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School of Education receives accreditation

Marshall University's School of Education has received continuing accreditation under the performance-oriented standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), according to Dr. Jane McKee, NCATE coordinator in the school.

Located in the MU College of Education and Human Services, the school has been accredited by the NCATE since 1954. It is one of only 51 professional education units that received either initial or continuing accreditation by NCATE's Unit Accreditation Board in its most recent round of decisions.

"This accreditation is very important to the School of Education," said Dr. Larry Froehlich, dean of the College of Education and Human Services at MU. "Our faculty and teacher education candidates, along with our professional education community, work continually to prepare teachers who are ready for the demands of 21st Century students."

Schools seeking NCATE accreditation must meet high standards in areas including program design and delivery, and quality of faculty and graduates. The redesigned 1995 accreditation standards emphasize teacher

performance, so students are prepared for the new, more rigorous state licensing expectations.

NCATE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the only accrediting body for schools, departments and colleges of education. On-site visits, document review and accreditation decisions are all carried out by professionals from the education community, including teachers, teacher educators, education policy makers and school specialists.

For more information about the MU School of Education, the NCATE certification or the College of Education and Human Services, contact Jane McKee, 696-5153.

MSBP training seminars scheduled

Munchausen Syndrome By Proxy (MSBP), a psychological disorder in which a parent intentionally injures a child, will be the topic of two training seminars — May 12 at Marshall University and May 14 at the University of Charleston — according to Dr. W. Joseph Wyatt, associate professor in the MU Department of Psychology and co-leader of the seminars.

"This is a disorder in which a child's parent, usually the mother, intentionally injures the child or makes it sick," Wyatt said. "The parent does this to get sympathetic attention from medical professionals and from neighbors, who mistakenly view the parent as deeply concerned and loving."

Recent high profile cases in Lewisburg (where a conviction was obtained) and in Charleston (where charges were dropped) highlight the need for Munchausen Syndrome By Proxy training, according to Sandi

Kiser-Griffith, M.A., co-leader of the seminars.

"Our focus will be on objective assessment and productive intervention, so that professionals know when to be suspicious and how to confirm their suspicions of MSBP," Kiser-Griffith said.

The May 12 seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of the Marshall University Memorial Student Center, and the May 14 seminar will be held in the Maroon and Gold Room of the University of Charleston Student Center.

Cost of the training, which is approved for continuing education credits for nurses (five units), psychologists, social workers and counselors (four units each) is \$60. For more information or to make reservations, contact Dr. W. Joseph Wyatt at (304) 696-2778, or Sandi Kiser-Griffith at (304) 453-2433.

Governor to speak at medical school

Governor Cecil H. Underwood will address the graduating class of the School of Medicine during the school's Investiture Ceremony on Friday, May 8.

During this ceremony, the graduates receive their doctoral hoods and take the Oath of Hippocrates. The Bertha and Lake Polan Award also is presented to the graduate with the highest academic ranking.

In addition to his careers in public service, education and business, Underwood has had ongoing involvement in health care. He has been a member of the board of Appalachian Regional Health Care since 1973 and has served as president of the Huntington Foundation, which provides extensive support for Marshall's Frank E. Hanshaw Geriatric Center.

The ceremony, which is open to invited guests only, will be at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Spelling Bee to benefit Literacy Council

The Office of Student Affairs is seeking participants for the first annual Tri-State Literacy Council Spelling Bee, to be held August 8 at the Cabell County Public Library, according to Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, student affairs dean.

"Area businesses, churches, social and civic organizations will compete against each other to become the Spelling Challenge Champions of 1998," Cockrille said.

Participation in this event will help the council continue to provide literacy services

to the public free of charge. Teams of three players will compete in the challenge, and will work to come up with the correct spelling of words presented by an announcer. All answers will be written on a transparency, then reviewed by judges and the audience.

No verbal spelling is required and a traveling trophy will be presented to the winning team. For more information about the organization or the Tri-State Literacy Council Spelling Bee, contact Cockrille, 696-6422.

Library hours for May 9 - June 7

Sunday - CLOSED
Monday-Thursday - 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday - 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday - CLOSED
Monday, May 25 - CLOSED

MU faculty and staff achievements

Dr. ROBERT ALEXANDER, distinguished professor in the Department of Management, presented a workshop entitled "Effective Meetings and Practices" on April 24 in Charleston for the West Virginia Municipal League as a part of the Municipal Government Forum in conjunction with the West Virginia Economic Development Office and The Governor's Communities of Opportunity. ALEXANDER will present the workshop in Martinsburg and Wheeling later in the year.

ALEXANDER has also received confirmation of his appointment to the West Virginia Forest Management Review Commission for a term ending in 2002 from Governor Underwood and Senate President Earl Ray Tomblin. He was named West Virginia Tree Farmer of the Year in 1990 and currently serves on the State Urban Forestry Committee, the State Tree Farm Committee and other forestry committees.

Dr. W. BAKER BOLLING, professor in the Department of Management/Marketing, has been selected for inclusion in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

Dr. WILL EDWARDS, executive director of the Center for International Programs; CLARK EGNOR, director of the English as a Second Language Institute, and QING QING ZHAO, coordinator of China Projects, will make a presentation entitled

"Evaluating a China - U.S. Educational Venture: Learning Lessons From the Past," at the 50th Annual National Association of Foreign Student Advisors Conference, to be held May 24-29 in Washington, D.C.

Their presentation is based on the experience of creating and operating the first joint undergraduate program ever developed in China, the HMC Institute. This institute is a joint two year program with Henan College of Education and MU that provides courses in business leading to a bachelor's degree and English as a second language certification.

Dr. BERNARD GILLESPIE, professor in the Department of Engineering and director of the Technology Management Graduate Program, participated in an evaluation committee to recommend awards to 14 solar electric business ventures from the U.S. Department of Energy. The \$5 million awarded will be leveraged with private funding of almost \$25 million from the 14 winning ventures and will add almost three megawatts of solar photovoltaic electricity to power homes and businesses in 20 U.S. cities and Puerto Rico.

Dr. MAJED KHADER, government documents librarian in the James E. Morrow Library, attended the Federal Depository Conference and The Spring Depository Library Council Meeting, held April 20-23 in Arlington, Va. KHADER also attended

and chaired The West Virginia Library Association/Government Documents Round Table meeting April 28 at Wheeling Jesuit University.

Dr. ELIAS MAJDALANI, adjunct faculty member in the Department of Computer Science and Software Development, attended the IBM Common Conference held April 18-24 in New Orleans, La. He is working to secure an education partnership between MU and IBM that will include hardware, software and equipment for faculty and students to learn computer languages on the AS/400 platform.

Dr. WILLIAM P. MARLEY, professor and director of the Human Performance Laboratory in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, gave a presentation entitled "A Community Diabetes Intervention Management Program" at the 1998 Centers for Disease Control Diabetes Translation Conference, held April 29 in Tampa, Fla. The presentation was based on work with the Diabetes and Blindness: Control and Prevention Program, of which MARLEY is the Principal Investigator.

Dr. LINDA P. ROWE, director of Judicial Programs, was recently named a Circuit Representative of the Association for Student Judicial Affairs. Circuit Representatives are elected from each of the 11 United States federal judicial circuits. ROWE will represent the fourth circuit, comprised of West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Special education rights conference set

Nationally prominent special education attorney Reed Martin will present a daylong conference May 14 in Huntington on special education rights under current federal law.

Sponsored by Helping Hands Development Center, a division of University Pediatrics, the conference will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Marshall University's Memorial Student Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Topics will include:

- * getting what the child, parent and teachers need through the "radically new" IEP process,
- * how Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 can help students and instructional personnel in the schools,
- * strategies for solving problems,
- * extended school year,
- * transition services,
- * inclusion,
- * discipline and positive behavior support, and
- * new complaint mechanisms.

Martin also will offer a question and answer session.

The new sections of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that go into effect this year make significant changes in regard to the education of children with special needs, said Elizabeth Mooney of Helping Hands Development Center. The conference will cover those changes, as well as Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"We think this workshop will benefit parents, school personnel and agencies that provide advocacy and case management services," she said.

Martin, who has handled special education cases in all 50 states, has concentrated on special education rights for more than 25 years. He has served on the boards of disability organizations and testified several times at the request of Congress. He has had cases in several circuit courts of appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court, and frequently files briefs in these courts for disability organizations.

Cost for the conference is \$50. For more information, contact Mooney at 697-3770.

Faculty Senate to meet May 14

The MU Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, May 14 at 10 a.m. in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center, according to Corley F. Dennison, president of the senate.

The agenda will include: a report from MU President J. Wade Gilley, announcements and an ACF report.

Thirteen standing committee recommendations will also be considered to approve the following: one recommendation to establish a position of ombudsperson; one recommendation dealing with an external consultant; one recommending exemption of the COEHS from SR-97-98-4, Independent Study; one recommending a revision to the scheduling policy for final examinations, and nine recommending course changes, additions and deletions.

For more information, contact the Faculty Senate office, 696-4376.