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Massey computer laboratory dedicated



COMPUTER LAB DEDICATED

Representatives of A.T. Massey Coal Co. visited Marshall University's College of Business Monday to participate in the dedication of the college's new \$100,000 Massey StarLAN Computer Laboratory. The lab was made possible as a result of a gift from the Massey Foundation. Among those taking part in the ceremonies were, from left, College of Business Dean Robert P. Alexander, MU President Dale F. Nitzschke and Don Blankenship, president of Massey Coal Services, Inc.

Marshall University's College of Business dedicated its new \$100,000 Massey StarLAN Laboratory located in Corbly Hall Room 333 Monday, Jan. 22, according to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke.

Containing 28 AT&T 6386 personal computers configured as a local area network, the state-of-the-art computer laboratory was established with a gift from A.T. Massey Coal Co., College of Business Dean Robert P. Alexander noted.

Among those participating in the dedication, in addition to Nitzschke and Alexander, were Don Blankenship, president of Massey Coal Services, and Charles Snavely, president of Sidney Coal Co., a Massey affiliate.

Alexander said each of the computers has two megabytes of random access memory and the network server contains more than 250 megabytes of storage and several online color graphics printers. The server enables the personal computers to communicate and to share software and databases. It also will be interfaced with the West Virginia Network to provide access to national and international networks.

"We're truly grateful to the A.T. Massey Coal Co. for making this new laboratory possible," Alexander said. "It will fulfill several needs in the College of Business, particularly in the field of accounting, and also will provide an added dimension to the computer science program. For the first time, computer science majors will have available a leading edge computer system that will bridge the gap between textbook theory and the real world."

He said the laboratory also will support the development of proposed degree programs in automation and

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Chertow receives grant

West Virginians have a major problem with diabetes – and a Marshall University researcher has been given \$500,000 to find out whether vitamin A deficiency is the key.

The researcher, Dr. Bruce Chertow, was the first scientist to show that the body needs vitamin A to produce insulin. With the five-year funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, he now will try to find out precisely why.

"Scientists have known for a long time that vitamin A is necessary for vision and reproduction, and more recently it has been shown to be important for growth and cancer prevention," Chertow said. "Based on our work here, we now believe that deficiency of vitamin A may lead to abnormal release of insulin, or to problems in the growth of cells that release insulin."

The answers will be particularly relevant to West Virginia, since the state's people have a significant amount of vitamin A deficiency. Approximately 40 percent of the state's teen-agers have vitamin A deficiencies, Chertow said. "It's not unthinkable that this lack of vitamin A could play a role in the state's high rate of diabetes," he said.

However, Chertow is not suggesting that simply increasing vitamin A through foods or supplements will

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Fulani to be Black History Month speaker

Dr. Lenora B. Fulani, a New York psychologist and national chairwoman of the New Alliance Party, will be the keynote speaker for Marshall University's observance of Black History Month which will be celebrated throughout February.

She will make two presentations in Huntington on Thursday, Feb. 1. She will talk with area youth at 4 p.m. at the A.D. Lewis Community Center and then make an address at Marshall at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154. Both programs will be open to the public free of charge, according to

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Lenora Fulani

Chertow gets grant to study diabetes

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cure diabetes. His research will focus on cells in the laboratory, not on human beings. In addition, the problem may rest with how cells process vitamin A instead of with how much vitamin A is available.

In fact, Chertow cautioned people not to go overboard in vitamin A consumption since excessive doses through supplements can be toxic. Furthermore, he said, too much vitamin A can be as harmful as too little in hampering insulin secretion. Except when advised otherwise by their doctors, he said, people can best assure proper levels of vitamin A by eating a balanced diet which includes normal portions of foods rich in vitamin A, primarily yellow vegetables and green leafy vegetables.

Fulani to be speaker

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Maurice A. "Tony" Davis, coordinator of minority students' programs at Marshall.

Dr. Fulani was a candidate for mayor of New York City in the recent election and headed an independent slate of candidates. In 1988, she was the first black woman to receive federal primary matching funds and was the first woman and first African American presidential candidate to be on the ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

In 1986, she was the first woman to run for governor of New York and received more than 25,000 votes—more votes than any independent candidate in New York has received in recent history.

Dr. Fulani received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Hofstra University, her master's degree in education psychology from Columbia University and her doctorate in developmental psychology from City University of New York.

A leading practitioner of social therapy, Dr. Fulani is in private practice in New York. She has written numerous articles for scholarly publications and journals and recently edited "The Psychopathology of Everyday Racism and Sexism," a text on the impact of psychology, social change and community empowerment on women of color.

She also has taught and lectured at various colleges and universities in New York and served as a guest investigator at Rockefeller University.

To obtain further details about Dr. Fulani's presentations or Marshall University's celebration of Black History Month contact Davis at Marshall University, 696-6705.

Award nominations due

Marshall University's Meet-the-Scholars Committee wants to remind all full-time faculty members that the nomination and application deadline for the spring 1990 Meet-the-Scholar award will be Monday, Feb. 5.

Guidelines appeared in the Dec. 7, 1989, issue of the Marshall University Newsletter. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting Dr. Christopher Dolmetsch, committee chairman, by campus mail.

Children and others who do not need to restrict their cholesterol intake also can get vitamin A in liver, whole milk, eggs and cheese.

The study will take two approaches to determining whether the deficiency of vitamin A leads to abnormalities in the release of insulin or in the growth of cells that release it. First, Chertow will take cells and make them deficient in vitamin A, then observe changes in insulin release. He also will work with a special type of cell which has no receptor for vitamin A. Using genetic engineering techniques, he will insert vitamin A receptors into the cells and then observe changes in insulin production.

Chertow is chief of endocrinology at the Marshall University School of Medicine, as well as chief of endocrinology and nuclear medicine at the Huntington VA Medical Center. Working with him on the project will be Dr. Donald Primerano of the Department of Microbiology and Dr. Henry Driscoll of the Department of Medicine.

Reception canceled

Faced with a deepening financial crisis, Marshall University has canceled its annual reception for members of the West Virginia Legislature, according to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke.

The reception had been scheduled for Jan. 30 in Charleston's Marriott Hotel under sponsorship of the Marshall Alumni Association and its Greater Kanawha Valley Alumni Chapter.

"We try to have a reception each year to show our appreciation to the legislators for their efforts in our behalf and to get to know the individual members a little better," Nitzschke said. "This year, we're going to have to demonstrate our appreciation in less expensive ways."

Nitzschke said burgeoning enrollments and budget reductions brought about by the state's economic conditions have placed Marshall in a precarious position financially.

"Although the reception costs would have been paid with private funds, it appears we may have to redirect such funds for other purposes before this fiscal year is over," Nitzschke added. "Our situation has become extremely tight."

Laboratory dedicated

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flexible manufacturing. The laboratory is expected to facilitate classroom usage of advanced graphics software recently donated to Marshall's Center for Research and Economic Development Outreach by the Batelle Corp.

"Because the Massey StarLAN Laboratory can use the UNIX operating system, it forms a powerful teaching tandem with another of our labs containing an AT&T 3B15," Alexander said. "These two laboratories will enable the college to train business students and computer scientists for the high technology growth expected in West Virginia during the 1990s."

West Virginia job fair set Jan. 31

Operation Native Talent, a program designed to help keep West Virginia college graduates in the state, will hold a job fair at Marshall University on Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Henderson Center.

The program will bring West Virginia companies with positions to fill together with recent college graduates or 1990 graduates who want to live and work in West Virginia, according to Reginald A. Spencer, director of Placement Services.

Representatives from approximately 55 national and regional firms, corporations and agencies doing business in West Virginia will participate in the fair and interview

candidates for current and anticipated job openings in all career fields and academic majors.

Spencer said this will be the third annual Operation Native Talent job fair.

"These job fairs have proven very successful in the past, for both recruiters and job candidates," he said. "In previous fairs, employers have hired large numbers of graduates."

The program, which will be free of charge, will be open to all recent college graduates and students who will be graduating this year. Spencer said actual interviews will be taking place and participants should dress accordingly and have several resumes to give to potential employers.

Each organization will be assigned to a specific table and employee directories will be available at the job fair registration desk.

Participants will register as they enter the job fair and will be able to speak with any number of organizations.

Operation Native Talent is being sponsored by the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the West Virginia Roundtable Inc., the West Virginia Department of Commerce, Labor and Environmental Resources, and the West Virginia College Placement Association.

To obtain further details contact Spencer at Marshall University's Placement Services Office, 696-2370.

Jazz Festival will feature guest artists

Marshall University's 21st annual Jazz Festival will be held Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 1-3, in Smith Music Hall, according to J.D. Folsom, festival director.

The Tactical Air Command Jazz Band Ensemble and the Bob Thompson Trio will be the featured groups in this year's festival. Other artists will include Dave Anderson of Morehead State University, tenor saxophone; Larry McWilliams of Ball State, trumpet, and bass trombonist Kirk Hickie.

Guest artists will perform in concert each evening at 8 p.m. The concerts will be open to the public free of charge.

The Bob Thompson Trio will perform Thursday. The Tactical Air Command Jazz Band Ensemble will perform Friday.

College and high school jazz bands from throughout the Tri-State area will participate in the festival.

The festival will conclude Saturday with a performance by the Marshall University Jazz Ensemble and the guest artists.

To obtain a complete schedule or further details contact the Marshall University Music Department, 696-3117.

Lunch program continues

Marshall University's Residence Life Office will once again sponsor its Faculty Lunch Series on Mondays through Fridays, beginning Jan. 29, according to Linda Rowe, associate director of residence life.

Faculty members are invited to join students in the Holderby and Twin Towers cafeterias for lunch and informal discussions. The cost of the faculty lunches will be covered by the Residence Life Office.

"We are committed to finding ways to integrate students' academic and residential experiences," said Ms. Rowe. "Our role is to ensure that campus living has educational value for residents. Faculty participation helps us fulfill that role. We also have discovered that faculty members find this lunch program professionally and personally rewarding."

Faculty members interested in making lunch reservations or residence hall students who would like to take a professor to lunch should contact Ms. Rowe or Arnett Glassco in the MU Residence Life Office, 696-3183.

Health seminars set

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor a series of Self-Care seminars on Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 6, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

Sessions will deal with a variety of topics concerning health related issues and will be led by professional instructors, according to Carla Lapelle, coordinator of student health education programs.

Ms. Lapelle said area residents are invited to pack a lunch and attend the seminars which are open to the public free of charge.

Program topics and dates are: "Eating Disorders" on Feb. 6; "Choosing Your Mate" on Feb. 13; "Risky Riding" (reasons to use seat belts) on Feb. 20; "Time Management for Stress Management" on Feb. 27; "Your Friends are Talking Drugs" on March 6; "Stress Management Through Relaxation" on March 20; "Thinking Stress Away" on March 27, and "Stress Management Through Nutrition and Exercise" on April 3.

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

Senior recital planned

Diana Marcum, a senior piano major at Marshall University, will present a recital on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

She will perform works by Beethoven, Bela Bartok, Chopin, and Debussy.

Ms. Marcum, who studies with Dr. Leslie Petteys, is completing her requirements for a bachelor's degree in music education.

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

MU personnel can get help filling out taxes

Marshall University students, faculty and staff will be able to receive free income tax help through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and the Marshall Student Legal Aid Center.

Assistance will be available Feb. 7 through April 11 from noon to 2 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W9, according to Ombudsperson Donna Preston.

Volunteers will offer assistance in filling out Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A, or the basic Form 1040. The volunteers will not handle complicated tax matters or prepare business returns. They will alert taxpayers to special credits and deductions.

Preference will be given to students, although the program will be open to the university community.

Persons who want assistance will have to provide this year's tax package, wage and earnings statements (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.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Student Legal Aid Center, 696-2366.

NEH seminars scheduled

The National Endowment for the Humanities will sponsor 51 seminars on a variety of topics this summer, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, assistant provost.

Twelve professors and scholars from throughout the nation will be invited to participate in each program.

Participants will receive stipends of \$3,500 for eight-week seminars and \$2,750 for six-week seminars.

Applications for prospective participants for 1990 seminars and applications from prospective directors for 1991 must be filed by March 1.

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

Videoconference slated

A videoconference titled "A Day with Peter F. Drucker" will be broadcast live from George Washington University to Marshall University on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 11:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Drucker, who has been called one of the greatest thinkers, writers and lecturers on 20th century business organization, will talk directly with the studio and video audiences about "The Care and Feeding of the Small Growing Business" and "Maintaining Competency of Executives and Professionals in the 1990s."

A business consultant for more than 50 years, Drucker has developed many of corporate America's new management practices. He also has written more than 20 books on economic policy and management organization.

The videoconference will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Provost's Office, 696-5442.



Marshall University's Student Government Association recently made a \$1,000 contribution to the MU United Way campaign. Members of the Student Government Association participated in a variety of fund raising activities to earn the money for the donation. Dr. Jane C. Fotos, left, campus campaign coordinator, accepted the contribution from, left to right, Jen Keuhnle, senate associate; Tom Hayden, SGA vice president; Kim Dickens, College of Education senator, and Tracy Hendershot, SGA president.

Videotapes available

Several informational and educational videotapes are available in the Media Department in Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, assistant provost.

Titles include: "Initiatives in Teacher Education," "Mainstreaming Adult Learners," "Moving Towards the 21st Century," and "Win-Win Tactics for Managers and Supervisors."

"Issues in Higher Education" will soon be available in the library and other titles will be recorded in the future.

To obtain further details contact the James E. Morrow Library Media Department, 696-2341.

Senate needs envelopes

Marshall University's Faculty Senate Office needs large campus envelopes.

Departments and individuals with a surplus of large campus envelopes can send them to Sharma Carannante in the Faculty Senate Office, Northcott Hall Room 209A.

Smoking course set

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor "Fresh Start," a smoking cessation class developed by the American Cancer Society, beginning Monday, Feb. 12, at noon in the MU Counseling Center.

Classes will meet once a week for four sessions, according to Carla Lapelle, coordinator of Student Health Education Programs at Marshall.

The program will be open to the public free of charge, however enrollment will be limited.

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