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Educational computer classes are scheduled

Marshall University's Division of Continuing Education will sponsor a series of introductory and intermediate computer courses during the spring semester, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education in Marshall's Community and Technical College.

The schedule includes the following courses:

—“Basic Computer Skills” on Tuesdays, March 25 through April 29, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$66;

—“Basic Computer Skills” on Mondays, May 5 through June 16, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$66;

—“Intermediate Computer Skills” on Wednesdays, April 2 through April 23, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$45;

—“Intermediate Computer Skills” on Fridays, May 2 through May 23, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$45;

—“Introduction to Windows 95” on Thursdays, March 20 through April 24, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$64;

—“WordPerfect Windows-Level II” on Mondays, April 7 through April 28, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$56;

—“Microsoft Access” on Thursdays, April 3 through May 1, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$64;

—“Microsoft Excel” on Thursdays, May 8 through June 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$64;

—“Microsoft Power Point” on Tuesdays, May 6 through June 3, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$64;

—“Intermediate Lotus/Windows” on Mondays, March 31 through April 21, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$56;

—“Autocad” on Saturdays, April 12 through May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon in Corby Hall Room 439, \$78;

—“Desktop Publishing” on Saturdays, April 12 through May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon in Corby Hall Room 438, \$78;

Employee achievements

Dr. HOWARD R.D. GORDON, professor in the Adult and Technical Education Program in the Division of Human Development and Allied Technology, presented a paper titled “Legal Knowledge of Secondary School Principals: Impact of Selected Variables” at the 20th annual Eastern Educational Research Association Conference held Feb. 19-22 at Hilton Head, S.C. GORDON also received the Presidential Citation for his research paper titled “A Profile of the Productivity and Learning Style Preferences of Participants in Distance Education.”

Women's panel planned

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a panel discussion for its lunchbag seminar Wednesday, March 5, at noon in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22.

“Women of Marshall University” will focus on the history of the Women's Center and the new Women's Study minor program.

The presentation is open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women's Center, 696-3112.

—“Introduction to Visual Basic” on Mondays, May 5 through June 16, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$89;

—“HTML (Hypertext Markup Language)” on Wednesdays, March 26 through April 30, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$84;

—“Introduction to the Internet” on Fridays, March 14 through April 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$84;

—“Advanced Internet” on Tuesdays, April 8 through April 29, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$52;

—“Genealogy Research Using the Internet” on Thursdays, May 1 through June 5, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$90;

—“Legal Research Using the Internet” on Saturday, April 12, or Saturday, May 10, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$65;

—“Introduction to Computers for Managers/Executives” on Tuesdays, May 13 through June 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$89.

A series of short introductory internet workshops have been scheduled for people who want to learn how to explore the information highway. The following workshops have been scheduled:

—“Internet Workshop” on Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$30;

—“Internet Workshop” on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$30;

—“Internet Workshop” on Wednesdays, May 7 and 14, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$30;

—“Internet Workshop” on Wednesdays, May 21 and 28, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building Room 136, \$30.

Hensley said the Continuing Education Office can develop specialized programs in subjects such as computer skills, time management and total quality management for businesses and organizations.

Continuing education units can be awarded to individuals who complete the courses. A 10 percent discount will be given to participants enrolling in more than one course, companies or organizations enrolling three or more employees in any one class, senior citizens and Marshall University employees.

Enrollment in the classes will be limited. Temporary parking permits are available for \$1 per week through the MU Parking Office.

To register or obtain further details contact the Division of Continuing Education in Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 304-696-3113.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thanks very much for the kindness shown following the death of my mother, including the beautiful flower arrangement.

Your expression of concern is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
James W. Hooper

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Marshall band receives national recognition

Marshall University's Marching Thunder has been selected to serve as the host/exhibition band at the 1997 Bands of America Grand National Championship that will be held Nov. 14-15 at the Indianapolis (Ind.) RCA Dome, according to Baruch Whitehead, director of bands at Marshall.

“This is an incredible honor for Marshall University and the Marching Thunder,” said Whitehead. “This contest marks the culmination of months of competition for the best high school bands in the nation. Our performance at this event will bring national recognition to the university and the Music Department.”

Over the span of eight weeks next fall, more than 350 of America's finest bands will participate in Bands of America events and regional competitions. Eighty of the best bands will vie for national honors at the Grand National Championships.

Poet will discuss works

Award-winning poet Joy Harjo, professor of creative writing at the University of New Mexico, will make two presentations at Marshall University on Tuesday, March 4.

She will speak informally about writing and performing at 2 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154. She will read selections of her work at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Harjo, a member of the Muscogee, or Creek, Indian Tribe, is the author of five books of poetry including “She Had Some Horses,” “In Mad Love and War” and most recently “The Woman Who Fell From the Sky.” She published a collection of interviews titled “The Spiral of Memory” and collaborated with photographer/astronomer Stephen Strom on a work titled “Secrets from the Center of the World.”

She also is a screenwriter, author of children's books and editor of a new anthology of Native women's writing called “Reinventing the Enemy's Language” published by Norton.

Harjo has received many awards for her work including the Josephine Miles Award for Excellence in Literature from PEN Oakland, the William Carlos Williams Award from the Poetry Society of America, the Delmore Schwartz Award from New York University, the American Book Award and the 1990 American Indian Distinguished Achievement Award. She also received two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships and a Witter Bynner Grant for Poetry.

She gives poetry readings throughout the United States and abroad and plays saxophone in the band Poetic Justice which recently released its first compact disc.

Her presentations, open to the public free of charge, are part of the Birke Visiting Writers Series sponsored by the MU English Department, the College of Liberal Arts, the Birke Fine Arts Symposium, the Multicultural/Social Justice Committee and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

To obtain further details contact John Van Kirk in the Marshall University English Department, 304-696-6637.

Eric L. Martin, associate executive director of Bands of America Inc., said the Marching Thunder will join the U.S. Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps as the special exhibition groups for the weekend celebration.

The Marching Thunder will perform Friday, Nov. 14, before an audience of more than 20,000 band members, music educators, boosters and music enthusiasts just prior to the announcement of which of the 80 bands will advance to the finals on Saturday.

In a letter to Whitehead, Martin said, “We have extended this invitation to you in recognition of Marshall's excellence in music performance and education, and its overall reputation as a university. In addition to the Marines, Marshall's performance at Grand Nationals will place it in the same company as previous performers—The University of Massachusetts Minutemen, the James Madison University Marching Dukes and the award-winning Riverside (Calif.) Community College Band.”

Bands of America Inc. is a not-for-profit educational organization founded in 1975. Its mission is to support the development of a positive self-worth in every participant involved in the band activity—performers, teachers, parents and community—through a series of internationally acclaimed events. The organization focuses on individual character building, self-discipline, leadership qualities and the fostering of our American value system.

Whitehead said President Clinton, the governor of Indiana and the mayor of Indianapolis all had greetings published in last year's

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'Family Concert' slated

The Marshall University Symphony Orchestra will present its annual “Family Concert” Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Dr. Paul Balshaw, distinguished professor of music and director of orchestral activities at Marshall, will serve as conductor. Balshaw said the concert has been specially designed to appeal to children and their parents. The program is a parallel of the concerts provided for the fifth- and sixth-graders of Cabell County public schools.

Musical numbers will include “America the Beautiful” by Ward, “Overture to Donna Diana” by Reznicek, “Hymn and Triumphant March from Aida” by Giuseppe Verdi and “Night on Bald Mountain” by Modest Moussorgsky. Two special features will be “Praeludium and Allegro” for violin and orchestra by Fritz Kreisler and “Peter and the Wolf” by Serge Prokofiev.

Sarah Foard, winner of the 1996-97 Young Artists' solo competition sponsored by the Huntington Women's Club, will perform a violin solo during the concert. She is a sophomore at Huntington High School and a student of Patricia Green, professor emeritus of music at Marshall. Alan Sturm, Huntington

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Program gives art opportunities to children

"On Target" will be the theme this year for Marshall University's Art Opportunity program for students in kindergarten through eighth grade, according to Linda Anderson, Art Opportunity director.

The program will be held on Saturdays, March 1 through April 12 (no class March 29), from 10 a.m. to noon on the sixth floor of Smith Hall.

"We have planned an exciting program that will allow the students to explore various art materials and processes as well as various cultures and periods as we target particular artists," said Anderson. "Lessons have been designed for maximum success of students while allowing for growth in skill level and uniqueness of students' interests. We invite all children in kindergarten

Gilley article printed

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley is the author of an article in the Winter 1997 issue of Educational Record, published nationally by the American Council on Education.

The article—"Marshall University Bucks the Trend"—describes the partnership between the university's School of Medicine and Cabell Huntington Hospital which ultimately will result in development of about \$50 million in new health care facilities.

The fact that neither the hospital nor the university will incur any debt is the primary factor in enabling the two institutions to construct new facilities at a time when health sciences divisions at other universities are being forced to sell, privatize or downsize hospitals and other medical facilities, Gilley notes in the article.

A Rural Health Center—including a Health Sciences Library—and an Ambulatory Care Center to be staffed by Marshall physicians currently are under construction on a site adjacent to Cabell Huntington Hospital, with a Cancer Center to be built later.

Engineering Department working with commission

Marshall University's Department of Engineering is participating in a transportation research project with the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission, according to Dr. Richard D. Begley, chair of the department.

The contract for approximately \$9,000 will provide technical support for KYOVA's transportation modeling effort that currently is underway.

Jim Roueche, KYOVA technical study director, said the model is a complex simulation of the volumes of vehicles using the existing highway system in the Tri-State area. He said the project should be completed by the middle of next year.

Saleem Salameh, KYOVA transportation engineer and planner, said the model is required by the Federal Highway Administration as part of the transportation planning process for the entire nation. The project is being performed in cooperation with the West Virginia and Ohio departments of transportation.

"I think partnerships like this present opportunities beneficial to the Marshall University population and our industrial and governmental constituents," said Begley. "I am very hopeful that other partnerships will be forthcoming."

through eighth grade to join us for fun through art as we zero in on style and artists and discover our own way to create."

The Art Opportunity program, sponsored by the Marshall University Art Department, has been designed to provide experiences to develop the skills of children at every level. Classes have been developed for each age group.

Anderson said many challenging and exciting art lessons have been planned for this year's program.

The program will close with an exhibition of the art works produced by the students Sunday, April 13, from 1 to 2:15 p.m. in the atrium on the first floor of Smith Hall.

Tuition will be \$40 plus \$10 for materials. There will be a 10 percent discount for families enrolling more than one child.

To register or obtain further details contact the Marshall University Art Department, 304-696-6760.

MU excused absences...

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

Feb. 6-10—Matthew Turley, Daniel White, Alison Fisher, Eddie Walker, Michael Ross, Wendy Smoulder, Christian Hess.

Feb. 11—Students in the Correctional Institutions 432 class, Section 201.

Feb. 19—Students in the Corrections 231 class, Section 201.

Feb. 21-26—Lisa Bartram.

Feb. 27-March 3—Lance Schrader, Paul Watson, Dennis Black, Kenney Barnette, Kristi R. Erwin, Brian Guthrie, Todd McCormick, Rob Tuell, Angela Henderson.

March 5-7—Fred Elkins, Kris Kovarik, Melissa Lear, Tara Phares, Teresa Wilson.

March 5-9—Kristina Tate, Katie Redd, Kevin Pauley, Susan Norman, Jon Joy, Jennifer Jones, Alicia Pharas, Angus Houvoras.

University band honored

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program and actor Richard Dreyfuss attended the event to present the first "Mr. Holland's Opus Award" which will be presented annually to a music educator.

"Our invitation comes from the Bands of America organizers who recognize the strides made by the Marching Thunder," said Whitehead. "Our hard-working students and faculty deserve a lot of credit. I also would like to thank Marshall President J. Wade Gilley for his generous support of the band program."

'Family Concert' slated

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radio personality and businessman, will be the narrator for "Peter and the Wolf."

The Marshall University Symphony Orchestra is a "town and gown" ensemble of 60 performers including university students, faculty members and members of the community.

Balshaw said the family concerts were begun in the early 1980s as a means of allowing families to share together the beauty and wonder of fine orchestral music of the classics.

The concert is open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Balshaw at Marshall University's Department of Music, 696-2399.

Graduate student tuition waivers available

Applications for a limited number of graduate student tuition waivers for Marshall University's summer terms will be accepted through Monday, April 7, in the MU Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

In line with the West Virginia Board of Trustees 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 waivers, which cover tuition, registration and Higher Education and Faculty Improvement fees. Student Activity fees must be paid by the recipient.

Academic merit will be determined by grade point average and Graduate Record Examination scores. Students must list their GRE scores in order to be eligible for consideration.

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 Trustees tuition waiver based on financial need criteria should contact the Graduate School to obtain the proper application forms. Eligible students may be awarded up to six hours of waivers.

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

Applicants who are awarded waivers will be notified by mail. Approved waivers can be picked up beginning Monday, April 21. Waivers not claimed by Friday, May 9, will be assigned to other qualified applicants.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 304-696-6606.

MU staff employee dies

Billie J. Tipton, 48, of Huntington died Friday, Feb. 21, in St. Mary's Hospital.

She was employed by the Marshall University Computer Center.

She was born Sept. 21, 1948, in Huntington, a daughter of Della Holbrook Null of Flatwoods, Ky., and the late Murelin Null. She was a 1966 graduate of Huntington High School.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by a son, Shane Tipton of Huntington; a sister, Ruth Ann Mills and her husband, Chuck, of Lady Lake, Fla.; two brothers, Tom Null and wife, Vonda, of Flatwoods, Ky., and John Null of Huntington; a sister-in-law, Patty Null of Huntington, and several nieces and nephews.

Gillenwater chosen for program

Dr. Mack H. Gillenwater, professor of geography at Marshall University, has been selected to participate in "The John A. Maxwell Scholar-Diplomat Program on International Organizations" being held March 19-21 in Washington, D.C.

Eleven other professors from colleges and universities in West Virginia were selected to attend the program by the West Virginia Consortium for Faculty and Course Development in International Studies.

While in Washington, D.C., the group will attend briefings by Congressional committee staffers, attend presentations on the international monetary fund, World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank, and meet with representatives of the United Nations high commissioner for refugees, the U.N. Development Program and the World Health Organization.

The purpose of the scholar-diplomat program is to add to the professors' knowledge and understanding of international affairs.

Radio station to cover basketball tournament

Marshall University's public radio station, WMUL-FM (88.1 MHz), will broadcast all games of the Southern Conference men's and women's championship basketball tournaments, according to Dr. Chuck G. Bailey, associate professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications and WMUL-FM faculty manager.

The tournaments will be held Feb. 27 through March 2 in Greensboro, N.C. Marshall's radio station will broadcast live all 10 games of the men's tournament and the three games of the women's tournament being held for the second year in Greensboro.

This will be station's final broadcast of the Southern Conference championship since Marshall will move to the Mid-American Conference next year.

"Students gain valuable broadcasting experience through these trips," said Bailey. "Our staff members make several trips throughout the year but the pressure on the student broadcasters to perform is greater at the tournament."

Brian Guthrie, WMUL-FM sports director, said the tournament challenges the on-air skills of Marshall's broadcasting students who have won various awards for sports coverage from the West Virginia Associated Press, the Society of Professional Journalists and the National Association of College Broadcasters. "WMUL-FM prides itself on doing the best broadcast possible," Guthrie said. "It's something we strive for from the moment we go on the air."

"Our primary goal is to give Marshall University student broadcasters valuable experience and provide loyal listeners and fans quality broadcasts of sporting events and other activities," said Bailey.

WAC workshop scheduled

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled "Encouraging Students to Revise (Using the Writing Center)" will be held Wednesday, March 5, at 3 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 403.

All faculty members are invited to attend. To obtain further details contact the WAC Office, 696-4650.

Men's health tests set

Project Well/Fit and the Cabell-Huntington Health Department will sponsor free prostate screenings for men age 50 and older.

The screenings will be held Wednesday, March 5, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cabell Huntington Health Center.

To register or obtain further details contact the Health Center, 304-523-6483.