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NEWSLETTER

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Med School identifies first flu cases

Marshall University School of Medicine physicians have identified West Virginia's first flu cases of the season, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta have confirmed.

The particular influenza A strain found here is the one that seems to be the most common elsewhere in the nation this year, according to Dr. Geoffrey J. Gorse,

Anthony Award will be presented Feb. 15

The Marshall University Women's Center and the Huntington chapter of the National Organization for Women will sponsor a Susan B. Anthony birthday celebration on Monday, Feb. 15, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143 on the MU campus.

The purpose of the event is to recognize the achievements of Susan B. Anthony, a leader of the women's suffrage movement, according to Patricia Matters, coordinator of women's programs at Marshall.

During the activities, the sixth annual Susan B. Anthony Award will be presented to a local woman in recognition of significant contributions to the women of the Tri-State area.

The activities will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.

'Buskers' concert set

The Cambridge Buskers (a busker is an itinerant musician or actor, especially one who plays music or entertains on the street) will perform at Marshall University on Monday, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Michael Copley and David Abraham Gillespie Ingram met as undergraduates at Cambridge University. Copley was studying music and Ingram was studying French and Russian.

Their career as buskers began in London when they found themselves stranded at Blackfriars Underground Station without fare back to Cambridge.

They took out their instruments and delighted the commuters with their repertoire of Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" and Joplin's "The Entertainer." Busking is illegal in London, so the musicians were asked to leave.

They took their act on the road to Paris, where they were arrested for busking and then to Germany.

Copley plays more than forty wind instruments, sometimes two at once. Ingram plays a piano accordion.

The Buskers have done six albums and toured Europe, North America and Japan, and at one time held two

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associate professor of medicine at Marshall.

"Two viral cultures obtained from children Monday tested positive for influenza A, H3N2," he said. "About 14 or 15 states are now reporting flu activity. As of early January, Michigan and Tennessee were the closest states to West Virginia reporting flu."

Gorse said this year's flu is more likely to affect all age groups than last year's new strain which particularly struck young adults and children.

It may not be too late for people in high-risk groups to get flu shots, he said. "It takes two to four weeks for the vaccine to cause an effect on flu, and it will be perhaps a couple of weeks before we start seeing flu in adults."

High-risk groups include people over age 65 and people of any age who have chronic respiratory or heart disease, kidney failure, or diabetes. In addition, the vaccination is recommended for health-care workers and for those whose jobs could not readily be covered if the workers became ill.

"Flu is caused by breathing in microscopic droplets left in the air from the coughing or sneezing of someone with the flu," Gorse said. "To protect yourself from the flu, you would want to avoid being close to someone who is coughing or sneezing. If you think you might have the flu, you would want to cough or sneeze away from other people, and of course cover your mouth."

Flu symptoms include a cough, sore throat, muscle and joint aches, fever, chills and feelings of weakness. The illness usually runs its course in two to three days.

"The average person will just need to take Tylenol to try to suppress the fever, and the illness will get better on its own," Gorse said. "People in high-risk groups especially should see their doctor to receive amantadine,

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Cancer expert to speak

Dr. Luigi De Luca, a section chief of the National Cancer Institute, will speak at a Marshall University School of Medicine seminar February 15.

He will speak at a Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program seminar, which is open to all interested persons. His topic will be "Retinoic Acid Effects on Cell Adhesion, Cell Differentiation, and Tumorigenesis." The talk will be at noon in the school's Robert W. Coon Medical Education Building, located in the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Retinoic acid, a derivative of Vitamin A, has been used to treat low-grade skin malignancies (such as those caused by overexposure to sun) as well as head and neck malignancies, according to Dr. Frederick Lotspeich, chairman of biochemistry at Marshall.

De Luca is chief of the Differentiation Control Section at the National Cancer Institute.

Emphasis placed on Affirmative Action

(The following report on the Jan. 28, 1988, meeting of the Marshall University President's Cabinet was submitted by Rainey Duke, faculty representative.)

Affirmative Action:

The entire cabinet meeting was devoted to what MU

Flu cases identified

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which is an antiviral drug that helps relieve symptoms more quickly than Tylenol. Hopefully this will prevent complications such as pneumonia or a worsening of underlying medical problems in these people."

At present, amantadine is the only antiviral drug commercially available to treat the flu. However, Gorse and other Marshall physicians are studying a newer drug which may become available in the future. The new medication, rimantadine, is related to amantadine but seems to cause fewer side effects. Marshall is now studying rimantadine in families, in acutely ill hospitalized patients, and in patients staying in chronic care facilities.

Education to be topic

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled "Funding for Public Education" on Wednesday, Feb. 10, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

A representative from the Huntington area League of Women Voters will discuss the March 5 statewide excess levy election and its implications for how public schools are funded.

To obtain further details contact the Women's Center, 696-3112.

Personnel workshop set

Members of Marshall University's Personnel Office will present a workshop titled "Personnel Procedures" on Thursday, Feb. 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

The workshop will include an overview of personnel rules and regulations which affect Marshall University employees, including information on benefits, worker's compensation, PARs, and timecard processing.

To register or obtain further details contact the Division of Training and Development, 696-2594.

'Buskers' will perform

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positions simultaneously on "Billboard's" top ten classics.

Their performance is being sponsored by the Marshall Artists Series. Tickets will be \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for youths and Marshall faculty and staff and free for full-time Marshall students with a valid identification and activity card.

To obtain further details contact the Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

President Dale F. Nitzschke, in his opening remarks, described as the most important issue on this campus.

The president indicated that he wants 100 percent support from all members of the campus community, being sure that "now and forever we will be in complete compliance with OFCCP Affirmative Action policies."

Dr. Nitzschke further noted that beyond the ethical aspect—doing these things because they are the right things to do—there is a practical aspect because compliance (or lack thereof) determines whether the university will get federal monies, contracts, etc.

Marshall's shortcoming, he noted, was in meeting timely reporting requirements (largely because of a state hiring freeze when we could not hire a full-time Affirmative Action officer).

Queen Foreman, the Affirmative Action officer on campus, presented to the cabinet a summary of a two-year consent decree which requires several things, especially of the academic side:

- The Affirmative Action Plan must be updated annually;

- Marshall University must make good faith efforts to recruit minority candidates for job vacancies;

- Job vacancy notices must be sent to suitable minority organizations or institutions;

- The institution must maintain Applicant Flow Data;

- Each department chairperson must submit quarterly reports to the president or designee documenting the department's Applicant Flow;

- Reports must be sent to OFCCP on a semi-annual basis relative to hiring, promotions, terminations by race and sex for faculty and non-faculty positions.

If OFCCP believes that Marshall does not fulfill these requirements, two sanctions will be imposed: Immediate cancellation, termination and suspension of contracts, and/or debarment of the institution from further contracts.

The deans and chairs will be reminded of the compliance rules. Ms. Foreman also passed out a draft of "Hiring Guidelines for Faculty and Administrative Recruitment," which will be distributed.

Some suggestions include:

- Each college or school having an EO/AA liaison to handle a series of responsibilities including the identifying of ethnic group and sex of all applicants (cards with ethnic and sex checklist will be sent out by these liaisons and returned to the AA officer);

- Search procedures;

- Applicant logs;

- Interviews;

- Rejections;

- Recruiting/hiring summaries.

Ms. Foreman has given copies of a handbook titled "Interviewing Guidelines for Hiring Officials" to recently-created search committees and will give them to other search committees as they are formed.

President Nitzschke also asked cabinet members to inform their constituents that he will not sign contracts for any new hires if the Affirmative Action officer tells him that the correct process has not been followed.

Institutions that have lost government money or contracts have been those which did not have good tracking.

Nitzschke named to Council's Board

Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke has been elected to membership on the American-Arab Affairs Council's national board of directors. He was nominated for the position by George A. Naifeh, president of the council.

Also elected to the board were K.v.R. Dey, president and chief executive officer of Liggett & Myers Co., and

'Lunch and Learn' programs scheduled

The Marshall University Division of Training and Development will sponsor a weekly "Lunch and Learn" training program on alternating Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon in Old Main Room 207.

The audio-cassette programs will be presented on the following schedule:

Feb. 8—"Making the Most of Your Mind,"

Feb. 16—"Pump Up Your Ego,"

Feb. 25—"Writing Better Memos, Reports and Letters,"

Feb. 29—"Motivating Yourself and Others."

To register or obtain further details contact the Division of Training and Development, 696-2594.

Student recital planned

Karen Curran, a candidate for the bachelor of arts degree in music, will present a vocal recital on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

She will sing "Ariettes Oubliées" by Debussy and songs and arias by Bach, Handel, Ives, Hindemith, Berlioz and Mahler. Dr. Paul A. Balshaw, piano, and Dr. Wendell Dobbs, flute, will accompany her.

Ms. Curran has participated in the Marshall University Chamber Choir and Opera Workshop and has performed in "The Old Maid and the Thief" and Mozart's "Requiem."

The recital will be open to the public free of charge.

MU Theatre will present 'Red Ryder'

"When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder," an adult drama by Mark Medoff, will be presented by the Marshall University Theatre Feb. 17-20 at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

The play is set in a southern New Mexico diner at the end of the 1960s. It is a study of a character who shows people the helplessness and futility of their lives, according to Dr. Maureen Milicia, professor of theatre and director of the play.

"Red Ryder" was Medoff's first full length play when it opened on Broadway in 1973 and featured Huntington's own Brad Dourif. It was named best play of the year.

Medoff is perhaps better known for the movie version of his latest play, "Children of a Lesser God."

Tickets for the performance are available in Old Main Room 23 B or by calling 696-2787.

Dr. Jack W. Wilkinson, chief economist for Sun Oil Co.

Based in Washington, D.C., the American-Arab Affairs Council was founded in 1981 to promote public awareness and understanding of the Arab world, of historic productive relationships between Americans and Arabs, and of current issues pertaining to U.S.-Arab relations.

"Since American interests are tied so closely to an increasingly volatile Middle East, I'm very pleased to have this opportunity to have at least a small part in efforts to promote peace, understanding and cooperation in that extremely important part of our world," Nitzschke said. "At the same time, I view this assignment as a learning experience and as a potential opportunity to help promote West Virginia's economic interests and Marshall University's educational interests."

Nitzschke, along with Dey and former U.S. Senators George McGovern and Charles Percy, visited Egypt, Jordan and Bahrain last summer as guests of the American-Arab Affairs Council.

President Naifeh said the elections of Nitzschke, Dey and Wilkinson by the board of directors was unanimous.

Other members of the board of directors are Percy; McGovern; former U.S. Senator and Secretary of State Edmund Muskie; Naifeh; Dr. Carol Edler Bauman, director of international studies programs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; former U.S. Treasury Secretary David M. Kennedy, special representative of the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Steven W. Naifeh, vice president of Woodward/White, Inc.; Dr. G. Henry M. Schuler, resident fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Edfred L. Shannon Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Santa Fe International Corp.; Witold S. Suliminski, executive vice president of Irving Trust Co., and Birmingham (Ala.) Mayor Richard Arrington. West Virginia 4th District Congressman Nick Joe Rahall II is chairman of the council's national advisory committee.

Library Committee meets

(The following report on the Jan. 25 meeting of the Marshall University Library Committee was submitted by Sara B. Staats, secretary.)

Robert Gerke, chairman, reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee approved the motion to have major department heads be ex officio members of the committee and sent the motion to the Faculty Senate for a vote on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Dawn Puglisi, head of public services, spoke to the committee regarding her plans and ideas for the Public Services area of the library.

Space problems in the library were discussed and Dr. Kenneth T. Slack, acting director of libraries, was asked to prepare a report detailing the needs for space and plans for doubling the size of the building.

The Friends of the Library subcommittee had no report, but the committee is working on an organization plan.

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, Harry Long, director of plant operations, toured the building to determine maintenance needs and improvements to be made. Members of the Library Committee were invited to accompany Long on the tour.

Recommendations approved by MU Senate

(The following report on the Jan. 26 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Senate was submitted by Elma Chapman, secretary.)

The Faculty Senate met on Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105. Rainey Duke, Senate president, presided. Thirty-four members and seven guests were present.

Frances Hensley reported on items being considered by the Advisory Council of Faculty.

The following recommendations from standing committees were approved:

Library Committee (Nov. 23, 1987):

That the following library personnel be non-voting ex officio members of the Library Committee: head of technical services, head of public services, curator, music librarian and health sciences librarian.

Physical Facilities and Planning Committee (Dec. 8, 1987):

That the Science Building renovation be given the first priority for campus physical facilities.

Closely related to the above recommendation was a resolution from the faculty of the College of Science

pointing out their problems and asking that something be done.

Faculty Senate:

1. The Faculty Senate will meet regularly at 4 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month, beginning in the fall of 1988.

2. The Senate went on record requesting that the names of all senators who have missed three meetings during the calendar year be placed in the minutes.

Two members were elected to the Executive Committee: John Walden to represent the Medical School, Bonnie Douglas to represent the School of Nursing. Both were elected as the result of resignations from the Executive Committee.

Mothers group forming

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a weekly support group for mothers which will meet on Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143 beginning Feb. 5.

MOMS (Mothers Offering Mothers Support) was established to build a supportive network for mothers and allow them to meet and share problems, concerns, ideas and solutions, according to Carol Herbitter Bailey, a graduate assistant in the Women's Center.

Special guest speakers will be invited to attend the meetings to present information and topics of concern to mothers.

All meetings will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.

Employee achievements

Dr. JAMES MOLONEY of the Marshall University Mathematics Department has had a paper titled "Some Fixed Point Theorems" accepted for publication by Glasnik Matematički of Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

Dr. C. ROBERT BARNETT, professor in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, contributed five articles to the recently published "Biographical Dictionary of American Sports." BARNETT wrote biographical essays on Clark Hinkle, Don Hutson, Glenn Presnell, Art Rooney and Bill Willis.

KENNETH E. BLUE, associate dean for student affairs and supervisor of the Buck Harless Student Athlete Program, DONNA MAUK, assistant director, and Dr. STAN MAYNARD, director of the Buck Harless Student Athlete Program, attended the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes (N4A) meeting held Jan. 6-9 in Nashville, Tenn. They are N4A members and respectively belong to the Minority Concerns Commission, the Student Athlete Concerns Commission and the Student Athlete Recognition Commission. The N4A represents all student athlete academic support programs of universities and colleges throughout the country and has more than 350 members.

Dr. CRAIG MONROE, associate professor of speech, has been notified that his paper, "The Impact of Gender on Conflict between Supervisors and Difficult Subordinates," has been selected for presentation to the annual convention of the International Communication Association this May in New Orleans.

Dr. PATRICK I. BROWN, associate dean of the Medical School, has been named president-elect of the National Interfraternity Conference, an Indianapolis-based federation of 59 men's general college fraternities.

WILLIAM A. EDWARDS, director of Marshall's Center for Education and Research with Industry, has been named president of the Putnam County Development Authority, an organization responsible for industrial development in the county.

Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

JAN. 29—Pete Plybon, Angie Reynolds, Tim Dolin, Dennis Taylor, Cindy Stout, Kendra Samson, David Vickers, Mike Adkins, Kristy Stratton, Shawn Powell, Garrett Lucas, Karen Castell.

FEB. 2—Berta Williamson, Chris Cobb, Tim Haffelt, Joe Hovanski, Steve Eschleman, Bob Warnick.

FEB. 9—Peter Caldicott, Xiaohong Zhang, Markita Black, Terri Branham, Lisa Graley, Jennifer Green, Melissa Huff, Karen Kidd, Bennie Petrey, Christine Peyton, Douglas Smock, Jeanne Stevenson, Gregory Stone.

Capitol architect to speak

Bill Ensign of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol will be the guest speaker for the next meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 11:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room at Cabell County Library.

Ensign will talk about the restoration done on the U.S. Capitol building and work that remains to be done.

The public is invited to attend, according to Thomas W. Olson, associate professor of engineering. The cost of the luncheon will be \$5. Reservations should be made by Friday, Feb. 5. To make reservations contact Denis Chabot, 529-5652, or Olson, 696-6660.