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SCORES festival scheduled March 11

Approximately 4,000 juniors and seniors from 80 high schools in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky will compete Saturday, March 11, in the 11th annual SCORES Academic Festival at Marshall University.

The festival is a function of the MU SCORES (Search Committee on Recruiting Excellent Students) group, which is composed of representatives from every academic department at Marshall.

Dr. Ralph W. Taylor, professor of biological sciences and SCORES director, said the festival is a spirited academic competition where academically gifted students vie for top honors in various contests designed to test their knowledge. Each participant must have at least a 3.0 grade point average in his or her chosen areas of competition.

Trophies will be awarded to the six schools (two schools in each of three separate population categories) whose students compile the most points, and top individual winners in each of the 100 areas of competition will be awarded medallions. In addition, a $1,000 scholarship to Marshall will be awarded to the student judged to be the “Most Outstanding Student” in the festival.

“The competition is a way to encourage and recognize academic excellence among high school students, cultivate relationships with high schools in the region and generate public awareness of academic achievement occurring in various communities surrounding Marshall,” said Taylor.

Interest in the festival has dramatically grown since the first one in 1979, according to Taylor. Approximately 300 students from 24 area high schools took part in the first festival.

Tests range from multiple choice and essay to performance and problem solving. Also included in the festival will be competitions in such diverse areas as art and survival skills.

“Some of the work in particular areas will be submitted ahead of time,” explained Taylor. “However, on the day of the festival, these students will be expected to attend critique sessions.”

The competitions will begin after breakfast Saturday and continue throughout the morning. The tests will be graded and the results compiled while the students have lunch and attend various activities that have been specially planned for them.

The awards ceremony will be held in Henderson Hall Room 117. His speech, “Prospects for Peace in the Middle East — Perspectives from an Israeli Arab,” will be open to the public.

Israeli adviser will make campus addresses

Ziedan Atashi, adviser on Arab affairs to the Israeli government, will speak at Marshall University Wednesday, March 15, at 2:30 p.m. in Corby Hall Room 117. His speech, “Prospects for Peace in the Middle East — Perspectives from an Israeli Arab,” will be open to the public.

Prior to the public address, Atashi will meet with representatives of the area’s news media in Memorial Student Center.

His visit to Marshall is being sponsored by the America-Israel Friendship League and Federated Jewish Charities of Huntington. He is making a nationwide tour of the United States during March and early April.

During his tour, Atashi is speaking on the challenges facing Jewish-Arab relations in Israel, implications of recent Palestinian strategies, minorities in Israel and the Middle East, and the Druze people and culture.

A leading figure in the Israeli Druze community, Atashi served two terms in the Israeli Knesset, 1977-81 and 1984-88, as a member of the Shinui Party (Democratic Movement for Change). He has played a key role in the Israeli Druze National Council and acts frequently as a liaison between the Lebanese Druze community and the Israeli government.

In 1972, he became the first non-Jewish Israeli to hold a diplomatic post when he was appointed consul for information at the New York Consulate General of Israel. He then served for two years as a member of Israel’s permanent mission to the United Nations.

Atashi also has been a reporter on Arab affairs for Israeli television and holds a master’s degree in political science from Haifa University. He lives with his family in Osifiya, a Druze village on Mount Carmel.

Atashi also is scheduled to address Dr. David Ziedan Atashi

Finalists named for 1988-89 teacher award

The Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Committee has selected three finalists for the Outstanding Teacher Award for the 1988-89 school year, according to Dr. John Vielkind and Dr. Edwina Pendarvis, co-chairs of the committee.

The finalists are Dr. Margaret Bird of the Department of Biological Sciences, Dr. Shirley Lumpkin of the English Department, and Dr. Danny Wedding of the Department of Psychiatry.

This year’s winner will be announced during the Honors Convocation on April 26.
Dr. Pauley gets grants to do research

Dr. Thomas K. Pauley, associate professor and chairman of the Marshall University Department of Biological Sciences, has received two grants totaling $13,500 to study the Cheat Mountain salamander.

He received an $8,500 grant from the United States Forest Service to conduct surveys for the salamander on newly acquired U.S. Forest Service property in the Monongahela National Forest, and received a $5,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to study the effects of habitat disturbances on the Cheat Mountain salamander.

Both grants will be administered through the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.

Dr. N. Bayard Green, late professor of zoology at Marshall, described and named the Cheat Mountain salamander (Plethodon nettingi) in 1938, according to Pauley, who has been studying the salamander since 1976.

There are only 54 disjunct populations of the Cheat Mountain salamander known, and these are restricted to the high elevations of Tucker, Randolph, Pocahontas and Pendleton counties in West Virginia. It is not known anywhere else in the world.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is in the process of reviewing the salamander for listing as a threatened species. Therefore, according to Pauley, it is important to determine if there are salamander populations on the newly acquired land and what disturbances affect the salamander's habitat.

“The reason for putting an animal on a threatened or endangered list is to eventually be able to take it off the list,” explained Pauley. “In other words, we want to protect the animal and its habitat, study ways to recover the animal and habitat, and then develop a recovery plan. Hopefully, the animal then will begin to increase in number and become more common so we can take it off the list.”

Although the Cheat Mountain salamander already is protected by the Forest Service as a sensitive species, there is a tremendous amount of development going on in the Monongahela National Forest where many of the populations are located and no one knows what effect it will have on the salamander.

“Right now there is so much activity going on in the national forest—coal mining, lumbering, drilling, recreation, clearing for ski slopes and trails—they're concerned that the habitat will be destroyed and thus we have another species disappear from the face of the earth,” said Dr. Pauley.

“That is the ultimate goal of this research—to prevent another animal from becoming extinct at the hands of man.”

Alexis Buzuma, a Marshall graduate student from Huntington, will be working with Dr. Pauley on the Cheat Mountain salamander studies.

Excused absences...

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

MARCH 2-6—Tom Roten, Chuck Richardson, Jay Nunley, David Logsdon, Todd Agne, Scott Brun, Derek Scott.
MARCH 8-12—Tom Roten, Jay Nunley, Chuck Richardson, Derek Scott.
MARCH 9-10—Jacquelyn H. Bentley, Lisa G. Martin.
MARCH 13—Chris Cobb, Scott Brun, Randy Comm, Todd Thompson, Chris Gold, Larry Frum, Chris Greenwood, Paula Thomas, Berta Williamson, Susan Nicholas, Sally Spoor, Diana Long, Jennifer Scott, Kim Jefferson, Michelle Twohig.
Procurement Center position filled

Diane Coe of Huntington has been named marketing and data systems specialist for Marshall University’s recently established Procurement Technical Assistance Center, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, executive assistant to the president for research and economic development outreach at Marshall.

The center was established to help West Virginia businesses and industries improve their ability to sell goods and services to the United States government and prime government contractors.

The center was funded during the previous session of the West Virginia Legislature through a $20,000 appropriation, which was matched through contributions from local businesses and industries. Maddox said Chuck Chambers, speaker of the House of Delegates, and Rick Houyvouas, Cabell County delegate, provided the leadership for establishing the program.

“Lack of timely information, resource materials and technical assistance in working through the paperwork and regulations are often cited as reasons for West Virginia falling behind other states in doing business with the federal government,” said Maddox. “We intend to help correct this situation by identifying and contacting potential contractors and subcontractors, informing them of contract opportunities, and providing technical assistance.”

Ms. Coe will be responsible for working with area businesses interested in bidding on federal contracts. She will help the businesses identify procurement opportunities, collect resource material and provide technical assistance through the contract development procedure.

She received her bachelor’s degree from Radford University and her master’s degree in business administration from Marshall.

Prior to accepting the position at Marshall, Ms. Coe worked as a marketing director for an accounting firm and was a retail merchandiser for the Hershey Chocolate Company. She also taught school for the Chesapeake, Ohio, school system.

She has been a member of the Huntington Area League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women. She is a member and past president of the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Women of the Church and is involved in various other church and community activities.

“I feel Diane’s past marketing experience and numerous business contacts will play an important role in the success of the Procurement Technical Assistance Center,” Maddox said. “It is imperative that West Virginia businesses become more active in pursuing government contracts. There isn’t any reason West Virginia businesses can’t be competitive in securing these contracts, particularly now that we have established this center to assist them.”

Scott, Miller elected to state NSFRE posts

Two Marshall University administrators have been elected officers of the West Virginia Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

Named president of the organization was Dr. Keith L. Scott, Marshall’s vice president for institutional advancement. Joe E. Miller, associate vice president for institutional advancement, was elected treasurer.

Scott, who served as the chapter’s treasurer last year, also will be a member of the national organization’s board of directors and will serve on the External Affairs Committee.

The West Virginia Chapter was incorporated two years ago and Scott was one of 18 charter members. The national organization has more than 6,500 members in 80 chapters throughout the U.S. and in five other countries.

Howard E. Gibson of the Parkersburg United Fund was elected vice president of the West Virginia Chapter and Elaine P. Oliver of Black Diamond Girl Scout Council, Charleston, was named secretary.

Library hours announced

Marshall University’s James E. Morrow Library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 18 and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 20-24.

The library will be closed March 19, 25 and 26.

Regular library hours will be resumed March 27. The regular hours are 7:45 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Supervisor seminars scheduled

Marshall University’s Division of Training and Development will sponsor a seven-part supervisory skills training series titled “Be the Best Supervisor You Can Be” beginning Wednesday, March 22, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Additional sessions will be held March 29, April 12, 26, and May 3 and 10.

To obtain detailed information about the series contact Paula Beasley, 696-6240. Release time will be granted.

Health series continues

Marshall’s Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor a Self-Care Series Seminar titled “How to Get the Most Out of Marijuana: A Look at the Severity of Ill Effects of this Drug” on Tuesday, March 14, at 12:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

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

Senate will meet March 30

The Marshall University Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, March 30, at 4 p.m. in the eighth floor lounge in Smith Hall, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, Faculty Senate president.
MU tuition waivers available for summer

Applications for a limited number of graduate student tuition waivers for Marshall University's interim and summer terms will be accepted through Friday, April 21, in the Graduate School Office, Old Main 113, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

In line with the West Virginia Board of Regents Policy Bulletin 49, priority will be given to faculty and staff of the state's colleges and universities and to West Virginia residents. A small number of waivers will be awarded to nonresident students.

Deutsch said academic merit will be the major consideration in awarding the waivers, which cover tuition, registration and Higher Education and Faculty Improvement fees. Student Activity fees must be paid by the recipient.

Up to three hours of waivers for graduate course work will be awarded to qualified applicants.

Students interested in being considered for a Board of Regents tuition waiver based on financial need criteria should contact Dr. Ed Miller, student financial aid director at Marshall.

Students who previously held waivers must reapply to be considered for interim and summer term waivers.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 696-6606.

**IRS representatives will present workshops**

Representatives from the Internal Revenue Service will be on campus Monday, March 13, to assist students and answer questions regarding new tax laws, filling out tax forms and other topics.

From noon to 3 p.m. IRS representatives will be available to assist students and answer questions on an individual basis in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

From 3 to 4:30 p.m. the representatives will present a workshop for students on how to fill out the 1040 EZ Form.

These sessions will be sponsored by the Student Legal Aid Center. For additional information on these two sessions contact the Student Legal Aid Center between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 696-2366.

**Additional session scheduled**

Representatives from the IRS also will present a special workshop for international students and faculty at 2 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2E12.

The representatives will not complete forms, but will lead participants through the standard forms, line by line, and answer questions related to foreign students and faculty income tax forms.

This session will be sponsored by the International Students and Scholars Program. To obtain further details contact Monica Wang, 696-2379.

**Business seminar set**

"Legal Concerns for Small Business" will be the topic of a free workshop at Marshall University on Thursday, March 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2E11.

The workshop will cover a variety of topics for new and existing businesses including legal forms used by business organizations, contractual agreements, personnel law, and zoning requirements for home based businesses, according to Elaine Whitely, program coordinator for Marshall University's Small Business Development Center.

Robert Levy, a Huntington attorney, and Richard Dickson, Huntington city planner, will instruct the workshop, sponsored by Marshall’s Small Business Development Center, the Governor's Office of Community and Industrial Development and the United States Small Business Administration.

To register or obtain further details about the workshop contact the Marshall University Small Business Development Center, 696-6798.

Special provisions for handicapped persons may be made by contacting the center prior to the workshop.

**Weight program planned**

Marshall's Division of Training and Development will sponsor the "Weight Watchers At Work" program on Tuesdays for 10 weeks from noon to 1 p.m.

To obtain further details contact Nicole A. Norian, assistant director of human resources, 696-2594.

**Film will be presented**

The film "Hearts and Hands" will be presented Wednesday, March 15, at the Marshall University Women's Center in Prichard Hall Room 143.

To obtain further details contact the Women's Center, 696-3112.
Asbestos workshops will be held here

Training programs in asbestos inspection and management will be held at Marshall University March 27-31 in Memorial Student Center, according to Robert L. Lawson, director of continuing education at Marshall.

The courses have been designed to meet the training requirements set forth in the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which was signed into law in 1986.

Separate programs have been designed for building inspectors and management planners. Both have been AHERA accredited.

Inspectors survey schools and other buildings for asbestos and must be accredited under AHERA, according to Lawson. The law also requires schools with asbestos to implement management plans developed by an accredited management planner.

"Inspecting Buildings for Asbestos-Containing Materials" will be offered Monday through Wednesday, March 27-29, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The objective of the inspection course will be to outline the basic considerations and methods used to determine if asbestos is present through inspection, sampling and assessment. It also will cover potential health hazards, common applications of asbestos, regulations, liabilities and defenses for building owners, recordkeeping, employee/tenant relations and other areas.

An optional AHERA examination will be given at the conclusion of the program. Each participant will earn 2.1 continuing education units. The registration fee for the inspection course will be $395.

"Managing Asbestos in Buildings" will be presented Thursday and Friday, March 30-31, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

This course is designed for persons who have completed the inspection course and persons responsible for managing asbestos in buildings.

The program will cover topics such as interpreting survey results, conducting hazard assessments, evaluating assessments, selecting control options and developing maintenance plans. It also will focus on recordkeeping, training, financing abatement actions, notification and warning, and other topics.

An optional examination also will be offered after this program. Participants will receive 1.4 continuing education units for completion of this program. The registration fee for the management program will be $295.

"These are two very important training programs which are not offered in this area very often," said Lawson. "Individuals other than inspectors and management planners will find the courses useful because they will provide broad coverage of critical asbestos detection and control issues."

The programs are being sponsored by Marshall University's Office of Continuing Education and the West Virginia University Center for Extension and Continuing Education.

To register or obtain further details contact Robert L. Lawson, Marshall University Office of Continuing Education, 304-696-3113.

Committee approves new student organizations

(The following report on the Feb. 24 meeting of the Marshall University Student Conduct and Welfare Committee was submitted by Karen L. McComas, secretary.)

The Student Conduct and Welfare Committee met Feb. 24 at 3:15 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 810.

The committee heard the following reports:

1. The Subcommittee on Codes/Policies is working on the development of a specific policy on racism to be published in both the catalog and the student handbook.

2. In addition, a revision to the student's Code of Conduct will include a specific mention of racism.

3. The Subcommittee on Student Organizations recommended that the following new student organizations be approved: Graduate Student Association, Fantastic Literature and Gaming Society, MU Canoe Herd, Marshall University Mass Choir, Marshall University Intercollegiate Rugby Club, Students for Christ, Black United Students, and Students Active for a Vital Earth.

4. The Financial Aid Advisory Committee is reviewing the assignment of tuition waivers to the Office of International Students, the Athletic Department, the Music Department, and the Speech Department.

5. A report was given regarding progress made by the Presidential Commission on Substance Abuse.

New business included the following action:

1. Dr. Dottie Daugherty was appointed to serve on the Wellness/Health Services Advisory Committee.

2. A subcommittee was appointed to develop a policy for MU students studying abroad.

3. A subcommittee was appointed to study the student organization recognition process.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

CREF seminar scheduled

Marshall University's new TIAA-CREF representative, Debra Levi, will be on campus Thursday, March 30, to conduct seminars on the advantages and restrictions of having a Supplemental Retirement Annuity.

Programs will be held from 9 to 10 a.m., 11 a.m. to noon, and 2 to 3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

To obtain further details or register for one of the seminars contact Paula Beasley, 696-6240.

Grand prize winner named

The grand prize winner of Central Vending's $700 travel gift certificate was Nancy Dingess.

Ms. Dingess is the main desk attendant at Memorial Student Center.
Commencement discussed

(The following report on the Feb. 22 meeting of the Marshall University Functions Committee was submitted by Carl Johnson, chairman.)

The University Functions Committee met Feb. 22 in the Dean's Conference Room in the College of Education, with Carl Johnson presiding.

Voting members present were: Linda Beegle, student; Jamil Chandri, College of Business; Sue Conley, Community College; Laurie Hildreth, Library; Carl Johnson, College of Education; Karen Kirtley, Auxiliary Services; James Moloney, College of Science; Laura Lee Wilson, School of Nursing.

Non-voting members present were: C.T. Mitchell, University Relations; Alan Gould, provost.

Members absent were: Earline Allen, College of Fine Arts; Prathapa Chandra, liaison senator; Mack Gillenwater, College of Liberal Arts; Thomas Kiernan, School of Medicine.

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted as read.

Hooding Ceremony:

Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Graduate School dean, is working on getting a room for this ceremony. Steve Montgomery called about photography and was referred to Dr. Deutsch.

Signs Committee:

A committee to put up signs for the post-commencement reception was discussed.

Flower Fund:

The Flower Fund collected approximately $1,000 and currently contains approximately $2,200.

Commencement Speaker:

At the request of the administration, discussion of the commencement speaker was reopened to consider President Nitzschke's choice.

In response to a question by James Moloney, Dr. Johnson said that the committee serves in a purely advisory capacity.

A decision was made on the commencement speaker.

Grand Marshal:

There was a discussion about the placement of the grand marshal (outstanding faculty member) in the commencement procession, and whether to give him/her some distinction, such as a stole, a place on the platform or a green and white cap and gown.

The committee was informed that the chief marshal shall be as before.

Linda Beegle moved that the committee recommend that the grand marshal walk (second in position) behind the chief marshal, wearing appropriate honorary stole and receive platform recognition.

The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled "Dealing With Anger" on Wednesday, March 15, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

To obtain further details contact the Women's Center, 696-3112.

Retired Marshall University speech professor Eugene Q. Hoak, right, presents a painting of Marshall's Old Main to MU President Dale F. Nitzschke during a recent visit to the president's office. Hoak, who retired from Marshall in 1979, has continued to be active, particularly with his paint brush. An accomplished artist, he has produced many paintings of various campus scenes. He said he believes the Old Main painting, which includes the Marshall Beech Tree, was the last to be done before the campus landmark was felled in a thunderstorm in April, 1987.

Employee achievements

NEIL ARNESON, assistant professor of social studies and director of Marshall University's Center for Economic Education, and JEFF KELLY, assistant director of the center, will present a section of the program for the 19th Northeast Regional Conference for the Social Studies being held March 9-12 in Boston. The conference will attract more than 2,000 educators from throughout New England and will highlight recent developments in curriculum, computer assisted instruction, advanced placement programs and commercially available materials. Their presentation will be titled "What Is International Trade and Why Should I Care?" This will be the fourth consecutive year ARNESON has been selected to make a presentation at the conference.

Dr. CRAIG MONROE, professor of speech, and CAMILLA BRAMMER, assistant professor of speech, have designed a training program on "Communication and Conflict" which will be implemented by HCA Riverside Hospital in Huntington.

Dr. LAXMAN HEGDE, assistant professor of mathematics, has had an article titled "Estimation of the Parameters of a Truncated Gamma Distribution" published in Communications in Statistics (Vol. 18, Nov. 2, 1989). His co-author was Professor Ram C. Dahiya of Old Dominion University. The article was done as a part of Dr. HEGDE's doctoral thesis. He expects to have another article published soon in the same journal.

Fellowships available

Postdoctoral fellowships are available from Duke University's Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of Marshall's Graduate School.

Fellowships, with stipends ranging from $17,000 to $31,500, will be granted in a number of biomedical, behavioral and social sciences disciplines.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School Office, 696-6606.