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Marshall University is one of three universities in the United States chosen to participate in ENTREPREP, an institute for 24 high school students designed to provide them with the fundamental skills of starting a business, according to Dean Calvin A. Kent of the MU College of Business.

Students will be chosen from Cabell, Wayne, Putnam and Kanawha high schools in West Virginia and from Boyd County high schools in Kentucky. The selected students will show personal and academic characteristics which make them likely future entrepreneurs.

Kent said the ENTREPREP institute is a 10-day intensive summer program designed to give students academic and practical experience in entrepreneurship. The curriculum will be taught by a team of instructors and cover various elements of entrepreneurship such as the financing, marketing and management of a growing company.

Following the residential summer program, the students will work with entrepreneurs in the Tri-State area. Working a minimum of 50 half-days at the new venture, students will serve as consultants and will keep a journal of their experiences. Each participant is expected to gain a realistic view of entrepreneurship.

The goal is that one day they will be prepared to launch business ventures of their own.

Upon completion of the ENTREPREP experience, each student will receive a $1,000 scholarship for college or university tuition and will be designated as a Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership Fellow. In addition, the high schools of the participating students will receive up to $1,000 and will (Continued on page 2)
Dance company to perform and teach class

Phaladanco, named for a shortened version of the Philadelphia Dance Company, will perform for the Marshall Artists Series Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

The dance company is led by its founder, Joan Myers Brown, who is nationally respected in dance circles and is a national spokeswoman for the multicultural arts.

Brown, who worked with Cab Calloway, Pearl Bailey and Sammy Davis Jr., formed the Philadelphia Dance Company in 1970. It is the fourth largest black dance company in the United States.

During each performance, dancers demonstrate movement that has the clarity of ballet, the stretch and emotional commitment of modern dance and the sharp attack associated with jazz dance, according to Celeste Winters, MAS director. She said Phaladanco performs ballet, modern and jazz dance to the high-energy music of such artists as Earth, Wind and Fire and the artist formerly known as Prince.

The company also will perform for the Hindsley Series on Feb. 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Keith-Albee and present a dance master class at 1 p.m.

Winters said the master class is an educational opportunity for students and community members to participate first-hand in an art form. Reservations for the class can be made by contacting Leah Copley in the MU Dance Department, 696-6442.

Tickets for the regular 7 p.m. performance will be $8, $10 and $12. Marshall students will be admitted free with a valid identification card. Marshall faculty and staff and part-time students with valid identification cards will be admitted for half-price.

To obtain tickets or further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

Committee gives grants

(The following report on the Dec. 14 meeting of the Marshall University Research Committee was submitted by Mar­jorie Keatley, secretary.)

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.


He will send a copy of the mission/objectives to each commit­tee member. Members are to send ideas to Castellani or take them to the next meeting.

Proposed changes for the Released-Time Form were tabled un­til the next meeting. Forms were distributed to each member.

Requests for Research Committee Funding were considered. A motion was made and seconded to fund requests from S. Jack­man, M. Little, S. Power and T. Pauley.

Quinlan requests were considered. It was agreed to spend ap­proximately half of the available funds for this request cycle.

After discussion of application rankings, it was moved and sec­conded to use Greatest Needs funds to supplement Quinlan funds so all applications ranking 15 could be funded.) H. Al-Had­dad, R. Bady, M. Combs, W. Ferguson, B.R. Hutcheson, J. Joy, L. Lange, W. Palmer, S. Parker, E. Taft, M. Thompson and D. Walker.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Excused absences...

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


Authority on AIDS education to lecture

Dr. Richard P. Keeling, who is nationally known for his efforts to reduce the spread of AIDS among college students, will speak at Marshall University Thursday, Feb. 9.

Keeling will speak on college health, sex, alcohol and self-esteem as it relates to AIDS at 7:30 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. His title will be "Shared Investments and the Power of Caring: Health and Community on Campus in the 1990s." The talk is free and open to the public.

"Dr. Keeling has a sharp, slick presentation," said Heidi McCormick, director of student activities at Marshall. "He uses a lot of slides, and he plays up the contrast between the health information we learn and the conflicting messages we get from things like ad slogans that say 'Why ask why?' or 'Just do it.'"

A past president of the International Society for AIDS Education, Keeling is director of university health services and professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He chairs the American College Health Association's Task Force on HIV Infection and AIDS and has been president of the American College Health Association and the foundation for Health in Higher Education.

Through cooperative agreements with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Keeling has led or played key roles in projects to monitor AIDS in college populations and prevent its spread. He also provides pre-service preparation in AIDS prevention for students in colleges of teacher education. He has provided consultation services to more than 250 colleges and universities.

His talk is sponsored by the Marshall University School of Medicine, the Student Health Education Program and Student Activities. More information is available from Carla Lapelle, 696-4800.

Barker named CTC chair

Jane Barker, formerly coordinator of the Health Information Technology Program (HIT) at Marshall University's Community and Technical College, has been appointed chair of the college's Public Service/Allied Health Technology Division, according to Dr. F. David Wilkin, dean of the Community and Technical College.

Barker joined the Community and Technical College staff in 1986 and has served in various capacities including instructor and director of the college's Medical Record Technology Program.

She received a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University and did graduate work at Marshall and West Virginia State College. She also successfully completed the accreditation examination of the American Medical Record Association.

"We have been very impressed with Ms. Barker's ability and her development of the HIT Program," said Wilkin. "We anticipate new program development under her leadership."

King scholar awards presented to students

Winners of the 1995 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar awards have been announced, according to Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs at Marshall University.

Two Marshall students and five high school students received awards for essays they wrote about the life and times of King or his impact. The essay contest is held annually in conjunction with the Huntington area's Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium.

Each winner received a cash award. Winning essays are permanently housed in Marshall's James E. Morrow Library.

The 1995 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar Award recipients are:

**Marshall University**--First Place ($1,000), Scott Morrison of Hurricane; Second Place ($500), James L. Reeves of Weirton.

**High school scholars**--First Place ($150), Sarah Gompers of Wheeling Park High School; Second Place ($75), Sharron King of Wheeling Park High School; Third Place (three-way tie with each student receiving $50), Julia Byers of Fairmont Senior High School, Derrel Isler of Wheeling Park High School and Michael Showalter of Wheeling Park High School.

Cleckley said the purpose of the King Scholar Award is to promote research, writing and understanding about the life and times of King.

The students, their parents and teachers will be honored March 19 during a reception at the home of Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley.

J.R. Bloss trust fund given to medical school

The Dr. James R. Bloss Trust, which totals more than $500,000, has been transferred to the Marshall University School of Medicine to establish a permanent endowment for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The proceeds will support faculty and student activities such as pilot research projects, special teaching programs and participation in national or international meetings, according to Dr. Robert C. Nerhood, professor and chairman of OB/GYN. "We are deeply indebted to Dr. Bloss for his foresight and generosity and to the trustees, Mrs. Edwin J. Humphrey Jr. and her son, Dr. Edwin J. Humphrey III, for their confidence," he said.

Dr. Bloss and Dr. Edwin J. Humphrey Jr. were pioneering OB/GYN physicians in Huntington, he said.

MU Job Fair scheduled

Marshall University's annual Government/Summer Jobs Fair will be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

The fair will provide an ideal opportunity for students to meet with employers to discuss potential government positions (full-time and part-time) and summer positions with various agencies and camps, according to Patricia Gallagher, recruiting coordinator in Marshall's Placement Services Center.

Gallagher said participants will include the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Appalachian Wildwaters, the FBI, the West Virginia Division of Corrections and other organizations.

"Although students sometimes assume it's too early to be thinking about a summer job, many employers are now screening to fill summer positions," explained Gallagher.

To obtain further details contact Gallagher at Marshall University's Placement Center, 696-2371.
Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. C. ROBERT BARNETT, chair of the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and Jim Morgan, a former student, wrote an article that was published in The Citadel Football Homecoming Program on Nov. 19. The article, "The Greatest Southern Conference Game Ever Played," recounted the exploits of Paul Maguire when The Citadel defeated West Virginia University by a 20-14 score in 1959.

Dr. CHRISTOPH U. LEHMANN and Dr. YORAM ELITSUR of the Division of Pediatrics in Marshall's School of Medicine had an article titled "Keep the change... Coins in the upper GI tract of children" published in the January issue of the West Virginia Medical Journal (Vol. 91, pp. 13-15).

Dr. DAVE WALKER and Dr. HAMID CHAHRYAR, associate professors of computer science, have been awarded a National Science Foundation Course and Curriculum Development grant of $59,000 for their proposal, "Development of Lectureroom Demonstration Experiments to Improve the Computer Literacy Course." Dr. BILL MOORE, assistant professor of psychology, also is participating in the project.

Dr. TONY SZWILSKI, professor of environmental engineering and science in the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences, recently returned from a two-week mission to China. He is involved in the institutional development of the National Coal Mine Safety Training Center located east of Beijing. SZWILSKI has been chief technical adviser to the International Labor Organization, United Nations, for mine health and safety in China since 1992.

Dr. MARTY AMERIKANER, professor and chair of the Psychology Department, recently assumed the office of president of the West Virginia Psychological Association (WVPA). In March he will represent the WVPA in Washington, D.C., at the annual State Leadership Conference sponsored by the American Psychological Association. The West Virginia Psychological Association has approximately 250 members from throughout the state. The organization works to improve psychological services in the state by offering continuing education programs, supporting research and maintaining high ethical standards for all psychologists.

Dr. WILLIAM PALMER, professor of history, has had a book titled "The Problem of Ireland in Tudor Foreign Policy, 1485-1603" published by Boydell and Brewer/The University of Rochester Press.

MADONNA C. COMBS, associate professor in the School of Nursing, will present a paper titled "Assessing Maternal Teaching Priorities in Early Postpartum: 24-28 Hours Post Delivery" Feb. 10 at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke Medical Center in Chicago, Ill. She will present a poster on the same subject at the annual convention of the Midwest Nurses Research Society scheduled April 1-4 in Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, distinguished professor of management, attended the Legislative and Community Seminars on Riverboat Gaming held Jan. 18 in Charleston. He attended the West Virginia Farm Bureau and West Virginia Forestry Association meetings held Jan. 20 in Charleston. ALEXANDER also attended the West Virginia Municipal League mid-winter conference held Jan. 22-23 in Charleston. He took part in a workshop titled "Your Leadership: Empowered or Endangered?" ALEXANDER serves on the board of directors as a past president of the West Virginia Municipal League. ALEXANDER's appointment to the State Forest Management Review Commission is official. He was recommended to the governor for appointment by Sen. Bob Plymale of Wayne County and Del. Joe Martin of Randolph County. His term will expire March 14, 1997.

Dr. BETTY J. CLECKLEY, vice president for multicultural and international programs, presented the keynote address at the third annual African American Student Leadership Conference held Jan. 28-29 at the University of Louisville. Her keynote address was titled "Students' Challenge for the Future." She also made a presentation titled "Diversifying the Student Government Association" at the Student Government Association Multicultural Workshop held in conjunction with the conference.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

On behalf of the entire Heller Graduate School community at Brandeis University, I would like to thank you for your donation in memory of Judith Miller.

Judith was highly respected for her social activism and commitment to justice. Your contribution will be used to further the ideals that she embraced.

Sincerely,
Jack P. Shonkoff, Dean

(Editor's Note: The Marshall University Functions Committee sent a memorial contribution to Brandeis University in behalf of Dr. Ben Miller's sister, Judith.)

Mark Eddie performance planned

Comedian/musician Mark Eddie will perform at Marshall University Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 9:15 p.m. in Marco's in Memorial Student Center.

Eddie has appeared in a variety of concert venues with artists ranging from Dennis Miller and Tim Allen to Toad the Wet Sprocket and the Romantics.

His song parodies and character voices can be heard on radio stations throughout the country.

An accomplished mimic, Eddie performs celebrity tributes to artists such as David Lee Roth, Axl Rose, Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan, Joe Cocker, Dennis Leary, David Byrne, Eddie Vedder and others.

There will be a $1 admission charge for the general public. Marshall students will be admitted free. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Student Activities and Organizations, 696-6770.

Payroll Office moving

Effective Monday, Feb. 6, due to office renovations and remodeling, the Payroll and Grants offices temporarily will relocate from Old Main Room 205 to the eighth floor of Smith Hall, according to Sharon Rutherford, associate controller.

The change in room assignments will last approximately eight weeks. All telephone extensions will remain the same. Rutherford said office employees may not be available to take calls on Monday, Feb. 6.