presentation by United States Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy.

This will be the second year the university and the city have joined together to sponsor activities commemorating the life and work of Dr. King, a civil rights leader who was born Jan. 15, 1929, and assassinated April 4, 1968, according to Dr. Nell C. Bailey, vice president/dean for student affairs at Marshall.

Churches throughout the city will initiate the activities by ringing their bells in unison at noon on Jan. 18.

There will be a special community service featuring the Community Choir and several guest speakers at 12:05 p.m. on the Huntington Center Plaza.

Guest speakers will include Rev. Ronald Brooks of the First United Methodist Church in Huntington, Rev. Ronald English of the First Baptist Church in Charleston, Rev. Rick DeQuasie of the South Side United Methodist Church in Huntington and Rev. Idus Jones of Huntington, president of the Black Ministerial Association.

On Thursday, Jan. 21, there will be a lunchbag seminar titled "Non-Violent Political Protest" at noon in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

The seminar will feature Marshall University faculty members Dr. William Palmer, Philip Carter and Dr. David Duke.

A candlelight march will begin forming from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, in front of Old Main and proceed down Fourth Avenue to the Huntington Civic Center.

The purpose of the march is to commemorate Dr. King's famous non-violent protest marches and call attention to the fact that inequality and the civil rights movement still exist, according to Dr. Bailey.

Buses will be available at the Civic Center to transport participants back to the Marshall campus where Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy of the District of Columbia will make a presentation at 7:30 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Fauntroy, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, has represented the District of Columbia in the

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## MU gets estate funds

A faculty member who devoted 28 years of her life to Marshall University students has provided the Marshall Foundation endowed scholarship funds totaling \$48,000 to assist future generations of students.

The Marshall Foundation was listed as a beneficiary in the will of Dr. Alma N. Noble, former professor and chairman of the Department of French, who died Sept. 14, 1982. MU Vice President for Institutional Advancement Keith L. Scott said the foundation recently received a check for \$27,082 as part of the final settlement of Dr. Noble's estate. Previously, \$21,000 had been received.

Dr. Scott said the most recent check represented the Marshall Foundation's share of the proceeds from sale of a farm owned by Dr. Noble near Coolville, Ohio.

Under provisions of her will, Dr. Noble left a share of her estate to Marshall to establish two endowed scholarships: The Inez Lenora Brown Noble Memorial Scholarship for academically outstanding music students demonstrating financial need and the John Myron Noble Memorial Scholarship for other academically outstanding students needing financial assistance. She also specified a \$1,000 grant to the Gloria Jean Brothers Memorial Scholarship Fund.

A native of Coolville, Ohio, Dr. Noble earned the A.B.

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United States House of Representatives since 1971 and was the first person elected to the House from there in 100 years.

He received degrees from Virginia Union University and Yale University Divinity School and has received honorary degrees from both institutions, as well as the Georgetown University Law School.

He began his public career in 1959 as pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church, a position he still holds, and has a varied background in civil rights activities.

Dr. King appointed Fauntroy director of the Washing-

ton Bureau of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference during the 1960's. Fauntroy also coordinated the historic march on Washington for jobs and freedom in 1963 and the Selma to Montgomery march in 1965.

A special exhibit on Dr. King's life will be on display throughout the week in Marshall's James E. Morrow Library. The exhibit also will be on display throughout Black History Month during February.

All of the activities will be open to the public free of charge. Special group tours of the Martin Luther King Jr. exhibit for students or other interested persons may be arranged.

To obtain further details about the activities or tours of the exhibit contact Dr. Nell C. Bailey, 696-6422, or the Marshall University Office of Minority Students' Programs, 696-6705.

Marshall University offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of the holiday.

## AIDS testing begins

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is made from purified protein from the AIDS virus, not from the virus itself.

Nationwide, 72 volunteers will participate in this part of the testing, Phase One, which is expected to last about a year. If the vaccine shows continued promise, it will enter Phase Two testing to determine the best dosage. After that testing, which again would last a year, the vaccine could enter Phase Three, the final stage of testing. This testing, designed to see whether the vaccine actually is effective in preventing AIDS, would be done in major cities with large populations of high-risk people.

The Marshall School of Medicine is conducting the testing under a \$1.4 million contract with the National Institutes of Health. The other vaccine centers conducting the tests are at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Maryland, the University of Rochester, Baylor College of Medicine, and Vanderbilt University.

## Legislative meeting set

Marshall University's Alumni Association will sponsor a Legislative Reception at the Charleston Marriott on Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m.

A bus will be available to transport invited guests to the reception. The bus will depart for Charleston from Memorial Student Center at 5:45 p.m. The bus will leave Charleston for the return trip to Huntington at 9:15 p.m.

Reservations should be made for the bus trip by contacting the Marshall University Alumni Office, 696-3134. Reservations should be made by Jan. 22.

## Fellowships available

Applications are being accepted for Rhodes Fellowships at Oxford University in England from women below the age of 35 who are of post-doctoral or comparable academic standing.

The deadline for applications will be Feb. 8. To obtain further details contact Dr. E.S. Hanrahan, College of Science, Old Main 119.

## Art reception scheduled

Cash awards and purchase prizes will be presented to Marshall art students during a reception on Friday, Jan. 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Birke Art Gallery.

The awards will be presented to students whose works were chosen for the juried exhibition of student art work on display in the gallery Jan. 20-31.

The reception will be open to the public.

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degree from Wittenburg College, master's degrees from Columbia University and Case Western Reserve University and the Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University.

She joined the Marshall faculty in 1941 and served as acting chairman of the French Department from 1942 to 1944 when she became chairman. She served as department head until the language departments were merged in 1964 into the Modern Languages Department and retired in 1969.

Dr. Scott explained that endowed scholarship funds are invested and that annual proceeds from the investments are used to assist students. He said awards already had been made from the endowed funds received earlier.

"Dr. Noble was one of those professors who loved her work and her students," Scott said. "Another indication of this is the fact that seven students, under her guidance, received Fulbright Scholarships to pursue their language studies in Europe."

Scott said he also was appreciative of the efforts of Attorney James R. Bailes of Huntington, executor of Dr. Noble's estate. "Since the estate also involved property and attorneys in another state, it was a difficult assignment," Scott said. "Jim Bailes' persistence in resolving the problems has been extremely helpful."

# MU Women's Center to sponsor seminars

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a series of 12 weekly "Lunchbag Seminars" from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 3, in Prichard Hall Room 143, according to Patricia Matters, coordinator of women's programs at Marshall.

The seminars, open to the public free of charge, will be informal discussions on topics related to women's concerns.

"In planning these sessions, we've tried to select topics of real concern to today's women," said Ms. Matters. "We've scheduled programs on a wide variety of issues."

Dates, topics and presenters include:

-Feb. 3, "The Day Care Dilemma," Carol Herbitter Bailey, Women's Center graduate assistant;

-Feb. 10, "Funding for Public Education," representatives from the Huntington area League of Women Voters;

-Feb. 17, "Women and the Arts--Marcy Rosen," Marcy Rosen, award winning cellist;

-Feb. 24, "Sex Discrimination in the Cabell County School System," Linda Naymick-Harrison, co-founder of the Cabell County Alliance of Women in Education;

-March 2, "Movers and Shakers: Historical Huntington Women," Nancy Whear, associate professor/librarian at Marshall's James E. Morrow Library;

-March 9, "Women in Religious Professions," Susan Carse-McLocklin, United Methodist minister at Marshall's Campus Christian Center;

-March 23, "Understanding Pornography," Dr. Sarah Fowler, Marshall Philosophy Department;

-March 30, "Twentieth Century Southern Writers," Deborah Stiles, writer and editor of *Et Cetera* magazine;

-April 6, "Women's Health Issues," Patricia Matters, coordinator of women's programs at Marshall;

-April 13, "What's Wrong with the Toys of Violence?," Jeanine Woodruff, director of Children's Place;

-April 20, "Divorce and Women," Julia Morgan, social worker with Family Services, Inc.;

-April 27, "Child Abuse," Laurie McKeown, coordinator of the Cabell County Child Protection Team.

To obtain further details about the seminars contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.

## Retirement workshop set

The Division of Training and Development will sponsor a "Retirement Planning" seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

The program has been designed for employees planning to retire within the next year.

Persons interested in participating in the program should request an estimate of benefits from their retirement programs as soon as possible.

To obtain further details about the seminar or how to obtain the necessary retirement information contact Nicole Norian, coordinator of training and development, 696-2594.



John H. and Dorcas Burlingame of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, are welcomed as members of the Marshall University Foundation's John Marshall Society. Presenting the couple their membership plaque is MU President Dale F. Nitzschke. Mr. Burlingame is a member of the Baker & Hostetler law firm in Cleveland, Ohio. Membership in the John Marshall Society is based on a gift of at least \$10,000, a pledge of \$15,000 or more over a 10-year period, or a deferred contribution of \$50,000 or more.

## Dr. Bailey selected as head of state committee

The Office of Women in Higher Education of the American Council on Education has selected Dr. Nell C. Bailey, vice president/dean for student affairs at Marshall University, as the state coordinator of the West Virginia State Planning Committee of the ACE National Identification Program for the Advancement of Women in Higher Education Administration.

The intent of the program is to establish a personalized system for the identification, recommendation and advancement of women administrators and, therefore, to increase the number of women who hold major decision making positions in higher education, according to Dr. Bailey.

Dr. Bailey joined the Marshall administration in 1980. She is a native of Salem, W.Va., and received her bachelor's degree from Salem College. She earned her master's degree from Kent State University and her Ed. D. degree from Indiana University.

She has held administrative positions at Salem College, Kent State, Bethany College, Indiana University and Illinois State University.

## Second book published

Bernice Maxine Phillips, former associate professor of English, has published her second book of poetry.

Autographed copies of the book, "The Violin Teacher," are available at the Marshall University Bookstore.

# Center conducts study for Clay County

Marshall University's Center for Regional Progress has completed an Economic and Development Survey for Clay County which contains pertinent physical, social and economic data for use in the future economic development of the county.

The study recently was presented to the Clay County

## Coordinator named for international students

Monica Wang has been named coordinator of international students and scholars at Marshall University, according to Dr. Nell C. Bailey, vice president/dean for student affairs.

Ms. Wang received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern Illinois University, where she previously worked in the International Students Office. Most recently, Ms. Wang has been employed at St. Mary's Hospital.

She is a native of Hong Kong. She and her husband, Dr. Ruu-Tong Wang, associate professor of anatomy, reside in Barboursville and are the parents of two children.

A reception will be held to welcome Ms. Wang to the university on Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge. All Marshall faculty and staff members are invited to attend the reception.

## Asbestos workshop set

The Division of Training and Development will sponsor a program designed to provide employees a general overview of the hazards involved with asbestos and its identification, handling and disposal.

Seminars will be held in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22 on the following days and times:

- Jan. 25 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. or 6 to 7:30 p.m.;
- Jan. 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 6 to 7:30 p.m.;
- Jan. 27 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 6 to 7:30 p.m.;
- Jan. 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. or 6 to 7:30 p.m.

To register for one of the programs contact the Training and Development Office, 696-6240. To obtain further details contact Nicole Norian, coordinator of training and development, 696-2594.

## Emeritus Club to meet

The Marshall University Emeritus Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 12:15 p.m. in the Shawkey Dining Room in Memorial Student Center.

Dr. Wesley L. Shanholtzer, chairman of the Marshall University Department of Physics, will be the guest speaker. His presentation will be titled "Physics and Us."

The cost of the luncheon will be \$5.75. Reservations may be made by contacting Marguerite Spears, 886-6644.

Business and Development Corporation.

"We hope the study, which was produced at no cost to the citizens of Clay County, will be of use for future development projects in the county," said Dr. Robert F. Maddox, executive assistant to the MU president for research and economic development outreach.

The report indicates that Clay County has several economic development possibilities worth exploring.

Mining and timber industries are the most obvious natural resources with potential, and perhaps the areas that could most rapidly be exploited according to the report, which was prepared by Dr. Howard G. Adkins and Dr. Allen R. Arbogast of Marshall's Geography Department and Center for Regional Progress staff members.

However, the report goes on to state that, at the present, industrial development potential appears to be limited in the resource extraction industries.

Tourism is one area of potential economic growth for Clay County. The plan suggests the investigation of creating an "Elk River Recreation Area" or possibly an "Elk River State Park," which would aid in attracting tourists and the complementary development of services to the area.

Dr. John R. Spears, acting director of the Center for Regional Progress, said there may exist room in the retail market for expansion of certain types of retail establishments. He said preliminary research indicates the potential might exist, although more research would be needed before investment could be committed.

The report states that other types of industrial development will depend on the willingness of residents to become involved in the planning process and improve the economic climate that industries find attractive—educational facilities, trained workforce, aesthetic attributes.

"Very few areas lacking major resources or special attributes can develop economically without some type of organized effort or planning strategy," said Spears. "Development in Clay County and similar rural areas is virtually impossible without active citizen involvement."

## Employee achievements

Dr. DANNY FULKS, professor of education, had an article titled "The British Infant School Endures" published in the December, 1987, edition of Infochange, the newsletter for the Humanistic Education and Development Association.

Dr. JOHN N. VIELKIND, associate professor and chairman of philosophy, attended the 84th annual meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division) held Dec. 28-30, 1987, at the Sheraton Center in Towers Hotel, New York City.

Dr. JAMES W. HARLESS, director of admissions, has been re-elected to serve as the West Virginia representative to the ACT Corporation for 1988-1991. He has been the state representative since 1974. The American College Testing Program (ACT) is an independent, nonprofit education services organization that provides a wide range of measurement and research services to educational institutions.