John H. Spotts, who has been associated with food services at Marshall University for 37 years, will be honored at "a very special happening" Friday, May 4, according to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke. He said the event, which will be open to the public, will be in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Spotts, of 833 19th St., Huntington, currently serves as catering manager for the Marriott Corporation’s operations at Marshall. Marriott has a contract to provide food services at the university.

"John Spotts moves too rapidly to be considered a landmark, but he's certainly become an important figure in Marshall's history," Nitzschke said. "His friendly manner, his outstanding cooking skills, his efficiency and cooperative spirit have endeared him to generations of Marshall students and employees. I'm looking forward to this opportunity to recognize John for his unique contributions to life at Marshall University."

Nitzschke said he hoped no one would interpret the "very special happening" as an indication Spotts was retiring. "John may be old enough, but I doubt he'll ever retire," Nitzschke said. "At any rate, we're not going to wait that long to pay tribute to him."

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Medical School ceremonies set

Dr. Derrick L. Latos, president of the West Virginia State Medical Association, and Dr. James H. "Red" Duke will be the featured speakers for special commencement-related activities of the Marshall University School of Medicine.

Dr. Latos will speak to graduates at the school’s Investiture Ceremony at 8 p.m. May 11 at the Huntington Civic Center. The ceremony also features the hooing of graduates and faculty and student award presentations.

Dr. Latos, a nephrologist, has served as medical director of the Wheeling Dialysis Center, a division of Wheeling Hospital, since 1977. A clinical professor of medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine, he holds an academic staff appointment at Ohio Valley Medical Center, where he was a past medical staff president.

Dr. Duke, a professor of surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, will present the ceremonial Last Lecture at 8 p.m. May 10 at the Huntington Museum of Art.

Dr. Duke founded Houston’s Hermann Hospital's Life Flight Operations in 1982, and remains medical director of its medical emergency services. He is a founding member of the American Trauma Society, and was named "Surgeon of the Year" by the James F. Mitchell Foundation in 1988. He is the host of the nationally syndicated "Texas Health Reports" and the PBS television series "Bodywatch."

Dr. Duke's presentation will be titled "Dr. Duke's prescription for stress management."

Both events are free and open to the public.

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Staff luncheon planned

The sixth annual Marshall University Service Awards Luncheon will be held Thursday, May 17, from noon to 2 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The following people will receive awards:
For 15 years of service--Donald Adkins, Kathy Adkins, Clifford Curry, Donald Damron, Russell Dorton, Joe Dragovich, Jeff Edwards, Nadine Hamrick, Donna
Medical apprentices needed for summer

The Marshall University School of Medicine is accepting applications from students who would like to work this summer in the Minority High School Student Apprenticeship Program.

Under federal guidelines, the program is open to students who identify themselves as black, Hispanic, American Indian, Alaska native, Pacific Islander or Asian. Students must be at least 16 years old by May 1, and should have completed a high school biology course before entering the program.

Students are paid for their work, which typically lasts eight weeks.

Both faculty members and previous apprentices have found the program valuable, according to Dr. Gary O. Rankin, the associate dean overseeing the program.

"It seems that every year we have more faculty members asking for one of the summer apprentices," he said. "The students we've had in the past have made a real contribution to our research projects. The program has helped the students, too: two of them have come back to the medical school, one to become a medical student and the other to become a graduate student."

The program is funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health and by the School of Medicine.

The application deadline is May 16. Application forms are available from area high school science teachers or counselors, or from Rankin at 696-7313. With their applications, students should submit a one-page essay which tells why they are interested in the program, explains their career goals, and describes their personal background. Applicants also should ask two people to send letters of reference on their behalf. At least one letter must be from a science teacher at the student's high school.

Students receive internships

Two Marshall University dietetic students have been selected by the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International and the National Association of College and University Food Services to participate in the 1990 Food Service Management Internship Training Program.

Susan Myers, a senior from Huntington, will intern at California State University at Long Beach. Sarah Victor, a junior from Huntington, will intern at Bryn Mawr (Pa.) College.

The internships will provide on-the-job experience in the operation and supervision of college and university food service operations, according to Eleanor M. Zizzo, director of the dietetics program at Marshall.

Ms. Myers and Ms. Victor were selected from more than 98 applicants.

Spotts to be honored

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When Spotts arrived on the Marshall College campus in 1953 as a chef, the school operated one cafeteria which was located in the building now housing the Community College. He held various positions in the school's food service operations and has been employed by each of the various contractors who have provided campus food services during the last quarter century.

He has worked directly with five Marshall presidents and two interim presidents in arranging social events: Stewart Smith, Roland Nelson, Donald Sedmon, John Barker, Robert Hayes, Sam Clagg and Nitzschke.
Guyer named chairman of scholar committee

Dr. Kenneth E. Guyer, associate professor of biochemistry at Marshall University’s School of Medicine, has been named chairman of the university’s prestigious Meet-the-Scholar Award Program, according to MU Provost Alan B. Gould.

Guyer succeeds outgoing chairman Dr. Christopher L. Dolmetsch, professor of modern languages, who co-founded the program along with MU President Dale F. Nitzschke.

The program was established in 1985 to strengthen the link between the university and the community and to acquaint the community with the breadth and depth of academic expertise on the MU campus by selecting an outstanding scholar each semester to serve as an "ambassador."

In 1988 the program received national recognition when it was selected for inclusion in a "Practitioner’s Hall of Fame" created by Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Gould said Dolmetsch, who served as chairman since the program’s inception, deserves a lot of credit for making the program successful.

"Dr. Dolmetsch and President Nitzschke developed the program and provided the leadership which has established the Meet-the-Scholar Program as one of the highlights of each academic semester," said Gould. "The program they developed is accomplishing its goal and has become a model for other universities throughout the country."

Guyer has been involved in the Meet-the-Scholar Program since it began and has served on the committee that selects faculty members to receive the award.

"Since Dr. Guyer already is familiar with the program and the entire selection process and the planning of the special evening award presentation, he should have no problem guiding the program forward," said Dolmetsch. "The continuity he will provide for the Meet-the-Scholar Program will be important and beneficial to the institution."

Jazz concert to be held

Marshall University’s Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of J.D. Folsom, will present its spring concert on Friday, May 4, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The concert will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-3117.

Help wanted May 9

Faculty and staff members are needed to act as food service helpers during the annual examination week "Midnight Breakfast" for students on Wednesday, May 9, from 10 to 11 p.m., according to Marcia Bourgeois, assistant manager of housing.

Volunteers should be able to help make pancakes, serve breakfast foods, bus trays and pour coffee.

To volunteer or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Housing Office, 696-6765.

Dr. Christopher L. Dolmetsch, right, professor of modern languages, receives a plaque in appreciation of his work on the Meet-the-Scholar Program from Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke. The plaque was presented during the Meet-the-Scholar reception at the president’s home April 24. Dolmetsch was co-founder of the program and served as its chairman since its beginning.

COE to have reception

Marshall University’s College of Education is sponsoring a reception and recognition ceremony for its 1989-90 graduates on Friday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel.

“We invite university faculty and staff to join us in providing an opportunity for faculty, students and their guests to celebrate the successful completion of their baccalaureate programs," said Dr. Carole Vickers, dean of the College of Education.

Excused absences...

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

APRIL 6--Kim Kendall, Tina Caroli, Julie Gillenwater, Anji Chatting, Candace Cundiff, Stephanie Hugart, Cindy Warner, Regina Cyros.

APRIL 25-27--Heath Treharne, Michelle Moore, Melody Gibson.

Personnel personal

Marshall University Faculty and Staff:

Before leaving to accept a position as associate professor of mathematics at the Florida Institute of Technology, I want to express my appreciation to each and everyone of you at Marshall University for the help you have given me over the past two years.

I have enjoyed working with each of you and have learned from all of you.

Your professionalism has been outstanding and has made my tenure an enjoyable and profitable experience.

I take with me fond memories of Marshall University and each of you. I wish each of you the best in the next academic year and in the future.

Sincerely,

John E. Sasser
Marshall faculty/staff achievements

MAJED KHADER, DOROTHY MOORE, RON TITUS, reference librarians, and SARA STAATS, government documents librarian, participated in an OCLC update to learn about the newest service for reference held March 22 at the Professional Development Center in Charleston. STAATS also attended the third annual Interagency Depository Seminar held April 2-6 in Washington, D.C. Sixty-five government documents depository librarians from throughout the United States met with government agency representatives from the Census Bureau, the Office of the Federal Register, the Patent and Trademarks Office and the Library of Congress.

Dr. CHRISTOPHER L. DOLMETSCH, professor of modern languages, has contributed a review of James W. Long's "From Privileged to Dispossessed: The Volga Germans, 1860-1917" (Lincoln and London: University of Nebraska Press, 1988) to the spring 1990 issue of International Migration Review (Vol. 24: pp. 172-173).

Dr. JACQUELINE M. GUTTMANN, associate professor of French, visited the Service Culturel of the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., March 29. She received a summer scholarship for one student from the French government and also has the option of sending a senior abroad for one year to teach English conversation in a French high school.

QUEEN E. FOREMAN, director of affirmative action and human resources, attended the annual conference of the American Association for Affirmative Action held recently in Boston, Mass. She presented a proposal to the association for creating a National Training and Development Certification Program for all affirmative action and human resources professionals. She also chairs the association's Professional Training and Development Committee.

Dr. ELIZABETH REED SMITH, assistant professor of music, visited the University of Kentucky in Lexington April 7-8 where she presented a violin master class, participated in a lecture recital and gave a recital with cellist Suzanne Veiga.

The following faculty members from the Marshall University Department of Biological Sciences attended the 65th annual meeting of the West Virginia Academy of Science held April 7 at Shepherd College in Shepherdstown: Dr. TOM WEAKS, Dr. TOM PAULEY, Dr. MARY ETTA HIGHT, Dr. MIKE LITTLE, Dr. DONALD TARTER (three papers). The following students attended the meeting: LISA BURGESS (two papers), MINDY YEAGER, RONNIE JEWELL (paper), FRANK BORSUK, TOM JONES, BETH ANNE PAULEY (paper), RONALD CANTERBURY (paper), KIMBERLY RUGGLES (paper), JON REID (paper), JOE ELY. Dr. TARTER was elected president and Dr. WEAKS was elected president-elect for the West Virginia Academy of Science.

A symposium titled "Earth Day 1990—Endangered and Threatened Species in West Virginia" was held at Bethany College Thursday, April 19. The symposium was chaired by well-known ecologists Dr. Paul Ehrlich and Anne H. Ehrlich of Stanford University. Participants included Dr. THOMAS K. PAULEY, professor and chairman of Marshall's Department of Biological Sciences, and RONALD CANTERBURY, graduate student, who presented a paper titled "West Virginia Amphibians and Reptiles of Special Concern." Dr. MARY ETTA HIGHT, associate professor of biology, made a presentation on "Endangered Bats in West Virginia."

ROBERT BICKEL, STEVEN BANKS and LINDA SPATIG of the Educational Foundations Department co-authored a paper titled "Bridging the Gap Between High School and College in an Appalachian State," which BICKEL presented at the American Educational Research Association conference held April 16-20 in Boston. BICKEL also presented a paper titled "Race, Class, and the Common School Hypothesis."

PATRICIA GEBHART, assistant director of admissions, and Dr. JAMES HARLESS, director of admissions, attended the convention of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers held April 16-19 in New Orleans. GEBHART served on the Admissions Systems Committee planning programs and workshops on existing and developing processing systems. HARLESS served on the Placement Committee assisting more than 500 AACRAO members with job placement opportunities.

Dr. JOAN F. GILLILAND, professor of English, and graduate students STEPHEN AMBROSE and TRINA LITTERAL attended the 17th annual conference of the West Virginia Shakespeare and Renaissance Association held April 20-21 at Polomac State College in Keyser. AMBROSE presented a paper titled "Welsh Influences in 'A Mask in Ludlow Castle.'" A. Motor TARTER (two papers), MEE YOUNG CHOI (paper), HUMBERT ZAPPIA (paper), JON REID (paper), KIMBERLY RUGGLES (paper), LISA BURGESS (paper), MINDY YEAGER (paper), FRANK BORSUK, TOM JONES, RONNIE JEWELL, JEFF BAILEY, ANDREW GREEN, JEFF SMITH, STACY CREMEANS.

ROBERT S. KRIEBEL, assistant professor of business education in the Division of Specialized Allied Studies, has been elected Southern Business Education Association representative for the United States chapter of the International Society for Business Education (Societe Internationale pour l'Enseignement Commerical). He was elected during the association's annual conference held recently in Reno, Nev. KRIEBEL will represent the 10 states in the southern region at the 62nd international conference which will be held July 22-28 at the University of Barcelona, Spain.