Med school second in family practice

The Marshall University School of Medicine ranked No. 2 in the nation last year in the percentage of its graduates entering family practice residencies, figures obtained from the American Academy of Family Physicians show.

"This is additional proof, if more was needed, that Marshall’s directed focus on the ‘front-line’ medical specialties does indeed produce primary-care physicians at a rate far above the national average," Marshall Dean Charles H. McKown Jr. said.

For the 1989-90 academic year, nearly 32 percent of Marshall’s graduates entered family practice residencies, more than two-and-one-half times the national average of 12.1 percent, according to AAFP figures.

Over the last decade, Marshall’s percentage of graduates entering family practice residencies has been 21.1 percent, nearly twice the national average of 11.8 percent, academy figures show. Nationally, Marshall ranks 14th out of the 126 schools studied.

McKown noted that approximately two-thirds of Marshall’s graduates overall enter primary-care fields such as internal medicine, pediatrics and obstetrics/gynecology.

"We work hard to produce these results," he said. "We’re careful in the applicants we accept, we tailor the curriculum for all four years to emphasize primary care, and we make sure students have ample opportunities to become involved in rural care and interact with doctors who enjoy that kind of practice."

The American Academy of Family Physicians compiles its figures annually for publication in the journal Family Medicine.

MU employees give $46,753 to campaign

Marshall University personnel contributed $46,753 to the River Cities United Way campaign this year, setting a new record for total giving to United Way by MU employees, according to Keith Spears, chairman of Marshall’s Department of Speech and campus United Way campaign coordinator.

"It is very rewarding to see the campus community step forward with a sincere concern for our Tri-State neighbors," said Spears. "A great deal of credit goes to the task force members and campaign captains who carried the message directly to their colleagues. It was these workers who really made this campaign a success."

More than 482 Marshall employees made contributions to the campaign this year. Spears explained that a final total of contributors is not available at this time because an unknown number of employees gave contributions totaling $1,580.62 directly to the United Way.

"Marshall University is an integral and important part of the Tri-State," said Interim MU President Alan B. Gould. "Through our employees and services, the university has a profound impact on every facet of life in the region. I am pleased that we were able to contribute nearly $47,000 to this important and worthy cause, which also has a profound impact on the quality of life in the area.

"I would like to congratulate and thank Keith Spears and everyone who helped lead the university to another record-setting contribution."

Marshall University’s contributions by division were:

-- Financial Affairs, 34 contributions for a total of $1,748.17;

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‘The Last Word’ coming

Actress Schyleen Qualls will present a one­­­woman show titled "The Last Word," a dramatization of poetry and prose by celebrated African-American authors, at Marshall University in conjunction with Black History Month on Friday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

She has performed at colleges and universities throughout the United States and in 26 countries in Europe, Africa, the Caribbe­an, the South Pacific, Australia and Central and South America. She was a member of the American delegation to the second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture held in Nigeria and wrote the script for a film about the festival which has been shown in 74 countries.

Ms. Qualls performed in Berlin as part of a United States delegation headed by Apollo astronaut Edgar Mitchell and performed at the most recent national convention for the League of Women Voters. She previously was a featured performer with Rev. Jesse Jackson during his 1988 presidential campaign.

She co-founded the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble and has performed dramatic vignettes in hundreds of concerts with acclaimed artists.

Her one­­­woman show has received excellent reviews throughout the country. Dick Gregory, social activist and author, said, "There are only a handful of people touring colleges with her kind of depth and talent." Ken Kesey, author of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest," described her as "a treasure, a flower, a trump, a hum­dinger of a word­­­­slinger, dawn’s first light and a down­right­­­ delight." Julian Bond, Georgia senator and host of (Continued on page 2)
MU Planning Committee holds meeting

(The following report on the Jan. 17 meeting of the Marshall University Academic Planning Committee was submitted by Peggy Baden, secretary.)

The Academic Planning Committee met at 4:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 240 on Jan. 17.

The following members were present: Voting members--Shirley Lumpkin, Mildred Bateman, Peggy Baden, Nico Orsini, Carolyn Karr, Michael McArlor, Martin Faigel, Glenn Smith, Taclan Romye, Blaker Bolling; Ex-officio members--Jane Fotos, Rainey Duke, Michael McGuffey, Lynne Mayer, Leonard Deutsch, Bob Alexander, Paul Balshaw, Warren Lutz, Larry Froehlich, David Wilkin, Josephine Fidler.

The following members were absent: Scottie Ford, Rick Bady, Charles McKown, Ann Speer, Steve Hanrahan.

Minutes of the Dec. 13, 1990, meeting were approved as written.

Kathryn Chezik, Faculty Senate president, discussed the role of APC and program reviews. A subcommittee was formed to describe APC's potential function in program reviews. Subcommittee members are: Shirley Lumpkin, Glenn Smith, Michael McArlor and Paul Balshaw.

Committee members discussed the Mission Statement. The committee revised the introductory statements. A motion was carried that the APC accept the revised introduction: delete the history, the goals for student learning and development and the appendices.

The statement of philosophy, programs and priorities and conclusion will remain the same.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held Feb. 21 at 4:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 240.

"The Last Word" coming

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"Black Focus," described her performance as "fantastic."

Dr. Betty Cleckley, vice president for multicultural affairs at Marshall, said the university is able to sponsor Ms. Qualls' performance during Black History Month.

"Schyleen Qualls is a very popular and talented actress and her presentation of 'The Last Word' is a fun-filled and thought provoking program that is receiving rave reviews from a myriad of people. I would urge everyone to try to attend this performance."

"The Last Word" will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Multicultural Affairs, 696-4677, or the Office of Minority Students' Programs, 696-6705.

MU employees give

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-- College of Fine Arts, eight contributions for a total of $874;
-- Academic Affairs, 35 contributions for a total of $2,446;
-- Athletics, 21 contributions for a total of $1,495;
-- Institutional Advancement, eight contributions for a total of $1,040;
-- College of Business, 26 contributions for a total of $3,852;
-- Community College, 10 contributions for a total of $1,566;
-- Administration, 63 contributions for a total of $3,293;
-- College of Education, 47 contributions for a total of $3,589;
-- College of Liberal Arts, 56 contributions for a total of $5,424;
-- Emeritus Faculty, 16 contributions for a total of $1,585;
-- President's Office, 43 contributions for a total of $3,747;
-- School of Nursing, 29 contributions for a total of $1,428;
-- School of Medicine, 39 contributions for a total of $7,813;
-- Student Affairs, 23 contributions for a total of $2,352.21;
-- College of Science, 24 contributions for a total of $2,920.

Racism to be discussed

A videoconference titled "The Rise in Campus Racism, Causes and Solutions" will be presented at Marshall University in conjunction with Black History Month on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

The program will focus on racism on college campuses and possible solutions to the problem, according to Kenneth E. Blue, associate dean for student development at Marshall.

Sociologists, psychologists, lawyers, campus security personnel, students and academicians developing programs to educate campus communities and the general public about racism will be featured in the program.

Also on Wednesday, a "Malcolm X Forum" will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Both programs will be open to the public free of charge.
To obtain further details contact Marshall University's Office of Minority Students' Programs, 696-6705.

Lunchbag seminar planned

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled "Why Men Can't Commit" on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at noon in Prichard Hall Room 143.
To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.
Arts conference to be held on campus

Arts administrators from throughout West Virginia will attend the first of a two-part conference titled "Access to the Arts in West Virginia: You and 504" which will be held at Marshall University Monday, Feb. 25.

The purpose of the conference is to make the arts accessible to persons with special needs and increase the knowledge of arts presenters and administrators about how to make arts experiences available to special constituents.

"Persons with special needs—those with mobility, visual, hearing and other impairments, including the elderly—often do not have full access to the programs and services in art centers, theaters and places where music, dance and visual arts are presented," explained Roberta Walters, director of Marshall's Institute for the Arts and a presenter for the conference.

Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act mandated accessible programs and services by arts organizations that receive federal funds. Legislation recently passed, the Americans with Disabilities Act, extends access requirements to the private sector.

The first part of the conference will focus on accessibility history and context, a philosophical look at access by persons with impairments, discussion of 504 regulations and a tour focusing on the accessibility at Marshall.

Presenters will include Jan Lilly of the Huntington Center for Independent Living; Jerry Woolwine of the West Virginia Society for the Blind and Severely Disabled, and Lakin Cook, director, and Karen Genskow, staff member, of the West Virginia Arts and Humanities Section of the Division of Culture and History.

Marshall's Institute for the Arts is sponsoring the program with funding and assistance from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment and the Teubert Foundation.

The second part of the conference will be held April 15. To obtain further details contact Ms. Walters at the Marshall University Institute for the Arts, 696-3107.

Debost to teach class and perform with group

Michel Debost, a member of the Oberlin Conservatory faculty and the Coryton Trio, will present a masterclass at Marshall University on Monday, Feb. 25, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The Coryton Trio will perform for the Marshall Artists Series on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 8 p.m. Debost was the principal flutist with the Orchestre de Paris for more than 20 years and taught at the Paris Conservatory from 1982 to 1989.

He has received several important international honors including the first prize and gold medal at the Moscow Festival, first prize at the international competition at Geneva and first prize and gold medal at the Prague Spring Festival.

Debost has recorded more than 50 solo and chamber music albums and was nominated for a Grammy Award for his recording of Telemann Duets with James Galway. He also has received international awards for other recordings.

Four students will be selected through taped auditions to perform during the class Feb. 25.

The class will be open to the public. There will be a $5 admission charge or free admission with an MU identification card.

To obtain further details contact Dr. Wendell Dobbs of Marshall's Music Department, 696 2359 or 996-3117.

Auer will give lecture

Dr. Judith Auer of the University of Tulsa will present the first of two lectures in conjunction with Marshall University's "Mozart and More" celebration on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

Her presentation will be held in conjunction with Ingmar Bergman's film "The Magic Flute."

Dr. Auer will meet with the Society of Yeager Scholars on Monday, Feb. 25, for a round-table discussion before presenting her second public lecture on the cultural, political and intellectual life in Vienna during Mozart's time at 4 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Music Department, 696-3117.

Dr. Frank Sidorfsky, professor of music at Kansas State University, will present a recital on basset horn at Marshall University on Sunday, Feb. 17, at 3 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The basset horn, a tenor clarinet pitched in the key of F, has the same tone quality of a soprano clarinet, possessing the high range and also an extended low range, according to recital coordinator Ann Marie Bingham, part-time instructor of clarinet at Marshall.

Sidorfsky received his bachelor's degree from Emporia State University and his master's and doctoral degrees from the Eastern School of Music.

He spent four years in music with the U.S. Navy, taught in the public schools in Flint, Mich., and at James Madison University before accepting a position at Kansas State in 1965.

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

Exhibition scheduled

An exhibition titled "Illiteracy--the Price" will open Feb. 23 in Birke Art Gallery.

The exhibition includes 42 works selected from 1,300 entries from 30 countries which were submitted for the sixth Herb Lubalin International Student Design Competition sponsored by the International Typeface Corporation.

The works address the problem of functional illiteracy.
Dr. XIAOKE SUN, assistant professor in the Criminal Justice Department, has had a paper titled “Attitudes Toward Offender and Victim as a Function of Interpersonal Perspective” accepted for presentation at the 1991 convention of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences which will be held March 5-9.

Dr. SUSAN FERRELL, associate professor of teacher education, and Dr. AIMEE HOWLEY, associate professor of educational administration, had an article titled “Adult Literacy in Rural Areas” published in the February 1991 issue of the Journal of Reading. They also had a paper titled “Adult Literacy: Lessons from the Third World” accepted for presentation at the annual symposium of the National Rural and Small Schools Consortium which will be held March 17-20 in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. E.S. HANRAHAN, dean of the College of Science, has been invited to participate in a “Scientist-Teacher Partnerships in Science and Technology Education” workshop being held Feb. 14-19 in Washington, D.C. as part of the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The workshop is being sponsored by the Bell Atlantic-AAAS Institute’s Scientist-Partner Program which provides an opportunity for middle and junior high school science and technology teachers to work with volunteer scientists in a variety of resource development and support activities. He has been a volunteer in the program the past two years and has worked with teachers from Clarksburg, Winfield and Sissonville.

Dr. CHONG W. KIM, professor and chairman of the Department of Management, recently served as a consultant for the BASF Huntington plant. He conducted a three-day organization development meeting for nine top management people at the Greenbrier Jan. 16-18. He also presented a paper titled “Leadership in TaeKwonDo: Theories and Practice” at the annual meeting of state presidents of the United States TaeKwonDo Union held Feb. 1-2 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Dr. WAYNE ELMORE, professor of biological sciences, was co-author of a paper titled “Extracellular Polysaccharides from Pteridium aquilinum Suspension Cultures” which was published in Phytochemistry (29: 3815-3818). His co-authors were MARK WATSON, a former MU graduate student, and ALAN WHITE, a former MU faculty member.

MAUDIE KARICKHOFF, assistant professor in the Division of Human Development and Allied Technology, and MARTHA CHILDERS, associate professor in the HDAT Division, participated in a poster session sponsored by the West Virginia Home Economics Association Feb. 5 in the West Virginia Capitol. CHILDERS’ display concerned the new parenting education course which is being taught in all high school home economics programs this year as a result of Senate Bill 255. The display featured content of the course and expected outcomes in terms of wellness of West Virginia’s families and their children. KARICKHOFF’s display showcased the need to protect the groundwater in the state, which is vital to housing West Virginia citizens. Fully 53 percent of the households in the state depend on ground water. The display urged protective legislation and educational efforts aimed at reducing pollution of ground water resources by both industry and householders themselves.

Tax help available

Free tax assistance will be available to Marshall University students, faculty and staff through the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program sponsored by the MU Accounting Club and the Student Legal Aid Center. Assistance will be provided in filling out Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A or the basic Form 1040. Assistance with state tax forms also will be available.

Volunteers will not handle complicated tax matters or prepare business returns.

The VITA program will be located in Memorial Student Center Room 2W10 through April 11. Hours will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Persons seeking help should take their wage and earnings statement (Form W-2), all interest and dividend statements (Form 1099), a copy of last year’s tax return if available, social security numbers for dependents and any other relevant information concerning income and expense.

A special tax workshop for international students will be held Thursday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W9.

Excused absences...

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

FEB. 7-10—Alan Clarkson, Kelly Melvin, Misty Saul, Joyce Merritt, Maribeth Brooks, Andy Hayden, Kelli Raines, Angie McClure, Denise Hicks, Emily Burch, Cathy Maynor.

Videoconference slated

A videoconference titled “Issues and Conflicts in Writing Across the Curriculum” will be held Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2E11.

“If Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) is to survive and affect the quality of teaching and learning in our colleges and school systems, educators at all levels must address major issues crucial to the survival of this important educational movement,” said Dr. Rainey Duke, interim associate provost at Marshall.

Dr. Duke said persons attending the videoconference will participate in a live debate over epistemic rhetoric versus the rhetoric of specific disciplines, discuss research and design issues in WAC programs and be involved in the challenges and controversies that face successful implementation of WAC on our campus.

Dolores Johnson, assistant professor of English, will lead a discussion immediately following the video-conference.

To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Provost’s Office, 696-5442.