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Affirmative action officer is named

Queen E. Foreman, currently employment manager at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb., has been appointed Marshall University's new affirmative action officer.

Announcement of the appointment was made Friday, Feb. 6, by MU President Dale F. Nitzschke. He said Ms. Foreman will assume her duties at Marshall in late April.

"We're very pleased that Ms. Foreman has agreed to accept this important position at Marshall University," Nitzschke said. "She made an extremely positive impression on members of the search committee and others

String concert set

The Montani String Quartet, the resident string quartet of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, will present a concert at Marshall University on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

In its third appearance at Marshall this season, the quartet will perform works by Mozart, Ravel and Beethoven.

Ensemble members also will address fine arts classes on the history, repertoire and character of string quartets on Monday, Feb. 16.

Tickets will be available in the MU Music Department and at the door. General admission tickets will be \$5, tickets for senior citizens will be \$4, tickets for youth under 17 will be \$3, and tickets for Marshall faculty and staff will be \$2.50. Marshall students with valid identification and activity cards will be admitted free.

Rotary Club makes contribution to MU

The Huntington Rotary Club has presented the Marshall University Foundation a \$4,000 check which will generate a total of \$40,000 in student loan funds, according to MU Vice President for Institutional Advancement Keith L. Scott.

The gift was presented by Rotary President Richard Shank.

Scott said the Rotary Club's most recent gift brought to \$13,800 the amount of contributions the organization has made to the Marshall Foundation since 1981.

Scott said the gift will be used to match funds available from the federal government on a 1-9 basis through the National Direct Student Loans program.

Film series scheduled

"Camila," a film directed by Maria-Luisa Bemerg of Argentina, will be the first selection for this semester's Foreign Film Series at Marshall University on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

The focus for the seven-week series sponsored by the Art, Modern Languages and International Studies departments, will be Latin America.

"Camila" is the story of a young catholic socialite from Buenos Aires who falls in love and runs away with a young Jesuit priest. The film takes place during the dictatorship of Juan Manuel DeRosas, head of the Federal Party and governor of Buenos Aires from 1829 to 1832 and from 1835 to 1852.

The film is open to the public free of charge.

who met her during the interview process and I believe she will make a significant contribution to our affirmative action program."

A graduate of Illinois State University with degrees in sociology and political science, Ms. Foreman is working toward a master's degree in community and regional planning at the University of Nebraska. She also has done work in the field of legal studies at the Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C.

Prior to assuming her current position in 1985, Ms. Foreman worked four years with the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission and four years as an equal opportunity specialist with the city of Bloomington, Ill. She is a member of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Nebraska Chapter of the Council of Negro Women, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Lincoln Personnel Management Association and the Colleges and Universities Personnel Association.

Byron Carpenter is fatally stricken

Funeral services were to be conducted this afternoon (Thursday) in South Charleston for Byron D. Carpenter, director of the Marshall University Center for Regional Progress.

Carpenter, 36, died in the emergency room of Charleston Area Medical Center's General Division after collapsing on a Charleston street shortly before noon Tuesday. He and Dr. Robert F. Maddox, associate vice president for academic affairs, had just left a meeting in the State Capitol and were returning to their car.

Carpenter was appointed to the Center for Regional Progress position in March, 1984. Prior to that, he was planning director of the Regional Intergovernmental Council at Dunbar. He earned his undergraduate degree in geography from Morris Harvey College and his master's degree in geography at Marshall.



LEGISLATURE GETS MARSHALL STADIUM PETITIONS

Petitions bearing more than 8,500 signatures and calling for the West Virginia Legislature and the Board of Regents to act on construction of a new Marshall University football stadium were presented to the Legislature Monday. From left are John Frassinelli, Bluefield senior and president of the Marshall student body; Speaker of the House of Delegates Robert "Chuck" Chambers; Senate President Dan Tonkovich, and Parker L. Ward, president of the Marshall Quarterback Club. Ward told the legislative leaders the signatures had been gathered in a 10-day effort and that additional signatures will be delivered later.

Enrollment surge attributed to faculty

Marshall University recorded another enrollment surge Tuesday when Registrar Robert H. Eddins released 1987 Spring Term figures showing a 6.1 percent increase over the same semester last year.

Marshall's second semester enrollment is 10,571, compared to 9,958 last year, representing a gain of 613 students, Eddins said.

Eddins said the increase came at all levels with the biggest gain, 12.1 percent, recorded at the graduate level followed by a 9.3 percent increase in sophomores.

Marshall President Dale F. Nitzschke said he attributed

the enrollment increase to the Marshall faculty. "It seems to me that a lot of people here, particularly our faculty, are doing a lot of things right," Nitzschke said. "Essentially, these figures indicate we are losing fewer students from the first semester to the second semester. That's an encouraging trend—and one that can be traced directly to the work of the faculty."

Eddins said enrollment declines between the first and second semesters are routine at all universities. Marshall's Fall Term enrollment was 11,436.



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Leakey will be convocation speaker

Richard E. Leakey, a world-renowned anthropologist and author, will be the guest speaker for Marshall University's 24th annual Honors Convocation on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Heralded as one of the world's foremost pre-historians, Leakey will present a slide show and discuss the controversial issues of human origins and evolution during his appearance at the Honors Convocation, held each

year to honor outstanding students who receive awards and cash prizes.

Leakey made an early career decision not to follow in the footsteps of his parents, anthropologists Louis and Mary Leakey. A native of Kenya, he became financially secure as the owner of a successful photographic safari business, but the lure of fossil hunting and exciting discovery soon led Leakey to join small expeditions.

In 1967, at the age of 22, Leakey led his first major expedition along the lower Omo River in Ethiopia. It was on that expedition that he discovered the fossil-rich shores of Lake Turkana in northern Kenya, a site scientists from all over the world still visit to participate in excavations.

It was on the eastern shore of Lake Turkana Leakey discovered the first intact cranium of Australopithecus, a hominid dating back 1.75 million years. The total picture presented by the excavation at Lake Turkana and another site Leakey discovered at Koobi Fora has been an invaluable contribution to the understanding of human origins.

Founded as base camps in 1967, the two sites have yielded thousands of artifacts and fossils from pre-history, including the exceptionally preserved remains

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Yeager finalists will visit campus

Marshall University and the city of Huntington will roll out the red carpet Friday, Feb. 13, for the arrival of 50 finalists in the competition to become the university's first Yeager scholars.

The high school seniors, including 15 from West Virginia and 10 from Ohio, will spend three days—Friday, Saturday and Sunday—in Huntington. They will be interviewed individually by representatives of the Society of Yeager Scholars and will take part in a number of other activities. Ultimately, 20 will be selected as the first class of Yeager Scholars—the Ashland Class—for four years of enriched academic work at Marshall.

The first class is being named in recognition of the Ashland Oil Foundation, Inc., contributor of \$1 million in support of the Yeager Scholars program.

The 50 finalists will be guests at two receptions, will tour the campus and will visit various academic departments in which they are interested. They also will attend the Marshall vs. Western Carolina basketball game in Henderson Center Saturday afternoon.

"We're truly excited about this weekend's activities

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MU Day at Legislature set

Marshall University Day at the West Virginia Legislature will be held Thursday, Feb. 19.

Classified staff members who would like to attend (with the consent of supervisors) will be granted university leave. Buses will be provided and will leave Memorial Student Center at 6:30 a.m. and return to campus at 4:30 p.m. Breakfast will be available at the Capitol cafeteria upon arrival.

Interested persons should contact Jane Vickers, 696-2320, by Friday, Feb. 13.

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of Homo habilis and the 1.6 million-year-old nearly complete Homo erectus skeleton of a 12-year-old boy, a significant discovery in that it provides evidence that present human size and form date back at least over 1.5 million years.

In 1974, Leakey established the New York based Foundation for Research into the Origins of Man, advancing his studies in human pre-history and exposing his views to an onslaught of negative responses from creationists.

Leakey asserts that evolution is a proven fact, that the only theoretical aspect is the mechanism by which evolution occurs. He has expressed serious concern over the

Finalists on campus

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with the Yeager Scholars finalists," MU President Dale F. Nitzschke said. "This is an extraordinarily gifted group and we would be delighted if we were able to work out ways to have every one of them as Marshall students."

The finalists will be housed at the Radisson Hotel in Huntington during their visit, which will begin with an orientation session there Friday at 2 p.m. Individual interview sessions with representatives of the Yeager Scholars program will be conducted at the Radisson Friday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 to noon.

Campus tours will be conducted Friday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Departmental visits will be Friday from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

The students will be honored at a reception at President Nitzschke's home Friday at 5:30 p.m. and will have a dinner in Memorial Student Center's Shawkey Room at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, they will be guests at a reception, lunch and tour at Huntington Galleries from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., attend the 4 p.m. basketball game, have dinner in Twin Towers Cafeteria and attend a social gathering in Memorial Student Center from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

They will depart Sunday at 10 a.m. following a closing session with Society of Yeager Scholars officials.

The 20 selected will be announced following a meeting of the Society's National Board of Directors in May.

'Alternatives' offered

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs is sponsoring a series of workshops titled "Alternatives," designed to offer alternatives to substance abuse.

"Alternatives" programs scheduled during February include "Assertiveness," an introduction to basic assertiveness techniques, on Wednesday, Feb. 18, and "Broadening Perspectives," discussion and exercise geared toward personal flexibility and development of interests, on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Each session, which will be open to the public free of charge, will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37. To obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs, 696-4800.

forced teaching of creationism because, in his opinion, it is a misleading concept and a threat to the achievement of modern science.

More controversy arose from Leakey's claim that violence in humans is not innate but socially learned. He asserts that no evidence of aggression has been discovered in fossil excavation, and that the contemporary image of club-wielding cave men simply grew out of a need to explain modern man's violence. Aggression and its acceptance, according to Leakey, are purely cultural.

Leakey resides in Kenya where he serves as director of the National Museums of Kenya. He was educated in Kenya and received honorary degrees from Wooster and Rockford colleges. He has received numerous awards and honors and serves on various foundations and organizations throughout the world.

In conjunction with Leakey's presentation, which is open to the public free of charge, Marshall's Honors Department will present three of Leakey's films from his series "The Making of Mankind." All of the films will be shown at 5 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105.

"In the Beginning" will be presented on Tuesday, Feb. 17; "A New Era" will be shown on Wednesday, Feb. 18, and the third film, "The Survival of the Species," will be shown on Thursday, Feb. 19.

Care series begins

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor a Self-Care Luncheon Series, a series of workshops designed for persons interested in a healthy lifestyle, on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

The first program, "Headaches," presented by Dr. Geoff Mohn, will be held Feb. 17. Carla Lapelle, coordinator of the program, has invited interested persons to bring a lunch and attend the program, which is open to the public free of charge. Tea and coffee will be provided.

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

Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled "Is There a Psychology of Women?" on Wednesday, Feb. 18, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

Dianne Bady, women's studies lecturer, will make a presentation on recent research which indicates that certain values and personal styles are more typical of women than men and how society is limited by lack of emphasis on more feminine qualities.

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

Game to be televised

WPBY-Channel 33 will televise the Marshall-Appalachian State basketball game live from Boone, N.C., at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23.

Club formed to support Yeager program

Famed aviator Chuck Yeager has a new ground crew to support his efforts.

The Marshall University Society of Yeager Scholars has announced formation of the Ground Crew Club to bring "grass roots" support to the university's ambitious new academic program named in Yeager's honor.

General Yeager, the West Virginian who became the first man to pilot a plane faster than the speed of sound, is honorary national chairman of the Society of Yeager Scholars.

"The Ground Crew Club offers an opportunity for a number of extraordinary people to become involved in this exciting project," Marshall President Dale F. Nitzschke said. "While members will lend their personal financial support, they'll also be involved in other ways

Alumna to exhibit art

Nina Anderson Bennett of Buffalo, N.Y., will present an art exhibition in conjunction with Black History Month at Marshall University on Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Ms. Bennett is a Marshall alumna and painted the portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. which hangs in the university library.

A Huntington native, she received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Marshall in 1971 and her master's degree in art from Marshall in 1977. She has taught school in Cabell County and New York City, and currently works as a free-lance artist in Buffalo, where she operates her own business.

Ms. Bennett has had her work exhibited during various shows in West Virginia and New York.

Simon play scheduled

"Brighton Beach Memoirs," part of an autobiographical trilogy by Neil Simon, will be presented by the Marshall University Theatre Feb. 18-21 at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Director Maureen B. Milicia, professor of theatre, chose the show so area audiences would have the opportunity to see two of the three trilogy plays. "Biloxi Blues" will be presented by the Marshall Artists Series in April. "Brighton Beach Memoirs" was the winner of the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Play of 1983 and has been called one of Simon's finest works.

The third work of the trilogy, "Broadway Bound," has just opened on Broadway and is not available for production.

To obtain further details and ticket information contact the Marshall University Box Office, 696-2306.

Finale broadcast set

For the 15th year, WPBY Public Broadcasting will televise the finale of the Marshall University Jazz Festival live on channel 33 at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14.

The Jazz Festival finale, featuring seven prominent guest artists, will be held in Smith Recital Hall and is open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details and scheduling information about the three-day festival contact the Marshall University Music Department, 696-3117.

such as helping to promote the program with others and presenting their own ideas on how it can be most effective."

Yeager Scholars founder Joe Hunnicutt said the Ground Crew Club is designed to make possible broader participation in the project.

"Not everyone can contribute a million dollars, or even \$100,000 to support the Yeager Scholars program," Hunnicutt said, "but we know there are hundreds of people who are enthusiastic about it who want to help and who can make contributions ranging from \$500 to \$25,000. We've started the Ground Crew Club for them because we want and need their support—and their enthusiasm."

Charter members of the Ground Crew Club are R.G. McNeer, Matthew F. Miller, James M. Scott, Jack G. Bazemore, Arthur Gleason Jr. and Dr. Jack C. Eblin. All are from Huntington.

Addressing the group at its inaugural meeting, Nitzschke said, "As in the case of all great ground crews, you are the strength and the spirit that stand behind a great effort. We congratulate you on your outstanding commitment to excellence in higher education."

Hunnicutt said more than \$2 million already has been raised from private contributors to help fund the Yeager Scholars program and the university hopes to increase the amount to more than \$8 million during the next two years.

Each year, the Society of Yeager Scholars will admit 20 of the nation's top high school graduates and provide them an enriched, four-year academic program at Marshall to prepare them for leadership positions in society. The first class will be enrolled next fall and the full complement of 80 will be on the Marshall campus by the fall of 1990.

Ground Crew members will receive an official cap, lapel pin and membership card, Hunnicutt said. They will have periodic meetings and will be closely involved with the Yeager Scholars and General Yeager.

Individuals interested in becoming members of the Ground Crew may contact the Society of Yeager Scholars at Marshall, (304) 696-6763.

Dr. McKown is newest John Marshall member

Dr. Charles H. McKown, professor and chairman of the Department of Radiology in the Marshall University School of Medicine, is the newest member of the John Marshall Society.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Keith L. Scott said Dr. McKown had contributed \$10,000 to provide scholarship assistance to School of Medicine students. Scott said McKown had asked that his contribution be added to the School of Medicine endowment fund recently established by Milton J. Ferguson of Wayne, which provides that first priority in awarding of scholarships from the fund will be given to residents of Wayne County.

The John Marshall Society is made up of individuals who have given substantial support to Marshall University and its programs through gifts of at least \$10,000, pledged gifts of at least \$15,000 over a 10-year period or provided for a deferred gift of \$50,000 or more.