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# Tri-State Organizing Conference Nov. 6-7

Lectures on individual's rights will highlight the Tri-State Organizing Conference Nov. 6-7 at Marshall University, according to Jody Gottlieb, chair of the Department of Social Work at MU.

The following is a list of events scheduled for the conference:

## Thursday, Nov. 6

The Dan Stewart Opening Plenary, "A Tribute to an Organizing Genius," will be held in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse at 6:30 p.m. Featured speaker will be Dr. John Hennen, assistant history professor at Morehead State University.

## SCORES honors faculty members

Marshall University's Search Committee on Recognizing Excellent Students (SCORES) will sponsor a Recognition Brunch for longtime MU supporters Thursday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Big Green Room at the MU Football Stadium, according to Sherry Brooks, SCORES coordinator.

"The brunch will honor Marshall faculty and staff members who work with the SCORES program," Brooks said. "We will also recognize those volunteers who have helped make the program's 20 year existence possible."

Five honorees will receive special recognition for their service to MU: Martha Woodward, executive director of the Center for Academic Excellence; Dewey Sanderson, professor in the Department of Geology; Nancy K. Stump, professor in the Department of Modern Languages; Rebecca Johnson, associate professor in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, and Susan Ross Sullivan, assistant professor in the Department of Communication Disorders.

## MU student excused absences...

The following students have received excused absences from the university for the dates indicated. All excuses have been approved by the appropriate dean.

Oct. 16-18—Donny L. Adkins, Jr., Lance Dixon, Jason M. Griffith, John J. Honaker, Carlos J. Lopes, Theodore Mansfield, John C. Mills, George P. O'Malley, Chad M. Ritter, Gregory W. Tharp, Matthew Wolverton.

Oct. 31-Nov. 1—Douglas F. Adkins, William T. Alexander, Maria Blakely, Julius L. Boyd II, James D. Buskirk, Adrian Cain, Lance W. Dixon, Mike Forbes, Jason M.

## Friday, Nov. 7

"Women in Perspective" will be the focus of a women's breakfast at 8 a.m. in the Shawkey Dining Room of the Memorial Student Center. Featured speaker will be Joan Hariston, director of New Employment for Women in Logan, W.Va.

A morning workshop on children's rights, entitled "The Destruction and Exploitation of America's Children" will be held in room 2E11 of the Memorial Student Center at 10 a.m. Coordinated by Karen Coyner of Golden Girls, Inc., the workshop will feature a panel of children's specialists.

Brooks said these faculty members will have trophies named in their honor presented at the 20th annual SCORES Academic Festival to be held March 6-7, 1998.

In addition to recognizing MU faculty, the brunch will also signal the start of high school registration for the 20th annual SCORES Academic Festival to be held March 6-7, 1998.

"Targeting the New Millennium" is the theme for the upcoming festival, which attracts approximately 4,000 outstanding high school students from the Tri-State area. "It is vital that students are prepared for the next millennium," Brooks said.

"In this celebration of the 20th anniversary of the festival, we would like to show our appreciation to the high school principals, counselors and teachers from throughout the area who participate," she said. "We are offering young people a chance to experience the world of academic excellence as it steadily advances into the future."

For more information about the brunch or registration for the festival, contact the SCORES office, 696-6752.

A workshop entitled "The Elderly in the Societies of the World" will be held at 10 a.m. in room 2E10 of the Memorial Student Center. Coordinated by Larry Jarrett, assistant professor in the MU Department of Geography, the workshop will feature a panel of international students and experts.

"Worker's Rights" will be the subject of a panel discussion at 10 a.m. in room 2E12 of the Memorial Student Center. It will be coordinated by Alec Plymale, labor organizer in the state of Nevada.

Two workshops on economic rights will be held at the conference. The first, entitled "Economics 101", will be conducted at 10 a.m. in room 2E13 of the Memorial Student Center. The second, "The Impacts of Welfare Reform on Workers' Wages," will be held at 1 p.m. in room 2E13 of the Memorial Student Center.

## 'Women's Work' artist to speak Nov. 11

Suze Lindsay, whose ceramics are on exhibit in the Birke Art Gallery as part of the "Women's Work" series, will give a lecture Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 154 of Smith Hall.

Lindsay is a visiting artist and teacher at Ohio University. She will also conduct a workshop at MU on Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8, sponsored by the gallery and the Department of Art.

Following her lecture, the exhibition of Lindsay's works will be open in the Birke Art Gallery.

The lecture, exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. Entitled "Suze Lindsay: Ceramics," the exhibition will run through Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Contact the Birke Art Gallery, 696-6760, for more information.

## Letter of appreciation

Dear faculty and staff:

Steve and I would like to thank the Marshall community for the cards, letters and calls we received during Steve's hospitalization.

Your words of encouragement lifted our spirits and provided smiles that helped us through the ordeal. He is back home and on the road to recovery.

Sincerely,  
Frances Hensley

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## Byrd Institute announces three new sites

Three expansion sites for Marshall University's successful Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing will open by next spring, according to Charlotte Weber, director of the institute.

"A new RCBI facility at the MU Graduate College in South Charleston will be operational by mid-December," Weber said. "A second facility at the Benedum Airport in Bridgeport (W.Va.) will open by the first of the year, and the third site currently under construction is located in Rocket Center, West Virginia.

"With the additional locations, RCBI will be able to provide the technical training and access to state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment that the small business owner needs," she said.

Each site will house hi-tech manufacturing equipment similar to the RCBI location in Huntington, while the Bridgeport site will also have a top-notch CNC 5 axis mill which will support the growing aerospace industry in that region.

The Rocket Center site will have specialized composite equipment geared to those industries in the area who want to enter this fast growing manufacturing field.

"One Marshall University employee will work at each of the sites, with an electronic network connecting each location," Weber said. "A main database in the Huntington office will collect all the information, and our staff will work with each site to make RCBI an efficient, cost-effective organization throughout the state."

Founded in 1990, RCBI provides state-wide access to advanced technologies, computer controlled manufacturing equipment and technical training to small and medium-sized manufacturers. Its main office, housed at 1050 Fourth Ave., Huntington, has served over 400 small- to medium-sized manufacturers who have over 12,000 employees and a payroll of \$350 million.

"This experience has given RCBI staff a first hand look at the real needs of our West Virginia manufacturers," Weber said. "We have discovered that the primary need for businesses is to have a technically prepared workforce."

Contact Weber, 696-4812, for more information about the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing.

## CSEGA opening ceremony Nov. 13

An opening ceremony for the new Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia will feature three experts on the Appalachian region Nov. 13 in the Memorial Student Center on the MU campus, according to Dr. Carl Burrowes, co-director of the center.



Burrowes

Ronald L. Lewis, professor of history at West Virginia University, will deliver the keynote address entitled "Beyond Isolation and Homogeneity: Diversity in the History of Appalachia" at 2 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

A leading labor historian, Lewis is also editor of the Appalachian Studies Journal and author of "Black Coal Miners in America: Race, Class and Community Conflict, 1780-1980," and "Coal, Iron and Slaves: Industrial Slavery in Maryland and Virginia, 1715-1865."

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## Civic responsibility awards given



MU President J. Wade Gilley poses with the six recipients of the John Marshall Medal for Civic Responsibility, considered Marshall University's highest honor. The recipients were recognized Oct. 29 at an event in the Charleston Marriott. Pictured are, from left: Herbert E. Jones Jr., Clara C. Thomas, Angus E. Peyton, Gov. Cecil H. Underwood, Gilley, Lewis N. McManus, Elizabeth Chilton and John Deaver Drinko.

# Black Heritage Conference Nov. 14

The 10th annual West Virginia Black Heritage Conference will feature a keynote address by the Rev. Leon Sullivan, a Charleston native and Presidential Medal of Freedom award winner, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Huntington Civic Arena, according to Dr. Carl Burrowes, conference organizer.

Sullivan is best known for his role in founding the Opportunities Industrialization Centers, which operate worldwide and have sites in Huntington, Charleston and Fairmont. He has also received the Spingarn Medal, the highest award given by the NAACP.

## CSEGA opening ceremony Nov. 13

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Two other speakers will be featured during the ceremony, according to Burrowes. "In keeping with the center's focus on diversity, we have invited two other scholars to provide responses to the keynote address," he said.

Linda Tate, an English professor at Shepherd College, will provide one of the responses. Tate has been selected to serve as a resident fellow at the center during the spring semester, when she will complete a book on her Appalachian heritage.

Joe William Trotter, Jr., history professor at Carnegie Mellon University, will provide the other response. He is the author of "Coal, Class and Color: Blacks in Southern West Virginia, 1915-32."

"We are looking forward to the lectures and the ceremony as we celebrate the opening of the new ethnicity center," Burrowes said.

Funded by a \$250,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation of New York City, the center is designed to study relations between men and women in Appalachia, as well as the various ethnic groups of the region.

Contact Dr. Burrowes, 696-3635, for more information about the center, its opening ceremonies or the featured speakers.

### Letter of appreciation

Dear faculty and staff:

Thank you for the beautiful arrangement of white roses and ivy we received after the death of my mother.

Sincerely,  
Donna Donathan

"Rev. Sullivan is a distinguished son of West Virginia," Burrowes said. "He was very prominent in the original march on Washington, D.C., in 1944 to obtain jobs for blacks."

In 1977 he authored the "Sullivan Principles," a code of conduct for U.S. businesses operating in South Africa that stressed racial desegregation and the promotion of black employees. He remains active internationally as convener of a biennial summit of African American leaders and African heads of states.

Sullivan's address is sponsored by Marshall University, the West Virginia Humanities Council, the West Virginia OICs and the statewide NAACP.

"His visit is particularly timely, given the pioneering role he played in linking education to the workplace and in providing training for the use of new technologies," Burrowes said. "Two issues that are now receiving increased attention in our state."

## Spears named Administrator of Year

Dr. H. Keith Spears, Special Assistant to the President, was named 1997 State of West Virginia Academic Administrator of the Year by The National Association of Academic Affairs Administrators (ACAFAD) during its annual regional meeting Oct. 25 in New Orleans, La.

Spears was awarded for his work in developing non-traditional programs for adults and students at a distance from campus when he was dean for Adult and Extended Education at MU from 1993-97.

"We are pleased to honor Dr. Spears with this award in recognition of his dedication to providing higher education to non-



Spears

Other sessions of the Black Heritage Conference will be held at the Erickson Alumni Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. These sessions will include a genealogical study by a relative of John Henry; a paper on the Colored Orphans Home of Huntington, which was recently placed on the historical register, and a dialogue between two men - one white, one black - on the impact of integration on their childhood friendships and community.

All events for the 10th annual Black Heritage Conference are free and open to the public.

"However, seating is limited and attendance is expected to be high," Burrowes said. "To ensure seating, the public is urged to get tickets ahead of time."

For more information or to get tickets, contact Burrowes at 696-3635. The public can also receive tickets from Michael Thomas, Community Liaison for the City of Huntington, 696-4661, or the Huntington OIC, 525-9178.

traditional college students in West Virginia," said Donald Simmons Jr., regional president of ACAFAD. "His visionary and innovative work is being reflected by many institutions throughout the state and region."

He was nominated for the award, which recognizes unique and outstanding service in developing and administering programs, by his colleagues in West Virginia higher education.

Since coming to Marshall in 1979, Spears has served as a professor of communications, faculty manager of WMUL-FM, general manager for Instructional Television Services, director of distance education, dean of Adult and Extended Education and acting vice chancellor for Instructional Technology for the state college and university systems.

He was appointed Special Assistant to the President on July 1.

## Health & Human Services Fair set

The Career Services Center will host its 21st annual Health & Human Services Fair Wednesday, Nov. 12 from noon to 4 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center, according to Patricia G. Gallagher, recruiting coordinator in the center.

"To date, 24 employers have registered to attend the fair," Gallagher said. "These recruiters include local, state and regional health care facilities."

Corporate participants in the fair include Charleston Area Medical Center, Cabell Huntington Hospital, Autism Services and Mariner Health. A complete list is available from the Career Services Center, 1681 Fifth Ave.

No pre-registration is required to attend the fair, and all MU students are encouraged to attend.

Contact Gallagher, 696-2371, for more information.

# Marshall Faculty and Staff Achievements

Dr. W. BLAKER BOLLING, professor in the Division of Management/Marketing, presented a case entitled "American Online, Inc." co-authored with Valerie L. McMillan, at the annual meeting of the North American Case Research Association held Oct. 23-26 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

BOLLING is also serving as a track chair for the Southeastern Case Research Association annual meeting to be held Feb. 19-21, 1998, in Charleston, S.C.

Dr. PATRICIA A. BROCE, associate professor in the Department of Accounting, Dr. WILLIAM J. RADIG, professor in the Department of Accounting, NEAL G. ADKINS, associate professor in the Department of Accounting, and Dr. JOSEPH M. STONE, professor of legal environment, had their paper entitled "Teaching Computer Literacy" published in the October/November 1997 issue of The West Virginia CPA.

Dr. RAYMOND L. BUSBEE, professor and coordinator of the Department of Park Resources and Leisure Services, has been elected by the commissioners of the Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District to fill a vacant position on the organization's board of commissioners.

PATTY CARMAN, program assistant in the Orientation Office, attended the West Virginia State Convention of Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society held Sept. 26-28 at the Mercer County 4-H Camp in Bluefield, W.Va. CARMAN, chapter president at MU, was re-elected state advisor and the MU chapter was presented with the Distinguished Chapter Award for the members' volunteer and educational service activities during the past year.

Dr. DOROTHY HICKS, professor in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER), has been elected to serve on the executive committee of West Virginia Senior Sports Classic, Inc. She has served on the organization's Board of Directors since its inception.

Dr. BETTY KYGER, provost of the MU Community and Technical College, recently graduated from Leadership Tri-State, an organization which provides an educational program designed for leaders serving the Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia region. A reception and dinner was held for the 34 graduates of the program on Oct. 24.

Dr. THOMAS K. PAULEY, professor in the Department of Biology, was invited by the West Virginia Division of Natural Re-

sources to present a workshop at their annual meeting Oct. 4 at Pipestem State Park. In addition to providing methods for identification of amphibian and reptile species found in W.Va., Dr. PAULEY introduced a "Short key to the amphibians and reptiles of West Virginia." This simplified key will be distributed by the WVDNR to state biologists.

PAULEY was also the keynote speaker at a conference on Conservation Ecology of the Amphibians of the Mid-Atlantic Region held Oct. 25 at the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary in Lothian, Md. He discussed the amphibian monitoring techniques he and his students have used for several years at MU.

RHONDA SCRAGG, coordinator of Computer Technology in the Community and Technical College, and WYLMMA C. SKEAN, associate professor of Business and Office Technology, recently had an article entitled "Conducting On-Site Training" accepted for publication in Techniques, the national journal of the American Vocational Association.

WYLMMA C. SKEAN, associate professor of Business and Office Technology and chair of the University Faculty Development Committee, attended the 1997 annual conference of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education held Oct. 16-19 in Haines City, Fla.

JINGPING ZHANG, serial and automation librarian in the James E. Morrow Library, attended an institute entitled "A Captial Idea: Electronic Serials From Acquisition to Access" Sept. 16-17 in Washington, D.C. The institute was presented by the serials section of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, a division of the American Library Association and was co-sponsored by the PALINET and CAPCON Library Networks.

## MU Faculty Wives Club to meet Nov. 7

The MU Faculty Wives Club will hold a regular meeting Friday, Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. in the John Spotts Room in the Memorial Student Center.

A presentation will be given by Thomas Czulewicz, CEO of the Western West Virginia Chapter of the American Red Cross. He will deal with the subject of "Home Chemical Safety."

The meeting will be hosted by Debbie Freidin, Kay Lotspeich, Juanita Marley and Sandy Walker.

## 'Year of the Book' begins



Biographer Jean Edward Smith signs a copy of his book *John Marshall - Definer of a Nation for Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs. Smith began the "Year of the Book" with a lecture Oct. 30 in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.*