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Festival will attract 3,000 students

Approximately 3,000 juniors and seniors from 76 high schools in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky will be on Marshall University's campus Saturday, March 8, to compete in the university's eighth annual Academic Festival.

The festival is a function of the MU SCORES (Search Committee on Recruiting Excellent Students) group, which is composed of representatives from every academic department on campus.

Janet Dooley, SCORES director, said the festival is a spirited academic competition where academically gifted students vie for top honors in various contests

Research competition begins for MU faculty

Marshall University will hold a research award competition for all faculty members, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, associate vice president for academic affairs, dean of the Graduate School and chairman of the MU Research Board.

All faculty researchers who have published their works since 1982 are eligible, as well as those who have completed works in the creative arts during the same period. Publications submitted in the previous MU research competition will not be considered.

Awards will be available in the areas of Business, Education, Humanities, Creative Arts, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Medicine and Allied Sciences. Each divisional winner will receive recognition and a silver plaque during a ceremony to be held in April.

The deadline for applications or submitting nominations is Monday, March 17. All current faculty members are eligible. Those desiring to enter should place their names or recommendations in a specially prepared box in the Graduate School Office or contact the office by mail on or before March 17.

Faculty members who want to be considered as candidates will receive a guideline form. All persons nominated will receive an invitation to submit evidence to support their application.

A special committee composed of the MU Research Board and other faculty members will select the winners. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School Office, 696-6606.

Grants are available

President Dale F. Nitzschke has secured funding for Marshall University's Summer Research Grant Program, according to Dr. Robert F. Maddox, associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of the Graduate School.

Anyone interested in applying for a Summer Research Grant can obtain a form in the Graduate School Office.

The deadline for submitting the completed form is April 1. The Research Board, which Dr. Maddox chairs, has determined that the maximum stipend will be \$2,000. For further details contact the Graduate School Office, 696-6606.

designed to test their knowledge. Each participant must have at least a 3.0 grade point average in the competition areas chosen.

Trophies will be awarded to the two schools whose students compile the most points and top individual winners in each of the 100 areas of competition will be awarded plaques. In addition, a \$1,000 scholarship to Marshall will be awarded to the student judged as the "Most Outstanding Student" in the festival.

"The competition is a way to encourage and recognize academic excellence among high school students," said Dooley. "Interest in the festival has grown dramatically since the first one in 1979. That year we had approximately 300 students from 24 area high schools."

The tests range from multiple choice and essay to performance and management problem solving. "Some of the work is submitted ahead of time in particular areas, explained Dooley. "However, on the festival day, those students are expected to attend critique sessions."

The competitions will begin after breakfast and continue throughout the morning. The tests will be graded and the results compiled while the students are having lunch, and the awards ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. in Henderson Center.

To obtain further details about SCORES and the Academic Festival contact Dooley, 696-6752.

Future chairman named

Dr. John W. Larson, professor of chemistry, has been named chairman of the Marshall University Department of Chemistry, effective Aug. 16, 1986, according to Dr. E.S. Hanrahan, dean of the College of Science.

Larson will replace Dr. Gary Anderson, associate professor of chemistry, who has submitted his resignation as department chairman, effective Aug. 15.

A member of the Marshall faculty since 1968, Larson received his B.A. degree, summa cum laude, from Mankato State College in 1965. He received his M.S. degree in 1968 from Carnegie-Mellon University and his Ph.D. from the same institution in 1969.

He was the recipient of a National Science Foundation Fellowship from 1965 to 1968 and has published numerous articles in a variety of scientific journals.

Faculty meeting scheduled

A general faculty meeting will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, in Old Main Auditorium, according to Rainey Duke, chairwoman of the University Council.

The agenda will include an update on recent legislative action relating to higher education by President Nitzschke, a presentation on the Yeager Scholars program by Carolyn Hunter and Joe Hunicutt, an introduction of Carol Ann Smith, vice president of academic affairs, and a few brief announcements.

Council recommends holiday date

(The following report on the Jan. 23 meeting of the Marshall University Staff Council was submitted by Phyllis W. Caldwell, secretary.)

Present: Charlotte Ball, Nina Barrett, Panda Benford, Thelma Blake, Phyllis Caldwell, Jill Chapman, Zanna Crager, Charles Gilbert, James Glover, Bruce Greenwood, Charlene Hawkins, Ann Henson, Priscillia Kell, Donna Mohr, Rowena Napier, Jackie Paul, Barbara Phillips, Christine Qualls, Gloria Rickman, Peggy Theis, Mildred Williams and Ruth Workman.

Absent: Georgia Childers, Arlene Conner, Eugene Crawford, Bonnie Lytle, Elizabeth Nickell, Sherri Noble and Kenneth Reffeitt.

Guest: Paul Michaud.

The Staff Council discussed the following items.

Appeals Committee:

Paul Michaud met with the Council to present the ground rules for the Appeals Committee, a copy of which was presented to each member. He explained the rules step by step and indicated that a committee has been chosen and a few cases will be heard right away.

Legislative Affairs:

Jill Chapman indicated we should write our senators and delegates regarding the salary schedule—S.B. 228, H.B. 1318. She handed out a list of names and addresses for our convenience.

She reported that Marshall staff members will travel to Charleston on Feb. 25 to meet with the legislators. A bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. Release time has been approved by Dr. Nitzschke. Chapman urged everybody on the Staff Council to attend the session.

Discount Committee:

Phyllis Caldwell will continue as chairwoman of the committee and

will contact those serving on the committee last year to see if they wish to serve in updating the discount list.

Membership Committee:

A list of classified staff has been obtained and the committee is ready for the Election Committee to be formed to work with them. There has been discussion that the professional group may break away from the classified staff group. No decision has been made as of this meeting.

Budget Committee:

Gloria Rickman announced that Mr. Neel is setting up a Budget Committee and would like representation from the Staff Council. Members would have input, but she did not know how much. Those volunteering to serve on the committee were Thelma Blake, Bruce Greenwood, Charles Gilbert and Ann Henson.

Election:

The upcoming election was discussed. Bruce Greenwood moved that Kenneth Reffeitt serve as election commissioner. Jim Glover seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Holiday:

President Nitzschke asked Gloria Rickman to get a recommendation from the Staff Council as to when we wish to observe the one-day holiday (½ day Christmas Eve and ½ day New Year's Eve) granted by the governor.

Rowena Napier moved that we observe this one-day holiday on the Tuesday following Memorial Day. Charles Gilbert seconded the motion. The vote was 8 for the motion and 12 against.

Zanna Crager moved that we observe the holiday on Good Friday, March 28. Jackie Paul seconded the motion. The vote was 14 for the motion and 6 against.

The motion carried to recommend to President Nitzschke that we observe Good Friday, March 28, as a holiday.

Other Business:

Gloria Rickman said that Dr. Nitzschke is open to suggestions regarding how to honor faculty and staff retirees. Should faculty/staff be honored at the same time or should each be honored separately? Should staff be honored at the special luncheon for retiring faculty at the president's house, or should we honor staff retirees at the awards ceremony only? Council prefers that classified staff be invited to the luncheon as well as honored at the awards ceremony.

Charlene Hawkins reported on waivers for classified staff. All waivers were awarded for this semester. There is financial assistance available for summer school.

Gloria Rickman noted that Charlene has done a fantastic job working on the Education Committee and we appreciate her services.

Phyllis Caldwell recommended Joe Marshman, coordinator of student activities and programming, as a replacement for the position vacated by John Morton's resignation. She has spoken to Joe and he is interested in serving on the Staff Council.

Jim Glover moved that we accept the nomination. Rowena Napier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jill Chapman inquired as to whether we are enforcing the rule of attendance by members at Staff Council meetings. It was noted that it is very important that we all attend each meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Washington Ballet will hold class and perform

The Student Division of the Marshall Artists Series will sponsor a performance by The Washington (D.C.) Ballet on Friday, March 7, at 8 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Theatre.

The Washington School of the Ballet was formed in 1944. In 1962 it evolved into the Academy of the Washington Ballet, the first institution in the United States to offer a combined curriculum of dance and academics.

From 1962 to 1977, many of America's finest dancers were trained at the Academy.

The Washington Ballet was founded in 1976 as a fully professional company primarily to showcase the talents of the Academy's fine dancers. The academic portion of the institution was closed in 1977, but the dance training section still continues.

Dancers trained at The Washington Ballet have accumulated numerous awards in international competitions and Choo-San Goh, the company's associate artistic director and resident choreographer, also has received various awards.

Presenting a diversified repertoire that includes Petipa, Balanchine, Nebraska and Choo San Goh, as well as emerging young choreographers, The Washington Ballet has won acclaim for its performances at home and abroad.

While at Marshall, the company will conduct a master class for interested participants. There will be a \$15 fee for the class, according to Dr. Mary Marshall, associate professor of dance.

Reserved tickets for the performance are \$9 and \$6, and \$4.50 and \$3 for youth. Marshall students will be admitted free with a valid identification and activity card.

For ticket information contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656. To obtain further details about the master class, contact Dr. Marshall, 696-6442.

Holiday date approved

Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke has approved a recommendation by the Staff Council to take March 28, Good Friday, off as a holiday, according to Gloria Rickman, president of the Staff Council.

The holiday was added because other state employees were granted half-day holidays on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Those days already had been designated part of Marshall's holiday calendar.

Lunchbag seminar set

"A Heritage of Her Own" will be the topic of the next Women's Center lunchbag seminar on Wednesday, March 5, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

Frances Hensley, assistant professor of history at Marshall, will discuss why women are seeking to recover their past. To obtain further details contact the Women's Center, 696-3112.

Grant helps purchase spectrometer

Marshall University has bought a state-of-the-art, \$50,000 scientific instrument that "not only catches us up, but even puts us in the forefront" in the ability to do some types of chemical analysis, according to Dr. George Cabaniss of Marshall's Chemistry Department.

The new Fourier transform infrared spectrometer is a marriage of a minicomputer and a spectrometer, which

tells scientists what a substance is made of. Marshall students and researchers will be able to do more difficult tasks, and do them faster, than with the department's older equipment.

"You have routine problems, hard problems, problems that require versatility," Cabaniss said. "This equipment solves all of them better; the old equipment only solves the routine ones."

Ironically, the new instrument also is easier to use and harder to damage than the older equipment, so more students can use it.

The new instrument's usefulness could reach beyond Marshall to the community, Cabaniss said. It is programmed to recognize more than 500 drugs and other substances police might need to identify. It also could help industry improve its products and make them more efficiently.

The new equipment has a double significance to Marshall, according to College of Science Dean Edward S. Hanrahan.

"First, the purchase was made possible by a \$38,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, the first such grant we've succeeded in getting for some time," he said. "Second, it gives us what amounts to real state-of-the-art capabilities in the field. Not only will faculty be better able to compete for research grant funding, but students will have a chance to be right on top of developments in the field."

Cabaniss said that like older spectrometers, this one passes a light beam through the unknown material. Since every substance absorbs the light in a unique way, scientists can identify the sample if they know how much light is absorbed, and at what wavelengths. Older spectrometers measure only one light wavelength at a time. The new equipment takes a single measurement, and then the computer unscrambles the resulting information by using an intricate mathematical technique. Since the machines measure 3,600 wavelengths of light the time savings with the new equipment is significant, he said.

PRSSA chapter gets national recognition

Marshall University's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) was one of eight national winners in a recent competition sponsored by Levi Strauss and Company to gain public attention for its 501 jeans.

The Marshall chapter received a \$250 award and an engraved plaque for its honorable mention ranking, plus a \$250 fee for the work that its members did in promoting Levi Strauss products.

Wallace E. Knight, associate professor of journalism at Marshall and PRSSA advisor, said that the organization received assistance from students in the Public Relations Publications class.

"The competition involved developing a public relations campaign plan and then executing it," Knight said. "This provided professional experience for everyone involved and proved to be an extremely valuable experience."

Other winners included the University of Houston (1st place), Ohio State University (2nd place), Glassboro State College (3rd place), and Southern Colorado, Florida, Miami and Wisconsin-Madison (honorable mention).

Vautier joins faculty

Alice F. Vautier, vice president of patient services at Cabell Huntington Hospital, has been appointed clinical assistant professor of nursing at the Marshall University School of Nursing, according to Dr. Phyllis F. Higley, dean of the School of Nursing.

An experienced staff nurse, nursing educator and administrator, Vautier holds an M.S.N. from Villanova University and is a doctoral candidate in nursing administration at Columbia University.

Prior to joining the staff of Cabell Huntington Hospital, she served as senior nursing consultant with O'Leary and Associates, Wayne, Pa., and was assistant vice president for nursing at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, Pa., for four years.

Self-care program set

The next program in the Marshall University Self-Care Series will be "Saying No When You Mean It and Not Saying I'm Sorry When You Aren't" on Tuesday, March 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22.

Cindy Davis, special services counselor, will be the instructor for the program, which is being sponsored by the Marshall University Office of Student Health Education Programs. Phone 696-3111 for further details.

MU Council releases new senate document

(The following report on the Feb. 19 meeting of the University Council was submitted by Rainey Duke, chairwoman.)

After reviewing the senate document another week, Council met with Simon Perry, chairman of the ad hoc committee, to discuss the document.

Although there were a few questions and concerns raised by Council members, it was agreed that the present working document be sent out "warts and all" to the general faculty.

A cover letter will accompany the material, and after distribution, a series of meetings will be held with the various colleges and other constituencies in order that concerns may be voiced and there can be input for possible changes.

The University Council unanimously moved the document be released.

Dr. Duke informed the Council that the third general faculty meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11, at 4 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Committee submits honors request

(The following report on the Feb. 18 meeting of the Academic Planning and Standards Committee was submitted by Corey Lock, secretary.)

Voting members present: Andy Brison, Peter Barr, Marcus Waldron, Elaine Novak, Kathryn Wright, Giovanna Morton, David Woodward, Glenn Smith, Kenneth Guyer, Mahlon Brown and Corey Lock.

Non-voting members present: Carole Vickers, Mary Ann Thomas, Steve Lahoda, David Wilkin, Robert Alexander and Carol Smith.

Guests: Stuart Thomas, Harold Murphy and Tina White.

The Academic Planning and Standards Committee took the following actions:

Item one:

Dr. Novak requested that her remarks in the Jan. 21 meeting be changed to indicate she did not mean to imply that librarians have faculty status.

Item two:

Minutes from previous meetings were amended as follows:

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Page 3 - Article 5A - add: approved title change of NUR 320 from Physical Assessment I to Health Assessment.

Page 7 - Article 6

A. ART 314 - Title change to Graphic Design I instead of Graphic Design.

B. ART 316 - Title change to Graphic Design II instead of Graphic Design.

C. Reference to change of title of ART 440 should be deleted. Title change was approved by APSC in April of 1985.

D. Reference to CHM 342 - Quantitative Analysis should be CHM 345 - Quantitative Analysis. Also approved was a change in credit from 5 hrs. to 4 hrs.

Page 8 - Article 6 (COLA) - Sociology 325 Black Sociology change in title to Afro-American Sociology approved.

Page 9 - Article 6 (ENG) - Change in English courses constitute changes in prerequisites.

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Page 3 - Delete references to PLS 401, 410, 421, 422, 430, 431. These courses already exist in the PLS program - only graduate courses (500 level) approved.

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Page 1 - Item three - Delete reference to HEC 433.

December 10, 1985

Page 2 - Item 2C - Add course deletion of EDM 099 - Basic Library Usage.

Item 2E(2) - Add: Reference pages 71-72 (Additional Associate Degree) 1985-86 Marshall University Catalog.

Item three:

The scheduled March 25 meeting of APSC was moved to March 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Item four:

Subcommittee reports

A. Academic Curriculum

1. The Division of HPER and the Marketing Department have worked out conflict regarding PLS 501: Administration of Parks and Recreation.

2. Submitted a request from the College of Business to create Honors sections for the following courses:

MKT 340H Principles of Marketing

MGT 320H Principles of Management

ACC 215H Principles of Accounting

ACC 216H Principles of Accounting

ECN 241H Principles of Economics

ECN 242H Principles of Economics

FIN 323H Principles of Business Finance

CIS 101H Computers and Data Processing

The motion was approved 9-0.

B. Academic Standards

No report.

C. Honors Council

The Honors Convocation has been moved to March 25 and Sara Caldwell has been confirmed as the main speaker.

D. Library Advisory Committee

The status of librarians has changed, but it is too early to determine how this change in status will affect the privileges and responsibilities of librarians. This question might be better resolved when the University Senate becomes effective.

E. Marshall Council for International Education

No report.

Item five:

Dr. Harold Murphy requested that APSC review its earlier approval of the current class withdrawal policy. He presented grade distribution including "W" grades for freshman classes. Dr. Stuart Thomas described some of the ways students can abuse the current withdrawal procedure.

Chairman Smith asked the Committee for some formal action regarding Dr. Murphy's request. There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Return overdue books

The Health Science Library at Marshall University is sponsoring a free book return day on Tuesday, March 4, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., according to Ann Henson, library technical assistant.

Anyone with overdue books from the Health Science Library may return them and all charges will be cleared.

This only applies at the Health Science Library. Books belonging to the main library or any other library will not be accepted.

To obtain further details contact Henson, 696-6426.

Position openings. . .

The Office of Personnel has announced the following campus job opportunities. Applications should be made directly to the Office of Personnel unless otherwise noted.

Applications Systems Analyst/Programmer A, Computer Center, Pay Grade 12, closes March 21.

Instructor/Assistant Professor of Spanish, closes April 18, send resume and letters of recommendation to Harold T. Murphy, chairman of the Department of Modern Languages.

Secretary III, Autism Training Center, part-time regular position, pay grade 5, closes March 3.

Additional information is available at the Office of Personnel, Old Main 207, telephone 696-6455.

Psychology clinic schedules programs

The Marshall University Psychology Clinic will sponsor a variety of programs beginning the week of March 3, according to Dr. William Joseph Wyatt, assistant professor of psychology.

The programs include: Stress Management, Support for Victims of Abuse, Healing the Broken Heart, Parenting, Overcoming Bulimia, Support Group for Gays and Golden Goals for Senior Citizens.

Each of the programs will be held on a different day beginning the week of March 3 and will last for six sessions.

"The groups will be support oriented so there won't be any pressure on participants," said Dr. Wyatt.

The programs are open free of charge to all Marshall students and faculty and staff members. To obtain further details about the sessions contact the MU Psychology Clinic, 696-6479.