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NEWSLETTER

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Blood pressure drugs will be studied

The Marshall University School of Medicine is seeking approximately 30 participants by July 7 for studies of two medications for high blood pressure, according to Dr. Robert Touchon, chief of cardiology.

Both medications are approved by the Food and Drug Administration and have been on the market for at least three years.

In the first study, which will last four to six weeks, patients will receive the drug Hytrin either alone or in combination with other medications. In the second study, which will last 13 weeks, patients will take only Cardizem ER, Iosoptin SR, or a placebo.

Spindel named chair of History Department

Dr. Donna J. Spindel, professor of history and director of the Honors Program at Marshall University, has been named chairwoman of the university's Department of History effective with the beginning of the second summer term which starts July 18, according to MU Provost Alan B. Gould.

Participants will receive the test medicines free, and there will be no charge for doctor visits and lab work associated with the program. Patients' status will be monitored through regular office visits, and they will receive complete examinations by an MU School of Medicine cardiologist at the beginning and end of the study. After the studies are over, participants will be eligible to get free Cardizem ER and visits for an additional year.

A member of the Marshall faculty since 1976, Dr. Spindel received her bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College and her master's degree and doctorate from Duke University.

The studies seek people whose diastolic pressure reading (the second number in standard blood pressure readings) is between 90 and 115.

Prior to accepting a position at Marshall, she served as administrative assistant to the director of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History.

Participants must be at least 18 years old and must not have had either a stroke, a heart attack, or congestive heart failure within the last year. Because the effects of these drugs in pregnancy have not been fully studied, women who are capable of bearing children will not be included in these projects.

She has had several articles and papers published in professional journals and recently had a book on early North Carolina published by the Louisiana State University Press.

For patients already under a doctor's care for high blood pressure, a member of the MU project's staff will call the physician to make certain that the study is appropriate for the patient.

Dr. Spindel said after teaching at Marshall for 12 years and directing the Honors Program, she views this new appointment as an opportunity to make additional contributions to the university.

More information about the studies is available from Touchon's office at 696-7237.

Tutoring program set

The Marshall University Reading and Learning Center (M.U.R.A.L. Center) will offer a monthlong summer tutoring program, July 19-Aug. 18, for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Election results given

The results of the June 7 Marshall University Staff Council election have been announced as follows, according to Barbara James, Staff Council president.

Participants will attend one of two hourlong sessions each day Monday through Friday on the Marshall campus. The sessions will be held from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. and from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Elected were:

The program is open to all students experiencing academic difficulties in their school curriculums, including students in regular classroom placements as well as those in certain special education settings, according to Dr. Robert J. Evans, co-director of the M.U.R.A.L. Center.

Students will receive one-to-one attention or tutoring in small groups depending on the participants' needs. The tutoring will be done by Marshall University College of Education students under the close supervision of

Name	Division	Group
Judy Damron	Medical School	Office Personnel
Sherri Noble	Provost	Professional
Jane Vickers	Provost	Technical/Para-Professional
Jill Chapman	Provost	Office Personnel
Zanna Cramer	Provost	Office Personnel
Bill Lewis	Support Services	Skilled Craft
Cal Stephenson	Support Services	Skilled Craft
Tommy Burchell	Support Services	Service/Maintenance
Mark Rhodes	Support Services	Service/Maintenance

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Waivers available for fall semester

Applications for a limited number of graduate student tuition waivers for Marshall University's fall term will be accepted through Friday, Aug. 4, according to Graduate School Dean Leonard J. Deutsch.

Touchon instructing workshop in Nairobi

Dr. Robert Touchon of the Marshall University School of Medicine is leading a workshop at the Fourth International Interdisciplinary Conference on Hypertension in Blacks June 28 through July 2 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Touchon, chief of cardiology at Marshall, is leading the workshop and a round-table discussion with physicians from George Washington University and the University of Michigan. They are discussing methods of mobilizing medical students to give them not only a lifelong commitment to reducing cardiovascular disease but also the skills needed to effectively combat the nation's leading killer.

In 1988, Marshall was one of only four U.S. medical schools to receive a \$552,000 Preventive Cardiology Academic Award through a highly competitive program of the National Institutes of Health.

The Marshall program, directed by Touchon and Dr. Marie Veitia, is using innovative techniques to help medical students become more aware of heart disease and to increase their ability to prevent, recognize and treat it.

The Nairobi conference is sponsored by the International Society on Hypertension in Blacks. A primary objective of the conference will be "to continue to unravel the causes of hypertension, both in blacks and other racial groups, and the reasons for ethnic differences in frequency and severity of blood pressure," the society said.

Dr. Louis Sullivan, U.S. secretary of health and human services, will give the conference's keynote address.

Auditions scheduled

Auditions for the Marshall University Summer Theatre production of "Harold," a comedy by Herman Raucher, will be held Wednesday, July 5, at 7 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

Dr. N. Bennett East, chairman of the Theatre/Dance Department and director of the play, said two women and five men will be needed for the presentation.

Auditions will be open to the general public and students, with one hour of academic credit available to students who register for Theatre 270 in the fall semester.

"Harold" will be performed July 27-29 at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

In line with 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.

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

Deutsch said if students are interested in being considered for a BOR tuition waiver based on financial need criteria, they should contact Ed Miller, student financial aid director at Marshall.

Qualified students with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher may receive up to six waived hours. Financial need does not automatically guarantee tuition waivers.

Professional tuition waiver forms for the Medical School may be obtained from the dean's office in the School of Medicine at the Robert W. Coon Medical Education Building at the Veterans Administration Center. The completed forms should be returned to the same office for processing by Aug. 4.

Students who previously held waivers must reapply for the fall semester.

To obtain further details about graduate student tuition waivers contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 696-6606.

Fulbright deadline set

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars has announced the deadline for Fulbright Fellowship applications for the 1990-91 academic year, according to Dr. Clair W. Matz, director of Marshall University's Center for International Studies.

The council will present approximately 1,000 awards for research and lectureships in more than 100 countries.

The deadline for awards in Africa, Europe, Asia and the Middle East will be Sept. 15.

To obtain further details contact Dr. J. Terence McQueeney, associate professor of modern languages at Marshall University, 696-2745, or the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3400 International Drive, Suite M-500, Washington, D.C., 20008-3097.

Tutoring program

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College of Education faculty members.

Testing for learning problems also will be available during the program.

The cost of the program will be \$100 per student for the tutoring sessions. There will be an additional \$25 charge for the testing program.

To register or obtain further details contact Dr. Robert J. Evans at Marshall University, 696-2853.

MU alumna establishes \$250,000 endowed chair

A \$250,000 gift to the Marshall University Foundation Inc. will be used to establish the "Elizabeth McDowell Lewis Endowed Chair" in the Marshall University College of Business.

Announcement of the contribution by a Marshall alumna was made by Joe E. Miller, MU associate vice president for institutional advancement. Miller said the gift will be invested and annual proceeds will be used in support of a faculty position in the College of Business.

"We're very pleased Mrs. Lewis elected to assist the College of Business with her generous contribution," Miller said. "This will provide additional strength to one of the university's most important academic divisions — one that is constantly growing in popularity with students."

Miller said arrangements for the gift were coordinated by Jim Call, president of One Valley Bank of Huntington. "We owe a great amount of thanks to Jim Call, a personal friend and adviser to Mrs. Lewis, for matching the needs of the university with her interests and the ultimate transfer of the gift to the Marshall University Foundation office," Miller said.

Mrs. Lewis, who resides in Oak Hill, W.Va., grew up in Huntington and graduated from Huntington High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Marshall's Teachers College in 1931.

Comedy to be presented

"The Foreigner," a contemporary comedy by Larry Shue, will be presented at Marshall University Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 13-15, at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Dr. Maureen B. Milicia, professor of theatre/dance and director of the play, said "The Foreigner" demonstrates what can happen when a group of devious characters must deal with a stranger who (they think) knows no English.

The play won two Obie awards and two Outer Critics Circle awards as the best new American play and the best off-Broadway production.

Shue, who died in a 1985 plane crash, also wrote "The Nerd" and "Grandma Duck is Dead."

There will be a \$4 admission charge. Tickets are available in Old Main B23 or by calling 696-2787.

Library schedule given

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will be closed July 2, 4, 15, 16, according to Josephine Fidler, interim director of libraries.

The library will be open July 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 3 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Regular summer term hours will be observed July 5-14.

Library hours for the second summer term beginning July 17 will be: Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.



WESTMORELAND DAR CHAPTER GIVES BOOK TO MU LIBRARY

Members of the Westmoreland Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently presented a copy of "Wayne County, West Virginia, Cemeteries (Vol. I)" to Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library. The book contains maps, listings of graves for 69 cemeteries, an appendix listing cemeteries by magisterial districts and more than 500 surnames. Lisle Brown, curator of special collections at the MU Library, accepted the volume from the book's editor Cora P. Teel, Westmoreland chapter associate member and librarian for the West Virginia NSDAR, and, standing left to right, Julia Adkins, Westmoreland chapter historian, and Mrs. Robert Belcher, Westmoreland chapter regent.

Alumni trips planned

The Marshall University Alumni Association has added five motorcoach tours and a second Caribbean cruise to its scheduled travel program, according to Linda S. Holmes, director of alumni affairs.

Motorcoach tours are:

- Bardstown, Ky., Aug. 5-6; \$125 per person.
- New England, Sept. 25-Oct. 6; \$989 per person.
- Colonial Williamsburg, Oct. 17-20; \$289 per person.
- Nashville Country Christmas at the Opryland Hotel, Dec. 16-18; \$299 per person.
- New Year's Eve in the Bluegrass (Bardstown, Ky.), Dec. 31-Jan. 1; \$130 per person.

Prices for all motorcoach tours are based on double occupancy and include round-trip transportation, lodging, sightseeing, some meals, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities.

For additional information on the motorcoach tours, call Regional Tours/Charters Inc. at 1-800-553-1776.

Two Caribbean cruises are scheduled. The first, previously announced, is set for Nov. 5-12. The second is a seven-day cruise which sets sail Feb. 20, 1990, from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Ports of call for the second cruise, aboard Royal Cruise Line's Golden Odyssey, are St. Croix, Virgin Islands, St. Barthelemy, St. Maarten, Antigua, Martinique, Grenada and Curacao, Netherlands Antilles.

Prices for the cruise begin at \$1,488, based on double occupancy. An early booking price, with a 25 percent discount from the regular price, is available for those who make a deposit by Sept. 20. Round-trip airfare from Charleston, W.Va., or from most major cities in the U.S. and Canada, plus all meals are included.

For additional information on the Feb. 20-27 cruise, call Travel Inc. in Huntington at (304) 523-6431.

Export assistance will be provided

Marshall University's Institute for International Trade Development, the International Trade Administration United States Department of Commerce and the Governor's Office of Community and Industrial Development have developed a pilot project to counsel new and current exporters in the development and stimulation of foreign markets.

The Exporter's Assistance Project (EAP) will be directed by Harold Porter, a Kenova native who has extensive experience in the importing and exporting field, according to Dr. Christine L. Barry, director of Marshall's Institute for International Trade Development.

Dr. Barry said the EAP will provide West Virginia businesses and industries information and assistance in areas such as sales, shipping, financing and overseas

investments.

A reference library will be established to provide in-depth market research and gather and store on a daily basis data pertaining to changes in freight rates, import and export restrictions, quotations on foreign currencies, export licensing requirements and other data essential to intelligent decisions in international trade.

The program also will provide assistance in the preparation of sales data, brochures, specification sheets and foreign correspondence.

"Specifically, this new program has been designed to provide the services of qualified personnel and a communications center dedicated to increasing exports from West Virginia," Dr. Barry explained "Mr. Porter certainly is qualified to direct this project. He has a vast amount of experience in exporting and trading with foreign countries and spent a great deal of his professional career negotiating international business agreements."

After graduating from Marshall in 1946 with a degree in business administration, Porter went to work for the old Standard Ultramarine Company where, primarily because he had studied Spanish, he got involved in international trade.

In the 1950s, he began exploring the possibility of a joint venture in Japan. Porter was instrumental in developing the Japanese venture and served on the venture's board of directors for a number of years until he retired. He continued to work in the international trade field for Chemetron Corporation, which later was bought out by BASF Corporation.

After retiring from BASF, Porter returned to the Huntington area and started his own export trading company which he operated for several years.

"I will be serving as a resource person for those who really want to explore exporting," Porter said.

Employee achievements

MERRY BROWN, Marshall University libraries systems analyst III, received a free training session at VTLS, Blacksburg, Va., June 12-14. She took the "VTLS Computer Systems Management" course.

DAGMAR WEILL, media librarian, and NANCY FILBERT, accountant II for Marshall University libraries, participated in a microcomputer workshop at the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center at Chatham College June 13-14. Their participation was made possible through a College Library Technology and Cooperation Grant.

STEPHEN NAYMICK, staff counselor with the Marshall University Counseling Service, has been notified that he has passed the written examination to qualify for membership in the Academy of Certified Social Workers (A.C.S.W.).

Members of the Marshall University Sports Medicine Department recently made presentations at the 11th annual meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers Association held at Virginia Beach. KEVIN M. LAVERY, head athletic trainer, made a presentation titled "Criteria for the Return to Athletic Participation." Under the direction of DANIEL MARTIN, sports medicine curriculum director, four students, DEBBIE ELKINS, MARIO LOWERY, JOE MARKLE and SEAN MILLER, made a presentation titled "Anabolic Steroids--Drugs of Abuse!"

Vending winner announced

Lazarus Imemen, employed by the Marshall University library, was the recipient of the vending promotional prize for June.

He received an electric skillet, according to Karen E. Kirtley, project assistant for the Auxiliary Services Office.

COE professor honored

Dr. John E. Sasser, assistant professor of teacher education, has been selected for inclusion in the 1989-90 edition of "Who's Who in American Education."

NSF program developed

The National Science Foundation has developed a "Visiting Professorships for Women" program to support advanced research at colleges and universities, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of Marshall University's Graduate School.

Applicants must be females who possess a doctorate in a scientific discipline.

The program announcement and guidelines are available in the Graduate School Office, Old Main 113.

Art exhibit scheduled

Works by Charlotte Byrd Lafon of South Point, Ohio, a candidate for a master's degree in art at Marshall University, will be exhibited in Birke Art Gallery through July 14.

The show includes marbled paper, inkless embossing, collagraphs, collages, monoprints, handmade paper and prints.

Ms. LaFon received her bachelors degree in art education from Marshall and has been a traveling elementary art teacher for four years in Cabell County.