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Dr. DONALDEE COKIE, director of student affairs, attended the National Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values held Sept. 19-20 in Washington, D.C. Her students Matt Glover, Darcy Bierce, Brandi Jacobs, Derek Anderson and Beverly Milan also attended the conference, which they had the opportunity to network and interact with members of Congress, have lunch on Capitol Hill and engage in dialogue with Vice President Al Gore.

Dr. LEONARD J. DEUTSCH, dean of the College of Business, reported on Ralph Ellison’s recently discovered short stories at the University of Nevada, Reno, on Oct. 3. He has also been notified that an earlier essay on Ellison is being reprinted in Short Story Criticism by Gale Research, 1997. On Oct. 3, DEUTSCH will participate in a panel discussion of “No More ‘Missing Chapters’,” as part of the West Virginia Sociological Association’s conference “Women in West Virginia.”

Dr. BARBARA GUYER, director of the Higher Education for Learning Problems (H.E.L.P.) program, and Dr. KENNETH GUYER, associate professor of biology, will speak at the November conference of the Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Association in Minneapolis, Minn. Their topic will be “The Professional Student with Dyslexia or ADHD.”

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AROUND CAMPUS

INTERIM MPUF DIRECTOR NAMED

* Capt. James Terry was named Interim Director of Public Safety Oct. 3. He replaced Tom Johnson, who accepted the Chief of Police position at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss.

Terry received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in criminal justice from MU in 1987 and 1995, respectively. He has been employed in the Department of Public Safety since 1985.

THETA CHI NEEDS FACULTY ADVISORS

The national office of Theta Chi fraternity has established an interest group at MU. The group is currently searching for any MU faculty members who are Theta Chi alumni to serve as faculty advisors for the group. For more information contact Jeremy Rhodes, interest group president, 696-3732.

PIANO CONCERT Oct. 21

Pianist Jeffrey Jacobs will present a lecture-recital Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. He will feature Schumann’s Fantasiestucke, which was composed by George Crumb, a West Virginia native.

Jacobs, a Zanesville, Ohio native, has recorded more than 30 works for solo piano.

MU students collaborate on pluralism book

GREENWOOD PRESS, a division of Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc., has released a new book, "Strategies for Promoting Pluralism in Education and the Workplace," edited by Dr. Lynne Welch, Dr. Betty Cleckley and Marilyn McClure of Marshall University.

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New Institute announced

Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs, fields questions from reporters about the Harmony Institute at a press conference Oct. 1. MU President J. Wade Gilley announced plans at the conference to raise $100,000 for the establishment of the institute, designed to improve race and ethnic relations on campus and in the community. Dr. Cleckley will head the project.
Jury of professional journalists named national award winner

Pete Collman, a recent graduate of Marshall University’s W. P. Webb School of Journalism and Mass Communications, won the 1996 National Mark of Excellence Award for student radio in-depth reporting given by the Society of Professional Journalists. The award was for a series of reports on the local police force.

Collman’s program, “To Dance in the Circle: The Rediscovery of the West Virginia Native American,” was also named the national outstanding college enterprise of the year by the National Association of College Enterprises of Journalism. The award was given by the National College Journalists Association.

“Collman did a tremendous job of covering this story,” said Dr. Chuck Bailey, faculty manager of WMUL and associate professor of Mass Communications. “It is the best story the students have done this year.”

Collman’s story examined the efforts by the local police department to build an American Indian clown troupe and to establish a relationship with Native American citizens.

Collman said he was inspired to do the story after reading an article about a Native American dance troupe in a national newspaper. The story was written for the radio station’s Community News Report program.

Collman said he was pleased with the award, which he said will help him in his future career. He plans to attend graduate school next year.

Graduate tuition waivers available

Applications for a limited number of graduate tuition waivers for the spring semester will be accepted through Monday, Nov. 10, in the Graduate College Office, Old Main room 113, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the graduate college.

Priority will be given to faculty and staff of the state and the region, and to West Virginia students, in line with the Board of Trustees Policy Bulletin 49. Deans and chairpersons of colleges may determine the number of waivers to be awarded to non-resident students.

Deutsch said academic merit will be the major consideration in awarding the waivers, which cover the cost of 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 (GRE) scores. “Students must list their GRE or GMAT scores in order to be eligible for consideration,” Deutsch said.

Up to three hours of waivers for graduate course work will be awarded to qualified applicants. Students interested in a Board of Trustees tuition waiver based on financial need criteria should contact the Graduate College for the appropriate form. Depending on grade point average, eligible students may be awarded up to six hours of waivers.

“Students who previously held waivers and who no longer have supply to be considered for the spring semester waivers,” Deutsch said. “Those students who are awarded waivers will be notified by mail.”

Approved waivers may be picked up beginning Tuesday, Nov. 18. Waivers not claimed by Friday, Dec. 12 will be assigned to other qualified applicants.

Contact the Graduate College Office for more information, 696-6606.

MUPD bicycle course offered

A police cycling course offered Oct. 6-9 at Marshall University will feature officers from local law enforcement agencies, according to Dr. Larry Kyle, director of Marshall’s Institute for International Trade Development.

“Should small businesses market internationally?" is the topic of a seminar sponsored by the Marshall University Institute for Business Development, according to Dr. Larry Kyle, director of Marshall’s Institute for International Trade Development.

It will be held Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Learning Information Network of the Tri-State, 821 Fourth Ave.

“The seminar will offer a practical overview designed to help small and medium-sized businesses determine if international markets should be pursued,” Kyle said.

MU News Letter deadline set

Items for the Marshall News Letter are submitted to the University Relations Office by 10 a.m. Tuesday in order to be published the following Thursdays.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

Thanks very much for the lovely silk arrangement sent after the death of my mother.

Maddona Combs

Associate Professor

School of Nursing

Excused absences

Absences have been excused by the College of Liberal Arts for these students, who competed at the Middle Tennessee State University Forensics Tournament in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Sept. 26 – Josh Saunders, Mike War­

nors, Mike Ross, Jessica Greenwood, Chris­

ter Stone, Christian Hess; Wendy Smoul­

Tom Sadler, director of Marshall’s Insti­

oral communications and economic develop­

The seminar will look at product develop­

ment, quality control and how to market

With the top three entries in each region earn­

ing honors and the first-place winner of each region moving on to national competition.

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The production has been given numerous accolades including 10 Tony awards, a Pulitzer Prize, the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, a Los Angeles Drama Critics Award, a Gold Record Award from Columbia Records, a Grammy Award and a wide variety of other honors around the world.

“This show is about what goes into the making of a dancer,” Grant said. “It is about rejection and aging.”

“We get to know the dancers so well that we become one with them,” she said. “But all is not lost, because at the very end, the entire cast comes back for a grand finale, one both they and we have earned.”

To learn more about the show, visit the official website at http://wwwmarshalldance.com.

“‘A Chorus Line’ at Keith-Albee Oct. 15

The Marshall Artists Series is sponsoring a performance of “A Chorus Line” Thursday, Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

“Few shows have captured the heart of America as well as the current production of ‘A Chorus Line,’” said Angela Grant, marketing director for the series.

Kyger meets with White House officials

Meetings were part of an in-depth briefing designed to update educational leaders on national issues and to identify con­tact and resource availability to them.

“The insights gained from this intensive four-day briefing will have important ben­efit to the Marshall Community and Techni­cal College and the region served by the college,” Kyger said.

Kyger attended the seminar with federal depart­

Pete Domenici, Michael Castle, Nita

Lowey and John Spratt, Jr.


The activities also included a meeting with AAPC President David Pierce, and other higher education association lead­ers, for planning and communica­tions with community colleges in relation to issues such as welfare reform, the new educational tax credits and the authorization of the Higher Education Act.

The AACU represents more than 1,100 accredited, two-year institutions with a na­tional enrollment of over 10 million students. Also invited: contact, Dr. Betty Kyger, 696-3642.

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