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Marshall admission applications up 11 percent

Marshall University, which enrolled a record 12,348 students last fall, may be headed for another record next fall.

Director of Admissions James Harless said 3,427 freshmen-to-be had applied for admission to Marshall as of April 1, an 11 percent increase over the same date last year.

He said this marks the third straight year in which a substantial increase in freshman admissions has been noted. All of the university colleges and schools are affected, led by the College of Fine Arts with a 61 percent increase in admission applications, Community

College, 39 percent, and College of Education, 32 percent.

Harless said a 23 percent increase in out-of-state admission applications, from 680 to 838, may be attributed largely to the Metro Fee, a special rate for students from five nearby counties in Kentucky and Ohio.

Historically, Harless noted, more than 60 percent of those applying for admission to Marshall actually enroll. The national average is about 50 percent, he said.

He said the admission figures will be updated on a monthly basis through the spring and summer.



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'Landmark' will be planted April 22

Marshall University's landmark Old Beech Tree had a stormy life and death, but a "happy accident" after a storm will bring a new landmark to campus – a seedling from the Old Beech.

The seedling will be planted during a ceremony at noon Saturday, April 22, as part of Alumni Weekend activities.

The nearly 400-year-old tree stood at the northwest corner of Marshall's Old Main administration building. When the Old Beech was felled by a thunderstorm on

April 27, 1987, a number of Marshall employees were concerned that a Marshall tradition had ended. After all, as a poem written in the 1920s by longtime Marshall art professor E.E. Myers stated, the Beech Tree was "a part and parcel of the growth and history of Marshall..."

A 1968 Marshall graduate, Jimmy D. Rogers, now a Marshall assistant professor of geography, was one of the concerned. He was teaching a class and could not immediately visit the Old Beech's remains so he sent a graduate student to gather a few branches for possible cloning. He instructed the student on how to keep the branches moist and later called Dr. Howard Mills, Marshall professor emeritus of botany, about starting a new tree from tissue taken from the original tree.

"I had a class from Dr. Mills and knew he is a genius at plant physiology. I knew if it could be done, Mills could do it," Rogers said.

Unfortunately, fungus had permeated the tissue and prevented propagation.

After attempts to clone the tree failed, Rogers remembered the seedlings he had started at his rural Cabell

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Business leaders to lecture

A university professor, a corporate leader and a certified public accountant will take part in Marshall University's Executive-in-Residence program being conducted April 10-11 and May 3 by the MU College of Business.

The program is designed to bring Marshall students into direct contact with successful corporate leaders and decision makers who know how the business world operates, according to Dr. Robert P. Alexander, dean of the College of Business.

Jack Matson, an innovative business professor at the University of Michigan, will make the first presentation on Monday, April 10, at 10 a.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105.

John R. Hall, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Ashland Oil Inc., will be the guest speaker on Tuesday, April 11, at 11 a.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105.

Louis Costanzo, managing partner in the accounting firm of Costanzo, Costanzo and Associates and president of the West Virginia Board of Regents, will make a presentation on Wednesday, May 3, at 9 a.m. in Corbly Hall Room 105.

Alexander said the guest speakers will make presentations and share information that will help the students when they go out into the business world.

To obtain further details contact the MU College of Business, 696-2314.

Journalist to speak

Wolf Blitzer, Washington Bureau Chief of the Jerusalem Post, will speak at Marshall University Sunday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

His topic will be "Israel and the News Media: When Did the Honeymoon End?" Both the lecture and a reception afterward will be free and open to the public.

Blitzer's visit is being sponsored by Federated Jewish Charities of Huntington and the Marshall President's Office.

A graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo and the Johns Hopkins University School of

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County home. His planting the seeds was a "happy accident," Rogers recalls.

"I was returning to campus after lunch. A rainstorm had knocked nuts from the Old Beech. Viable beech seeds rarely hit the ground – they are eaten by squirrels – but, after the storm, nuts littered the ground. I picked up a handful to eat," Rogers said.

"When I got home, I found a few nuts in my pocket so I just dropped them on the ground and stamped them into the soil with my shoe." The results: offspring from the Old Beech.

A two-foot-tall seedling, now in its fourth year, will be planted during the ceremony near the old trunk.

Rogers has two seedlings. He gave two others to Mills to nurture in pots. The strongest seedling will be planted.

Journalist to speak

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Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C., Blitzer is the author of a respected 1985 book, "Between Washington and Jerusalem," which provides a behind-the-scenes look at the U.S.-Israeli relations.

More recently, he joined a team of Jerusalem Post reporters to write "Anatoly and Avital Shcharansky: The Journey Home." He also has written hundreds of articles on the Arab-Israeli conflict and spent two weeks in Egypt in 1977, covering the first Israeli-Egyptian peace conference.

Later, he reported on the Camp David peace talks and, in 1979, he accompanied President Carter to Egypt and Israel during the final round of negotiations which led to the signing of the peace treaty.

He has been a frequent guest on national TV news programs and his articles have appeared in several prestigious American newspapers.

Software Valley will meet

"The Future of Software Valley" will be the topic of the next meeting of the Southwest Chapter of Software Valley at Marshall University on Monday, April 10, at 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, chapter president.

Former West Virginia Governor Cecil Underwood, recently elected president of the statewide Software Valley organization, will be the guest speaker for the meeting.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Center for Regional Progress, 696-6797.

Excused absences...

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

MARCH 16-21—Maribeth Brooks, Craig Moore, Chris Stadelman, Maureen Mack, Hannah Curry, Joyce Merritt.
MARCH 30-APRIL 1—Golf Team.

Participating in the ceremony will be MU President Dale F. Nitzschke, Alumni Association President Bea Orr, Rogers and Mills, and Professor Emeritus Sam Clagg, who served as chairman of Marshall's Sesquicentennial observance in 1987.

The university staff struggled for decades to preserve the Old Beech. Huge holes in its trunk were plugged with concrete and some of its massive limbs were held in place by steel cables.

The thunderstorm which felled the tree left only 10 to 15 feet of the trunk intact. University staff emptied the concrete from the trunk and cut it off to a height of about 32 inches. A bronze tablet commemorating the tree will be placed atop the remnant trunk. The tablet was presented to Marshall in 1957 by members of Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership honorary.

The Old Beech was a popular meeting place for generations of students. Measuring 11 feet in circumference, the tree had a mass of initials, some of which were believed to have been carved by Civil War soldiers and by the Collis P. Huntington surveying party which laid out the city in 1870. A report prepared in Marshall's Centennial Year of 1937 found a continuous mass of initials from 1889 to 1932 and evidence of decay.

A study conducted in 1975 by Dr. Stanley W. Ash, Marshall professor of biological sciences, concluded that the Old Beech was then 376 years old, "give or take 10 years."

After the tree's demise, many felt they had lost an old friend. But, wood from the Old Beech will be used to make mementos which alumni and friends may purchase, with proceeds going to The Marshall University Foundation, Inc.

And, the Old Beech's scion may soon assume the role of sheltering generations of Marshall students.

Autism conference set

The annual spring conference of the West Virginia Society for Autistic Children will be held Friday and Saturday, April 14-15, at the Holiday Inn Gateway.

A number of autism authorities and scholars will make presentations during the conference, including Dr. Gabrielle du Verglas, director of the Autism Training Center at Marshall University, and Dr. Tony Plienis, assistant professor of medical psychology at Marshall.

To obtain further details about the conference contact Roberta Ellison, 525-8014.

President to honor faculty

A buffet honoring the Marshall University faculty will be held at President Nitzschke's home following Marshall's 152nd Commencement on Saturday, May 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.

All full-time faculty members and their spouses or guests are invited to attend the buffet.

Individual invitations will be mailed later to all faculty members, according to Grace Haeberle of the President's Office.

Yeager Society Class of '93 selected

Twelve gifted students from six states—two each from West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, three from Florida, and one from Georgia—have been selected for the third class of Yeager Scholars at Marshall University, according to Dr. William N. Denman, director of the university's Society of Yeager Scholars.

The 12 were selected from hundreds of applicants across the nation for the Yeager Scholars program, which will provide the students with an intensive, enriched educational program over the next four years.

"Competition for the Class of 1993 was perhaps the most intense since the first class was chosen in 1987 because we accepted fewer students this year," said Denman. "This made the competition very rigorous, but assured us that we will have a class composed of some of the best students in the nation."

"There is no question that these 12 students who survived the selection process are outstanding not only academically, but as potential leaders."

The scholars program is named in honor of General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager, the West Virginian who pioneered America's manned space exploration efforts by breaking the "sound barrier" in 1947. In addition to lending his name to the program, Yeager has been extremely supportive in its development, Denman noted.

Members of the Marshall University Society of Yeager

Scholars Class of 1993 are:

—Donald Lee Biola of 819 Lakeshore Drive, Duluth, Ga., son of Joseph Lee Biola and Heather Roberts Biola and a student at Duluth High School.

—Allen Cornelius Clarkson of 1431 Columbine Circle, Brentwood, Tenn., son of Thomas Alexander Clarkson III and Elizabeth F. Clarkson and a student at Battle Ground Academy.

—Jonathan Lee Edwards of 4293 West 217th St., Fairview Park, Ohio, son of James Gordon Edwards and Marilyn Ruth Edwards and a student at Fairview High School.

—Jenny Lee Floyd of Grayson, Ky. Rt. 3, daughter of Winfield Floyd and Lois Joy Floyd and a student at East Carter High School.

—Jennifer Anne Harrell of 1885 North West Eagle Point, Stuart, Fla., daughter of James Edward Harrell and Gayle Bauer Harrell and a student at Martin County High School.

—Angela Dawn Kitchen of Grayson, Ky. Rt. 2, daughter of Johnnie Vinton Kitchen Jr. and Wanda June Kitchen and a student at East Carter High School.

—Marnie Lynne Lowe of 407 Cabell Court, Huntington, W.Va., daughter of James M. Lowe and Jane L. Lowe and a student at Huntington East High School.

—Jonathan Bryan Muldoon of 110 Norwich Drive, Gulf Breeze, Fla., son of William Thomas Muldoon and Phyllis Anne Muldoon and a student at Gulf Breeze High School.

—Arden Keith Sansom of 3192 Booten Creek Road, Barboursville, W.Va., son of Lucian Sansom Jr. and Zella Marie Sansom and a student at Barboursville High School.

—Jamie Lynn Schneider of 2095 Allenby Road, Germantown, Tenn., daughter of Philip Schneider and Jill Waddell and a student at Germantown High School.

—Laura Jo Smith of 2815 South Sixth St., Ironton, Ohio, daughter of Larry Graham Smith and Jo Ann Smith and a student at Saint Joseph Central Catholic High School.

—Sharon Marie Urben of 100 Arrowhead Lane, Haines City, Fla., daughter of Ronald G. Urben and Mary A. Urben and a student at Haines City High School.

Staff awards lunch will be held in June

The fifth annual Marshall University Staff Awards Luncheon will be held Wednesday, June 7, from noon to 2 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The following is a tentative list of persons eligible to receive awards.

For 15 years of service: Betty Beard, Thelma Blake, Patricia Gebhart, Delbert Harless, Charlene Hawkins, Al Horan, Yvonne Keeter, Frank Lambert, Opal Leadman, Lynn Mayfield, Rowena Napier, Newatha Perry, Christine Qualls, Donald Salyers, David Scites, Karl Shanholtzer, Freda Sommerville, Cynthia Warren, Phyllis York.

For 20 years of service: William Beard, Ruby Boster, Lois Frye, Ezekiel Mills, Stephen Naymick, Annie Smith, Joyce Wright.

For 25 years of service: Opal Ellis, James Harless, Lola Stratton.

For 30 years of service: Floyd McSweeney, Richard Vass.

For 35 years of service: Edna Ball.

Retirees (eligible as of May 1, 1989): Kitty Allen, Beverly Ball, Mary Berry, Lawrence Botts, Joyce Burke, Phyllis Caldwell, Patsy Dallas, Glenna Estep, Dick Howard, Rosa Johnson, Rosetta Layne, Jay Neale, Wanda Jackie Paul, Geraldine Page, Dorman Sargent, Betty Garrett.

If you know of other persons eligible for awards who were not included on the preceding list, contact Jill Chapman, 696-2242.

To be eligible, persons must have completed 15, 20, 25, 30 or 35 years of service to Marshall by May 1, 1989.

Health series continues

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will sponsor a Self-Care Seminar titled "Toning for Tanning" on Tuesday, April 11, 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.

Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled "Are You Ready for Marriage?" on Wednesday, April 12, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

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

MU Faculty Personnel Committee meets

(The following report on the Feb. 17 and March 3 meetings of the Marshall University Faculty Personnel Committee was submitted by Dr. James E. Joy, secretary.)

Members present at the Feb. 17 meeting were: Lisle Brown, Lois Blackburn, Kathryn Chezik, Frances Hensley, James Joy, Maudie Karickhoff, Peter Kasvinsky, Bill Radig, Robert Sawrey, Elaine Tackett.

Members absent were: Karen Stanley.

Guests were: Dr. Donald Chezik.

Announcements:

1. The Faculty Senate president is checking to determine the present status of the Westbrook Summer School Study.

2. Dr. Sawrey's recommendation (Jan. 27 minutes under Salary Adjustment heading) has been assigned to the Faculty Senate Bylaws Committee.

3. Evaluation of administrators has been scheduled for the Feb. 23 Faculty Senate meeting.

4. The SAUFS awards for the 1988-89 academic year are upon us. Dr. Joy noted that information regarding nomination procedures will be sent to chairs of all Faculty Senate standing committees.

Summer School:

This issue continues with Dr. Palmer's written response (copies distributed to FPC members) to Dr. Nitzschke's query about the mission of summer school. The FPC felt the Palmer response, in its draft form, seemed appropriate.

Student Evaluation of Faculty:

Dr. Don Chezik gave a short presentation on the progress of his subcommittee. He noted that several instruments already in use at other institutions had been examined.

He emphasized that such an instrument cannot work in a mandatory way. His committee feels that such an instrument should go through a trial process in several selected (i.e. trial) departments.

Dr. Radig asked if the voluntary aspect had been discussed with the president.

Dr. Chezik said a memo addressing this aspect of an

evaluation instrument had been forwarded to the president, but there was no response to date. It was emphasized that the FPC would have input on any decision regarding any such evaluation proposal.

This was in response to Dr. Joy's reminder that the Athletic Committee had no input (or knowledge of until after the fact) regarding changes in the basketball ticket pricing policy affecting faculty.

Joy added that if we become part of the "University of West Virginia" faculty, the Andes evaluation format would logically apply to us. Dr. Hensley asked if the Andes report had been consulted.

Dr. Chezik's response was that it had served as background material.

It was decided that Dr. Chezik's subcommittee should continue its work.

Compensation for Chairs Proposal:

Copies of this proposal were made available to FPC members for study.

Salary Adjustment Policy Committee Report:

Dr. Radig initiated discussions relevant to "competitive market conditions" and "salary adjustments." There also was some discussion of "merit awards" versus "merit increases."

No final decision was rendered on this document.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Members present at the March 3 meeting were: Lisle Brown, Lois Blackburn, Kathryn Chezik, Frances Hensley, James Joy, Maudie Karickhoff, Bill Radig, Robert Sawrey, Karen Stanley, Elaine Tackett.

Announcements:

Professor Chezik noted that Bill Palmer appreciated our suggestions pertaining to his "Statement on Summer School" draft.

Summer School:

The Westbrook Summer School Study is now available. On Dec. 2, 1988, Dr. Radig moved to distribute the study to the faculty at large if appropriate. The motion passed.

Professor Chezik read Radig's motion. Apparently the FPC thought the motion had been tabled (it had not), so it was taken off the table allowing Radig to withdraw it.

Radig then moved that the committee ask the Provost's Office to forward copies of the study to the deans' offices and two copies to the Faculty Senate.

Professor Brown amended the motion to include one copy for the library archives. Dr. Hensley seconded the motion, which was approved.

Compensation for Chairs:

Professor Chezik noted that Dr. Williams (HPER) thought this issue fell outside the purview of the FPC, hence there was no need for committee input.

Faculty Evaluation Form:

The pages pertaining to the Self Evaluation and Supervisors Evaluation are showing a considerable amount of revision. As a result, a subcommittee made up of professors Blackburn, Karickhoff and Joy was assigned to "clean up" these pages and present them at the next meeting.

Fulbrights available

The Council on International Exchange of Scholars has announced that applications for 1989-90 Fulbright lecturing awards in Latin America will be accepted until suitable candidates are found, according to Dr. Clair W. Matz, director of Marshall's Center for International Studies.

Lecturers are sought for Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Uruguay.

Lecture subjects include: American history, American literature, anthropology, archaeology, education, economics, linguistics, international relations, library science, political science, social work, English, and other subjects.

To obtain further details contact the Council on International Exchange of Scholars, (202) 939-5464.

Dietetics program receives approval

Marshall University's Didactic Program in Dietetics, Plan V, has received approval from the American Dietetic Association for a period of 10 years, according to Dr. Grace Bennett, director of the program.

Dr. Bennett said approval is the equivalent of accreditation for four-year dietetic programs. The ADA grants approval to four-year programs and accreditation to clinical programs that are taken after graduation from the

four-year programs.

The decision to grant approval was based on a self-study report prepared by the dietetics faculty and evaluation by a national review committee.

Dietetics, the study of the kinds and quantities of food needed for health and the treatment of illness through diet, has been taught at Marshall since approximately 1923 and is part of the university's Home Economics Program.

Graduates of four-year dietetics programs must take accredited clinical experience and a national examination before becoming registered dietitians.

Employment opportunities are very good for dietitians, according to Dr. Bennett. She said dietitians work in hospitals, schools, and various agencies, and serve as consultants for restaurants, hotels, nursing homes, large food producing companies, athletic teams, government food supplement programs, and numerous other organizations.

"Dietitians earn salaries comparable to other health care personnel with bachelor's degrees and clinical experience," said Dr. Bennett. "Starting salaries can range up to \$23,000 per year. It is a profession that requires initiative and creativity, and one that can be uniquely satisfying."

"Our students must take a wide range of courses to prepare for a career in dietetics. They take everything from food preparation to anatomy to bacteriology to accounting and personnel management. The program is very well-rounded and emphasizes a great deal of biological science courses and chemistry courses."

Marshall's dietetics program is one of only three in West Virginia approved by the American Dietetic Association, and is the first program in the state approved under the association's Plan V—the latest curriculum developed by the ADA.

To obtain further details about the dietetics program contact the Marshall University Department of Home Economics, 696-2386.

Chemical Society to meet in Huntington

The Central Ohio Valley section of the American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers will hold a joint meeting in Huntington on Monday, April 17, according to Dr. Kenneth Guyer, associate professor of biochemistry at Marshall University.

Dr. Eugene E. Kenaga, retired chemist for Dow Chemical Company and an environmental consultant and author, will be the keynote speaker for the meeting.

He will make a presentation titled "Test Methods for Evaluating the Environmental Fate of Chemicals" at 8:30 p.m. at the University Area Holiday Inn.

Kenaga is noted for his work in techniques for environmental safety evaluation of chemicals and the fate and distribution of chemicals in the environment.

He has written numerous articles on the subject for scholarly journals and magazines, authored a book on bird phenology and edited two books on avian and mammalian toxicity.

Kenaga has served as a consultant for numerous environmental, chemical, agricultural and health agencies and groups in the United States and Canada and was a founding member of the National Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, the Midland Nature Club and the Chippewa Nature Center in Midland, Mich.

He is the recipient of the Founders Award and Service Award of the National Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry and the Environmental Science and Technology Award of the American Chemical Society.

Activities will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. and a banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the University Area Holiday Inn.

There will be a student awards presentation at 8 p.m. at Marshall University in Corbly Hall Room 105.

The activities will be open to the public, with a \$12.50 fee for the banquet payable at the door.

To obtain further details contact Dr. Kenneth Guyer at Marshall University, 696-7325.

Art exhibit planned

A graduate art exhibition of works by Laura Hale, a candidate for the master of arts degree in painting, will be presented in Birke Art Gallery April 12-18.

A native of Charleston, Hale will exhibit works in oils, photography, pastels and graphite.

There will be a reception for the artist on Saturday, April 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the gallery.

Advertising to be discussed

"Advertising through Television Media" will be the topic of a free business workshop at the WVAH-TV studio in Teays Valley on Tuesday, April 11, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., according to Elaine Whitely, program manager for Marshall University's Small Business Development Center.

The workshop will provide an introduction to television advertising and include discussions on the difference between cable and commercial television advertising and how television advertising can complement other media advertising, according to Ms. Whitely.

Harold Cooper, WVAH-TV account executive, will serve as the instructor for the program, sponsored by the MU Small Business Development Center and the Governor's Office of Community and Industrial Development.

To register or obtain further details 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.

Renaissance Association to meet here

The 16th annual conference of the West Virginia Shakespeare and Renaissance Association will be held at Marshall University on Friday and Saturday, April 14-15, according to Dr. Joan F. Gilliland, professor of English at Marshall.

The conference will begin Friday at 1 p.m. in Memorial Student Center with a session on "History and Prose," followed at 3 p.m. by a program titled "Politics and Influences."

Renaissance and Shakespearean scholars from throughout the Tri-State region will participate in the conference, which will feature several sessions under each general program title.

Dr. Ronald G. Shafer, professor of English at Indiana

University of Pennsylvania, will deliver the keynote address, "The Bard Reassessed: A View from Shanghai," at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Smith Recital Hall.

His address will focus on the transformation that results when Shakespeare's plays are perceived from a foreign culture. According to Shafer, Shakespeare's plays yield unique interpretations when stripped of the western sensibility from which they sprang and viewed by a society with different cultural presuppositions.

Shafer is a well-known Shakespearean authority. He has taught in China, Egypt and Syria and has conducted Shakespeare summer institutes sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

He has written numerous articles on Shakespeare for scholarly journals and magazines and served as editor for a collection of essays on Shakespeare. He also serves as president of the Friends of Milton's Cottage.

Friday's activities will conclude with an evening of renaissance music presented by the Marshall University Department of Music at 8:45 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The musical program, under the direction of Dr. James Taggart, professor of music at Marshall, will feature madrigals by the Renaissance Singers and lute songs, arranged by Matthias Stegman of Marshall's Music Department, including a group of songs from Shakespeare's plays.

Saturday's programs will include "Tragic Themes" at 9 a.m. in Memorial Student Center, followed by "The Art of Renaissance Literature" at 11 a.m.

Marshall University's Honors Program and The Marshall University Foundation are providing financial assistance for the conference programs.

All programs will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of English, 696-6600.

University students attend model league

Five Marshall University students recently participated in the seventh annual National Model of the League of Arab States held at American University in Washington, D.C., according to Dr. Jabir A. Abbas, professor of political science at Marshall.

The Marshall students represented Syria during the conference, with each student serving on a different committee within the Model League of Arab States.

The students and the committees they served on were: John F. Hussell IV, a sophomore from Kenova, the Palestine Affairs Committee; Mark Sachleben, a Huntington graduate student, the Political Affairs Committee; Dee Willis, graduate student from Point Pleasant, the Economic Affairs Committee; Margaret A. Bollar, a Huntington sophomore, the Social and Cultural Affairs Committee, and Stephen A. Geoly, a freshman from Greenwood, S.C., the Legal Affairs Committee.

Dr. Abbas said Hussell served as the leader of the Marshall delegation.

Sachleben received a certificate of merit during the conference for his outstanding work on his committee and other activities. Geoly was one of two representatives who participated in a runoff election for undersecretary of the Assembly of the League of Arab States.

Students from approximately 21 colleges and universities participated in the conference.

Abbas said one of the highlights of the conference for the Marshall students was a four-hour meeting with representatives from the Syrian embassy. The meeting was held to inform the students about positions Syria would take on issues brought up at the conference and legislation Syria might be inclined to introduce.

"It was a very informative and educational meeting," said Abbas. "Some times the meetings with the embassy representatives are more of a social event. Our meeting with the Syrian representatives was very educational."

Abbas served as the academic adviser for the Marshall contingent and also served as the conference faculty consultant for the Legal Affairs Committee.

Dissertation to be defended

Nanetta Fults, a candidate for the Marshall University-West Virginia University doctoral degree in educational administration, will defend her dissertation at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, in Jenkins Hall Room 201.

Observers are welcome however, there is limited seating, according to Dr. Neil L. Gibbins, Educational Administration Program coordinator.

Fellowships available

Information concerning the College Teachers and Independent Scholars Program, a fellowship program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is available in the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.

The application deadline for the 1990-91 competition will be June 1, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the MU Graduate School.