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Children’s & Teens’ College begins Feb. 10

Children’s and Teens’ College, conducted by Marshall University’s Community and Technical College, will begin Sat­urday, Feb. 10, and feature a variety of enrichment courses for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

All of the classes will be held from 9 to 11:50 a.m. on Sat­urdays from Feb. 10 through March 16 in Harris Hall or the Science Building, according to Richard Hensley, director of con­tinuing education at Marshall.

“The 50-minute courses have been designed to be entertain­ment as well as educational and have been separated into four sections for students of different age groups,” said Hensley.

A new course titled “Exploring the Internet” will be offered this year for parents of students attending Children’s and Teens’ College and beginning Internet users in fifth through 12th grades.

Courses for kindergarten students include: “Reading Adven­tures,” “Fossils, Creatures and Dinosaurs,” “Fun With Numbers,” “Story Telling and Acting” and “Brick Steps” which will utilize Legos to teach students to measure, estimate, count, sort, sequence and weigh things. Courses for first-graders include: “Creative Reading and Writing,” “Fossils, Creatures and Dinosaur,” “Adventures in Math,” “Brick Steps,” “Story Telling and Acting” and “Mice, Mothkies and Monsters.”

Students in second through fifth grades are able to take: “New Games” (designed to help children expand socialization, imagination and sportsmanship), “Math Challenges,” “Sign Language,” “Lego Levers, Wheels, Gears and Pulleys,” “Gears in Motion” (students will learn basic engineering concepts by designing and building operating models), “Discoveries in Science,” “Creative Dramatics,” “Creative Reading and Writing” and “Discoveries in Science.”

Courses for students in the fourth and fifth grades include: “Art I, Scene,” “Gears in Motion,” “Young Scientists,” “Simple Machines Made Smart,” “Let’s Letter” (calligraphy and art), “Bridge Design and Construction,” “Mysteries of Math,” “Space Technology” and “Sign Language.”

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade course offerings include: “Bridge Design and Construction,” “Improving Math Skills,” “Theater Workshop,” “Sign Language,” “Science Process Skills” (study skills) and “Let’s Letter.”

The cost per student will be $36 for one class, $60 for two classes and $81 for three classes. Families registering two or more students will receive a 10 percent discount. Marshall University employees will receive a 10 percent discount for children and grandchildren (only one discount will be allowed each family).

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

Budget will be TV topic

Does the nation need a balanced budget? That question will be discussed on the Jan. 25 edition of “Stories of the Century” on Century Cable channel 2 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Steve Shuklian, associate professor of economics at Marshall, will be the featured guest.

Several issues regarding the federal budget will be discussed during the show that is produced by students in the Broadcast Sequence in Marshall’s W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

The family of Frances Shuklian of Huntington thanks all those of the Marshall community for their sym­pathy and generosity in her passing.

Edgar Allan Poe in his work, “For Annie,” provided com­fort when he wrote:

“Thank Heaven! the crisis—

The danger is past, and the lingering illness is over at last—

And the fever called ‘Living’

is conquered at last."

“Punky’s” life pattern was as the apostle wrote to Timo­thy (II, 4,7), “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

And finally for “Punky,” to paraphrase the English poet, Rupert Brooke, “That there’s some plot of a resting field that is forever Marshall.”

Thank you,

Samm Clagg and daughter, Carmen Sue Watts

Great teachers sought

Five Marshall University professors will be selected to par­ticipate in the Great Teachers Institute sponsored this summer by the West Virginia Faculty Development Network and the state college and university systems.

The institute will be held from June 30 through July 3 at North Bend State Park near Cairo.

Selection participants will be based on teaching effective­ness, scholarly accomplishments, service to the university and service to the community.

The Great Teachers Institute originated in Illinois in 1969. It is based on the premise that teachers learn teaching best from one another.

Information about the institute and the application process will be distributed to faculty and deans. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Academic Affairs Office, 696-3097 or 696-5442.

MU committee accepting development grant forms

Marshall University’s Faculty Development Committee is ac­cepting applications for travel and projects that serve the goals of faculty development.

The application deadline is Jan. 30. To obtain further details or application forms contact your faculty representative or Dr. Peggy Grippsower, committee chair.

Inco Alloys International Inc. President Francis J. Petro, left, and Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley, right, an­nounce Inco’s $500,000 pledge to the university’s library cam­paign during a press conference held Jan. 17.

Inco Alloys Inc. pledges $500,000 to MU library

Marshall University’s planned library/information center has received a $500,000 boost from Inco Alloys International Inc.

The five-year pledge was announced Jan. 17 during a press conference on the Marshall campus by Inco President Francis J. Petro and Marshall President J. Wade Gilley.

“We are making this contribution to Marshall University be­cause Inco Alloys International has been in the community since 1922 and we are totally committed to helping and supporting this community and its major educational endeavor, which is Marshall University,” Petro said.

“We are the first corporate and a corporate citizen that this project is a very important milestone in the development and continuation of the growth of Marshall University and our community,” he continued.

“Many of our employees are graduates of Marshall. We are very interested in supporting the growth and the excellence that has occurred at Marshall and we will continue to do that. This is our way of showing our support not only verbally but in a much more tangible way,” Petro said.

In making the community involvement donation, Inco Alloys has been a generous corporate citizen over the years,” Gilley said. “The company’s contributions to Marshall University alone in the past 20 years have totaled more than $1 million, not in­cluding the new $500,000 pledge.

“Inco has assisted numerous Marshall programs, including the College of Business Weekend M.B.A. program, the College of Science’s summer research program and faculty development, for which the company donated $500,000 to allow more M.U. faculty to continue studies through research, professional semi­nars and fellowships,” Gilley said. “The company also has been a strong supporter of scholarships for students in science, math, technology, will be named in her honor.

“Not only is Mrs. Lewis a leader in our community,” said Edgar Lewis Jr., who at the time was in business with his uncle and his cousin in the New River In­dustrial Park. He is also affiliated

Wellman receives award

Doris Wellman of Huntington, adminis­trative secretary in the Division of Human Development and Allied Technology-Fam­ily and Consumer Sciences, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for December, according to Bill Burdette, chair of the selection committee.

Wellman has worked for the university for 18 years.

She was nominated for the award by Mary Jo Graham, coordinator of Family and Con­sider Sciences.

In making the nomination, Graham said, “Doris gives superior ‘customer service’ to all who enter our of­fice. She encourages students who are discouraged, helps them find their way through the end tape and gives them suggestions on how to solve problems.

“When strangers are lost, she will make phone calls to help them find their way. Doris helps new faculty find their way with­out imposing ‘the past’ as a guide for how things must be done. It is not uncommon for students and part-time faculty to give her gifts, thank-you cards and flowers when they finish. She is so knowledgeable and efficient we couldn’t do without her.”

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

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Marshall Jazz Festival to be held Feb. 1-3

The 27th annual Marshall University Jazz Festival, the oldest collegiate jazz festival in the country, will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 and 3, at Smith Music Hall, according to Dr. Ed Bingham of Marshall's Department of Music. The festival will feature high school and collegiate jazz ensembles and professional musicians from throughout the region.

Acclaimed recording artist Dave Valentín, a Latin-jazzistro, will be the featured guest artist. Valentín began playing the trumpet at the age of five and began performing professionally at age 11. He attended high school in New York City where he developed his interest in the flute at the age of 16.

A leading advocate for cross-cultural music, Valentín's performances include standard jazz repertory combined with the cultural melange of sounds from his childhood in the South Bronx.

His recording credits on the GRP label include "Tropic Heat," "Red Sun," "Flute Juice," "GRP All-Star Big Band" and "Primtive Passion."

The opening concert on Thursday at 7 p.m. will feature ensembles from Ohio University and West Virginia State College. Under the direction of Del Gillespie, a well-known area band leader, the West Virginia State College group will present a program of "Sounds of the Big Bands."

Valentín's first performance will be Friday at 7 p.m. with the MU Jazz Quartet. The concert will feature jazz standards, Latin-influenced "Salza" and contemporary tunes by MU faculty member Michael Golden.

The festival at Saturday at 7 p.m. will feature Valentín and the MU Jazz Ensemble. The performance will feature Valentín's expertise on ethnic flutes from Africa, Japan, Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil and America.

"The flute is common to most cultures and Valentín will explain the musical and cultural significance of the instrument," said Bingham.

Saturday's program also will feature a special performance of the Marshall University Alumni Jazz Band that will reunite educators and former students including some who have gone on to careers as professional musicians. The Alumni Jazz Band will be conducted by J.D. Folsom, founder of the MU Jazz Festival. Bingham said Marshall school ensembles from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky will perform at various times Friday and Saturday and participate in several clinics conducted by guest saxophonist Mark Tucker and Marshall faculty members Michael Golden, Steve Hall and Leo Welch. The opening jam sessions will be held at the Calumity Cafe located at the corner of Hal Greer Boulevard and Third Avenue across from Smith Music Hall following each major concert.

Admission to festival events will be $5. Concert tickets will be available at the MU Music Department Office in Smith Music Hall and at the door prior to each event. Marshall students with valid identification cards will be admitted free.

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

Inco pledges $500,000

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be housed in the new library/information center, will be named in honor of Inco Alloys International Inc., said Bingham. The computer center will direct operations of Marshall resources allowing the university to serve as an "on-ramp" for the national Information Superhighway.

"We chose to support the computer center because it most closely depicts the type of business we are in," Petro said. "We are in a materials business. We develop, manufacture and market technical products and our products are used in highly technical applications. But, we also support other endeavors and programs at Marshall. It just so happens that this is a major capital project. This is what we thought would best represent what we are all about," he concluded.

In addition to housing more than 200,000 printed volumes, the $22 million library will link the area, through dedicated fiber-optic lines, to information resources throughout the world. Marshall is seeking $7 million in private funds to supplement the $15 million available through state bonds and a federal grant. Ground is to be broken in 1996 for the new facility. Construction is expected to be completed in 1998.

MU senate gets new office

The Marshall University Faculty Senate Office has moved to its new location in the Cornerstone Building.

All faculty and staff members are invited to visit the new office.

The Faculty Senate wants to thank all those involved in the construction and relocation of the office and those providing furniture and art.

Applications for travel funds are due by Feb. 5

Applications for the third round of Quinlan Faculty Travel Funds are due in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs by Feb. 5, according to Dr. Lee Erickson, chair of the Marshall University Research Committee.

Applications are available in the Faculty Senate Office and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

MU Excused absences...

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

- Jan. 22-25 — Chad A. Isaacus.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

The staff of the SCORES Office would like to thank the entire campus community for donating to the Huntington City Mission Christmas food drive.

The few donation boxes that were not picked up in time for Christmas will still be of great benefit to those whose needs continue into the new year.

Without your generosity, many families in our area would not have had a healthy, happy holiday.

Sincerely,

Sherry Brooks
Weight Watchers contributing to MU library

During the months of January and February, losses by area Weight Watchers members will be Marshall University’s gain.

“Weight Watchers of West Virginia is excited about the building of your technologically-sophisticated library,” wrote Millie Snyder, president and chief executive officer of Weight Watchers of West Virginia, in a letter to The Marshall University Foundation Inc.

Snyder said containers have been placed at all 25 Weight Watchers meetings in Milton, Barboursville, Huntington, Point Pleasant, Fort Gay, Hurricane, Hamlin and Kenova in West Virginia and in Ironton, Ohio, and Ashland, Ky., to encourage members to donate for every pound they lose toward achieving a healthier lifestyle.

“That amount can range anywhere from a penny a pound to perhaps as much as a dollar or more a pound,” Snyder said.

“After the time for donating has ended, we will tally up all of the contributions and honor the Marshall University Library campaign with the total sum of money,” she said.

“Weight Watchers of West Virginia has devised an innovative way to assist in the building of our new library,” said Frank P. Justice, Marshall vice president for development. “The members’ success at losing weight will add to Marshall's success in building a library that will truly be a community resource. We appreciate the members’ generosity and wish them the loss of many pounds.”

A total of $7 million in private contributions is needed for the construction of the library that will link the area to information around the world via a network of dedicated fiber optic cables.

Cost estimate for the new library is $22 million, of which $15 million will be provided through state-approved bonds and a federal grant. Ground will be broken in 1996 and the library is expected to be completed in 1998, Justice said.

University death notices

Dr. Thomas Bauserman

Dr. Thomas Bauserman, 80, of Huntington, died Sunday, Jan. 7, in St. Mary’s Hospital.

He was born July 6, 1915, in Rosenberg, W.Va., a son of the late David and Mattie Alexander Bauserman. He was preceded in death by a brother, M.L. Bauserman.

Dr. Bauserman received a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from West Virginia Tech, a master’s degree from Washington State University and a doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh.

He taught at West Virginia University for nine years and did a special assignment on updating mathematics teachers. He came to Marshall in 1955 and taught until his retirement in 1980. He was a former chair of the MU Mathematics Department. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Beth Caldwell Bauserman; a son, Samuel David Bauserman of Huntington; a brother, Earl Bauserman and his wife, Lena, of Ronceverte; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Caldwell of Green River, Wyo., and a cousin, Virginia Honaker of Ronceverte.

Charley E. Cumpston

Charley E. Cumpston, 77, of Barboursville, died Saturday, Dec. 30, in Cabell Huntington Hospital.

He was born March 22, 1918, in Cabell County, a son of the late Charley and Margaret Cumpston. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lerena Marjorie Cumpston in 1993.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy Gillespie of Milton, Charlotte Chester of Barboursville and Susan Hampton of Charlotte, N.C.; one sister, Phyllis Gibson of Huntington; one brother, Harold “Red” Cumpston of Barboursville, and six grandchildren.

MU Research Committee approves Quinlan grants

(The following report on the Dec. 13 meeting of the Marshall University Research Committee was submitted by Dr. Lee Erickson, chair.)

The Research Committee meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1995, by Lee Erickson.

Minutes of the September meeting were distributed for information and approved.

Proposed wording changes in the Summer Research Award Application Form were discussed and approved.

The recommendations of the Subcommittee on University Patent and Ethics Policies were discussed and approved with the exception of the final paragraph. Revised copies will be distributed at the next meeting and a proposal will be prepared by the subcommittee for the Faculty Senate.

Applications for research funding were considered and a motion was made and seconded to fund S. Power and S. Jackson. The motion carried.

The following list of applicants was submitted for Quinlan funding: Chandra Akkihal, Ray Blankenship, Dallas Brozik, Bruce Ebank, Richard A. Garnett, Howard R. Gordon, Amy Hudock, Christopher W. LeGrow, Charles O. Lloyd, Akhtar Lodgher, Elsa I. Mangiarua, Katharine Rodier, James M. Sottille, Wendell Sweetser and John Wallace.

A motion was made and seconded to accept this list for funding. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Purchasing seminar set

Informational seminars on the new purchasing procedures will be conducted by William Shondel, director of purchasing, on Feb. 13 and Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Shondel suggests that all departments participate since there have been many changes in the purchasing procedures.

To obtain further details or register for a seminar contact Barbara Smentkowski, 696-3157.

WAC workshop scheduled

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled “Learning Disabled Students and WAC Classes” will be held Wednesday, Jan. 31, at noon in Harris Hall Room 403.

All faculty members are invited to attend the one-hour workshop. To obtain further details contact Lana Boggs, WAC assistant, 696-4650.
Manning addresses Marshall Faculty Senate

(The following report on the Dec. 14 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Senate was submitted by Kay Wildman, secretary.)

Members present were: Abramson, Blankenship, Desai, Stone, Bauer, Hall, Karickhoff, Lowry, Marley, Stern, Turner, Anthony, Jackson, Miller, Sporny, Baker, Dennison, Gross, Perkins, Rotter, Shaver, Spindel, Rigsbee, Merritt-Damron, Perry, Wildman, Finver, Fox, Green, Larsen, Reichlenbecher, Simmons, Walker, Davis, Stotts, Castellani, Aluthge, Hubbard, May, Pupplo-Cody, Wilson and Parliamentarian Denman.

Members absent were: Duke, Gripshover, Taft, Lester, Brown, Guyer, Krasnow and Valluri.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Elaine Baker. Minutes of the Nov. 16 meeting were approved as distributed.

Presidential Action on Senate Recommendations:

President Gilley approved all senate recommendations of Nov. 16, 1995, including the one made from the floor with the proposed name of an additional honorary degree recipient.

Announcements:

Lynn Rigsbee was recognized by the chair and thanked for his service on the senate this semester, filling in for David Woodward who was on sabbatical. Woodward will return as senator in January to fill out his elected term.

Baker noted that the senate office has moved to Old Main Room 105. She invited all senators to stop by the new office. Furniture was provided by Dr. Gilley and a very nice painting was loaned to the office by Stan Sporny.

Early and/or phased retirement is beginning to be looked at for employees at Marshall. A draft document has been prepared. It is in committee at this point but eventually will be submitted for senate approval.

As part of the strategic planning process for the next five years, a group is being formed for program evaluation. The group will include: Lyle Wilcox, chair; members of the Deans’ Council; Blaker Bolling, chair of the Academic Planning Committee; Elaine Baker, president of the Faculty Senate; Sarah Dennison; three faculty representatives; and student representatives on the Deans’ Council. The three faculty representatives as appointed by Baker and endorsed by the Executive Committee are Maudie Karickhoff, Beverly Marchant and Michael Littie.

Report of the University President:

Karen Mitchell from the Department of Mathematics was specially recognized and commended as an outstanding teacher with an extraordinary devotion to undergraduate education. She was then formally presented the “Case Teacher of the Year Award” for West Virginia by Dr. Gilley. The senate responded with a standing ovation.

ACF Report:

Caroline Perkins referred to the revised draft of system initiatives that were included with the senate agenda. Some suggestions from last meeting were incorporated but some substantive parts were not.

Discussion with Dr. Manning:

Dr. Charles Manning, chancellor, perceives two major forces at work on higher education: (1.) society’s expectations for greater productivity and a higher percentage of citizens with post-secondary education, (2.) focus on instructional technology throughout the educational system. To accomplish this will require a longer-range commitment for funding by the state legislature coupled with the productivity factor for state colleges and universities.

Manning answered several questions. The first question was about equipping individual instructors with computers. Manning said that process will be program-driven. As programmatic proposals are made, phased areas will be equipped.

With regard to tuition waivers for families of Marshall employees, Manning said the economics of it cannot be contained in this environment.

A question was asked about the equation of TIAA-CREF contributions between the institution and the individual; it comes down to salary increases versus benefits—salary increases are more popular.

Elaborating on SB 547, Manning said that our interpretation of what we’re doing and what the Legislature thinks we’re doing may be completely different. There is a disparity between the Legislature’s perception of what’s important to them and faculties’ perceptions of what they do. There is more pressure to make more connection between higher education and K-12. They want high school graduates better prepared and want higher education not to have to devote classes to remedial curriculum. These concerns can be addressed in many different ways; thoughts and suggestions need to be communicated clearly to legislators.

As far as measuring productivity, faculty workloads should be department-based, not factored for each individual. That way, research and instructional hours can be balanced.

Report of the University Calendar Committee:

Caroline Perkins reported that the committee has met twice and that the calendar soon will be finalized. She asked for consensus from the senate regarding the schedule, particularly in areas that have been variable in the past.

The first request was that since the first Saturday class falls on Labor Day weekend, that Saturday classes begin Sept. 7. There was no objection to the Thanksgiving break as scheduled.

There was mixed reaction to spring break with some favoring mid­semester and some preferring coordinating with public schools (however there are many variances among public schools from county to county). There was no consensus. One senator asked the committee to consider a fall break (two days in October) in future planning. Perkins will convey the input to the committee.

Committee Recommendations:

SR-95-96(13-15)(CC): To approve course additions ENG 410 and 412, HST 317 and MGT 150. The recommendation for approval carried.

SR-95-96(16)(BAPC): To approve that a course overload policy be established and that course overloads be granted by department chairs and division heads. Sporny moved to amend and it was seconded that the word “only” be inserted after the word “granted.” The motion carried. Turner moved to amend by saying that in the absence of a department or division head, the student would go to the dean for overloads. The motion died for lack of a second. Gross moved and it was seconded that the senate refer this recommendation back to committee to consider concerns expressed on the floor. The motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Physical Facilities—Sporny reported that the exodus from Northcott Hall is taking place. The committee is still working on parking for graduate and teaching assistants.

Research—Castellani stated that the committee has awarded several research grants and reviewed patent and ethics policies. There were no suggested changes for ethics; several suggestions for the patent policy will be forwarded along.

Student Conduct and Welfare—Rotter reported several issues under consideration: (1.) Mass gathering policy (2.) Discipline policy and (3.) AIDS policy. When asked about the discipline policy, Rotter replied that there are several departments on campus that don’t conform to university policies or to those in the student handbook.

University Functions—Merritt-Damron said that topics under discussion are commencement announcements, getting proposals from photographers for commencement and nominations for honorary degrees.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.