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SCORES Festival will be held March 26

Approximately 4,000 juniors and seniors from 85 high schools in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky will compete Saturday, March 26, in the 10th annual SCORES Academic Festival at Marshall University.

demic Festival at Marshall University. The festival is a function of the MU SCORES (Search Committee on Recruiting Excellent Students) group, which is composed of representatives from every academic department at Marshall.

Dr. Ralph W. Taylor, professor of biological sciences and SCORES director, said the festival is a spirited academic competition where academically gifted students vie for top honors in various contests designed to test their knowledge. Each participant must have at least a

Author selected for Birke Writers Series

Ellen Gilchrist, a celebrated short story writer, will be the featured speaker for Marshall University's 1987-88 Birke Writers Series on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29-30.

Ms. Gilchrist will make two public appearances during her visit to Marshall. She will make her first public presentation on Tuesday, March 29, at 3:30 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center. Her second public presentation will be held Wednesday, March 30, at 8 p.m. in the Huntington Museum of Art's Doherty Auditorium. A reception will follow her presentation at the Huntington Museum of Art.

Both programs will be open to the public free of charge and will include readings and commentary by Ms. Gilchrist, followed by informal discussions. The author also will autograph copies of her books after each program.

Free parking will be available for those attending Ms. (Continued on page 2)

Research Day scheduled

Students, medical residents, and faculty will present results of their research during the first annual Research Day of the Marshall University School of Medicine Wednesday, March 23.

The event will be at the Radisson Hotel in Huntington, and begins at 8:15 a.m. It will include a noon luncheon featuring a director from the National Institutes of Health. Posters showing the results of research projects will be displayed during a wine and cheese social hour from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"We have many students and residents who are working on a wide variety of meaningful research projects in the biomedical sciences," said Medical School Dean (Continued on page 2) 3.0 grade point average in his or her chosen areas of competition.

Trophies will be awarded to the two schools whose students compile the most points, and top individual winners in each of the 100 areas of competition will be awarded plaques. In addition, a \$1,000 scholarship to Marshall will be awarded to the student judged to be the "Most Outstanding Student" in the festival.

"The competition is a way to encourage and recognize academic excellence among high school students, cultivate relationships with high schools in the region and generate public awareness of academic achievement occuring in various communities surrounding Marshall University," said Taylor.

Interest in the festival has dramatically grown since the first one in 1979, according to Taylor. Approximately 300 students from 24 area high schools took part in the first festival.

Tests range from multiple choice and essay to performance and problem solving. Also included in the festival will be competitions in such diverse areas as art and rifle marksmanship.

"Some of the work in particular areas will be submitted ahead of time," explained Taylor. "However, on the day of the festival, these students will be expected to attend critique sessions."

The competitions will begin after breakfast Saturday and continue throughout the morning. The tests will be graded and the results compiled while the students have lunch.

After lunch, several activities have been planned for the students. Participants will be able to attend an activities fair in Memorial Student Center and a concert by a rock band on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

The awards ceremony will be held in Henderson Center at 1:30 p.m., with the deans and faculty from the university's various colleges presenting the awards to the students.

To obtain further details about SCORES and the Academic Festival contact Dr. Ralph W. Taylor at Marshall University, 696-2338.

April 1 is MU holiday

Marshall University employees will receive Good Friday, April 1, off as a holiday.

The university will receive the holiday because of two extra half-day holidays Governor Arch A. Moore Jr. granted to state employees.

The governor gave state employees half-days off on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, days Marshall already had designated as holidays.

Author named for Birke Writers Series

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Gilchrist's first presentation at Marshall on Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m. in the metered parking lot across from Memorial Student Center, according to Dr. James D. Riemer, assistant professor of English at Marshall and a member of the Birke Writers Series Committee.

Ms. Gilchrist's first collection of short stories, "In the Land of Dreamy Dreams," enjoyed widespread success and received praise from critics throughout the United States, a rare accomplishment for a literary work published by a small university press, according to Riemer.

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Grants are discussed

(The following summary of the Jan. 20, 1988, meeting of the Marshall University Research Committee was submitted by John L. Hubbard, secretary.)

The Research Committee of the Faculty Senate met Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Shoney's, 2123 Fifth Avenue.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and approved.

A request from Dr. R.L. Martino, Department of Geology, for \$84 to pay page charges was considered. Since payment of such charges is not prerequisite to publication in the journal to which the manuscript was being sent, the request was denied.

A draft announcement concerning Summer Research Grants was reviewed. After necessary corrections and additions, it was agreed that the announcement in its final form would be distributed to all nine-month faculty. Support for copying is to be provided by the Faculty Senate and/or the Graduate School.

Objections from Dr. Alan White, Department of Biological Sciences, regarding the review process for Summer Research Grant proposals used by the Research Board during 1986-87 were read and considered.

Although the consensus was that the objections were unjustified, it was agreed that each college subcommittee should establish explicit criteria for evaluation of proposals.

Committee meeting held

(The following summary of the minutes of the Feb. 22, 1988, meeting of the Marshall University Academic Planning Committee was submitted by Josephine Fidler, secretary.)

Dr. Robert Maddox, executive assistant to the president for research and economic development outreach, discussed Marshall University's strong commitment to research and economic development activities.

He discussed existing programs, the development of a Marshall University Research Corporation, and the proposed center to bring state of the art technology to the region through the establishment of the "factory of the future."

The first draft of the "Purpose of Marshall" (mission statement) was presented by the Mission Statement Subcommittee chaired by Carolyn Karr.

Discussion of the statement will continue at the next meeting.

"Ellen Gilchrist is frequently praised for her lively writing style, but perhaps her bold and realistic characterizations have received the greatest acclaim," said Riemer. "Her recurring cast of unforgettable characters, particularly her vibrant portraits of spoiled, willful, irrepressible southern women, have captivated reviewers and readers alike."

In addition to the American Book Award, Gilchrist has garnered two fiction awards from the Mississippi Academy of Arts and Science, an honor book citation from the Louisiana Library Association, and the J. William Fulbright Award for Literature.

She also has written a novel, a collection of poetry, and most recently, a collection of prose pieces drawn in large part from her broadcasts on National Public Radio.

The Birke Writers Series is presented by the Birke Fine Arts Symposium and the Marshall University Department of English, with financial assistance from the Arts and Humanities Division of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History and the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia.

During her visit to Marshall, Ms. Gilchrist will meet and talk with a number of students and present lectures in several MU English classes.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of English, 696-2441.

Research Day scheduled

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Lester R. Bryant. "This is our way of recognizing them and providing a forum for their results."

Interested members of the public are invited.

According to Dr. Bruce Chertow, chairman of the Research Day Committee, there will be 26 oral presentations and 15 poster presentations. Results from a wide variety of clinical and laboratory research will be reported.

Dr. Jesse Roth of the National Institutes of Health will provide the keynote address for the event, as well as a lecture the evening before.

The keynote address is titled "Evolutionary origins of intercellular communication: Possible applications to human disease."

Roth's March 22 lecture is titled "Peptides and their receptors: Beyond the concept of the lock and key." It will begin at 7 p.m., and will be in the Don Morris Room of Marshall's Memorial Student Center. A reception will follow.

Roth is director of the Division of Intramural Research for the National Institute of Arthritis, Diabetes, and Digestive and Kidney Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, which is an arm of the federal government dedicated to medical research.

For more information about Research Day, or to make luncheon reservations, call 696-7018.

Newsletter won't be printed

The Marshall University Newsletter will not be published next week, March 17, due to spring break. Publication will resume Thursday, March 24.

Violence against women will be topic

A Community Forum on Violence Against Women will be held at Marshall University on Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge. Peggy Simpson, Ms. Wheelchair America 1987-88, will be the keynote speaker for the forum. Ms. Simpson was

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Grants to be awarded for thesis research

Marshall University's Graduate School, supported with funding from the Higher Education Resource Fee Committee, will award at least three thesis research grants for the period covering the end of the Spring Semester to June 30, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, acting Graduate School dean.

Graduate students who have had thesis projects approved may apply for one of the \$350 grants to underwrite their research efforts.

Grants will be awarded on the basis of the quality and significance of the thesis research, the likelihood that the research will eventuate in a completed thesis and the financial situation of the student.

Recipients will receive a three-hour waiver to cover tuition fees and will have to submit a progress report to the Graduate School at the termination of the grant period. Grant recipients may not hold simultaneous graduate assistantships.

The Marshall University Graduate Student Association's Student Research Committee will select the grant recipients.

The deadline for submitting grant applications will be March 30. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 696-6606.

'Ah, Wilderness' set

The Marshall University Theatre will present Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness" March 23-26 at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

The play, a warm, tender and compassionate look at life in small-town America in 1906, is partly autobiographical.

Tickets will be \$4 and will be available in Old Main B23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling 696-ARTS. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Emeritus Club to meet

The Marshall University Emeritus Club will meet Wednesday, March 23, at 12:15 p.m. in the Shawkey Dining Room in Memorial Student Center.

Jeffrey Price, tenor, and Dr. James L. Taggart, pianist, from Marshall University's Department of Music will present a program titled "Welcome to Springtime."

All persons holding emeritus status or retired from Marshall, as well as spouses and guests, are invited to attend.

The cost of the luncheon will be \$5.75. To make reservations contact Marguerite Spears, 886-6644.

disabled as a result of domestic violence.

Jan Lilly, co-chairwoman of the Huntington chapter of the National Organization for Women, will serve as the moderator of the activities.

Others taking part in the program will be: Elaine Blue, a Huntington area poet; Kate Long, a musician and citizen activist; West Virginia Legislator Pat Hartman, and Pam Boggess, Ms. Wheelchair West Virginia 1986.

The forum, which is open to the public free of charge, is being sponsored by the Huntington NOW, Marshall University's Contemporary Issues Committee, Marshall's Office of Disabled Student Services, the Huntington Center for Independent Living (HCIL), the Huntington Human Relations Commission, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Marshall University Women's Center, and the CONTACT Rape Crisis Counseling Team.

A concert by The Fabulous Twister Sisters will follow the forum at 9 p.m. in Marco's, the coffeehouse in Memorial Student Center.

Patricia Matters, coordinator of women's programs at Marshall, said donations of \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students will be requested for the concert.

Ms. Simpson will make two other public presentations in Huntington. She will speak on disability issues on Wednesday, March 23, at 10 a.m. at the Army Corps of Engineer Headquarters, 502 Eighth Street, and will make a presentation on Thursday, March 24, for the HCIL annual meeting, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Marshall's Memorial Student Center.

To obtain further details about the Forum on Violence Against Women contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112. To make reservations for the HCIL meeting call 525-3324.

MU waivers available

Applications for a limited number of graduate student tuition waivers for Marshall University's interim and summer terms will be accepted through Friday, April 15, in the MU Graduate School, according to acting dean Leonard J. Deutsch.

In line with the West Virginia Board of Regents Policy Bulletin 49, priority will be given to faculty and staff of the state's colleges and universities and to West Virginia residents. A small number of waivers will be awarded to nonresident students.

Deutsch said academic merit will be the major consideration in awarding the waivers, which cover tuition, registration and Higher Education and Faculty Improvement fees. Student activity fees must be paid by the recipient.

Up to four hours of waivers for graduate course work will be awarded to qualifying applicants.

Students interested in being considered for a Board of Regents tuition waiver based on financial need criteria should contact Dr. Ed Miller, student financial aid director at Marshall. Deutsch said financial need does not automatically guarantee students will get tuition waivers.

Students who previously held waivers must reapply to be considered for interim and summer term waivers.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 696-6606.

Student gets part on 'Falcon Crest'

When Marina Dawn Hunley of Ottawa, W.Va., learned last September that she had been selected to be the second student to participate in the "TV Media Internship" at Marshall University, she dreamed about actually appearing in an episode of the popular CBS night-time drama "Falcon Crest." In reality, she knew the chances of that happening would be remote.

Dreams can come true. You will be able to see the Marshall junior acting/directing major in two scenes on the March 18 episode of "Falcon Crest."

You may not see much of her, but she is there. In the first scene, Ms. Hunley, who has red hair, plays a reporter

Film focuses on Italy

The Marshall Artists Series will present a film/lecture titled "Renaissance Italy" by Philip Walker on Friday, March 11, at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

North Italy, Rome and the Italian Riviera will be featured in the film.

General admission tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for youth 17 and under. To obtain further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

Computer workshop set

The Marshall University Department of Human Resources/Personnel will sponsor a workshop titled "All-In-One Overview" on Monday, March 28, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Old Main Room 207.

Billie Tipton, user services coordinator, will present an overview of the features available with the All-In-One computer program.

To obtain further details call 696-2594.

Children's College will begin March 19

The spring session of Children's College, conducted by Marshall University's Community College, will begin Saturday, March 19, and feature a variety of enrichment courses for students in grades one through ten, according to Robert L. Lawson, director of continuing education at the Community College.

All classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays from March 19 through May 21. Classes will not be held March 26 or April 2.

"The courses have been designed to be entertaining as well as educational and have been separated into four sections for students of different ages," said Lawson. "The courses range from an arts and crafts class for firstgraders to programs on computers and television news reporting for older students."

The cost per student will be \$35 for one class, \$50 for two classes and \$65 for three classes. Families registering two or more students will receive a 15 percent discount on the total cost.

To obtain further details on classes, meeting times and registration contact Lawson at the Marshall University Community College, 696-3646. and should be seen close to "Falcon Crest" star David Selby, who was instrumental in establishing the internship at Marshall. In the second scene, she will be one of the patrons in a bar, sitting near Lorenzo Lamas.

Although both roles are small "extra" parts and she has no lines, Ms. Hunley said she was very excited when the producer of the program asked if she wanted to be on the show.

Even though a star wasn't born that day, it was a dream come true for Ms. Hunley, who has participated in several community theatre and Marshall University productions.

It was the culmination of six weeks of work at Lorimar Productions in Los Angeles, where Ms. Hunley participated in every aspect of the filming of one complete episode of "Falcon Crest." She was involved in everything from scouting locations and editing to budgeting and the acquisition of props.

"I had the time of my life," she said. "I think I learned more in two months than I could learn in three years of school, simply because of the hands-on experience. I learned so much that just can't be put into textbooks."

The work was interesting and the hours long, according to Ms. Hunley. She said 12-hour days were not unusual and the hours were even longer when the crew shot on location.

When she filmed her scenes, she arrived at the studio at 7 a.m., went to makeup at 9 a.m., went to the wardrobe department and finally started filming the first scene at 11 a.m. It took 45 to 60 minutes to film the scene. Her second scene wasn't filmed until approximately 5:30 p.m. She got home at 8:30 that evening.

She did get paid the going rate for her acting services, approximately \$40, although she told the producers she didn't care about the money.

Ms. Hunley said the actors, actresses and other people associated with the show were very nice, ordinary people. They talked with her, helped her, invited her to their homes for dinner and did everything they could do to make her feel at home.

"I became good friends with a lot of the people behind the scenes, as well as those on camera," she said. "I got to know a lot of people socially, and they even had a going away party for me. So, I made some friends and possibly some future business contacts while I was there.

"I had a blast. I would do it again in a heartbeat. I think this program is the greatest thing since white bread, or as my mother would say, peanut butter," Ms. Hunley said. "It gives students an outstanding educational experience that just isn't available anywhere else. Mr. Selby deserves a lot of credit and gratitude for establishing this internship."

Health series continues

"Fat, Flexibility and Fitness" will be the title of the next Self-Care Series program sponsored by the Marshall University Office of Student Health Education Programs on Tuesday, March 22, at 12:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

To obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs, 696-4800.

Employee achievements

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JOHN W. LARSON, professor of chemistry, was a coauthor of a paper titled "Trends in Gas-Phase Flouride Ion Affinities of Main-Group Oxyfluorides and Fluoride Sulfides. Generation and Characterization of the Fluoride Adducts of FASO, FPO, FPO2, F2SiO, F4SO, FBO, F2SiS, FPS, FASS, F2S2 and S20 by Ion Cyclotron Resonance Addition-Elimination Reactions" published in the Dec. 4, 1987, issue of Inorganic Chemistry.

KELLY KRIETSCH, assistant professor of psychology, recently had a paper titled "Prevalence, Presenting Symptoms, and Psychological Characteristics of Individuals Experiencing a Diet-Related Mood Disturbance" accepted for publication in Behavior Therapy.

Dr. ROBERT EDMUNDS, associate professor of speech, attended the winter meeting of the Midwest Basic Course Directors held Feb. 4-6 at the University of Dayton.

Dr. EDMONDS also attended the 39th annual Southeastern Theatre Convention held March 2-6 in Atlanta.

Dr. FREDERICK J. LOTSPEICH, professor and chairman of biochemistry, and Dr. WILLIAM D. McCUMBEE, associate professor of physiology, have had a paper titled "The Effect of Administered beta-Carotene and Retinyl Acetate on the Growth of a Transplantable Rat Chondrosarcoma" published in the Journal of Nutrition, Growth and Cancer.

published in the Journal of Nutrition, Growth and Cancer. Dr. LOTSPEICH presented a poster titled "The Effect of beta-Carotene on Lung Carcinogenesis" at the third International Conference on the Prevention of Human Cancer held recently in Tucson, Ariz. GERALD FREEMAN and MARGARET PUTT were co-authors.

Dr. JOHN L. HUBBARD, associate professor of chemistry, has been appointed by Dr. Gordon L. Nelson, president of the American Chemical Society, as a committee associate on the American Chemical Society Committee on Membership Affairs for 1988.

Dr. CHARLES Q. YANG, assistant professor of chemistry, recently presented a paper titled "Near-Surface Characterization of Textile Materials by the Combination of FT-IR Photoacoustic Spectroscopy and A Spectral Subtraction Technique" at the 39th Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy in New Orleans. He also had a paper titled "Studies of Sized Cotton Yarns by FT-IR Photoacoustic Spectroscopy" published in the Journal of Coated Fabrics (Vol. 17).

lished in the Journal of Coated Fabrics (Vol. 17). FRED R. REENSTJERNA, assistant manager of housing, presented a paper titled "Alternatives to Professional Education: Generalizing from the Library-Science Model" at the Eastern Educational Research Association's annual meeting held Feb. 24-27 in Miami.

NEIL ARNESON, director of Marshall's Center for Economic Education and assistant professor of social studies, and JOEY SYNER, assistant director of the Center for Economic Education, presented a program at the 19th Northeast Regional Conference for the Social Studies held March 9-12 in Hartford, Conn. They discussed ways of using guest speakers, field trips and business groups in economic education to improve school and community relations.

Dr. HOWARD A. SLAATTE, professor emeritus and parttime professor of philosophy at Marshall University, recently published his 13th book, "Religious Issues in Contemporary Philosophy."

Published by University Press of America, the book deals with several fundamentals including the Absolute, the problem of evil, freedom and determinism, science and religion, secular humanism and religious anthropology. The book is available at the Marshall University Bookstore.



Dr. James W. Harless, right, and his wife, Harriet, receive a plaque designating them members of the Marshall University Foundation's prestigious John Marshall Society. As MU's veteran director of admissions, Dr. Harless often describes to potential students the advantages offered by Marshall and, appropriately, the couple's gift was earmarked for scholarships. Mrs. Harless is associated with Real Estate Professionals, Inc. Presenting the plaque was MU President Dale F. Nitzschke. 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.

Conduct Committee meets

(The following report on the Feb. 12 meeting of the Marshall University Student Conduct and Welfare Committee was submitted by Karen L. McComas, secretary.)

The Student Conduct and Welfare Committee met on Feb. 12, 1988, in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37. Dr. Joe Stone, chairman, presided. Eleven members and three guests were present.

A final report from the Subcommittee on Faculty-Student Relations was presented. The report, including a recommendation to disband, was approved and will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate.

Brad Jefferson was appointed to the Subcommittee on Student Organizations, replacing Jane Bartram.

A Subcommittee on the Code of Conduct was appointed to review the Solicitation Policy, the Alcohol/Beer Marketing Policy, the Educational Records Policy and Policy Bulletin 57. Members of the subcommitte are: Professor Karen McComas, Dr. Joe Stone, Linda Templeton and Kelly Hines.

The following student organizations were granted provisional status: MU Democrats, Alpha Kappa Delta, Social Studies Club, MU Student Data Processing Chapter, Spanish Society, Classical Association, Eta Sigma Phi, and the Student Council for Exceptional Children.

The next meeting of the Student Conduct and Welfare Committee will be held March 25 at 3:15 p.m.

Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled "Understanding Pornography" on Wednesday, March 23, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

Dr. Sarah Fowler of Marshall's Philosophy Department will discuss what constitutes pornography, what it does to women and what can be done about it.

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

Marshall involved in 'DEEP' program

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School recently became the first school in West Virginia to enroll in the Developmental Economic Education Program (DEEP), a cooperative effort between school systems nationwide and the Joint Council on Economic Education.

Sponsored locally by Marshall University's Center for Economic Education and the West Virginia Council on Economic Education, DEEP has been designed to increase the level of economic understanding of students in kindergarten through high school.

More than 1,350 school systems throughout the United States are participating in the program, which reaches more than 14 million students, according to Neil Arneson, Marshall University professor and DEEP coordinator.

In addition to a basic curriculum library that each DEEP school receives, the program provides assistance in

RSO reception planned

The Returning Students Organization at Marshall University will sponsor an informal reception on Tuesday, March 22, from noon to 2 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge for all currently enrolled students who are 25 years of age or older.

Individuals 25 or older who are considering returning to school or enrolling in college for the first time also are invited to attend.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Returning Student Services, 696-4801.

MERF receives funding

Members of the Marshall University Education and Research Fund (MERF) Committee would like to thank the following faculty and staff members for their generous financial support:

Rainey Duke, Dan Babb, James Douglass, Bill Sullivan, Joseph Stone, Roger Adkins, Kathy Chezik, Michael Cornfeld, Francis Hensley, Chris Dolmetsch, Susan Jackson, Nancy Stump, Sara Henry, Chong Kim, David Cusick, Laurie Hildreth, Phoebe Randall;

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Roscoe Hale, Ralph Taylor, Dorothy Daugherty, Lester Bryant, Ernest Cole, Clara Reese, Lois Blackburn, David Swain, Carol Vickers, Robert Kriebel, Jack Baur, Gerald Rubin, and Steven Mewaldt.

If you made a contribution to MERF this year and your name did not appear on the list, please contact Dr. Christopher Dolmetsch, associate professor of modern languages, 696-2744.

"It is still not too late to show your support for this organization which is dedicated to helping you help yourself," said Dolmetsch. "Let's all make higher education count in West Virginia." terms of teacher training workshops, one-on-one curriculum enhancement and communication and cooperation among participants.

The program comes at an opportune time to assist schools in complying with West Virginia's mandate on economic education, according to Joey Syner, assistant director of Marshall's Center for Economic Education.

"West Virginia requires that by the time our students graduate, they must complete one semester of economics," said Syner. "In addition to curriculum assistance for this course, our DEEP commitment will make it possible to gradually incorporate economics into several of the present course offerings with a minimum change in schedules.

"When students are taught economics in the context of another established course, the universality of economics is impressed upon them. It isn't just an isolated group of ideas," said Syner. "Economic events influence every aspect of their lives."

Marie Maunz, DEEP facilitator at Our Lady of Fatima, explained that teachers there already have participated in several DEEP projects.

A second-grade class recently completed two units of study concerning money and the community and supplemented their study with trips to local businesses and government offices to study the relationships between the two. Third-grade students toured a local bank and explored ways money is handled and used throughout the economy.

Fourth-grade students collected and analyzed information concerning the number and types of students in their school. A sixth-grade class toured a department store at the Huntington Mall and discovered how shopping and the interactions of geographical regions affect the economy, and an eighth-grade class toured the state Capitol and spoke with legislators about the role of government in the economy.

"I would encourage teachers at all grade levels to incorporate economics into their present course offerings," said Arneson. "No one is too young to begin to understand economics. It begins when a kid goes into a candy store with 50 cents in his pocket and has to make a choice."

Arneson said that all DEEP programs reflect the Joint Council on Economic Education's nonpartisan commitment to economic education. "This is an excellent program for schools to participate in and also for civic organizations that may be interested in assisting in economic education."

To obtain further details contact Arneson, 696-2958, or Syner, 696-6610.

Excused absences...

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

FEB. 15-21--Robert Charles Maxwell.

FEB. 22-26--Mary Adkins.

FEB. 24-28--Golf Team.

FEB. 26-28–K. Beth Adkins, Geneva Davis, Marjorie Ferguson, Dwane Johnson, Brian Smentkowski, Basil A. Issa.

MARCH 3-6--Judith E. Bean, Amanda L. Groves, Gordon Ramey, Amy Smith.

MARCH 2-4--William Daniel Ray II, Gregory Rinaldi.