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For the past 20 years Marshall University has hosted this event which brings school children from throughout the state to the campus and city. The judging of projects will begin Friday, May 16, at noon at the Memorial Student Center. Approximately 15 volunteers are needed to help with the party.

Refreshments and various activi­ties have been planned for the students attending the party. Volunteers would help serve pizza and monitor the students until 10 p.m.

This has been a very worthwhile activity and we hope to con­tinue to sponsor the state Social Studies Fair,” said Rice Lovell of the MU History Department who is coordinating the event. Faculty and staff members who can serve as project judges or volunteers for the party should contact Barbara Lahm in the Marshall University History Department, 606-6610.

MU wives to meet

The Marshall University Faculty Wives Club will meet Friday, April 11, at 1 p.m. at the MU Research and Economic De­velopment Center, 1050 Fourth Avenue. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting which will include an overview of the REDC, a tour of the university’s Byrd Institute for Flexible Manufacturing Systems. Club members also will hold an election for new officers. Scheduled speakers will include Dr. James W. Hooper, executive director of the REDC; Mark Julian, chief operations officer for the Byrd Institute, and Pam Halton, director of the Marshall University Procurement Technical Assistance Center.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

DAVID WALKER, professor in the Department of Computer Science, and HAMID CHAVHARI, associate professor in the department, presented a session titled “Multihop of Multiple-Stream FTIR Monitoring System” at the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy held March 6-22 in Atlanta. They also demonstrated their pro­toype real-time multi-tasking software during the weeklong ex­hibition. An industrial partner in the project is ViroLo Industries, Inc.

Betty Jo Jarrell and Denecia Merritt—know when jobs are created and where. Interested faculty and staff members who have graduated and moved on to other jobs still come back to talk to her. Even with her incredible personality, she still has time to do a job where her tasks are never ending.

For all these reasons, and many others too numerous to write down, Nancy definitely deserves to be Employee of the Month.

Dingess will receive a plaque and $100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Weekend activities set

Marshall University alumni from across the country will gather on campus April 15-19 for Alumni Weekend, celebrating this year’s theme “The Best Years of Our Lives.” The Mars­halls Classes of 1937 and 1947 will begin at noon Friday in the Old Main Room 113, 696-2816. The classes of 1948-1952 will meet their 60th, 50th, 45th and 40th reunions, respectively, during the weekend.

Alum­nia Director Linda S. Holmes said the weekend will begin with a “Meet & Greet” reception at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 15, in the Erickson Alumni Center, 1751 3rd Ave. Complimentary coffee, tea, donuts and bagels will be served.

At 10:30 a.m. Friday, Alan R. Simmons of Edward D. Jones & Co., president of the Student Alumni Association, will present the annual “Best Years of Our Lives.”


WVU waivers available

West Virginia University tuition waivers for the 1997 summer term are available through the Marshall University Graduate School Office, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Graduate School dean.

Full-time faculty and staff members are eligible for waivers, with a maximum award of six credit hours. All six credit hours can be taken in one session or divided between the terms. The application deadline in the Graduate School Office will be Monday, April 21.

Application information is available in the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113, 696-2816.

No Newsletter next week

The Marshall University Newsletter will not be published Thursday, April 17. Important news or information April 24 Newsletter must be submitted to the University Relations Office by 10 a.m. April 22. Lengthy items should be submitted as early as possible to en­sure publication.

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Dingess chosen Employee of Month

Nancy Dingess of Huntington, lead cashier, Auxiliary Services, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for March, according to Bill Burdette, the selection committee.

Dingess has worked for the university for 12 years. She was nominated for the award by Bryan Chambers, a stu­dent assistant. In making the nomination, Chambers said, “I have been working with Nancy Dingess for one and a half years and her work performance has been influential to me and the rest of the students, staff and faculty at Memorial Student Cen­ter.”

She is very dedicated to her job and it shows through the constant assistance she provides to people who frequent the main desk.

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parent company of the News, in 1987. During his tenure, he has been active in various volunteer groups for more than 60 years and has been hailed as "the most important person in the literacy program" in the state.

The retired educator is credited with being responsible for more than 10,000 individuals in her area learning to swim. In 1935, Magann began teaching aquatic training and swimming instruction. She started the first Red Cross swimming school at Falls Mills, Va., in 1936. Just a year later she was awarded a 60-year pin for her work with the Red Cross. During World War II she was chairwoman of first aid for the Red Cross and prepared 115 first aid instructors.

Since 1984 Magann has been actively involved with the Literacy Volunteers Association (LVA) of Mercer County. In 1992 she received the National Honorary Citizenship award for outstanding achievement in adult literacy in Virginia and was among those honored during the "30-Star Salute to Literacy" ceremony at the governor's mansion. A new LVA plaque with the LVA includes both tutor training and tutoring individuals.

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To make reservations or for further information call Betty Cook Weisberg.

Six Association will honor three for its fourth annual Hall of Fame banquet for Friday night.

The Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business also has a Green White scrimmage game in the Marshall University Stadium. Tickets are $5.

Alumnus will portray Booker T. Washington

Joseph Bundy of Bluefield will present a Chautauqua performance at the 1997 Marion County Junior Academic Festival Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the university's Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge. Bundy, a 1976 Marshall graduate, will portray Booker T. Washington. The performance and meeting will be open to the public for free.

Bundy will portray "A Night with the Prophet," an hour-long program that covers the life of Washington from the Montgomery bus boycott to his assassination, and "In The Pink," a musical about Fannie Finekold, a Bluefield native who wrote the noted songs as "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Give Me A Little Kiss Ya Hai" and "There They Eme." Bundy also wrote, directed and played the lead in "To His Death," a one-act play about the life story of John Stewart, the first Methodist missionary.

The Marshall University Library Associates organization was formed in 1936 in response to a request from the president of the university for the support and service of the institution and, in so doing, advance the cultural and economic status of the Tri-State region. Alumni interested in the development of the library is welcome to join the organization. The current membership includes community leaders and residents and Marshall faculty and staff.

The Library Associates are composed of representatives from the Marshall University Library Associates contact Slack at Marshall University, 304-696-3097.

MU excused absences

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

April 24-27—Todd McCormick.
IBM executive returning to give lecture

Marilyn D. Johnson, recently named business opportunity executive for retail/wholesale industry marketing at IBM North America Headquarters in White Plains, N.Y., will make a presentation in conjunction with the African American Lecture Series at Marshall University on Monday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

"Preparing for Leadership in the 21st Century" will be the topic of her presentation.

Johnson received her bachelor's degree in physical education (1974) and master's degrees in general education (1975) and curriculum development (1976) from Marshall.

While at the university, she was an academic honor student, a member of the cheerleading squad, a charter member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, a member of the Black United Students, served as a resident adviser and represented the school as "Miss Huntington 1972." She also worked as a news and weather reporter for WSAZ-TV.

Professor of the Year nominations being taken

The Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia is seeking nominations for the 1997 Professor of the Year Award which includes a $10,000 cash prize, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs at Marshall.

Two runners-up in the competition each will receive $1,000 cash prizes.

Nominees from the faculties at West Virginia colleges and universities will be judged on teaching ability, student evaluations, academic credentials and community service.

"The professor of the year program gives everyone, including the general public, the opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievements of our state's higher education mentors," said Gov. Cecil H. Underwood, former president of the Faculty Merit Foundation.

Nomination forms must be submitted to the foundation by May 30. Applicants may be nominated by college administrators, faculty peers, students or former students.

To obtain nomination forms or further details contact the Marshall University Academic Affairs Office, Old Main Room 110, 696-5442.

MU alumna named fellow

Marshall alumna Victoria Smith is one of 34 teachers selected from throughout the nation as an American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education-MetLife Fellow. She was nominated for the honor by the university.

The program recognizes teachers who have demonstrated an ability to employ methods that bring cultural diversity into the classroom. Smith was selected for her work on the Cabell County Multicultural Education Council, the Community Forum on Racism and the board of directors of Hospice and Barnett Child Care Center.

The Spring Hill Elementary third grade teacher also was the 1996 recipient of the Milken Family Foundation Teacher of the Year Award and was Cabell County Teacher of the Year for 1995-96.

In 1977 she joined IBM's sales and marketing field organization in Los Angeles, Calif., as a marketing support trainee. She held various positions in sales before being named executive assistant to the general manager of IBM's Southwestern Business Geography.

Johnson was named marketing manager in southern California in 1992 and was promoted to IBM's North America Marketing Headquarters in 1994. She served as a staff negotiator in software procurement for 18 months before accepting an assignment as program operations manager, reporting to the vice presidents of retail/wholesale industry sales in North America.

Last year she was named manager of worldwide operations for IBM's Printing Systems Division with responsibilities for business re-engineering, sales planning, business controls compliance, customer satisfaction, skills of field sales representatives and executive briefings supporting Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Canada and the United States.

She has been involved in several community and professional organizations and is a member of the "Coalition of 100 Black Women."

Her presentation, sponsored by the African American Students' Program Office, will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the African American Students' Program Office at Marshall University, 304-696-6705.

Marshall Concert Band will perform April 20

Marshall University's Concert Band, under the direction of Baruch J. Whitehead, will present its annual spring concert Sunday, April 20, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

The concert will feature Dr. Wendell Dobbs, flute soloist, and a special presentation by the Cabell Midland High School Band.

Included in the program will be James Kessler's "Gaelic Rondo" for flute and band; Mark Camphouse's "A Movement for Rosa" dedicated to Rosa Parks, the civil rights heroine; Robert Smith's "Inferno" and Gustav Holst's "First Suite." The concert will conclude with a multi-media presentation of Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition."

The concert, open to the public free of charge, also will feature guest conductor Steven Hall, assistant director of bands at Marshall, and student conductors Elizabeth McCormick and William Haddix.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 304-696-3117.

WAC workshop to be held

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled "The Writing and Thinking Relationship" will be held Wednesday, April 16, at noon in Harris Hall Room 403.

All faculty members are invited to attend. To obtain further details contact the WAC Office, 696-4650.
Writing awards will be presented April 28

Thirty-four Marshall University students will receive cash prizes totaling $9,250 for work entered in the William J. Maier Writing Competition during an awards ceremony Monday, April 28, at 3:30 p.m. in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

Awards will be given for papers written by students in 11 different categories including freshman papers (research papers and non-research papers) and upper-division and graduate nonfiction prose, poetry and fiction, according to Dr. Michele Schiavone of Marshall's English Department.

Edward H. Maier, president of the Sarah and Pauline Maier Scholarship Foundation, also will present the Maier Latin Cup awards to area high school students and the Maier Latin Scholarship to a Marshall student.

The writing awards were established in 1973 after the late William J. Maier Jr. read an article on freshman composition by

Student receives honor

Robert Todd McCormick of Huntington, a junior broadcasting major at Marshall University, has been selected to attend the sixth annual Collegiate Sports Journalism Seminar being held April 25-27 in conjunction with the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Chuck Bailey, associate professor in Marshall's School of Journalism and Mass Communications and faculty manager of WMUL-FM, said only 50 of the nation's top student journalists, broadcasters and photographers are invited to participate in the three-day event. "It is an honor for one of our students to be selected to attend this prestigious event," said Bailey.

Students are given an opportunity to attend panel discussions and accompany professional journalists as they gather news on owners, trainers, jockeys and horses preparing for the 123rd Kentucky Derby.

Bailey said the purpose of the seminar is to give students the opportunity to observe professional journalists as they cover a major sporting event and discuss the changing nature of the job market in sports journalism and the excitement and challenges of covering sports for a living.

McCormick is a member of the sports staff at Marshall's award-winning public radio station, WMUL-FM.

Landscape art class set

Marshall University's Art Department will sponsor a special landscape painting class during the university's intersem this summer, according to Michael Cornfeld, chair of the department.

"Rendering the Landscape" (Art 480) will meet from 9 a.m. to noon from May 12 through May 30. Participants will meet for one week of the class, May 18-23, at Twin Falls State Park.

Any suitable media (drawing, pastels, watercolor, photography) may be used for the class. Works produced in the class will be on display in Birke Art Gallery June 9-20 along with poetry and prose pieces produced by members of a concurrent course taught by the English Department.

There will be an additional fee of $150 to cover the cost of rooms at Twin Falls State Park. Lunches and one dinner will be included in the package. A $50 deposit will be required by April 15.

Participants must have permission to take the course. To obtain further details contact Cornfeld in the Marshall University Art Department, 696-2897.

Marshall University professor John Teel in the National Review.

The awards recognize, reward and encourage excellence in writing by undergraduate and graduate students.

Latin awards were established by Maier in 1979 to repay, in some way, the special attention given to him by his high school Latin teacher. Maier credited the teacher's extra devotion to Latin and students of Latin with helping him secure a scholarship to Harvard University.

High school students are presented the cash awards based on their scores on the College Board Latin Achievement Examination.

Maier Latin Sight-translation Contest awards also will be presented. The contest was created in conjunction with the West Virginia Junior Classical League Convention.

Each junior high school and high school represented at the convention could select one student to compete in each of the four levels of the contest. Students in the four levels of competition participated by translating Latin passages on sight.

William J. Maier was born in Clarksburg and attended school in Elkins, Wheeling and Huntington, where he graduated from high school at the age of 16. He received a scholarship to Harvard and became a Rhodes Scholar.

After graduating from Harvard Law School, Maier practiced law in Charleston and established natural gas and merchandise storage businesses. He later dropped the law practice to concentrate on the management of his assets.

Maier, and the Sarah and Pauline Maier Foundation which he established in 1958, contributed millions of dollars to educational purposes and institutions.

The awards program will be open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact Schiavone at Marshall University, 304-696-2387.

MU Theatre plans plays

The Marshall University Theatre will present a "Texas Two-Step" April 23-26 at 8 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse when it performs James McLure's "Laundry and Bourbon" and "Lone Star." There will be an additional matinee performance Saturday, April 26, at 2 p.m.

Director Eugene J. Anthony, assistant professor of theatre at Marshall, said "Texas Two-Step" is an evening of raucous, raw and irreverent comedy flavored by the humor of the Southwest. It contains mature themes and bawdy language and therefore is not appropriate for a young audience.

Phil Wilcox of Huntington will portray Roy Calder, a disenfranchised Vietnam veteran who spends his nights at Angle's bar drinking Lone Star beer and spinning hilarious yarns of bygone days. Wilcox, who recently played Macbeth in an MU Theatre production, was named as one of "Fifty People to Watch" by Huntington Quarterly Magazine.

Jennifer Samples of Charleston will play Hattie, a wise-cracking, no holds barred, down home kind of girl.

The cast also includes Jeremy Richter and Aaron Kliner of Wheeling, Peteria Cochran of Charleston and Vivian Smith of Morgantown.

Tickets are $8. Senior citizens over 65 will be admitted for $6. Full-time Marshall students with valid identification cards will be admitted free. Tickets will go on sale April 14.

To obtain tickets or further details contact the Marshall University Box Office, 304-696-2787. The Box Office is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.