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Elderhostel scheduled

Elderhostel, a nationally known program that offers diverse educational and recreational opportunities for adults 60 years of age and older, will be held in two sessions at Marshall University this year, the week of July 12-18 and the week of July 19-25.

This will be the first time the university has offered two sessions, according to Robert L. Lawson, director of continuing education for Marshall's Community College, who said two sessions will be necessary due to increasing enrollment and interest in the university's Elderhostel program.

"Approximately 20 persons are already registered for the first week and 30 for the second session, with participants coming from Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Ohio, Michigan, New York, Utah and West Virginia," said Lawson.

Courses during the first session will include "The Big Band Era," "Caring for Your Plants," and "Appalachian Culture and Dialect." Participants during the first week also will take a trip to Camden Park, tour a glass factory and take part in the activities planned for the Tri-State Regatta.

During the second session, courses will include "History of the Ohio River Valley," "The Fantasy World of Greek Mythology," and "Ballroom Dancing." Participants in the second session also will attend a social hour at the home of MU President Dale F. Nitzschke, tour Huntington Galleries and attend a presentation by the Marshall University Theatre.

Area residents may take the courses and participate in the activities by commuting for a fee of \$65.

To obtain further details contact Robert L. Lawson at Marshall University's Community College, 696-3646.

Medical director for sports program named

Huntington physician Jose Ricard has been appointed medical director of the sports medicine program of Marshall University's Athletic Department, President Dale F. Nitzschke has announced.

Ricard has been Marshall's team physician and a volunteer faculty member of the School of Medicine since 1982. In the new, part-time position, he will help coordinate the Athletic Department's sports medicine efforts with those of the School of Medicine and the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

"Dr. Ricard's expertise has been invaluable to Marshall, and we're delighted to have him expand his role," said Dan Martin, head athletic trainer at Marshall. "As much as our program is growing, we certainly need him to help us tie together all our sports medicine efforts, not only within the university but also with private orthopedists and other physicians in the community."

Ricard, a former team physician for the Cuban Olympic team, has practiced in Huntington since the 1960s. He is active in several professional organizations and is a member of Marshall University's John Marshall Society and Big Green Club.

MU Theatre plans comedy

"The Miss Firecracker Contest," a comedy by Beth Henley, will be presented by the Marshall University Theatre July 9, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. each evening in Old Main Auditorium. To obtain further details call 696-ARTS.



Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke, left, presents Mr. and Mrs. Ogden A. Thomas of Ashland, Ky., a plaque recognizing them as members of the MU Foundation's prestigious John Marshall Society. Mr. Thomas, a retired Ashland Oil, Inc. official, is a former Marshall football quarterback and punter. Mrs. Thomas, the former Judy Dailey, is president of the Ashland Oil Foundation. 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.

Certificates offered

Gift certificates are available at Memorial Student Center for candy and sundry items from the center's main desk, according to Karen Kirtley, Memorial Student Center project assistant.

The gift certificates are available to all faculty, staff and students.

"This is a new service, and we are hoping it will be a useful one, which will enable someone to buy for a boss, co-worker or friend," said Ms. Kirtley.

To obtain further details contact Karen Kirtley, Memorial Student Center Auxiliary Services, 696-2528.

Three concerts set

Three July concerts remain during the annual Chamber 10 Festival of Music at Marshall University, according to James McWhorter, instructor of music at Marshall and director of Chamber 10.

All of the concerts will begin at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The July 9 program will feature violinist Larrie Howard, pianist Karin Edwards, Klif Hodgkin on bassoon, Marsha Palmer on french horn, Dan Boyer on viola, and McWhorter on cello. They will perform works by Carl Stamitz, Bach and Brahms.

On July 12, Loraine Dorsey, oboe, Donald Williams, clarinet, James Taggart, harpsichord, Wendell Dobbs, flute, and Edwards, Hodgkin, Palmer and McWhorter will perform Ibert's "Sonata for Oboe and Continuo" and "Trois Pieces Breves," and Franck's "Sonata in A major for Cello and Piano."

The final program will be held July 14 and will feature the music of Beethoven, Francis Poulenc and Anton Reicha.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Institute for the Arts, 696-3107.

President makes Med School a priority

Citing the Marshall University School of Medicine as a "powerful economic stimulus for West Virginia," MU President Dale F. Nitzschke said today he is making the medical school's further development his "number one priority" for the 1987-88 academic year.

"We're looking at \$51.4 million coming into West Virginia in the immediate future as a result of the Marshall University School of Medicine being here," Nitzschke said, "and that's only the tip of the iceberg."

"As a result of the School of Medicine, the Veterans Administration Medical Center here is on line for a \$47.5

million clinical addition," Nitzschke said. "Plus, School of Medicine researchers are being granted \$1.4 million to conduct AIDS vaccine research and Cabell Huntington and St. Mary's hospitals have established a \$2.5 million magnetic resonance imager project in cooperation with our medical school."

"During the 1970s the medical school brought more than \$20 million in construction dollars to the VA Medical Center in Spring Valley, including \$11 million to improve that facility and \$9.3 million to build the Medical Education Building," Nitzschke said. "Those dollars, and those which will follow, are creating new jobs in West Virginia – well-paying jobs that would not be here otherwise," Nitzschke added.

"Next January, the Marshall University School of Medicine will mark its 10th anniversary," Nitzschke said. "This is a good time for us to take a look at what we've accomplished in 10 years – and to look ahead to our potential for even greater accomplishment during the next 10 years. The possibilities are tremendously exciting and I plan to devote a great deal of my time during the next year to having a significant impact on the school's future development."

Nitzschke said the week of July 6 he will begin meeting with individuals and small groups of medical school
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Newsweek magazine honors Barbara Guyer

Dr. Barbara P. Guyer, associate professor of education at Marshall University, is featured this week in Newsweek magazine's special "Hometown Heroes" section, along with 50 other unsung heroes from throughout the United States.

Representatives from the national weekly magazine said they were looking for men, women and children who either overcame personal adversity or engaged in activities that improved their communities and benefited others.

Dr. Guyer was brought to the magazine's attention approximately two months ago for her work with students who have learning problems. She said she was stunned when Newsweek contacted her approximately one month ago and told her she would be featured as one of the publication's heroes.

Specializing in learning disabilities and special education, Dr. Guyer started a program called HELP (Higher Education for Learning Problems) in 1981. The program is designed to provide individual attention and help to students who have learning problems.

There are currently 60 students from 13 states enrolled in the program.

A member of the Marshall faculty since 1975, Dr. Guyer received her bachelor's degree from William and Mary College, her master's degree from Ohio State University and her doctorate from the University of Virginia.

Prior to accepting a position at Marshall, she taught in Texas, Ohio and Virginia and served as principal of a learning disability center in Richmond, Va.

Dr. Guyer has been a member of numerous professional and community organizations and was awarded the Outstanding Educator of the Year award by the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities in 1982.

Upon receiving the Newsweek honor, Dr. Guyer said she didn't consider herself a hero, just a hard worker.

Taylor to head SCORES

Dr. Ralph W. Taylor, professor of biological sciences at Marshall University, has been selected as director of the university's SCORES program for 1987-88, according to MU Vice President for Academic Affairs Carol A. Smith.

SCORES (Search Committee on Recruiting Excellent Students) was initiated on the Marshall campus in 1977, primarily as an organization to make contacts with outstanding students.

In 1979, as interest in SCORES and its departmental workshops increased, the committee sponsored the first SCORES Academic Festival. Approximately 300 students from 26 area high schools attended the first festival.

Since then the Academic Festival has grown into a major event, attracting more than 4,000 students from 85 high schools in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

The purpose of the festival is to cultivate relationships with high schools in the region and generate public awareness of academic achievement occurring in various communities surrounding Marshall University.

The SCORES director coordinates all activities necessary to successfully complete the Academic Festival, develops SCORES policy in conjunction with the SCORES Steering Committee, manages the SCORES budget,
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Budget discussed by advisory council

(The following report on the June 15 meeting of the Advisory Council of Classified Employees to the Board of Regents was compiled from a synopsis of the meeting written by Kenneth R. Reffeitt, who attended the meeting in place of Jill Chapman.)

The Advisory Council of Classified Employees (ACCE) to the Board of Regents met June 15 at the West Virginia University Medical School complex in Kanawha City and conducted the following business.

Kenneth R. Reffeitt was asked to preside over the election of new officers. Clifton Neal of Bluefield State was elected chairman. Pamela Pratt of the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies was elected vice chairwoman, and Sharon Cope of the School of Osteopathic Medicine was elected secretary.

Dr. Edward Grose represented the BOR. He presented an update on the 1987-88 budget. Board of Regents funds will be \$8,220,840 less than the current budget, \$7,000,000 of which will come from Account 279, which funds most of the system's colleges and universities. The BOR staff had recommended reductions at the various campuses ranging from two to six percent, but the BOR voted to adopt an across-the-board reduction of 4.5 percent.

The regents want to see most reductions in equipment purchases and current expense monies. Their position is that no employees should be terminated if enough monies can be saved in the equipment and current expense accounts. Layoffs should be a last resort.

It was noted that faculty who are receiving promotions must receive their 10 percent increase since this is mandated by law. Staff members were assured that the experience incremental of \$36 per year (from

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faculty members and administrators. "I want to meet with every member of the faculty and administrative staff during the next few weeks to hear their ideas and determine their needs and aspirations," he said.

"We want to put it all in focus, arrive at a plan for further development and determine the directions we will take not only during the next year, but the next 10 years," Nitzschke said.

He said he's also considering establishment of a community advisory board to work with School of Medicine personnel, particularly in regard to the school's service to the people of the region and its impact on the economy.

"The School of Medicine already is bringing a tremendous amount of new dollars into West Virginia and it has a monumental potential to play an even greater role in the state's economic development," Nitzschke said. "We're going to make every possible effort to see that it happens."

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arranges for judges for WOWK-TV's "High-Q" academic competition program, and directs various other SCORES activities.

A member of the Marshall faculty for 15 years, Taylor received his bachelor's degree from Murray State University and his master's and doctorate from the University of Louisville.

Prior to accepting a position at Marshall in 1972, Taylor taught for the Jefferson County (Ky.) Public Schools, and taught at Spalding College and Jefferson Community College in Louisville, Ky.

A native of Whitesburg, Ky., Taylor has authored numerous articles for scientific journals and has been a member of the American Malacological Union, and the West Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana academies of science.

years 4-20) is to be paid in bi-monthly salaries, plus an additional \$36 for everyone except those employees who have reached the 20-year level.

Two items were mentioned as possible areas where cutbacks might take place—1988 summer school before July 1, and some second semester 1987-88 classes offered off-campus.

It also was noted that HERF monies cannot be spent for salaries, but they may be spent for equipment and current expense which will give schools a little more flexibility in trying to avoid layoffs. Also under new legislation, up to five percent of special revenue accounts may be used for other purposes.

In answer to a question, Dr. Grose said that for calculating overtime purposes the experiential increment is part of the base pay and for reclassification purposes the increment is not a part of the base under Code Chapter 5 (with all other state employees), but since we are now covered by Chapter 18 (Bill 231 of last year) the increment is part of the base for computing reclassifications.

In regard to 1987-88 Letters of Appointment, Dr. Grose said that for years of service for placement on the classified salary schedule, nine months equal one year, but for years of service for the experiential increment nine months equal .75 of a year.

Grose said that there is not necessarily a freeze on reclasses at this time, but that the chancellor needs to be made aware of any being processed. Any employee now awaiting a reclassification should put a note on the bottom of the letter of appointment before signing it. The note should state that if the employee is reclassified, the salary will go to the higher rate.

The BOR has adopted a fiscal year calendar for all institutions in the system (July 1 through June 30). However the transition from the old system to the new one may be confusing because the transition will be spread over an 18 month period.

The calendar policy change necessitates deleting Section 2.4 of Policy Bulletin No. 62 and the addition of Section 4.1 as follows: "Holiday schedules are to be established and used on a fiscal year basis."

Due to a technical legal requirement, suspension without pay has been changed to suspension with pay for up to eight work days. This allows for a pre-termination hearing for the employee.

The State Classified Employees Handbook is now at the printer. The Pay Equity Task Force made its report to the legislature, but no action was taken. The BOR does plan to use the JAQ's and implement parts of the recommendation.

A first draft of a proposal to allow employees to exchange three sick days for one vacation day, provided they have 60 sick days or more, was presented. A maximum of five such days per year would be allowed. Input on this proposal is being sought. Contact Jill Chapman if you have any thoughts on the proposal.

Under new policy, an employee who has prior service with any agency of state government covered by the Public Employees Insurance Board may now transfer sick days to the new job.

It was reported that beginning July 1, 1987, both employees and employers in the state will pay a payroll tax of .04 percent which will be \$4 for \$1,000 of salary.

It was reported that employees who are married and jointly make over \$22,000 per year will pay a higher rate of state income tax after July 1 due to recent legislation. The new rate will be an increase for all of 1987's income, and since the year is half over, it will mean that the state will collect double the deductions for the second half of the year. Otherwise employees would owe a much larger sum next April 15.

ACCE adopted a motion to make the full funding of the classified employees salary schedule its main priority, and secondly to support full funding for the faculty salary schedule and increased funding of the student educational grant program.

A recent resolution of the BOR on "Resources" was discussed. The resolution has been distributed to faculty on several campuses. Concern was expressed that staff members also should have input on this committee which is to be established.

The next meeting of ACCE will be Wednesday, July 15, at 10 a.m. in the BOR offices.

Exhibition planned

"Hidden Treasures in Secret Places," a graduate exhibition of paintings and drawings by Sanna Stanley, a candidate for the Master of Arts degree at Marshall University, will open July 10 in Birke Art Gallery.

A reception in honor of the artist will be held Saturday, July 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Gallery.

MU receives 'moral obligation' funds

Marshall University will receive \$160,000 over a four-year period from The C.E. Schell Foundation for Education to provide 'moral obligation' student loans, according to Dr. Keith L. Scott, Marshall vice president for institutional advancement.

The university recently received its first \$40,000 installment from the foundation.

"Students obtaining the loans for educational assistance will not have to pay interest on the funds or provide security," Scott said. "They are, however, under a moral obligation to repay the loans so future students will have the same opportunities. After the original four years, our continued participation in the program will be based on the success we have in getting these loans repaid," Scott concluded.

Marshall is the first West Virginia school to be funded

Greek seminar planned

A seminar for public and private school teachers titled "The Classical Greek World" will be held on the Marshall University campus July 27 through Aug. 7.

The program will provide teachers a background of current information on the ancient Greeks and new methods of teaching Greek culture and literature, according to Dr. Charles O. Lloyd, chairman of the Department of Classical Studies at Marshall and director of the seminar.

A group of selected scholars in the field will lead workshops in oral poetry and oral culture, new literary techniques for the study of epic and tragedy, Greek historiography, ancient Greek writers, mythology, Platonic philosophy, classical Greek sculpture and archaeology, ancient Greek values, the polis, and pedagogical approaches and materials.

Sponsored by the West Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, the 10-day workshop was designed for teachers in public and private schools throughout West Virginia, with a preference given to teachers of grades seven through 12.

To obtain further details contact Dr. Charles O. Lloyd, Marshall University Department of Classical Studies, 696-3166.

Summer institute set

Marshall University's Department of Social Studies and FACDIS (Faculty and Course Development in International Studies), a consortium of all West Virginia colleges and universities, will conduct a two-week summer institute on "Modern Japan and China" from July 20 to Aug. 1 on the Marshall campus.

The institute will be open to all social studies teachers in Cabell and Kanawha counties, and will feature lecturers from Harvard University, Stanford University and Columbia University.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Social Studies, 696-6610.

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by The Schell Foundation, according to Peter M. Klosterman, trust officer with The Fifth Third Bank of Cincinnati, trustee for the foundation.

A bank vice president whose son attended Marshall recommended that Marshall be included in the program, Klosterman said. The foundation has aided 21 schools in the past and currently is funding programs at 10 colleges and universities.

The foundation was established through the will of Cincinnati attorney Charles Edson Schell. Under the terms of the will, a school "shall select young men and women of its student body between the ages of 15 and 25...who are citizens of Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia or adjoining states and who appear to be honest, upright, intelligent, and practical."

Recipients must be "of unmistakable loyalty to our country and its institutions, including the Army, Navy and Air Force" and "must be citizens of, and born in, the United States, of respectable parents of moderate means who are likewise citizens and born in the United States."

Klosterman said repayment of the loans is due and payable at the earliest date that repayment would not create undue hardship upon the recipient. Except in unusual circumstances, repayment of the total amount of the loan should be completed within 10 years.

A native of Indiana, Schell spent his early years in Burlington, Mineral County, W.Va. When he was 14, the family moved to Lebanon, Ohio. He studied law in Cincinnati and practiced law there until retiring in 1922. He established the trust in 1932 and died on July 22, 1938, at age 74. In addition to his law practice, Schell had interests in a number of Cincinnati-area businesses.

Wendy's International creates endowment fund

Wendy's International announced it will establish the Carol R. Carter Memorial Scholarship Fund at Marshall University in memory of an employee killed in a robbery in Huntington on May 4.

Proceeds from the fund will be used to assist with the cost of tuition, books and fees at Marshall for Wendy's crew members, crew leaders and shift managers in the Huntington area, where Wendy's operates four restaurants.

The endowment will be funded initially with a \$3,000 gift from Wendy's International, plus personal contributions from Robert L. Barney, Wendy's chairman and chief executive officer, and from James W. Near, the company's president.

The Marshall University Foundation, Inc. will administer the Carter Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Foundation will award a scholarship each year to an eligible Wendy's employee at the start of Marshall's fall term, beginning this year. Scholarship winners will be selected by the Foundation on the basis of academic achievement and need.

Contributions to the Carol R. Carter Memorial Scholarship Fund may be made directly to the Foundation at this address: Carol R. Carter Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Marshall University Foundation, Inc., Post Office Box 2947, Huntington, W.Va. 25701.