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IE TEAM TROPHY PRESENTED

The Marshall University Speech Department's Individual Events (IE) team placed sixth in the nation in forensics competition against 148 other schools at the recent National IE Finals in Fairfax, Va. The trophy won by the 12-member team was presented to the university during the Speech Department's awards convocation Thursday (May 5). Accepting the trophy was Dr. A. Marvin Tyson, fourth from

left, vice president for academic affairs. Team members pictured with Tyson are, from left, Maureen Milicia, assistant professor of speech and team coach; Gary LaParl, Barboursville freshman; Connie Day, Chesapeake, Ohio, junior; Patricia Brown, Lavalette senior, and Mark Hickman, Lewisburg junior.

First BSN class to graduate Saturday

Marshall University will award its first Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees at its 1977 Commencement, scheduled Saturday (May 14) at 11 a.m. in Memorial Field House.

Twenty-one students have successfully completed the upper level program, the first of its type in West Virginia, according

to Mrs. Bonnie Douglas, director of the Marshall program, established in 1975.

Geared to nurses with associate degrees, the Bachelor of Science program provides registered nurses with opportunities to broaden the scope of their nursing practices and also prepares them for graduate study, Mrs. Douglas said.

West Virginia Governor John D. Rockefeller IV will be the commencement speaker.

Rockefeller and Dr. N. Bayard Green, retired Marshall professor, will receive honorary degrees, according to MU President Robert B. Hayes. The governor will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, while Green will be the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

The 1977 graduating class of more than 2,000 students includes 211 honors students, 17 of whom will receive their degrees summa cum laude. Sixty students earned degrees with the magna cum laude designation and 115 will receive their degrees cum laude.

Six students will receive Associate Degrees with high honors and 13 of the two-year degrees will be awarded with honors.

Drive nets \$1,130

The Marshall University community contributed \$1,130 during the one-day Red Cross Funds Replenishment drive, held May 3, according to Edwin N. Vinson, assistant director of development and drive coordinator.

The total includes gifts of \$300 each from the Marshall University Alumni Association and Custom Food Service, Vinson noted.

"I appreciate the response shown by the university community and wish to extend my personal thanks to those who contributed to the drive's success," Vinson said.

Math Department to sponsor competition

Approximately 50 students from high schools in West Virginia, southeastern Ohio and eastern Kentucky will compete for \$450 in prizes Saturday, May 21, at the first annual Marshall University Mathematics Competition.

Invitations were sent to students on the basis of their scores on the National High School Mathematics Test and to the top senior from each district in the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics Field Day.

The competition is designed to stimulate an interest in mathematics and to recognize excellence, according to Dr. W. Thurmon Whitley, acting chairman of the MU Mathematics

Department which is sponsoring the competition.

Students will be tested on their skills in the areas of mathematical creativity, insight and expression, Whitley said.

The student with the highest score in the Marshall competition will receive \$200 and a trophy will be awarded to his school. The second and third place winners will receive prizes of \$100 and \$50, respectively. Additional awards of \$25 each will be given to the next four highest scoring students.

Funds for the awards were contributed to the department by an individual who prefers to remain anonymous, Whitley said.

Graduates to hear state nursing director

The West Virginia Nurses Association (WVNA) executive director will speak at the pinning ceremony for graduates of Marshall University's Association in Science in Nursing degree program at 7:30 p.m. today (May 13) in Smith Recital Hall.

Juliann Ritter, R.N., will discuss "I Am a Nurse-I Care" at the ceremony during which 63 students who have completed the two-year nursing program will receive nursing achievement pins.

A nursing achievement pin will be awarded posthumously to Carole Runyon, a nursing student who died in February. The pin will be accepted by her family. Mrs. Runyon was the wife of Master-Sergeant Francis E. Runyon, military science instructor at Marshall, and the mother of two children.

Three special awards will also be presented: "Spirit of Nursing," "Best Bedside Nurse," and "Highest Scholastic Achievement in Nursing." The students were selected for these honors by their classmates and the nursing faculty. Honor students will be recognized during the program.

Mrs. Charlotte Donnally of Huntington, class speaker, will present the history of the nursing achievement pin.

Dr. A. Mervin Tyson, MU vice president for academic affairs, will serve as master of ceremonies and Dr. Paul D. Stewart, Graduate School dean, will extend the university's greetings. The invocation will be given by Mrs. Jeanne Devos, nursing instructor and co-sponsor of the Nurse Christian Fellowship and the benediction will be given by David Kidd, R.N., a member of the Nurse Christian Fellowship.

Also participating in the program will be Mrs. Jane Shepherd, MU professor of music, who will sing, accompanied by Gary Marks.

NEED SPACE?

The Physical Facilities and Planning Committee has received requests for the following space that will become available:

1. Prichard Hall - space now occupied by Health Center
2. Science Hall - Custodial Office Space under stairway ground floor
3. Old Main 117 and 118

If there are other units which have need for space listed above, please submit the request in writing to Chairman Howard Mills by May 20, 1977.

Excused absences...

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

APRIL 5, 8, 19, and 29--Members of the men's track team.

GOODBYE!

This is the final News Letter of the spring semester. Publication will resume with the Friday, June 17, issue on a bi-weekly basis.

The deadline for submitting news is 10 a.m. on the Wednesday prior to Friday publication. Items may be brought to Old Main 111 or sent through campus mail to the Office of Informational Services.

HPER to offer Sports-Fitness Camp

The Marshall University Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Department will sponsor a four-week coeducational Sports-Fitness Camp this summer, from July 18 to Aug. 12, Dr. Robert L. Case, department chairman, announced today.

"This is the first time we've offered this type of program," Dr. Case said. "The camp is designed to provide quality sports skill instruction and to promote physical fitness," he added.

The camp is geared to youngsters between the ages of eight and 14 and will run from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Mid-morning snacks will be provided. The cost will be \$75.

Staffed by members of the HPER Department, the camp will utilize campus sports facilities for tennis, gymnastics, golf, swimming and other sports.

Registration is currently under way for the Sports-Fitness Camp which will be limited to 60 participants. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, Case said.

Additional information or registration applications may be obtained by calling the HPER Department, 696-6490.

Personnel personals

Emily Wells, daughter of Jane and William J. Wells, is one of 1,000 National Merit finalists throughout the country chosen for special designation as National Merit Scholars. A \$1,000 scholarship from the National Merit Foundation accompanies the award.

Emily, 16, is valedictorian of the Wayne High School class of 1977 and will attend Michigan State University, where she has been admitted to the Honors College as an English major.

Jane Wells is assistant professor of English.

Have you moved? Gotten married? Just plain proud of some accomplishment of yourself, spouse or children? There's a place for such personal items in your News Letter. We'll print the information if you will drop a note to Judith Casto in the Office of Informational Services.



ORAL HISTORY GIFT

David A. Corbin, left, presents part of a collection of 200 tape recordings to Dr. Charles H. Moffat, chairman of the Marshall University History Department. The tapes and transcripts, including interviews with southern West Virginia coal miners and others prominent in the coal industry, will become a part of Marshall's Oral History of Appalachia collection, housed in James E. Morrow Library. Corbin, who received his A.B. and M.A. degree in history from Marshall in 1969 and 1972, presently is working toward his doctoral degree at the University of Maryland, and also is an instructor in labor history there. The tape-recorded interviews are part of his doctoral dissertation project, "Southern West Virginia Coal Miners, 1890-1940."

Faculty and staff achievements, activities...

DR. RALPH OBERLY, assistant professor of physics and physical science, presented a slide-illustrated talk on "The Church of England" at the Chesapeake United Methodist Church's evening service on May 1.

DR. MARVIN D. MILLS, professor of safety and health was honored at the 29th annual meeting of the West Virginia Traffic and School Safety Association meeting at Jackson's Mill earlier this month. The Association established the Mills-Walter Award to be given annually to a state teacher who has contributed significantly to school and traffic safety. Mills shares the honor with Roy Walter, former safety director for the West Virginia Department of Education.

DR. EUGENE Q. HOAK, professor of speech, will conduct a seminar in effective speaking at the "Speak Up" Class at the Federal Correctional Institution at Ashland, Ky., on May 16. He also will display 30 of his paintings at the Tri-State Artists

Tennis, swimming classes offered by Community College

The Community College of Marshall University in cooperation with the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, will sponsor three classes designed to teach women basic skills in swimming and tennis.

The two-week classes will meet daily from May 23 to June 3 and are open to the public. Enrollment in each class is limited to 16 for tennis and 15 for swimming. Cost of each class is \$18.

Beginning Swimming for Women will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. daily at the Gullickson Hall pool. Two sessions of Beginning Tennis for Women will be offered from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. daily. The class will be held at Gullickson Hall 120.

Those interested in registering for either class may do so by contacting the Community College at (304) 696-3646 or at the first class meeting. Each student will receive two Continuing Education units for completion of the class.

Association "Art in the Park" show, Saturday and Sunday, May 14-15, in Ritter Park.

DR. DANNY FULKS, associate professor of education, will speak at the Southwestern High School Commencement on May 22. The school is located in Gallia County, Ohio.

DR. THOMAS R. ALLEN JR., associate professor of occupational, adult and safety education, participated in the Collegiate Division of the National Distributive Education Clubs of America Career Development Conference held in Anaheim, Calif., April 27-May 1.

DR. THOMAS MANAKKIL, associate professor of physics, attended the national meetings of the American Physical Society in Washington, D.C., April 25-28. He also participated in a special APA session on Nuclear Fuel Cycles and Waster Management.

McKernan receives NEH study fellowship

A Marshall University assistant professor of English has been awarded a \$2,400 Fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for summer study at Yale University.

John McKernan will attend the NEH summer seminar, June 14-Aug. 5, on "Poetic Influence and Poetic Tradition," conducted by Harold Bloom.

McKernan will investigate the relationship between the metrical form of "Four Hymnes" by Edmund Spenser and verse paragraphs in Milton's "Paradise Lost."

Bonnett acting chairman

Dr. Richard B. Bonnett, associate professor of geology, has been named acting chairman of the Marshall University Geology Department, Dr. A. Mervin Tyson, MU vice president for academic affairs, announced today.

Dr. Bonnett will serve as acting chairman while Dr. Wiley S. Rogers, departmental chairman, is on a leave of absence during academic year 1977-78, Tyson said.