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International Festival will be held April 21

"A Celebration of Culture" will be the theme for Marshall University's 30th annual International Festival which will be held Sunday, April 21, beginning at 4 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The festival will feature exotic foods, traditional music and dance and displays representing many different countries and cultures.

Exhibits and entertainment will be open to the public free of charge. Tickets for the food-sampling session will be \$6 for

Carter Woodson event set

The Carter G. Woodson Memorial Foundation Inc. will hold its fourth annual fundraising banquet Saturday, April 13, at 6 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 1001 Third Ave.

Justice Franklin D. Cleckley of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals will be the keynote speaker for the event. His topic will be "History and Education: An African-American Agenda in Justice."

The Woodson Foundation accomplished the first of its major goals last year when it erected a life-size statue of Dr. Carter G. Woodson in Huntington as testimony to the city's pride in one of its most distinguished citizens.

Woodson, a graduate of Douglas High School in Huntington who went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard University, is widely acknowledged as the "father of African-American history." In 1915 he founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and one year later founded the influential Journal of Negro History.

Funds from the banquet, which is open to the public, will go toward a scholarship endowment to support outstanding students at Marshall University and the purchase of materials on black culture and history for inclusion in the Carter G. Woodson Bibliographic Center in Marshall's James E. Morrow Library. Banquet tickets are \$25 each. Corporate table reservations are available.

To obtain further details or banquet tickets contact Newatha Perry, 304-696-2342 or 614-894-5772, or Jackie Jackson, 304-522-9610.

Concert to be broadcast

"Choral Fusion," a concert by the Marshall University Chamber Choir, will be broadcast Easter Sunday at 7 p.m. on West Virginia Public Television stations WPBY (Huntington/Charleston) and WSWP (Beckley).

The performance is WPBY's first local program to be produced and broadcast in stereo.

Described by Vibrations magazine as "the real ear-opening discovery" of the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C., the Marshall University Chamber Choir has drawn rave reviews for its performances of choral music in an array of styles.

Comprised largely of undergraduate music students, the 29-voice ensemble is directed by Dr. David Castleberry, associate professor of music and director of choral activities at Marshall.

The performance is set in the Williamsburg-style St. John's Episcopal Church in Huntington and selections are complimented by interview with Castleberry.

"Choral Fusion" is a production of WPBY for West Virginia Public Television. The producer is Jim Hultin and the director is Steve Chapman.

adults and \$3 for children if purchased in advance, or \$7 for adults and \$4 for children if purchased at the door.

Dr. William A. Edwards, executive director of Marshall's Center for International Programs, said the festival is the perfect opportunity for individuals to celebrate the rich diversity found in the Tri-State. "The International Festival allows the community to celebrate its multicultural heritage and showcases the many nationalities of those studying and teaching at Marshall University," said Edwards.

Eric K. Spears, coordinator of international student services, said the International Festival will give people a chance to see how the "global village" is taking shape. He said, "If you open your eyes a little, Huntington is quite an international area for such a small place."

The opportunities of the program are unique, according to Scott Hoppe, interim director of international students and scholars. "In one place, and in one short span of time, a person can come in contact with many different cultures," said Hoppe.

All Tri-State area residents are invited to attend the festival. To order tickets or obtain further details about the International Festival contact Spears or Hoppe, 304-696-6265, or visit the Marshall University Center for International Programs in Old Main Room 212.

Library hours announced

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will be closed Sunday, April 7, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries. The special collections section will be closed Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7.

The library will be open Friday, April 5, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday, April 8, from 7:45 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Free catalogs available

The Marshall University Bookstore has copies of the following free catalogs available for all departments, faculty and staff:

Office Supplies Comprehensive Catalog (features 70,000 items for departmental or individual purchase); Basic Office Needs Catalog (quarterly catalog featuring 2,000 of the most commonly purchased items at special pricing); Computer Software Catalog (features popular software at special educational pricing); Nursing and Allied Health Catalog, and Medical Books for the Health Profession.

To obtain catalogs or further details contact the Marshall University Bookstore, 696-2463 or 696-3622.

Lunch program scheduled

Project Well/Fit and Marriott Food Services are sponsoring a "Healthy Lunch" program for Marshall employees Thursday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Twin Towers Cafeteria.

Lunch, featuring a healthy meal, will be \$4.24. Project Well/Fit will provide a variety of health assessments for faculty and staff. To obtain further details contact the Project Well/Fit Office, 696-3668.

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University receives accreditation until 2006

It's official. Marshall University's accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools has been continued until the year 2006.

MU President J. Wade Gilley was formally notified of the 10-year extension of accreditation in a letter from Patricia A. Thrash, executive director of the association's Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

"While not surprised, we were pleased to learn that Marshall University has qualified for a no-strings-attached accreditation for the maximum period possible," Gilley said. "The evaluation team which visited our campus last November had indicated it would submit a very positive report to the commission—and obviously it did just that."

Dr. Larry R. Trussell, chairman of the evaluation team, had high praise for Marshall's Self-Study Report and its coordina-

tor, MU President Emeritus Robert B. Hayes, at the conclusion of the team's visit last fall.

Trussell told Marshall administrators the evaluators had been impressed by the extraordinary pride in the university they found among alumni, the Huntington area community and throughout the university itself, including faculty, staff and students.

The new accreditation allows Marshall to offer programs on a statewide basis, including telecommunications courses, without further North Central Association approval.

Trussell, who is coordinator of international initiatives at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, said the evaluators had particular commendation for Marshall's progress in information technology, both in infrastructure and programs. He indicated they believed Marshall was far ahead of any of the colleges and universities they represented in terms of information technology.

Other strengths he mentioned included:
—A beautiful campus and excellent maintenance of the physical plant and grounds.

—Work being done by the Center for Research and Economic Development to assist the region and state in strengthening the economy.

—Health sciences outreach, particularly the rural health initiatives of the School of Medicine.

—Strong programs in raising private funds in support of university initiatives.

Staff election planned

Marshall University's Classified Staff will hold an election to select representatives to the Institutional Board of Advisors and the Advisory Council of Classified Employees Thursday, April 11.

Voting will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Payroll Office, Old Main Room 205; Sorrell Maintenance Building Room 200; the South Lobby of Prichard Hall; Doctors Memorial Building Room 508 and the Medical Education Building Room G08. Night shift voting will take place the evening of April 10. Absentee voting will be held April 9 in the Staff Council Office, Old Main Room 100.

Candidates for Institutional Board of Advisors are:
—Kay Hesson, an employee since July 1, 1986. Hesson is an administrative associate in the Admissions Office. She began her career at Marshall in the Bursar's Office. She currently serves on the Financial Affairs Committee. Hesson said she is running for the office because she wants to get more actively involved with staff concerns.

—Marsha D. Napier, an employee at Marshall for eight years. She is an academic advising specialist in the College of Science and has completed 114 hours toward a bachelor's degree. She is a member of Staff Council and serves as president of the state

Three faculty members honored at convocation



LeGrow



Welch



White

Three Marshall University faculty members received Pickens-Queen awards during the university's Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation held April 4 in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The awards, presented for the first time, went to Dr. Christopher LeGrow, assistant professor of psychology; Dr. Leo Welch, assistant professor of music, and Paula White, assistant professor in the Division of Teacher Education.

Ethel K. Pickens of Gallipolis, Ohio, and her nephew, retired Tradewell Supermarkets chairman Glenn J. Queen and his wife, the former Carol Booth, established the awards to honor faculty members in their early years of teaching on the collegiate level. Each award includes a stipend of \$1,000.

Recipients are selected by a committee on the basis of innovation and excellence in teaching. The awards are designed to pay tribute to faculty members who, although they have not been teaching long, are already making significant contributions to educating Marshall's future alumni.

Faculty engaged in teaching full-time in tenure track appoint-

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Faculty members given Pickens-Queen awards

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ments with the rank of instructor or assistant professor who have completed six years or less of service at Marshall are eligible to be nominated for the awards.

LeGrow teaches industrial organizational psychology courses at Marshall. He received his bachelor's degree from Plymouth (N.H.) State College and his master's and doctoral degrees from Ohio University.

Prior to joining the Marshall faculty three years ago, LeGrow taught at the State University of New York at Oswego and Ohio University. In 1991 he received the Ohio University College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award for the Department of Psychology.

He has written several research papers for presentation at professional meetings and conferences and has been a member of the Midwestern Psychological Association and the Eastern Psychological Association.

Welch, director of guitar studies and coordinator of music theory, is Marshall's first full-time guitar faculty member. He has performed throughout the eastern United States and Europe and has published numerous articles in professional journals.

He received his bachelor's degree from the Crane School of Music, Potsdam, N.Y., and received his master's and doctoral degrees from Florida State University. He also completed extensive study of Bach transcriptions at the Eastman School of Music.

Welch, who joined the Marshall faculty in 1992, is fulfilling an artist-in-residency this spring in Cabell County schools.

White received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall and is currently working on her doctoral degree at West Virginia University.

She has been a member of Marshall's Teacher Education Division for three years, teaching a variety of mathematics courses.

White formerly taught in Wayne County public schools and taught part-time at Marshall from 1992 to 1993. She has made presentations on "Cooperative Learning" for the West Virginia Association for Middle Level Education and the Wayne County Teachers' Academy and made a presentation on "Uses of Mathematic Manipulatives" for the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

She also serves as treasurer of Phi Delta Kappa education honorary.

"The common traits that keep appearing in evaluations of all of the award winners are their willingness to help students and their ability to involve students in class and make them want to learn," said Dr. Sarah Denman, vice president for academic affairs at Marshall. "They already are valued members of the Marshall University faculty and we have great expectations for all three."

The Honors Convocation program, sponsored by Marshall's John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence, included the presentation of academic awards to students, the presentation of the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Award for Excellence in Teaching and the presentation of the university's Distinguished Service Award.

Classified staff election scheduled April 11

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employees union at Marshall. She lobbies the legislature on behalf of higher education and state employees, is a member of the SEU-PAC and is an active participant in the review and endorsement of area and state political candidates.

—Randy Price, head of circulation for the Health Science Library. Price, who attended Marshall for two years, has worked at the university since accepting a position in the James E. Morrow Library in 1972. He was named to the position in the Health Science Library in 1989. Price said since he has been a classified staff member for a number of years, he feels attuned to the needs and concerns of staff members. He said he will represent all classified staff members to the best of his ability if elected.

—Jan Weece, an employee at Marshall since October 1989. Weece is an administrative secretary in the Forensic Science Department in the School of Medicine. She is working toward a degree in the Regents B.A. Program. Weece said she has a deep concern for staff members. She has lobbied for pay raises, job equities, fairness in grievance matters and other staff-related issues.

Candidates for the Advisory Council of Classified Employees are:

—David Cremeans, a Marshall employee for six years. Cremeans is a press operator II in the Graphics Department. He has a degree in electronics from DeVry in Chicago and has attended the University of Kentucky. He has served as Staff Council vice president and parliamentarian and has served on a number of university committees. He also is a member of the Cabell County Democratic Committee. Cremeans said he is extremely interested in the welfare of the classified staff of

Marshall and is willing to go the extra mile for the staff members.

—Martha Deel, a Marshall employee for 17 years. Deel is an administrative assistant in the Office of the Vice President for Finance. She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Glenville State College and a master's degree from Marshall. Deel said she thinks her longevity, experience and knowledge of the system will be an asset to the position on the Advisory Council. She said she has always had an interest in the classified staff and their well-being and feels she can bring change to the staff situation.

—Juanita A. Marley, who has worked at Marshall for a year and four months. Marley is a senior administrative secretary in the Community and Technical College. She has an associate degree in business and has 17 years of experience in an academic environment. She served on the steering committee to set up a staff council organization at Beaver College and served on that council for five years. Marley is a member of the board of directors of the West Virginia Foundation for Independent Living.

—Stephanie A. Neal, a Marshall employee for almost 11 years. She is an executive secretary at the John Deaver Drinko Academy. Neal has an associate in applied science degree in computer technology from Marshall and received her Regents B.A. degree in 1995. She currently serves as Staff Council historian and previously served as council secretary. She has served on numerous council committees. Neal said she is very much aware of the situation facing the classified staff, including the Mercer Classification System, Senate Bill 547, Series 37 and Series 62.

Choi announces retirement, reception slated

Dr. Soo Bock Choi, professor of political science, has announced his retirement after more than 32 years of service on the Marshall University faculty.

A native of Korea, Choi attended the College of Liberal Arts at Seoul National University and taught school in his native country.

He served as an officer in the Republic of Korea Army where he attained the rank of captain during the Korean War and was awarded the U.S. Bronze Star medal.

Choi received a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Stetson University, De Land, Fla., in 1957, received a master's degree from the University of Kentucky in 1958 and received his doctorate from the University of Maryland in 1963.

Prior to joining the Marshall faculty in 1963, he was in charge of the Engineering and Mathematics Library at the Catholic University of America, taught students at the Army Special Task Force School at Fort Holabird, Md., and worked as an interpreter for the U.S. State Department. He became a naturalized United States citizen in 1975.

Choi has been involved in a variety of civic organizations and has received many awards and honors throughout his career. He was named an Outstanding Educator of America in 1972, was named a Distinguished West Virginian in 1987, received an outstanding service award from the Huntington Jaycees and was honored by the city of Huntington for his outstanding service in international education at Marshall and in the community.

He has served on many university committees and organizations and served as adviser to various student groups. He was a founder of the Marshall University International Student Club and its annual cultural festival and was responsible for developing a center to offer the Law School Admission Test on the MU campus.

Choi has been involved in several agencies at the local and state levels and was named chairman of Huntington's Affirmative Action Board in 1988.

Nkosi will give reading

Dr. Lewis Nkosi, a celebrated South African writer, literary critic and journalist, will give a reading from his works at Marshall University on Thursday, April 11, at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Currently serving as a visiting Drinko Scholar at Marshall, Nkosi began recording the black experience in apartheid South Africa during the late 1950s.

In 1961 he accepted a fellowship to study at Harvard and was effectively banned from returning to, or publishing in, his native country. He has since lived in exile while continuing the work of dramatizing and drawing attention to the restrictions faced by non-whites under apartheid.

A prolific writer, Nkosi has published several books including "Underground People," "Tasks and Masks" (a study of themes and styles of African literature), "Home and Exile," "The Transplanted Heart" and "Mating Birds" which received the Macmillan Silver Pen Prize. He has written chapters for other books, several plays including "The Rhythm of Violence" and numerous papers for professional publications and journals.

He currently is working on a post-apartheid novel titled "The Cure."

His presentation, open to the public free of charge, is part of Marshall's Visiting Writers Series sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and the MU English Department.

He and his wife, Chin, regularly attend business briefings in Charleston for trade and investment delegations from Japan, Korea and Taiwan. In 1984 they sponsored a three-day visit to West Virginia for Korean Consul General Se-jin Kim and the next year hosted a visit to the area for a Korean delegation headed by Foreign Minister Ro-myung Gong.

Choi recently received commendations from West Virginia Governor Gaston Caperton, Huntington Mayor Jean Dean and Congressman Nick J. Rahall and was honored by the West Virginia Senate and House of Delegates for his years of distinguished service to Marshall and the community.

Upon his retirement at the end of this academic year, Choi will be granted the title of distinguished professor emeritus of international politics, according to Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley.

"Dr. Choi is one of the most outgoing individuals on the Marshall University campus and students truly seem to enjoy his classes," said Gilley. "I'm confident he is going to be missed greatly and I want to wish him a retirement that is both long and happy."

Choi, who has taught approximately 15,000 students in his classes at Marshall, said he expects to continue teaching on a part-time basis as needed and perhaps work on some special projects for the university.

A reception honoring Choi will be held Tuesday, April 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Marshall's Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

The reception, open to all MU employees and students as well as community residents, is being sponsored by Marshall's College of Liberal Arts, Office of Academic Affairs and Political Science Department.

Student art on exhibit

An exhibition of works by six graduating art majors will be held in Birke Art Gallery through Wednesday, April 10.

The senior show is the culmination of an art major's requirements and, beginning with this exhibition, includes a written statement by each participant summarizing the aims underlying the works.

Works in the show reflect the concentrations in graphic design of Jerry Hutchinson of Milton, Annalisha Johnson of Huntington, Keith Ann Laber of Culloden and Thomas White of St. Albans. Two students from Huntington produced work in other areas: David Powell in sculpture and Michael Morgan in painting.

Birke Art Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Monday from 7 to 9 p.m.

WAC workshop planned

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled "Structuring Peer Review Sessions" will be held Tuesday, April 9, at 12:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 130.

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



Choi